



# Presbyterian Church of East Africa

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### PCEA 1<sup>ST</sup> GAC OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PRESS STATEMENT

#### **PREAMBLE**

Following the proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> General Administration Committee of the 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the PCEA, held at Tumutumu Girls High School in Nyeri from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016, we the 478 Commissioners and Delegates would like to send our warm and cordial Christian greetings to the people of Kenya. During the meeting we were guided by the words of our 21<sup>ST</sup> General Assembly Theme: "Let us rise up and build..." **Nehemiah 2:18**. The Church has been actively pursuing its mission of preaching the full Gospel of Jesus Christ to the World. We urge all Kenyans to adhere to the values of the Gospel. In addition the General Administration Committee urges the following to our beloved Kenyans:

#### **ELECTIONS**

The GAC notes that the 2017 General Elections are just around the corner and that the political temperatures are rising. We therefore call upon Kenyans and especially politicians to exercise mature and responsible politics. Divisive infighting and tribal politics should be stopped. We should respect our institutions of governance. We call upon politicians, those seeking to be elected and those campaigning to exercise caution, to be disciplined and adopt restraint and to always put Kenya before their own interests.

We urge the authorities to intensify civic education on voter registration and the actual voting process. We further urge our politicians to tone down their rhetoric which may incite Kenyans against each other. Hate speech should be shunned by all. We appeal to all Kenyans to register as voters and to effectively participate in the elections of our leaders.

#### **INTEGRATED IDPS**

We greatly appreciate the efforts the Kenyan government has taken to settle the IDPs. The Church however feels that more efforts should be directed towards solving the plight of the integrated IDPs' problem. These are the IDPs who did not go to the camps but were integrated with the communities in Kenya. We also appreciate the "no case to answer verdict" of the Deputy President William Ruto and journalist Joshua Arap Sang by the International Criminal Court. The release of the two should enhance national healing, reconciliation and never again should Kenyans rise against each other because of political differences.

#### **INTEGRITY**

The PCEA Church strongly condemns the endemic corruption eroding our country. We would like to urge Kenyans to desist from this evil culture and pursue integrity and hard work. We also call upon all the agents of justice to seriously join in this fight and they be above board in this endeavour. Those who have looted our economy should be pursued and prosecuted.

#### **SECURITY**

We would like to thank the government for the improved security in our country and the various mechanisms being implemented to fight this menace in order to secure our borders and country. To this end we send our deep

sympathies to the families, relatives, colleagues and friends of our fallen heroes who have lost their lives while gallantly defending us and this country. We would also like to express our sympathies to the families of other Kenyans who have perished as a result of terrorism.

#### **ILLEGAL BREWS**

The PCEA Church wishes to appreciate and support the efforts by the government in eradicating the production and consumption of the illegal brews. The Church strongly condemns production and consumption of the illegal brews. The fighting back by the illegal brewers and dealers targeting the Administrative officers especially chiefs should be condemned by all Kenyans of goodwill.

The Church recognizes the prevalent lack of employment, poverty and idleness which leads to moral decadence that greatly contribute to this vice. Let the government create more employment and establish rehabilitation facilities for the victims.

#### **COLLAPSING BANKS**

The PCEA notes with concern the collapsing of banks in the country during the past few months which has resulted in the impoverishment of our people. We urge the Government and the bank supervisory authorities and bank auditors to check and monitor the trend. Further the government should take urgent measures to ensure that the lost money is recovered.

#### **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

We note with appreciation that the Government is undertaking the review of the curriculum development in our education at all levels. While we support the review, we feel that it ought to be all inclusive by involving all stakeholders.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL ISSUES**

The Church notes with concern the issue of deforestation, soil erosion, desertification, water shortage, poaching, industrial and other pollutions. This environmental degradation must be fought by all. We are the steward of God's creation and we must be seen to be proactive in saving our world from destruction.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The PCEA Church reaffirms its commitment to God and will continue to seek strategic partnership with other relevant stakeholders, service providers and other like minded. The Church will ensure the development of the whole person to the glory of God and ultimate benefit to humanity is realized. The Church appreciates the prevalence of threatening situations around us and urges all Kenyans to have faith and hope in the Almighty God whose love lasts forever and never wavers. Finally, we urge all Kenyans to continue coexisting as we build a united prosperous Kenya.

**God Bless Kenya.**

Signed by:

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