



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF EAST AFRICA**

*Woman's
Guild*

WEEK 2021

31st May- 6th June 2021

THEME: YOU ARE MY WITNESSES

MAUDUI: NINYI NI MASHAHIDI WANGU

THEME VERSE: Isaiah 43:10

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen , so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.”

MSTARI WA MKAZO: Isaiah 43:10

“Ninyi ni mashahidi wangu, asema BWANA, na mtumishi niliyemchagua; mpate kujua, na kuniamini, na kufahamu ya kuwa mimi ndiye”

Vision

“To be an inclusive Christian Women organization that empowers women to transform society.”

Mission

“To holistically empower Christian Women enabling them to effectively transform the society through worship, fellowship, networking, partnerships, advocacy, communication, mobilization of resources, research and training based on Christian values.”

CORE VALUES

Fellowship

Honesty

Integrity

Compassion

Partnerships

Accountability

OBJECTIVES

- To enhance spiritual maturity in Christ of women and girls.
- To empower women and girls and to prepare them to effectively play their roles in the family, Church and society.
- To develop leadership qualities and skills for women as well as mentoring girls in leadership.
- To build and develop capacity of women and girls through training, skills enhancement to enable them to transform the society

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRLADY OF THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S GUILD BOARD

Receive greetings in Jesus mighty name. With the new normal way of living, we are all faced with the continued Covid-19 pandemic, which is in its 3rd wave, more lethal, devastating and punitive. The 3rd wave was the reason as to why 5 counties were on lock down earlier in the year, most notably with limited physical Church attendance. However, we are grateful to God that there were 42 counties whose women and their households were gathering in sanctuaries for prayer, fellowship and sharing the good news. I am grateful to the Almighty God, that at the beginning of May the Covid -19 curve rate had flattened which allowed the 5 counties to meet physically.

Last year as women, God reminded us that we should never forget where He has brought us from. Indeed, since last year June we have seen the power of God in our lives and thus we are here today to celebrate another Woman's Guild week. To God be the glory.

According to our 23rd General Assembly theme "Consider our ways", as women this consideration should point us to the many numerous, numberless, countless great things that the Lord has done and indeed realize that our redeemer lives. Our 2021 Woman's Guild theme comes from Isaiah 43:10a "God's witnesses". God is calling us to look beyond what we are going through, consider where He has brought us from and the numerous things that we have received from God including saving us from this pandemic and be His witnesses. We must go witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world.

It is important to note that there are several women in the Bible who played a great role in being God's witnesses. First, in Luke 24:10 we learn that Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, rose up very early with ointment to go to the tomb. They had to overcome the fear and worries of the big stone, they had to engage with the angel who confirmed that despite the darkness of crucifixion, Jesus is alive,

having overcome death and the grave. They had to witness that Jesus is indeed resurrected. These women had to urgently tell the 'men' (humanity) that Jesus needed to meet them in Galilee. Even now, Jesus needs to urgently meet us at the Church and family Altar.

Secondly, Naomi guided the young Ruth on the direction of redemption by the kinsman redeemer (Ruth 4:1-10). Thirdly, Esther after prayer and fasting, boldly witnessed to the King even if her time was not yet, otherwise all the Jews, including herself would have been terminated by Herman. Fourthly, we learn from Mathew 27:19 that Pilate's wife sent a message to him of the innocence of Christ as revealed to her in a dream which was a witness to her powerful husband about Christ.

Lastly just to mention a few, the Samaritan woman had to first overcome her cultural background and the experience of "you are a Jew and I am a Samaritan". She had to listen to the gospel message, accept it, get converted into an Evangelist then immediately abandon her earthly jug to quickly enter Samaria to witness. She abandoned her water fetching mission to urgently and loudly witness the 'man' who had told her of all the things she had ever done. She did not fear or get ashamed of the men she had been with previously for Indeed the "old is gone and the new has come".

Our witnessing as women, and indeed the entire body of Christ needs to be compelling, convincing and convicting. It must be organized, orderly, objective and ordinary: with no complexities or complications. We cannot afford to be silent but rather ought to join the singer in singing "go tell it on the mountain". Finally, brethren, witnessing is not for the faint-hearted hence we must "trust and obey for there is NO OTHER WAY". Let us be God's witnesses.

May God bless you all as you celebrate our Woman's Guild week by being God's Witnesses.

Rev. Pauline Kanuthu
National Woman's Guild Chairlady

MESSAGE FROM THE WOMAN'S GUILD DIRECTOR.

Receive Christian greetings in the name of our Lord, grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. We exalt the name of the Lord for bringing us this far, indeed he has been our Ebenezer. Although we are living in difficult times, our God has proved to be faithful for he has taken care of all our needs and has not forsaken us.

