

DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE YEARS

- 1968: Foundation date for the Association of Religious in Uganda (Women only)
- 1969: Foundation Stone blessed
- 1970: Initial construction for ARU Secretariat started at Nsambya
- 1972: The Secretary General and her Staff moved into the premises
- 1988: Official blessing of ARU Secretariat
- 1988: Courses in Leadership Skills and Spiritual/retreat Direction were offered at the premises of the Brothers of Christian Instruction at Kisubi due to lack of adequate accommodation at the Secretariat
- 1995: Merging of the women and men's Associations of Major Superiors to form AMSRIU
- 2000: Initial construction of Uganda Spiritual Formation Centre (USFC) at Namugongo
- 2002: Relocation of Courses in Leadership Skills and Spiritual/retreat Direction from Kisubi to Namugongo
- 2004: ARU revised its Constitution – operative to-date
- 2005: Short Courses at ARU secretariat and USFC Namugongo: Community Animators, Midlife Transition, Senior Novices, Junior Professed and Experienced religious
- 2007: Outstanding activities of 2007:
- Management Courses of Finance and Administration initiated by African Sisters Education Collaborative - Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (ASEC/SLDI at Jinja then at ARU Secretariat. This is sponsored by religious Sisters from America and Conrad Hilton Fund for Sisters.
 - Counselling courses initiated by All Africa Conference Sister to Sister (AACSS) started at Kisubi Brothers University; now offering Diplomas and Degrees. This is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy in USA.
 - Construction of Holy Family House at ARU Secretariat.
- 2008: Blessing of Holy Family building at ARU Secretariat by His Excellency Paul Tschang In-Nam, Apostolic Nuncio to Uganda
- 2009: Outstanding activities in 2009:
- Nine months course to train Formators began at USFC Namugongo and a new course in leadership.
 - Drafting the Office Operational and Finance Manuals for the Association
 - Drafting of the Association's Strategic Plan 2012/2014 began.
- 2010: Outstanding activities in 2010:
- Courses in Chapter Facilitation and Exploring General Chapters in Religious Congregations were facilitated by Gloir Staff from Ireland.
 - Construction of Bernardine House at ARU Secretariat
- 2011: Outstanding activities in 2011:
- In August ARU/AMSRIU hosted the general meeting of the Association of Consecrated Women in Eastern and Central Africa (ACWECA).
 - Blessing of Bernardine House at ARU Secretariat by His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Wamala, Archbishop Emeritus of Kampala Archdiocese.
 - Transformative, Spiritual, Leadership, Faith Development (TSLFD) course started and was hosted at Mother Kevin Spiritual Centre Jinja. It was initiated by All Africa Conference Sister to Sister (AACSS) and sponsored by a group of Religious Congregations in USA.

- 2012: Outstanding activities in 2012:
- In February ARU/AMSRIU hosted the general meeting of the Confederation of Conferences of Major Superiors of Africa and Madagascar (COMSAM)
 - The 2012 /2014 Three Years Strategic plan was inaugurated.
 - Also the Organizational Assessment exercise of the forty-four (44) years existence of the Association of Religious in Uganda was carried out professionally.
- 2013: Outstanding activities of 2013:
- Inauguration of the Office Operations Manual and Manual of Finance Policies and Procedures during the November Annual Meeting of the Major Superiors. Work on the manuals started in 2009.
 - ARU Organogram was updated due to the introduction of a Trustee Board
 - Transfer of Transformative, Spiritual, Leadership, Faith Development (TSLFD) course to Uganda Spiritual Formation Centre
 - Review of ARU Manual of Formation and Training
 - Fifteen new computers were added to make a total of thirty, and were installed in a well- furnished Lab,the donation was made by ASEC from USA
 - Birth of the idea of starting an ARU College of Higher Learning

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