

**LEAD – LEARN – DISCERN KENYA 2019**  
**Leadership and Strategy Conference**

**Conference Presenters**

**Rev. Rodgers Atwebembeire** is the Regional Director for Eastern Africa of the Africa Centre for Apologetics Research (ACFAR), a ministry equipping believers in Africa for the defense of the faith, biblical discernment and cult evangelism.

He is also the pastor of New City Community Church—a reformed Presbyterian Church in Kampala. Rodgers also lectures in several theological institutions in African Church history, Apologetics and New religious movements, on Discernment and Critical thinking, and serves on several Boards of like-minded para-church organizations.

Rodgers has a passion to expose error and exposit the scriptures and guide others into a proper understanding of God’s word with the goal of developing discerning disciples for Christ that are able to defend their faith.

He is currently pursuing a PhD in Theology with Apologetics at North-West University (Potchefstroom), South Africa.

He is married to Prossie Musiimenta and together have one biological son and two foster daughters.

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He also a lecturer in East Africa Baptist School of Theology where he lectures on apologetics. Vincent is a graduate of Trinity Pastors' College, and Kenyatta University. He has one wife, Magie and daughter, Lisa. He also thoroughly enjoys the English Premier League!

**Joe Mwita Thwagi** is the National Coordinator of Africa Centre for Apologetics Research, Kenya. ACFAR-Kenya is part of the wider Centers for Apologetics Research, with the East Africa headquarters in Kampala, Uganda. He is also a member of Injili Bible Church, Nairobi where he frequently preaches and teaches at the local church. Joe aspires to grow in the disciplines of apologetics, theology and church history. He is currently pursuing further studies with London Reformed Baptist Seminary in Theology and Pastoral Studies.

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**Joel B. Groat** is the Executive Director of the Institute for Religious Research. He has served full-time with IRR since 1987. A missionary kid and later a missionary himself in Venezuela, Joel has spoken hundreds of times for IRR throughout North, Central, and

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Joel earned a Master's degree (MTS) in New Testament from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary in 1990. He has contributed to and translated many of IRR's tracts, authored numerous web articles, contributed articles to the *Christian Research Journal*, and the *Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue* journal (Fuller Theological Seminary). He is the author of the Spanish video series *La Fe de mi Próximo (My Neighbor's Faith)* and a contributing author to the book *Sharing the Good News with Mormons* (Harvest House, 2018). He has been an adjunct professor at Cornerstone University and is active in his church's missions program and men's ministries.

Joel and his wife, Lois, have been married since 1983 and have eight children and nine grandchildren.