We must acknowledge that the year 2020 was not an easy year due to COVID-19 pandemic that kept disrupting our lives as well as our planned Guild activities. People lost their jobs and businesses went down, quite a number of people including our Guild members were affected by Coronavirus and healed while others went to be with the Lord. Let us continue to pray for the families of those affected by this disease as well as our departed soldiers.

Despite all those challenges, the Lord spoke to us on the theme **“Forget not the Lord your God”** which was taken from the book Exodus 8:11-20 reminding us to look back, count our blessings and be grateful for all that the Lord has done for us. We were also challenged to remain humble even as the Lord takes us from one level of blessings to the other.

Although we were not able to meet and celebrate our week as in the previous years, we did observe the week the best way we could through our media platforms including our very own media station Kirk TV which aired all the programs that we had planned for the week. We take this opportunity to thank the Kirk TV fraternity for their support and we are looking forward to working with them in the days ahead. I also want to thank the women for their efforts in ensuring that they observed the week the best way possible.

Also, within that year the National board was able to meet both physically and virtually in order to ensure that some activities were ongoing despite the limitations of meeting as well as movement. We participated in the program “Adopt a life” that was initiated by the Church to help many people who were affected by COVID-19 pandemic to an extent of not being able to feed their families.

LEAST COIN

We also thank all the parishes that made the effort of forwarding their least coin so that we can continue supporting the 49 girls whom we are sponsoring. We ask for your support in this noble activity of making a difference in the lives of these needy girls as well as mentoring them in becoming great women in future. However, we note with concern that some parishes did not send their last year's least coin and request that they do so because it is a collective responsibility. It is with this same kitty that we use to also support the Ministers children fund amounting to Kshs. 250,000 as well as paying the International least coin annual subscription fee of Kshs. 200,000. Due to our faithfulness in remitting the subscription, The All-African Conference of Churches gave a grant of Kshs. 200,000 to a widow's group in Githogoro slums under P.C.E.A. Evergreen Parish which they used in uplifting their small business of making baskets and liquid detergents.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Last year's World day of Prayers was observed on the 6th March 2020 guided by the theme **“Get up pick up your mat and walk”** from John 5:2-9. We thank all the Guild leaders together with their parish ministers for organizing the prayers and giving the women an opportunity to intercede for our families, Church and the nation. I once again take this opportunity to thank the parishes who forwarded to us their World day of prayer offering which enables us to pay for the production of the following year's World day of prayer programs and any other activity related to acts of mercy.

WOGECT

Our project WOGECT Mombasa still remains afloat despite the challenge of COVID -19 and we thank God for helping us sail through the year knowing for a fact that many hotels were closed due to lack of business. We continue to urge you to support our hotel by encouraging individuals, families and Churches to visit the hotel for meals, accommodation and meetings like retreats and conferences.

2021 GUILD THEME

This year's theme is **“You are my witnesses”** taken from Isaiah 43:10. The theme verse reads *“You are my witnesses, “declares the LORD, “my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he”*. Our Readings will be from, *Isaiah 43: 8-13* and *Acts 1: 6-11*.

God is calling all of us to become faithful witnesses and tell others about God's power and his ability to foretell an event and it happens as opposed to following and believing other foreign gods who do not see, hear or nor do they have the ability to foretell an event. We can only become faithful witnesses when our relationship with God is strong and also by living lives worthy of our calling.

May this theme bring transformation to all who will hear it and may we all rise up and go out and tell others about the God whom we believe in and what he is capable of doing including his power to save people from the bondage of sin.

TRANSITION

I want to take this opportunity to appreciate the outgoing Woman's Guild National Board led by our Chaplain, the Very Rev. Dr Julius Mwamba. Indeed as the pioneer team you did alot in laying the foundation and giving the new reorganisation a face. May the Lord bless you all and continue to use you in your other ministry engagements. At the same time, I wish with great humility to welcome our new Guild Chaplain, the Rt. Rev. Patrick Thegu Mutahi, Moderator 23rd GA together with the new team representing all our five regions. In the words of our 23rd GA theme, we have an opportunity as the new board to give a careful thought in all our ways as we serve in the women ministry. God's blessings to you all.

May you all have a fruitful Guild week and blessings in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ service,

Rev Elizabeth Kimani
Director National Woman's Guild

EXEGESIS OF THE WOMAN'S GUILD THEME 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. We are truly grateful to God that he has allowed us to become participants of yet another Guild week this year 2021. It is true that we all have gone through different challenges in life including the challenge of COVID -19 that has continued to disrupt our lives but all in all God has been on our side for he has preserved our lives.

