

P.C.E.A CENTRAL BRIGADE COUNCIL

BRIGADE WEEK MESSAGE FROM THE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT - 2017

INTRODUCTION

Dear Brethren,

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as this" (Mathew 19:14). We see this admonition lived out proactively in the early Church. Children were such an integral part of the Church in Ephesus that Paul, writing to that congregation, addresses children directly (Ephesians 6:1-3). That Paul would do so is exceptional, particularly in a culture that viewed children more as property than as valued human beings. I believe the founders of such children movements such as Brigade had the same spirit like that of Paul creating space for children in the kingdom of not only in heaven but also in the Physical church.

This makes the brigade Department remain strongly committed to our vision and mission as a department to engage in research and advice the church accordingly as far as the ideals of Brigade and objectives are concerned. The P.C.E.A Central Brigade Council is pleased to present this report during the Brigade week 2017. This report outlines and analyzes major activities this department has engaged in, the challenges faced, potential remedies to address them both short and long term and highlights of achievements and future plans.

ABOUT BRIGADE

Brigade is an international and interdenominational Christian uniformed organization which seeks to address the specific and general challenges facing young boys' and Girls' and help them grow into maturity. This great movement was started by Sir. William Alexander Smith in Glasgow - Scotland in 1883 as Boys Brigade. Later on the Girls Brigade was formed and that's why we talk of the Boys and the Girls Brigade. Both are anchored on two twin pillars namely Religion and Discipline. We focus to train our boys and girls to grow in a wholistic manner as Christ did (Luke 2:52) using the four corner square training program which is globally accepted tool as a standard platform to raise children who are God fearing. The program addresses the four main faculties of a human development and wellbeing which includes, Spiritual, Social, Education and physical. It's now very clear that in today's mission approach is through the children ministry and we believe that the Brigade Department within the PCEA church has been a great instrument and platform whereby so many children have joined the church and more so have come to know Jesus and have been admitted into full membership of the Church.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. MANDATE

The PCEA Boys' and Girls' Brigade draws her mandate to operate from Act 23 of the Church Practice and Procedure Manual, which creates the Boys' and Girls' Brigade, develops a format which is blend of the International Boys' Brigade and the International Girls' Brigade and defined the structure of Brigade.

2. VISION

"To be a Global Model Brigade."

3. MISSION STATEMENT

To create conducive environment for optimal Brigade growth by formulating effective policies, and developing and implementing support, Co-ordination, Communication, and Capacity building mechanism.

4. CORE VALUES

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| a) Reverence to God | - True Christianity |
| b) Integrity | - Honesty & Transparency |
| c) Accountability | - Faithful & Trustworthy |
| d) Responsible | - Dedication, Time conscious & commitment |
| e) Self-Discipline | - Steadfast |
| f) Innovative | - Creativity and pro-active |
| g) Team work | - Harness team synergy |
| h) Respect | - Value others Opinion |
| i) Environment Conscious | - Respect for environment |

COMPOSITION OF P.C.E.A BRIGADE

We have both trained and non-trained officers and companies in all our 56 Presbyteries although in Tanzania Mission Presbytery there is no Commissioned Company so far but there are brigade activities going on.

The Central Brigade Council is the top administrative organ under the General Assembly, below which the hierarchy consist of the Regional Councils, Presbyterial Councils, Parish Councils and Congregational Councils.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE OFFICIALS FOR YEAR 2017

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| 1. Mr. Sammy Thenya | - Chairman |
| 2. Mrs. Miriam Kuria | - V/Chairlady |
| 3. Rev. Wilson Macharia | - Secretary/Director |
| 4. Sister Evelyn Gatune | - V/Secretary/Ass Director |
| 5. Mrs. Agnes Muriuki | - Treasurer |
| 6. Rev. Henfry Micheni | - Chaplain |

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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| 1. Mr. Ibrahim Mwangi | - Mt. Kenya Region |
| 2. Mr. Peter Musyoka | - Rift Valley Region |
| 3. Mr. Juma | - Eastern Region |
| 4. Mrs. Evelyn Kimani | - Central Region |
| 5. Ms. Ann kaara | - Nairobi Region |
| 6. Mr. Lawrence Mwangi | - Training Chairman |

CENTRAL BRIGADE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF

We have:

- i. Executive members - 12 (Regional rep, chaplain and CBC officials)

- ii. CBC Members - 114 (Two Presbyterian Representatives, Chaplain, Chair Training, Director and Assistant Director)
- iii. National Trainers - 51 Men Trainers and Ladies Trainers.
- iv. Employed Staff - 04 (Director, Assistant Director, Office Secretary and Brigade Center Caretaker)
- v. Partnership Board Members - 16 volunteers

The meetings attendance for the period under review has been average and the members' contributions in terms ideas have been excellent but in the area of resources mobilization the department performance was below expectation.

