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Her MA and PhD research projects were in eco-theology at the intersection of Christian tradition, science and African cosmologies in shaping eco-theology and eco-ethics. She began her career as high school teacher of English language and literature before serving in International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) at national, regional and continental levels. She later became a minister in the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) and served as congregation minister, school chaplain and as lecturer and academic dean at the UCZ Theological College. She later served at the Council for World Mission as Mission Secretary for Communications and later as Consultant for the 2020-2029 Strategic Planning process.

Nalwamba continues to research and make academic presentations in the area of eco-theology and history of Christianity and has collaborated with the faculty the University of Pretoria, department of theology and religion at the University of the Western Cape, *Laudato Si Institute* at the Oxford University and the Hymn Society. She is a member of the Circle for Concerned Women theologians and serves on the advisory board on *Intersectionality and Theology for Wipf & Stock*, as senior advisory board member of the *Templeton Religious Trust Global Spiritual Formation Project*, Theological Consultant for ChristianAid Africa and as peer reviewer for journals, *Scriptura* and *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies*.

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