



Ground-Breaking ceremony for PCEA Rumuruti Day & Boarding School, by the Moderator of the 21st of General Assembly on 11/11/15



Members of Central Committee attending seminar at Maria polis on 3/10/2015

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA - PCEA



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK 2016

29th February – Sunday 6th March 2016

THEME: "Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them".

Isaiah 30:20 (NIV)

VISION:

To have a society which has children and adults who are God fearing and uphold the Christian values of love, moral integrity, self-control and respect.

MISSION:

We endeavor to make disciples by instilling knowledge through education for life.

MOTTO:

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” (Hosea 4:6)



C.E. Central Committee Officials 2015

DEPARTMENTAL THEME SONG: - SING THEM OVER AGAIN TO ME

1) Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life!
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life!
Words of life and beauty,
Teach me faith and duty!

*Beautiful words! Wonderful words!
Wonderful words of life!*

2) Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life!
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life!
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven!

3) Sweetly echo the Gospel call,
Wonderful words of life!
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of life!
Jesus, only Saviour,
Sanctify forever!

NJIRAGA O KAINGI MA (Hymn No. 266)

1) Njiiraga o kaingi ma,
Ndeto cia Ngai cia muoyo;
Menye gitumi giacio,
Ndeto icio cia muoyo:
Nicio ciathanaga;
Nicio itaaranaga.

*Ndeto njega, icio cia Ngai,
Ndeto njega cia muoyo;
Itikia riu, ndeto icio,
Ndeto cia Ngai cia muoyo.*

2) Kristu niaheanaga
Ndeto cia Ngai cia muoyo:
Ehia aya, no metikie
Ndeto icio cia muoyo.
Mundu angiathika
Niagathii kwa Ngai.

3) Rutagai and othe
Ndeto cia Ngai cia muoyo;
Niguo andu mahorere,
Na ningi mahonokio.
Jesu, ututherie
Riu na hingo ciothe



Central Committee Executive 2015 members with the SG



THE EDUCATION SUNDAY SERVICE PROGRAMME – 6th MARCH 2016

Christian Education Committee members and worship leaders meet in the vestry to prepare for the worship service at the appropriate time.

Procession: An Elder or one of the readers to carry the Bible. Others to follow in the following order: - Guests, Committee members, Deacons, the Preacher, Elders and then the Minister if there is any.

1. Opening hymn: “Come ye that love the Lord...” GB 31; Kikuyu Hymn No.321 (New) Old No. 255 “Ukani endi Ngai muuke mukenete...” Tenzi No.108 “Twende Sayuni”
2. Call to Worship – (Leader) **“Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them” Isaiah 30:20 (NIV).**
3. Praise in Worship
4. Intercessory prayers led by two people – then the Lord's Prayer
5. Presentations
6. A brief talk on the role of Christian Education in the Church & Society/Sponsored Schools.
7. Intimations and Welcoming of the guests/visitors.
8. Apostles' Creed/Prayers for the Children
9. Bible Readings:
1st Reading: Isaiah 30: 18 – 22
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 1 – 5
10. Hymn “Lord thy word abideth...” GB 584; Kikuyu: Hymn No. 66 “Kiugo giaku Ngai...” (New), Old 55; Tenzi 111 “Neno Iako, Bwana...”
11. Sermon
12. Tithes and offering/Fund-raising for the Christian Education work.
13. Prayers for the offerings
14. Closing Hymn “When I survey the wondrous cross...” GB 71
Kikuyu Hymn No. 136 (New), “Riria nguona mutharaba...” Old 108; Tenzi No. 84 “Niwonapo Mti Bora...”
15. Benediction.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Brethren,

I take this opportunity to bring you Christian seasonal greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Master teacher and sustainer of our lives. We give all glory to God for bringing us this far, as we start preparing for the Christian Education week that will be observed from Monday 29th February – Sunday 6th March 2016. (Christian Education Sunday). We really appreciate your continued support for the department at all levels; from Congregation, Parish, Presbytery, Regional and National level.

Some of the major achievements this year were the purchase of a new departmental car to replace the old one which had been long overdue for replacement. We have also constructed two classrooms at Rumuruti Primary School in partnership with the Outreach Foundation. We had Standard one class running at PCEA Silai Church in Rumuruti with about 25 pupils, and we have been paying for the teacher's salary and an assistant who prepares meals for them. By January 2016 we shall have class one and two.

