

Inclusive Community

An Edmund Rice Ministry in East Africa

- Takes pride in its diversity and unites its diverse cultures by journeying together.
- Fosters harmonious relationships by inviting all to participate in building a better community.
- Networks with other programs which share the values of an Edmund Rice Ministry.



Advocacy

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- Is committed to advocacy
- Asks why people are made poor
- Speaks with and for the voiceless
- Champions social justice and peace to promote reverence for the dignity of all life
- Nurtures a consciousness that respects and promotes human rights and the care for the environment



"Have courage; the good seed will grow up in the children's hearts later on."

-Edmund Rice-



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Pillars and Features of **EDMUND RICE MINISTRIES** **- EAST AFRICA -** **2014**



Introduction

Following a gathering of Edmund Rice Ministries East Africa on 1 June 2012, staff from each of Edmund Rice Secondary School Arusha Tanzania, Star and Solidarity Yambio South Sudan, Kenya Ministries: Mary Rice Centre Kibera, Ruben Centre, Edmund Rice Karibu Kibera, Beausang Schools Embulbul, Education for Life Eldoret, and Edmund Rice Advocacy Network were invited in April 2013 by District Leadership to propose the features of their particular Edmund Rice Ministry in East Africa. These ministries included education at primary, secondary and adult levels, advocacy, care for the physically and mentally challenged and care for the sick, especially those living with HIV Aids. The staffs' response initiated a consultation process, which concluded with the Pillars and Features being endorsed by the ministry leadership teams on 26 September 2013.

"Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than silver and gold." - Edmund Rice-

Education to Empower

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- Ensures its programs provide holistic development of the person, especially youth, capable of transforming self and the wider community.
- Promotes social cohesion through the provision of opportunities for all, regardless of their background
- Lives by Gospel values of Jesus brought into focus by the Edmund Rice Charism
- Liberates through the promotion of self-reliance, accountability and a culture of responsible shared leadership
- Inspires hope through reflection on life experience and the discovery of life opportunities



Compassionate Response

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- Listens prayerfully to the less fortunate in society
- Responds creatively to the present and emerging needs of the poor and the conditions that makes them poor
- Provides holistic pastoral care to enhance the dignity of all
- Shares wisely its gifts, talents and material resources
- Opens hearts, like Edmund, to the vulnerable and marginalised.



Gospel Living

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- Builds the Reign of God by living out the values of the Gospel of Jesus.
- Promotes the sacredness of all life
- Sets young hearts ablaze with the Life of the Spirit
- Seeks collaboration that promotes effective partnerships.
- Embraces peace through interfaith dialogue, forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Walks in solidarity with one another, especially the poor and marginalised.

