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Thika High School Launching 2018 school theme:  
Moving forward to my destiny

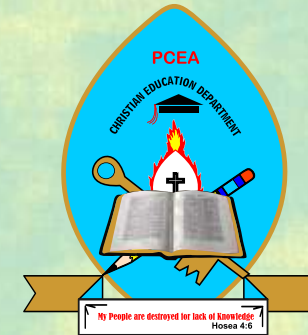


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Committee retreat

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA - PCEA



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK 2018

26<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**THEME:** OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUR LIFE

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John 10: 10b

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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)

DAY 7: THE EDUCATION SUNDAY SERVICE PROGRAMME – 4<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 2018

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: "Praise my soul the king of Heaven (Ngoro yakwa Ndumukumie 194)"
2. Call to Worship – John 10: 10b: "... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
3. Praise in Worship: Praise Team
4. Intercessory prayer: (One to pray for general issues, the other to pray for Christian Missionary and education)
5. Presentations
6. A brief talk on the Role of Christian Education in the Church & Society/and Schools.
7. Intimations and welcoming of the guests/visitors.
8. Apostles' Creed/Prayer for the Children
9. Bible Readings:  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 1:26 - 31  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 8:31 - 36
10. Hymn "Holy Bible, Book Divine GB 389 (Mbuku ya Ngai ni theru) 67
11. Sermon - Theme: OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUR LIFE
12. Tithes and offering/Fund-raising for the Christian Education work.
13. Prayers for the offerings
14. Closing Hymn: " I need thee every hour (GB 732) Nii mbatairio niwe (Kikuyu 380)
15. *Benediction.*

NB:

After the successful education week the education committee is advised to ensure that the proceeds of the week are used in the following activities among others.

1. Capacity building for education team through seminars
2. Supporting the needy students conferences with uniforms, books or fees
3. Enlarging the Christian education library or resource centre
4. Any other education related activity.

Always ensure that you work hand in hand with the elders and the ministers in your parish.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAMME: 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

The Education Committee shall have met before the beginning of this week to discuss the programme and plan for the week's activities. This includes booking the minister in advance to launch the week.

DAY 1 - MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 - LAUNCHING DAY

This being the first day of the week is set for opening and launching the weeks. Having booked the Minister, it is encouraged where possible all Christian education Committee members of the Parish meet together for them to benefit from the guidance and exposition of the theme from the minister where the Minister is not available, let him/her send a representative. After the launch, practical issues and activities of the week are identified and properly scheduled

DAY 2: TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018- STAFF MOTIVATION:

The Christian Education Committee to have arranged how to visit all the schools within the parish to talk to the teachers. Thank them for what they do, pledge your support and collaboration and pray with them. A gift like a wall clock for the staffroom with P.C.E.A Logo can be presented.

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 - BOOK HARVEST

Christian education to have announced to members to donate Church related books. On this day the members to collect book that they will use to start a Christian education library or resource centre. Items to collect includes .... Not limited to:- Bibles - all versions, hymn books, Anniversary booklets, Church development plans newspapers cuttings, old files and minutes book at members houses, other related books and artifacts.

DAY 4: THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018-FELLOWSHIP & ANNUAL PLANNING

The Committee to meet for fellowship (invite an educationist to share) and prepare an annual plan that will form part of the brief facts to members of the Church on Sunday.

DAY 5: FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2018 - PPI & COUNSELING

The Education team to have arranged with schools within the parish to conduct prayers and counseling to pupils /students during the friday morning assembly.

DAY 6: SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2018 - CLEANING & DECORATION

The education team to ensure that Church and the compound are clean. In addition, they can put banners and manilla writings in the Church so that the atmosphere of education can be created in the Church. Final preparations for Sunday including assignment of duties, polishing the report, songs and memory verse may be done.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Brethren,

I send you New Year greetings, from Christian Education department, in the name of our Chief educator and our Lord Jesus Christ.



Since the introduction of Christianity in Kenya, missionaries took education seriously since they were aware that there was going to be no meaningful Christianity without sound education.

Since then P.C.E.A has laid special emphasis and has been concern not only with education in her mission but has also highly promoted education for well being of the nation.