BRIGADE WEEK THEME

1PETER2: 1 -5

The Brigade theme is taken from 1 Peter 2: 1 which implies that the time has come and is already here for God's people to rid themselves off evil practices and desires which distract people from growing in their faith (see more at the back of the program). It's our prayer that our good Lord will minister unto to all of us and more so to our children

THEME SONG & POEM AND BRIGADE WEEK PROGRAMME

This year, Eastern Region, i.e PCEA Imenti North Presbyterian composed both the theme song and the Poem based on our theme. All companies are expected to receive a copy of the program and the VCD free of charge to enable them rehearse and recite the poem as presented by P.C.E.A Meru Town Boys' & Girls' Brigade in the VCD. We thank the region, Presbyterials and the Congregation who have supported this program to date.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting is an important forum which brings together not less than fifteen participants together with a view of receiving reports, analyzing them, assessing the performance and receiving suggestion on areas of improvements and also developing resolution as proposal to higher courts of the church to for policies for the department. In the year under review we held our AGM from 7th to 10th December 2016 at Kagumo High School in Kiganjo Presbytery whereby we received 771 officers' participants and 60 children for Parade and it was a great success.

TRAINING

We thank God and all our trainers and officers for the support they have continued to offer voluntarily to assist in training and equipping our children. Training is the core activity of our organization and that's why I am appealing to all stakeholders to take it very seriously. Initial Basic Courses are trained mainly during holidays in April and August and some in December and we are looking forward to other new courses to be introduced as we are working on with the Training Committee. Our goal is to recruit as many officers to be trained as possible and likewise train Children willingly because they are the reason for our existence. We also proposed to train more TOTs to assist us in equipping of our officers.

REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL

The structure of the Brigade international is that membership is through a one off registration fee and renew of the same every year. Every company, officer and children are recognized and considered as bonafide members upon honoring of the same. In PCEA we receive these subscriptions not later than 30th September of every year. A new company registers with Kshs 250 and renew with Ksh 200 annually while the Officer and the child pays Ksh 100 and Ksh 50 respectively. This enables the department to subscribe equally to National Interdenominational Office annually.

COMMISSIONING, ENROLMENT AND DEDICATION

The department has been very busy through our able Ministers and trainers commissioning new companies, enrolment of new children into the already established companies and re-dedication of new members especially officers. This forms a great part our weekly activities at the churches since such events take place at the congregational level although there are some parishes who conduct them at the parochial level.

THE BADGE WORK AWARDS PROGRAMME

The badge work program is an international practice among brigade where both officers and Brigadiers are awarded differently according to their levels of achievement and service rendered. It contains many lessons for the children since one need to move from one level to the other progressively until one attains the 24th badge award. So far we have not been able to develop and awarding system for our officers but plans is under way. We thank our Trainers and Officers who have been tirelessly engaging children in this very important and examinable program as it is through this they learn and improve their life skills.

BBK, GBK, EARF AND GF

The Central Brigade Council (CBC) is affiliated to the Brigade Kenya National Organization whereby we participate and are also represented by the CBC officials. Currently the PCEA holds the position of the Chairman.

- i. BBK (The Boys' Brigade Kenya) PCEA Brigade connects with other denominations in Kenya. The CBC Secretary is currently the National Chairman - President) while the senior Chaplain is His Grace the Archbishop of the Anglican. We participated in the Annual commemoration of the founder of Brigade Sir William Alexander Smith on 3rd October 2016.
- ii. GBK – (Girls Brigade Kenya) – We wish to inform the church and all Brigade stakeholders that with the help of God and spirit of good will by both GBK and BBK leaders, the case which has been lying in court for some 17 years has been finally withdrawn from the courts by GBK officials which is a milestone in assisting unlock the stalemate which has been there for many years. We are waiting for further information from BBK Council on the next course of action in regard to this matter. Meanwhile let's continue praying for the same.

