

*Breaking the Myth of  
the Presbyterian Fear of  
the “E” Word*

# Kalibu

*(kah-lee-boo)*

Yao word for “welcome” that  
embodies an  
invitation to join a group or family  
in a radical sense.

# Ulongo

*(ooh-long-goh)*

Relationship by blood such as that which one has with with siblings and cousins. It also defines a relatedness through choice such as marriage or close friendship.

Male friends are referred to as **acimwene** *(ah-chih-mweh-neh)* as one calls one's brother.

Female friends are called **ce mwali** *(ch eh-mwah-lee)* as one calls one's sister.

# **Ulongo wa Macili**

*(ooh-long-goh wah match-ilih)*

The bond of relationship/relatedness is strong.  
The relationship we have with Christ is a powerful one.

# **Ulongo wanga Mala**

*(ooh-long-goh wahn-gah mah-lah)*

Relationships are eternal/never-ending. Even in the case of divorced persons, the good relationships that were developed with the extended family remain, a particularly important point when children are involved.

# **Mundu/Wandu waku Manyika**

*(moon-doo/wahn-doo wah-koo man-yee-kah)*

a person/people who is/are known or familiar (no strangers here).

Everyone is made in the image of God, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu spoke about recognizing the *ubuntu* or humanity in the other. *Ulongo* invites us to enter into relationship with others who are God's beloved children, our siblings. Jesus is the first born of all Creation, and he calls all who do the will of God his brothers, sisters and mother (Mark 3:35).

# **Tuli pa Musi: we are at home.**

*(too-lee pah moo-see)*

Feel a sense of belonging because we all come from God. We need to ensure that everyone feels welcome in the church *and* when we are engaged in evangelism.

Last line of the hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (#802 in Glory to God) from Psalm 23 that says,

“No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home”.