We also held a successful seminar for our Central Committee members at Maria Polis Centre in Juja, and we are in the process of implementing the G.A resolution on recruitment of Christian Education members. Most of our Congregations and Parishes have been supporting the Education of some needy children at their levels and we hope we shall have a clear data of the children we are supporting in our report to the 1st GAC of the 21st General Assembly. The other data we are in the process of collecting is the number of Private Schools/Learning institutions owned and managed by the PCEA Church at different levels.

About the Theme:

We give thanks to God who has encouraged us throughout the year 2015 with the words of Paul to the Ephesians (Chapter 4:11ff) that “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers...”, meaning our mandate as Christian educators is God-given and it is a recognized ministry.

Our theme this year comes from Isaiah chapter 30 verse 20; **“Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them” (NIV).** Although the world may be as it is, and God's people may be influenced to follow the things of the world, our mandate as Christian educators will continue, for God is faithful. He is still gracious and merciful to his people.



Though God's people (Israel) had turned from the Lord, He longed **to be gracious** and compassionate **to** them (v.18. cf.v19), for they were in a covenant relationship with Him. He's also the **God of Justice**, giving blessings to those **who** depend on **Him**.

In the millennium Israel will again be faithful to the Lord and when she calls on Him, (not on some other nation) for help, He will answer. Though she experienced difficulties, e.g. shortage of bread and water in times of calamity, eventually God will bless her.

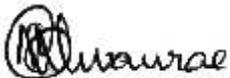
The Israelites will readily listen to their spiritual guides (teachers) such as the prophets and priests (in contrast with rejecting them (v.10). No longer will the teachers need to hide for safety. The people will be sensitive to God's word, as if He were saying **“this is the way, walk in it”**. They will be conscious of God's leading at all times. When they heed to His instructions they will then get rid of their idols (cf. 31:7, Hosea 14:3b, Micah 5:13-14), things that are defiled and morally dirty.

Paul, in 2 Timothy 4:1ff gave a direct charge to Timothy. He must preach the Word, when the time seems opportune and even when it does not (4:1-2). Because hostility to sound doctrine will increase, the time will often seem not to be opportune. But even so, Timothy must **“Do the work of an evangelist”** (vv.3-5).

“But with great patience” (4:7). The challenge of faithfully preaching and teaching the Word brings the believer into conflict with others. That reality is expressed in the words of Paul's charge. Timothy is to: (1) **“correct”**, to **“convict and reprove”**; (2) **“rebuke”**, to **sensure or admonish**; (3) **“encourage”**, (*Parakaleson*), which here may mean exhort rather than the warmer **“encourage”**. The very choice of these words reveals how resistant people will become to God's word. Despite this, the Christian educator is to remain patient and keep on teaching.

“Suite their own desires” (4: 3-4). Don't be surprised when people aren't interested in truth. People want to hear what they want to hear – as all too many politicians realize and go on to exploit. But Christian ministry is not politics. It's presenting God's truth, even when people do not like it, for their benefit and possible salvation. This is what we are called to do as Christian educators at a time like this, but God says we shall always be there, for he is gracious and compassionate to His people.

Have a blessed and successful Christian Education Week. In the name of God the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**



Rev. Nahashon G. Mwaura

DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAMME: 29th FEBRUARY– 6th MARCH 2016

The Education Committee members shall have met before the beginning of this week to discuss the programme and plan for the week's activities.

MONDAY 29th FEBRUARY 2016

The Committee will meet to discuss the activities of the week and what will be presented on Education Sunday, e.g. A talk about Christian Education, An educative topic by a Professional; Song or Drama etc., and also look at the Sunday Service Programme.

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2016

The Committee meets to discuss the theme of the Education Week and organize for the Sunday Worship Service. They will allocate duties for those who will participate in the Service. The Committee may also organize activities addressing environmental issues like cleaning the market place, planting trees in public Institution like schools etc.

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016

The Education Committee may organize for teaching activities in the Church and community. They may visit the surrounding Institutions and offer relevant topics on subjects like Family law, Public health, Civic Education, HIV/AIDS awareness, Drug and alcohol abuse, Human rights and environmental issues etc.

THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2016

Let the Christian Education Committee meet with the Local Church Committee and review the programme activities together. This would be an appropriate time for practicing the activities to be presented during the Sunday Worship Service.

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2016

Those participating in the Sunday Service will meet to finalize their preparations for the day. Some teachers may also be deployed to pray with pupils/students and teachers in the surrounding schools.

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 2016

The Education Committee meets at the Church to clean it and do the necessary preparations for the Sunday Service. Final rehearsals for the play, songs or memory verse may be done.

