

MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Preamble

We 124 commissioners and 354 delegates from the 56 Presbyteries meeting in the 1st GAC of the 21st G.A. meeting at the Tumutumu Girls High School from 12th – 17th April 2016 send you Easter greetings as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Elections and installation of Deputy Secretary General and Deputy Clerk

The GAC started with the election and installation of the Deputy Secretary General and Deputy Clerk of the Assembly Rev. Alfred Mugendi Kanga. The GAC also appreciated the work and service rendered by the outgoing Deputy Secretary General Rev. Thegu Mutahi.

Theme

The ongoing theme of the 21st G.A. is the one that guided the deliberations of the GAC "... Let us arise up and build..." Nehemiah 2:18. The Bible study was ably expounded by Rev. Dr. Karimi Mumbui from the PCEA Neema Church in Boston – USA.

Guest

The GAC was graced by the presence of various guests including:- The Nyeri county Governor, H.E. Nderitu Gachagua, Governor of Laikipia County – H.E. Joshua K. Irungu, Hon. David Mwangi Mugo - Speaker, Nyeri County Assembly, County Commissioner, Presbyterian Church of Korea, Britam Insurance Company and also, Mrs. Margaret Mwaura - Corat Africa, Mrs. Elizabeth Muriuki – Bible Society of Kenya.

Issues of Church's Concern

The GAC had a wonderful time as we listened to the Lord. We are being called upon to pray for this nation as we approach the 2017 General Elections. All Kenyans are urged to participate in the exercise. Leaders are called upon to maintain peace and unity before, during and after elections.

The G. A.C notes the conclusion of ICC case. We advise our members to engage in forgiveness, national healing and reconciliation.

Mission Work

The Church has grown reasonably to an extent that we now have 56 Presbyteries and many additional Parishes. Of late mission expansion has been witnessed in Uganda and Tanzania, however, we have large areas where the church is yet to reach and evangelize effectively. To reach out these areas the

Presbyteries and their institutions should partner with Nendeni Board and the Board for Social Responsibilities.

Institutions

The Church is proud of her Institutions which become breeding grounds for Church growth; therefore, members of the Church should own and support their institutions especially in education and health. Some of such institutions are PUEA and Rubate College where members are asked to recruit and sponsor students.

Investments

As much as the Church involves itself in investment, proper management with integral personnel should be observed. Land acquired for the Church should be properly documented, utilized and safe guarded for Church use. However, the Church should be careful not to do so at the expense of Spiritual concentration.

Kirk Insurance

The Church has rebranded Jitegemea Insurance Brokers to Kirk Insurance Agency and members are requested to own and support it by insuring property through the agency.

Gambling (Betting)

According to Practice & Procedure Manual Appendix 4 (H), gambling is prohibited by the Church. Members are advised that this practice is against our faith and should desist from engaging in the vice.

Corruption

The word of God that PCEA preaches stands for truth and integrity. Issues of examination cheating, bribery, stealing from public and private entities, alcoholism, drugs and substance abuse are against our faith. We therefore, urge our members to shun all such dealings at all levels.

Conclusion

We as members of this Church should keep and uphold our prophetic role and be able to read and interpret the signs of the times. (Eph. 5: 15 -17 ***“Be very careful then, how you live – not unwise but as wise making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord ‘s will is)”***).

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MODERATOR – 21ST G.A.

Rev. Peter Kaniah
SECRETARY GENERAL

17th April, 2016