MISSION WORK

The department has been involved in doing mission work across the Church at all levels e.g. visiting the sick at their homes and hospitals, prisons, contributing money to support the needy and the destitute. We also participated in the National Mission to Tanzania – Arusha Nendeni area through the Nendeni Board from 11th to 17th July 2016. We shall also participate in the mission to Uganda in June 2017.

BRIGADE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

This group of men and women of goodwill have continued to offer their unreserved commitment and general support to the department and we really want to thank them for their good ministerial work. The partners donated Ksh. 1.1 million towards possession and renovations of the Brigade Centre at Ngenda. May the Lord bless all of them and support them in their endeavors as they continue to purpose to support this department.

PRESBYTERIAN INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE TRAINING AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

After conceiving the dream of having a well-established and equipped Training Centre for Brigade, the Lord has been gracious to the department and now the Centre is a reality at Ngenda Mission Land. The

institution is the former Kiriri high school owned by the women guild of the former Ngenda and Githaruru Parishes. The Brigade undertook to compensate them with Seven Million whereby the Six Parishes will be given One million each and the Thiririka Presbytery to receive one million. A down payment of Ksh 1,500,000/= has been paid and the balance will be repayable in five years. This is a centre which can host over 400 boys and girls on both floors. However the centre requires a lot of work to be done and Training Programmes and Curriculums to be developed. It was handed over to the Brigade department by the Presbytery Officials, re-dedicated and officially opened on 24th November 2016 by the Moderator of 21st G.A during the National Children Camp 2016 the first activity to be held within the centre. We humbly request entire church and all the Brigade fraternity to support this centre by taking our trainings there and holding our camps at the same place.

REGIONAL VISITS

The CBC Office did visit all the regions with an aim of reaching out to all Brigade leaders and officers at Parish Level for capacity building and the focus was on mentorship. We are encouraging all Brigade officers that anytime when they are called upon for such forums to always make sure they show up because such forums are not only educative but very informative and also it is during this visits critical and disturbing Brigade concerns and questions are addressed

BRIGADE NATIONAL THIKA PROJECT

This was a massive perceived income generating project for the department. However since there is now a centre which the Brigade owns, the official stakeholders during the 2016 AGM resolved to dispose all other project and concentrate with this one project of developing the centre. All the shares holding invested by the Presbyterial Councils and the CBC council will be transferred to this centre.

CHALLENGES

1. Financial challenge has grown bigger because we have an outstanding CESS, AGM, VCD debt amounting to Ksh. 5,751,267/=. We are appealing to all those Presbyterials who owe us these balances to clear so that we can invest this money on our new Centre.
2. Registrations & Renewals: – some companies are not registered with the Brigade office while others did register themselves but they have never renewed.
3. Laxity of officers – some officers have abandoned training and teaching work to an extent that some very active companies are dead already.
4. Lack of proper digitalized teaching materials and curriculums to handle the modern children of our day.
5. Lack of proper controls when it comes to the production of the correct uniforms and other equipments.
6. Lack of capital to improve our new national centre for training with facilities fit for Brigade training and activities.

FUTURE PLANS

1. We hope to improve our partnership links not only locally but also internationally.
2. Improve our database which developed some technical problems
3. Commissioning as many companies as possible and capacity build them.
4. Recruit and train more officers and trainers as a continuous process
5. Renovate, equip, advertise, and construct halls of different sizes, self-contained rooms for conferencing, improve the perimeter wall and recruit personnel for the Brigade Centre at Ngenda.
6. Improve our training materials with an aim of rewriting our curriculums and revise Training Manual and other necessary Brigade books.
7. Re-write our Strategic plan since the current one ended at the close of last year.

8. Develop a liturgy book for all the Brigade ceremonies

CONCLUSION

Our views concerning children ministry in our church has been that there is someone taking care of them irrespective of whether we know them or not. We thank God because of late the concept and importance of considering children ministry as an integral part of the main church has come more clearly focused. We have now introduced things which indicate that we are concerned with the future of our church. In some parishes and congregations we have youth and children ministry coordinators who are doing a great work.

