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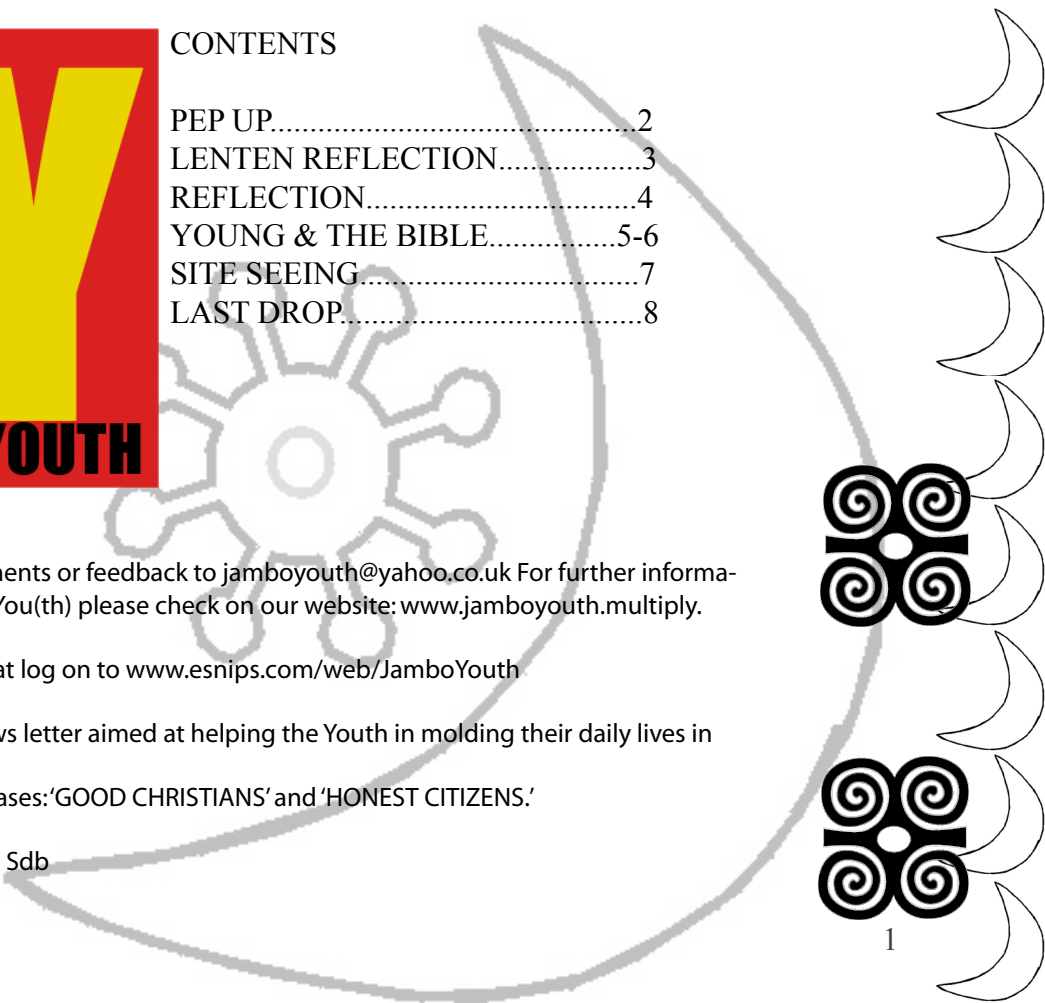
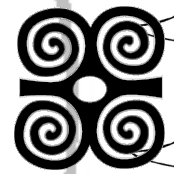
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- Jambo You(th) is a weekly news letter aimed at helping the Youth in molding their daily lives in Christ.
- Our vision consists in two phrases: 'GOOD CHRISTIANS' and 'HONEST CITIZENS.'

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## THE HAND

A Thanksgiving Day editorial in the newspaper told of a school teacher who asked her class of first graders to draw a picture of something they were thankful for. She thought of how little these children from poor neighborhoods actually had to be thankful for. But she knew that most of them would draw pictures of turkeys or tables with food. The teacher was taken aback with the picture Douglas handed in.... a simple childishly drawn hand. But whose hand? The class was captivated by the abstract image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one child. "A farmer," said another, "because he grows the turkeys." Finally when the others were at work, the teacher bent over Douglas's desk and asked whose hand it was. "It's your hand, Teacher," he mumbled. She recalled that frequently at recess she had taken Douglas, a scrubby forlorn child by the hand. She often did that with many other children. But it meant so much to Douglas. Perhaps this was everyone's Thanksgiving, not for the material things given to us but for the chance, in whatever small way, to give to others.

