The Mothers Union Rwanda has celebrated the Golden Jubilee this year

The celebration of Golden Jubilee of Mothers Union in Rwanda took place on Sunday, 31st July 2016. It started with Sunday service attended by more than 3000 people mostly Mothers Union members.

The ceremony was attended by the Archbishop together with Bishops and Priests of the Province of Anglican Church of Rwanda. The occasion was graced by the presence of Mothers Union Worldwide President Mrs Lynne Tembey and Her Excellency Jeannette Kagame the First Lady of Rwanda was the guest of Honor.



Provincial Mothers Union Mrs Rwaje Josephine and the Mothers Union Worldwide President Mrs Lynne Tembey holding Mothers Union banner



The Mothers Union procession started Jubilee celebration



Different guests attended Mothers Union Golden Jubilee



The First Lady, Jeannette Kagame, joins Mothers' Union Worldwide president, Lynne Tembey (left); Gender and Family Promotion minister Dr Diane Gashumba (3rd right); Mothers' Union Provincial president Josephine Rwaje (2nd right); and the Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, the Most Reverend Dr Onesphore Rwaje (right) to cut the Golden Jubilee Cake on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Mothers' Union Rwanda



The great joy was expressed by everybody during Jubilee

Mothers' Union was established in Rwanda in 1965, and now has 24,450 members across 11 dioceses of the Province of Anglican Church of Rwanda. The main focus of Mothers Union in Rwanda include promoting spiritual growth and marriage, mobilizing parents for positive parenting, addressing Gender-Based Violence, promoting economic development and food security in families, sensitizing about hygiene and sanitation, contributing to education and helping families in adversity.



The First Lady is visiting some handcraft objects made by Mothers Union members

Mothers Union priorities include promoting spiritual growth and healthy relationships in marriage among family members, child protection through promoting early childhood development, positive parenting and reintegration of street children and those in orphan institutions and child protection; increasing vocational training centres to help in a special way the Youth; and empowering women economically through self help groups and income generating activities.

To achieve these, Mothers Union will continue to use different strategies including being inclusive and working with communities regardless of faith, age and sex; collaborating with other stakeholders on the field, like government structures, UN agencies, other denominations and local NGOs, Financial Institutions; using church structures and promoting volunteer work; training and working with locally-based facilitators; advocacy; documentation; monitoring and evaluation of programs respectively by staff and external evaluators.