The brigade department wishes to thank the 21st G.A officials for their commitment to support Brigade ministry this far, all Presbyterials, Parishes and Congregations, all ministers and elders, and children, officers and our parents for their support. May our good Lord bless the brigade organization and help us to move to great heights of success achieving our ideals and our objectives.

Rev. Wilson Macharia

BRIGADE /SECRETARY/DIRECTOR NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

MISSION BELIEFS

- a) We are the choice for discipline group
- b) We provide fun, meaningful and challenging activities
- c) We teach, preach Christianity and live it
- d) We are committed to serve the community
- e) We are served and led by volunteers
- f) We are enterprising, in tune with our changing world
- g) We engage our stakeholders
- h) We are for promotion of education, relief of poverty, and protection of children's rights.

OUR MAIN OBJECTIVES ARE: -

1. To inform children and the young people of our faith, our Mission and our Worship as Presbyterians.
2. To take the challenge of empowering the young people to endeavour to observe Christ-like life here on earth.
3. To serve god through service to the young people, the Church and the country.
4. To encourage the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys' and Girls' by promoting positive behaviours and self-discipline among themselves.
5. To appeal or attract Boys' and girls' and holding them together in the Church even during the most challenging moments in their Church's life.
6. To see to it that all Boys' and Girls' become full communicants while maintaining the Brigade's membership.
7. To encourage a good relationship between the members of the Brigade, the Church and the community we serve.
8. To see to it that the four-sided Brigade training program (spiritual, Physical, Educational and Social) is carried out quite effectively.

BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADE WEEK PROGRAMME – 2017

9. The date of Brigade Week will be from 31st – 6th August 2017. It's my believe that all Brigade companies have organised and prepared themselves well to observe the Brigade week. Let's involve the minister, Elders and parents so that you can be supported better..

MONDAY 31ST JULY 2017

- All officers and children assemble in the church for prayers and expound on the theme. The officers to have studied the theme before in order to assist the children.
- Practice the theme song and the poem from the VCD and the program which are about our 2017 theme.
- Plan together activities of the whole week and inform Elders and Parish Minister what you intend to do.
(Officials and Captains should make sure that all these are observed).

TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2017

This day the officers are supposed to plan on how they can visit in small groups' homes where children do not attend Brigade. Invite them to attend Brigade in Church the following day and encourage them to do so regularly. Let this day be utilized well as a recruitment day for the Church. Involvement of children in this is mandatory. Carry some small gifts for those children if you can afford and know their homes including their parents.

WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2017

- Welcoming of the newly recruited children into the fellowship.
- Practice theme song, Recite the poem/memory verse
- Parade preparation – Parade is very important during our Brigade Week because it's one of the most outstanding activity we do.

Note

THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST 2017

Source for an elderly mature person who can talk to the children on either two of the following lessons:

1. Christian maturity and Discipline
2. Adolescence, human growth and development
3. Technology and it's positive and negative impact
4. Governance (Discuss governance structure & Devolution General and Elections.
5. Good grooming and sports.
6. HIV/AIDS Menace
7. Christian stewardship
8. The Brigade we want (***To be handled by trained officers***)
9. Choosing a career
10. Danger of engaging in corruptions

FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2017

- Use this day for Sports, Singing, Dancing and Cooking – let the children enjoy
- Practice theme song, memory verse.
- Select children who will participate during Sunday Service.
- Do a mock service in the Church for children to familiarizing themselves with the Church

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2017

- Practice theme song, memory verse, Parade rehearsals

- General cleaning of the Church Compound. (If applicable)
- Analyze how you shall conduct the service and Jambo Sale and allocate duties.

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 2017

9.00 a.m. - All officers and children meet in the Church in full uniform.
 - Those involved in leading the Service to join the Minister and the Elders in the vestry.

9.45 a.m. - Inspection of Parade by the Minister/Church Chairman/Invited Guest.
 - Hoisting of Brigade flag

10.00 a.m.- Church Service begins.