**Lesson: Have you ever thought of reaching out to some one who is in need? Or do you wait for a helping hand from others?**

# PEP UP





## CELEBRATING LENT WITH JOY

Lent is a season that many people do not expect with much enthusiasm as they would for Christmas, Easter or Pentecost. This year's lent can be celebrated in a unique way which will ignite in us inner joy. This joy will be the push in us to long and to participate fully in this Lenten season. We have to embrace this season with our whole self because we are presented with the unfathomable mercies of God. God makes it clear that He understands our weaknesses and so grants a second chance for us to repent. In this season, we will hear God whispering to us each day that though our sins be as red as scarlet he will wash us so that we may be whiter than snow. Our Easter joy begins from this season when God tells us again that he does not take delight in the death of the wicked man but rather he waits for his repentance. The Lord is like a hound here, following us at a top speed to prevent us from drowning. It is very clear that the church calls us to fast, pray and give alms. Let us make effort to accompany our fasting or abstinence with prayer. Some of us who may begin with vigour to take advantage of this season to grow in holiness may also see themselves change directions as time goes on. Yes, we have to begin anew always when we realize that we have gone out of the path. We have to make the effort once again to confess our sins. God appreciates our efforts and he strengthens us to go far. Let me conclude by saying that those who wait upon the Lord in fasting and prayer shall renew their strength. Fasting and prayer will make us break through every barrier in this season. And our Easter Alleluia will resound in our hearts and the hearts of others when we empty ourselves this Lenten season.

***By Bro. Isaac Frimpong OFM (conv.)***

# LENTEN REFLECTION





## IN THE GARDEN OF YOUR HEART

The seed is the “Word planted,” in the garden of your heart,  
keep it planted there, don’t let it depart.

It will need tending, by the prayers that you pray,  
God will send some rain and sunshine your way.

Keep the soil soft by the words that you speak,  
the results that you get will be so sweet.

Be watchful for weeds, for they will surely come,  
better get rid of them, before you’re over-run.

The weeds are trials and tests that we face,  
but we can go through with God’s mercy and grace.

The Seed will grow and thrive on faith in the Word,  
you can read and meditate, and speak what you have heard.

You will be surprised at what faith will do,  
that’s what pleases Jesus, He’ll take good care of you.

Faith will make a seed become what it’s meant to be,  
just keep on believing, and you will soon see.

We have many gifts and treasures, stored inside our hearts,  
that’s why we need the Seed, ‘cause that’s how it starts.

Put your trust in Jesus, because He is the Word,  
He’s still the greatest story that anyone has heard.

**By Smith Geo**

# REFLECTION

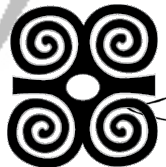
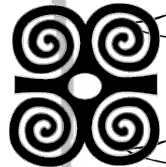




## TO NURTURE OR KILL A VISION.

A leader needs to have a vision, and the capacity to lead the group to achieve the vision, to aim for the stars. But the actualization of the vision is not automatic. It does not happen because the leader has a vision. There are factors that slow down the realization of a vision or dream.

- 1) Any vision needs time to mature. But there are times when the leader is desperate to fulfill the expectations of those who have put him up, that he starts visioning no sooner than he is at the helm of things. "A vision so desperately formed and launched to boost the leader's image is bound to fail." There is no time for maturing and lack real interest.
- 2) Any idea has a time span, a shelf – life.. Once the time span is over it is no more useful. "There is a time for everything" Undue delays in launching a vision sure kills the vision. Develop your vision, Share it with the members of the group, Fix the date for its launch, Wait for clear weather and set it in motion.
- 3) A vision can get derailed. i.e. there is a loss of focus. Attention is shifted, keep postponing action on the vision, relish detours., that is surely the death of the vision. Perseverance keeps the visions alive.
- 4) The leader may conceive the vision, but you need midwives to deliver it. A vision must be shared with the group and the rank and file involved totally in its execution.
- 5) Dictatorial style of leadership will sure scuttle the vision. A vision does not work top – down, it has to get incarnated and owned by the rank and file to ensure its success. "Sharing your vision with the workforce and calling for their input doesn't mean erosion of your authority. Rather it places you firmly in the driver's seat."





6) It is an absolute necessity that the vision is communicated and the support of the people is earned. They need to understand, and be able to give feedback. Finally as said earlier they own up the vision. Once the vision is owned, they will commit themselves totally for its execution and success.

7). Despair. There are many unpredictable factors in nature and day to day life. Many things may go awry. But your vision has not yet expired. It is still valid. Hold on to it, inch forward. May need re-organization, but not a coffin for your vision.

8) Faith. Vision is basically a future state that you desire for your group. "You will need a good dose of faith to believe it will happen." "Everything is possible for one who has faith" (Mk.9/23). Your vision needs a cradle to be nurtured not a coffin to be buried.

**By Fr. Matts SDB**

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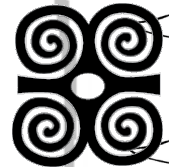




## A SITE TO FEEL THE CARE

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This site aims to bless the young to achieve great success in life. It looks up to the Generation Next to build up a future with ethics and heavenly values. There are lot of things in this site to surprise you and help you in many ways. This site is inspired by God's word and a treat to people of all age groups. The site focuses on various sections of the society such as youth, children, spouses, old age , etc.. There are also sections on Jesus, love, goodness and more....



# SITE SEEING



## SIX P'S FOR PLANNING

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By Catherine Waithira (Kikuyu Parish)

# LAST DROP

