

BABALANDA ENLISTS CLERGY IN CORRUPTION FIGHT

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The outgoing Minister for Presidency, Milly Babirye Babalanda, has asked church leaders to lead by example and actively expose corruption.

Babalanda said religious leaders, civil servants and citizens can play a crucial role in the fight against corruption, which she said undermines the delivery of vital services like health, education and infrastructure.

"After MPs were sworn in, President Yoweri Museveni asked us to be a good example in the fight against corruption in the country; you (religious leaders) should also help us to fight this vice," she said.

Babalanda made the call on Saturday while addressing the congregation at the grand opening of the sh2b newly constructed Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church in Entebbe municipality, Wakiso district. Constructed in a period of one year and six months, the church was officially opened by the Archbishop of the Uganda Union Mission of the

Babalanda, hands over an award to Florence Ssettimba on behalf of Elder Ibrahim Ssettimba during the grand opening of the newly constructed sh2b Seventh-day Adventist church in Entebbe on Saturday



SDA Church, Pastor Samuel Kajoba.

Babalanda said: "I am happy for this chance to join and pray with you in this new church constructed by the Adventist congregation. You did a very good job - and set a good example to other churches

regarding constructing places of worship."

She encouraged religious leaders to actively teach Christians to embrace self-reliance and participate in socio-economic transformation initiatives, wealth creation and poverty eradication

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The event was also graced by several dignitaries, including the Entebbe Municipality MP Stephen Shyaka Gashaija, former Entebbe Mayor Steven Kabuye and Buganda Kingdom's second deputy

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prime minister and finance minister Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa.

CHURCH LEADERS SPEAK OUT

Pastor Kajoba, who led the prayers, explained that the sh2b newly-constructed church will serve as a major spiritual milestone for the local Adventist community. He later led guests on a guided tour of the new church building.

Kajoba said: "I am happy for the good work done in building this beautiful church we are opening today. You have done a very good job."

He thanked all Christians

and religious leaders for their sacrifice and commitment towards putting up the church, adding that their collective effort led to the completion of the church building.

Kajoba implored Christians to dedicate their strength in serving God, including building churches, participating in evangelism, helping the needy and alms giving, saying this was the only way they would be rewarded by God.

He also urged Christians to build firm spiritual foundations that will strengthen and sustain the Adventist faith for generations to come.

Meanwhile, the Church pastor, Peter Nsereko Male, said at the beginning of project, many were pessimistic that it would never be completed in one year and six months.

He thanked all Adventist believers within Entebbe municipality, who contributed money to ensure that the church was completed in such a short period. The church can accommodate up to 1,500 Christians, Male said.