1. Opening hymn - The Lord my rock in Him we hide (GB 394)
2. Call to worship: 1 Peter 2: 1
3. Praise in Worship
4. Intercessory prayers/Lord's prayer (2 children & and an officer)
5. Welcoming of visitors
6. Presentations
7. Apostles' Creed (Let children to always participate in this recitation).
8. Prayers for children and a brief message on the importance of children Ministry and the themes relevance to their lives.
9. Intimations/Announcements
10. Bible Readings
 - **1st Reading : Daniel 9: 20 - 27**
 - **2nd Reading 1Peter 2: 1 - 5**
11. Hymn before sermon -Theme song (or preacher to chose)
12. Sermon
13. Collection of gifts and offering in aid of Brigade activities
14. Offertory prayers
15. Vote of thanks
16. Closing hymn -" More about Jesus" (GB 385).
17. Benediction
18. Hymn "I belong to Jesus" (GB 662)
19. Planting of trees/flowers

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. WE OPERATE THREE ACCOUNTS: -

TITLE

- 1. P.C.E.A Central Brigade Council**

BANK: - Co-operative Bank
Branch: - Nairobi Business Centre (NBC)
A/c: - 011 281 282 97100

NB: All cess, VCD, Arrears money to be banked in this first account strictly by the end of August 2013.

TITLE:

2. P.C.E.A Central Brigade Council

Bank: - Equity
Branch: - Harambee Avenue
Account No.: - 0240192079369

NB: All sales, training and certificates money to be banked in this second account.

TITLE:

3. P.C.E.A Brigade Investments

Bank: - Equity
Branch: - Nairobi West
Account No.: - 1280298087695

NB: All Projects and Investment monies to be strictly banked in this Third Account

B. TRAINING (LEADERS OR OFFICERS)

- Introductory courses (introduction) – One day
- Basic I course covers a weekend
- Basic II within 6 to 12 months
- Retreats
- Seminars
- Advance courses on Drills, sports, and Young leaders, Captain, Refresher, and Project seminars

NB: All courses comprises 50 men/boys' and 50 ladies/girls and over

C. Children ages 12 – 19 years attend the Bible class on Sundays during worship.

Arrange with your local Church committee.

The same age groups attend the planned NCO's course as squad leaders and young leaders programme for more skills on Church, Community and Social subject. Some of the topics covered are Bible class, Drill and sport, Health Education, Civil Education, Art and Craft, Community development, Agriculture, HIV/AIDS, Drug Abuse, Church government, Brigade structure and many others. The children are awarded certificate on 5 stages and in congregation they are awarded a badges in three stages for seven subjects as a medal. If the ages 12 – 19 are not well catered for in the Church, other groups are recruiting them for antisocial activities.

D. This year the A.G.M will be hosted within Central Region but all other details will be communicated later to the officers. We are hoping once the group restructuring is effected the attendnce policy will change to at least 5 officers per Parish.

- E. GAC : The Brigade were greatly involved in the preparation of the 2nd GAC of the 21st G.A held at Alliance Girls High from 18th April to 22nd 2017 and the office presented the department report to the Church whereby all our resolutions went through.

BRIGADE POEM 2017

LET'S LIVE CHRIST WAY

We are Christ ambassadors,
Proclaiming truth, justice and fairness,
We need, to attain our goal,
Therefore, rid yourself, of all ungodliness,
Children we also need God so much
Let us stop, hypocrisy, gossip, lying and jealousy,
We must purpose, to walk in Gods way,
Let's us live Christ way

Read the bible, pray and obey

Ooh be careful little mouth,
What you say, no lying, insult, or malice,
For your father in heaven, is watching
Let's use our body, as a living sacrifice,
For his glory, we say no to ungodliness,
No lies, no jealousy, no hypocrisy.
Let it be our, commitment, forever,
Let's us live Christ way

Read the bible pray and obey.

Jesus Christ, our corner stone,
We need your direction and control,
While working, in your holy service,
Ooh, how we desire to be honorable,
Holy guest, in that heaven,
Therefore, let's rid ourselves of all evils,
We commit and purpose, to please God
Let's us live Christ way

Read the bible pray and obey.

P.C.E.A CBC 2017 THEME SONG

ENGLISH VERSION

RID YOURSELVES ALL EVILS

1. While in a vision Gabriel appeared to Daniel
When praying pleading to his Jehovah God
For restoration of the holy temple of God
To help him to understand the prophecy

***Rid yourselves-all evils and lying
Hypocrisy-Jealousy insulting
That what the lord says to the
chosen ones.
Those are purified by his precious blood***

2. The lord will set them, free together with the city
For the vision and prophesy to be true
If the people will repent from their sins

In a length of seven seventy years.

