We offer:
- Chamare Museum
- Kungoni Dance Troupe
- Cultural Courses
- Art Gallery
- Showroom
- Historic Mission Buildings
- Botanical Garden
- Chalet Accommodation
- Campsite
- Restaurant
- Conference Facilities

... and much more!

Welcome
Kungoni Centre of Culture and Art

Kungoni Centre offers visitors to Malawi a unique insight upon the cultural and artistic inheritance of Malawi; and preserves for Malawians a treasure house of what is distinctive in the cultures of the Chewa, Ngoni and Yao peoples who converge in the Mua area.

The Chamare Museum has won international recognition for the striking presentation and detail of its collections. Guided tours are available. Its work of teaching and record is complemented by the Kungoni Dance Troupe, which brings to life the distinctive cultural manifestations of the local peoples. It may be booked for public or private functions; and participates in Cultural Courses. Extending over several days and taught by Claude Boucher Chisale, these afford a memorable introduction (for diplomats, NGO’s and interested visitors) to the ‘warm heart’ of Africa.

Over four decades some 220 artists have been associated with Kungoni Centre: they have worked in all media, but are renowned for their carving in wood. Both Mua Mission and Kungoni Centre are living witness to their achievement: visit the Art Gallery to admire pieces in the permanent collection; and the Showroom to shop for gifts and souvenirs. Work may also be commissioned from artists.

Kungoni Centre is built on the grounds of Mua Mission (1902), which offers handsome architecture and the opportunity to engage with rural Malawian life. Its weekly market is very fine.

Kungoni Centre continues to develop: its most recent work has emphasized concern for the environment in song and dance.

Visit <www.kungoni.org> to discover more about Kungoni Centre!

Our History

Kungoni Centre was founded in 1976 by Claude Boucher Chisale, a native Canadian and priest of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) who is both artist and anthropologist, to celebrate the wealth of Malawi’s cultural and artistic inheritance.

Kungoni Centre is located in the hills above Lake Malawi at Mua Mission, Dedza District. It has won acclaim for the quality and interest of its carvings, which are held in collections around the world, and for the excellence of its ethnographic museum.

It is possible to explore Kungoni Centre and the surrounding area while staying comfortably in Namalikhate Village, a dedicated lodge, restaurant and conference centre, which is itself a showcase of Kungoni art.