However, in the recent past, our engagement in education at the grassroots was somehow staggered such that our vision, mission and objectives of a holistic education to all is almost lost.

Nevertheless, under the leadership of the Moderator of the 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, and his office, the leaders of all our 56 Presbyteries meeting at Nairobi South 'C' on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 resolved to urgently collaborate to take P.C.E.A Education to its former glory. This education that doesn't only focus on the grade of our pupils and students but also on their character formation which was the original drive behind Church education.

It is education that does not only concern itself with the number of schools we sponsor or own, neither the number of students/pupils in our schools but the quality of the outcome of that education.

The Christian education department calls upon every member of P.C.E.A to heed to the call to go back to education. We call upon every P.C.E.A member to be involved in education somewhere. Those in the rural areas are called to voluntarily and willingly support the schools around them by every acceptable means.

Those who moved from rural areas, we urge you to *ADOPT A SCHOOL/A CLASS* either where you live and/ or most preferably back at home for mentorship motivation and general support



In summary I urge and encourage every level of our Church from the Congregation to take sponsorship of schools seriously. It should also be clearly understood that the education ACT No. 14 of 2013, section 27 recognizes and expects the sponsoring Church to play an active role in schools.

The role of the Sponsor shall be Education Act 2013 Section 27:-

1. To participate and make recommendation review of syllabus, curriculum, books and other teaching aids;
2. Representation in the School Management Committees and Board of Management;
3. To provide supervisory and advisory services in matters regarding spiritual development in schools including the appointment of chaplains at their own expenses;
4. Maintenance of spiritual development while safeguarding the denomination or religious adherence of others'
5. To offer financial and infrastructural support.

Constituting the Board of Management:- (Education Act 2013 section 56 No. 5 & 7.

- 56.5 For public schools sponsored by faith-based organisations, the Chairperson of the Board of Management shall be appointed by the County Education Board in consultation with sponsor.
- 56.7 Despite subsection (5), a faith-based sponsor who does not make a significant contribution and impact to a school or institution as contemplated under section 2 of the Act shall not be consulted in the appointment of the Chairperson of the Board of Management of that school or institution.

### EDUCATION REFORMS IN KENYA

We live in a dynamic world and all sectors of life are actually affected by these dynamics. Education sector is not exceptional. This has informed the education reforms in the country and more particularly the curriculum development. The Church has been involved in the process and a memorandum was presented to the government for consideration.

*Some of highlights in the memoranda:*

- That Christian Religious Education (CRE) be a compulsory subject in basic education. This will promote sound morals and religious values among the learners and staff.
- That social ethics be taught in all levels within Basic Education Framework. This will arrest the moral decay witnessed in learning institutions and society at large.

- That Pastoral Programme for instruction (PPI) be enhanced and strengthened to accommodate all learner with a clear Programme of what is taught/covered during each session.
- That Sponsor Church should be involved in content and material development.

### EDUCATION WEEK AND THEME FOR 2018

Our 2018 Christian Education theme is OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUR LIFE:

It is derived from the gospel according to St. John 10:10b. In this verse, Jesus clearly revealed why he came "..... I came that they may have life, and have abundantly" (RSV). This means that to Jesus, LIFE in fulness was central to his mission on earth. When we reflect wider, we realize that Jesus was reiterating the primary intention of God in man's life.

In Genesis 1:26 -31, we read that when God created human kind, he intended that he be master of all life 1.26. Further God charged humankind to subdue the earth. Subdue mean to conquer, overpower or bring under control.

This initial intention of God seems to be slipping from humanity. Today human beings appear to be subdued by poverty, disease, illiteracy, famine, alcoholism and other anti- social behaviours. These are denying humankind – their God given heritage that is life in abundance that Jesus came to restore.

In the 2018 theme, God is speaking to all of us through the Christian education theme. He is reminding us that His promise still stands.

To recapture the initial purpose of God, life in abundance, Jesus is calling us to hold to his teachings and there we shall discover the secrets to life and freedom.

Sound faith = Strong education = Stable life  
in the name of God the father Son and Holy Spirit

### CONCLUSION

The Peace and Grace of God be with all of us as we observe Education Week 2018

Yours sincerely,



Rev. John Mbae Muraga

EDUCATION SECRETARY/DIRECTOR