3. This the moment, oh to finish transgressions
Put-an-end-all-sin atone from wickedness
And also to bring everlasting righteousness
To be established and also to be sealed

4. Ooh come brethren, as the holy living stones
Let yourselves be used in-building-by-God
To serve as Priests offer spiritual sacrifice,
Acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

KISWAHILI VERSION

WEKENI BALI UOVU

1. Danieli alishukiwa naye Gabrieli
Akiomba akimsihi mwokozi
Kwaajili ya mlima wake mtakatifu
Kumpa-hekima uwezo kufahamu

***Wekenl bali uovu uongo wote
Unafiki-wivu na mazingizio
Ndivyo Mungu anena nawateule
Walio safiwa kwa damu yake***

2. Aka mwambia-kwaajili ya watu na mji
Mewe kwa miaka saba marasabini
Maono yote yale yalioonekana
Na ya unabii ya tiwe mhuri

3. Huu ni wakati waku maliza makosa
Komesha dhambi samehe uovu
Kupaka mafuta mahali patakatifu
Kuleta haki kweli ya milele

4. Nanyi kama mawe yalio hai
Mukajengeke nyumba ya kiroho
Kufolea tambiko kweli za kiroho
Dhabiho za kumpendeza mwokozi

KIKUYU VERSION

EHERIAI WAGANU

1. Danieli niomiriirwo ni jibrael:
Akihoya ma agithaiitha jehova
Niundu wa kirima kiria kiamure kia ngai
Niguo amohigie na makuukirwo

***Eheriai-waganu na wara wothe
UHINGA-ruitho,ona gucambania guothe
Uguo niguo Ngai arera aria athure
Ria matheretio na thakame yake***

2. Akimwira itura riao nirituirirwo
Ituirwo ciu ma mirongo mugwanja
Namo maondu maria manonwo na cioneki
Na maria manarathwo makihinge

3. Riu ni ihinda ria kunina umaramari
Gatiga mehia kworohia waganu
Nigetha uhoro wauthingu uria utagathira
Urehwo ningi uture urumitio

4. Na inyui muri ta, mahiga maria ma muoyo
Mugi akagwo iii nyumba ya kiroho
Murutage magongona nama ma kiroho
Maria mangitikirika ni ngai

PCEA CENTRAL BRIGADE COUNCIL – YEAR 2017 THEME EXPOSITION.

Theme: “Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy envy, and slander of every kind”. (1 Peter 2: 1) NIV.

- 1st Readings: Daniel 9: 20 – 27
- 2nd Readings: 1 Peter 2: 1 – 5

Preamble: I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am so grateful to God and humbled for another opportunity to give a theme for our Brigade Department which has immensely grown in terms of companies, officers trainers and partners. It's also worth noting the remarkable increase of brass bands in our Churches. Thanks to God for the landmark project of 'National Presbyterian Children Training Camping Centre' in Ng'enda Parish, Thiririka Presbytery. Indeed the vibrancy of Brigade in P.C.E.A cannot be over emphasised and glory to God. Brethren, keep up the spirit to the end in Jesus' Name.

Objective: Be consistent in what we confess and practice; working and praying for peace as we live in this world filled with conflicts and wars, waiting for the coming of our Lord to set up His Kingdom of Peace and Justice.

Exposition: The 2017 Brigade Week coincides with the polling time when the political temperatures and anxieties of people in the country rise very high. During such times, selfishness, anger, greed and lust for power are so evident and severally they have led to loss of innocent lives and wanton destruction of property. This time round, let us work and pray for peace and justice to reign. As we do this, let us get rid of all what leads us to have the desire to live an inconsistent, deceitful life and allow God to use us to point others to Christ and His transforming love. Let's all be faithful ambassadors of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

I wish you all a blessed 2017 Brigade Week, Peace and tranquility in polling and consistency of purpose as you adhere to the restructuring of Church groups for better service delivery to the glory of God.

Thank you.

Yours in the Lord's Vineyard,

Rev. Henfrey Micheni Silas,

CHAPLAIN – CENTRAL BRIGADE COUNCIL