



**SACCPhilly**

Snyder Avenue Congregational Church

## SACCPhilly Installs New African Pastor to Co-lead Swahili Congregation

SACCPhilly recently installed Selemani Sikasabwa (see pic below) as our new Associate Pastor in Training. Pastor 'Solomon', as he's called in English, has faithfully served our church as translator for over 5 years. He has a pastor's heart for our people, frequently visiting families and individuals with Lead Pastor David Grainge.

Solomon enrolled in a Bible school in Tanzania and obtained a diploma in Biblical Studies in 2014. Selemani speaks multiple languages including Swahili, Kibembe, French and English.

He is currently being trained in preaching and pastoral ministry under Pastor Grainge. He has preached several sermons (available to hear on our [saccphilly.org](http://saccphilly.org) website).

In January 2021, he married a sweet and godly woman, Esther, during a return visit to Tanzania. She recently re-joined him, immigrating to the States this past August.

Pastor Solomon will be taking care of the Swahili Congregation that will launch on October 9th. **Please pray for Pastor Solomon, his wife, Esther, and the new congregation as they spread their wings and reach more African Swahili speakers in the greater Philadelphia region.**



**Laying on of Hands:** Members of the SACCPhilly Leadership Team lay hands on Associate Pastor in Training Solomon during a recent installation service. He will be leading the newly formed Swahili Congregation.



**Back in the Park:** For the first time in 2 years, Kids Club is back in the park most Wednesday evenings sharing the good news of Jesus with lots of kids - over 60 in one week alone! We have a new group of boys and girls, including several Pakistani and Afghan children with their moms and younger siblings, pictured at the table and in the background. This past Wednesday, Marie, pictured here with the microphone in hand, powerfully shared the gospel to all in attendance. Marie, who recently bought a house a few blocks from the church, is one of our wonderful volunteers.



**The Healing Word:** This summer a group of our refugees met as a Bible based trauma healing group. Many of our refugees have experienced devastating trauma before coming to America. This healing group applies the healing balm of the Word of God directly to the effects of trauma. Bethany Jeffers (third from the right) a missionary to Tanzania, taught in Swahili for three weeks before returning to deputation appointments in July.



**SACCPhilly Leadership Team Meets & Eats :** Recently our SACCPhilly Leadership Team met for some delicious Korean food – thank you, Mira Falcone! – and to approve and plan our new '1 Church - 2 Congregations' Launch. Starting Sunday, October 9th, our church will be re-planted as 2 congregations, one English and one Swahili. We will continue to meet together for a combined time of worship, prayer, fellowship in between services. **Pray as we take this big step of faith!**