This year's Woman's Guild theme is, ***YOU ARE MY WITNESSES***. It is drawn from Isaiah 43:10. The theme verse is from Isaiah 43:10a which states that *"You are my witnesses, declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.* The Bible readings will be taken from, Isaiah 43:8-13 and Acts 1:7-11.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:8-13

Introduction

The book of Isaiah is believed to be the first of the writings of the Bible with a central theme of how God relates to his people. Most chapters are believed to have been written by Isaiah the son of Amoz who is considered to be the greatest prophet. Isaiah which means the "Lord saves" began his ministry in 740 BC the year king Uzziah died and he prophesied under four kings of Judah namely Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. He was the prophet of the southern kingdom - Judah whose main message was to call the people of Judah who had turned a deaf ear back to God through repentance. Apart from prophesying about Judah he also made predictions about the coming of Messiah who will bring salvation and give hope to God's people.

The book of Isaiah is divided into two major parts namely:

Chapter 1-39 carries the message of judgement for sin where Isaiah calls Judah to repent their sins and turn back to God. Some of the sins that the people of Judah were guilty of was idolatry and treating her own people in an unjust way.

Chapter 40-66 is also referred to as Second Isaiah and is filled with messages of consolation, hope, forgiveness thus is called a book of comfort. It also foretells a future that is full of blessings through

Messiah whom is describes as both the suffering Servant and a Sovereign Lord.

As earlier indicated, the second part of the book of Isaiah which begins in Chapter 40 had a message of comfort to the people of Judah having been promised that they will return to Jerusalem after completing their time in exile in Babylon. The preceding verses of Isaiah 42:21-25 speaks about God's anger towards the sin of idolatry by the people of Judah which had caused them to be blind as well as deaf.

The tone shifts in Chapter 43 :1-7 where God reaffirms his love for the people of Judah, his deliverance and protection and the plans he has for them in future. He promises to gather and restore them again thus there is no need for them to fear.

In verse 8 & 9 a courts scene is set where Israel and other nations are to appear before God and present their case. First to appear is Israel who are described as blind and deaf. Second to appear are other foreign nations. God is calling the people of Israel to either prove their case or accept God's power. They are to prove why they have gone to the foreign gods who are not able to foretell future events as opposed to God who has foretold events and they have come to pass. They are also to come with witnesses to prove that their turning away from God is justifiable. The purpose to bring witnesses was to bring God's truth in the light.

In verse 10, God affirms to the Israelites that he has chosen them to become his witnesses by telling others that he alone is God and that there is none like him. They were also to witness about his marvelous work in their midst including his mighty power to save for they had witnessed God's power unlike the other gods who cannot do or say anything.

On one hand, it's an honor to be chosen to become God's witnesses but on the other hand it's a huge responsibility to be a witness. You can only be a witness when you know the one you are witnessing about. We need to speak about God from knowledge as well as conviction. We can only know more about God when we deepen our relationship with God through prayer, reading and meditating God's word daily, and believing in his word. Joshua was commanded to read the Book of the law and meditate on it day and night (**Joshua 1:8**).

We become effective witnesses by telling others about what God has done to us, by living godly lives for others to see, by becoming faithful servants in our calling and lastly by touching other people's lives in their hour of need.

We must witness to both our fellow Christians as well as well as the unbelievers and as we do this, we need to be consistent, truthful and bold in what we do and what we profess.

Second Reading: Acts 1:7-11

The book of Acts whose writer is believed to be Luke who is also the author of the gospel of Luke which is commonly known as the second letter of Luke, connects the ministry of Jesus with the work that the apostles continued with after the ascension including the establishment of the Church and how it was governed. The book also gives an account of Paul the apostle who was a devoted companion of Luke thus helping us understand him better even as we read his letters which he wrote to different Churches that he planted in his missionary journeys. The theme of the book is best summarized in Acts 1:8 which states, *"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Luke was writing to Theophilus whom he refers to as the "most excellent" and who might have been both a Roman official and a Christian too. He begins by connecting the book of Luke with the book of Acts whereby the book of Luke describes how the ministry of Jesus began, what he taught and did including his death and resurrection, while the book of Acts describes the ascension of Jesus, the descending of the Holy Spirit to Jesus's followers and how they spread the good news to others.

In Acts Chapter 1:1-5, Luke gives an account of how Jesus spent 40 days after resurrection proving to people that he has resurrected as well as giving his disciples final instructions concerning the kingdom of God. One of the instructions which he gave to the disciples was that they must not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit which His Father had promised and which Jesus kept on telling them about when they were together.

From verse 6 -11, Luke records a conversation between Jesus and his disciples, whom having seen Jesus's triumph over death the disciples from a Jewish perspective hoped that he will deliver them from the Roman rule and restore the kingdom of Israel to its earlier position of power like in the times of King Solomon and King David. This has been the hope of the Jews for many centuries.

Note that Jesus did not answer the question in verse 6 about restoring the kingdom to Israel instead he reminds them that times and seasons are determined by God. He goes ahead to point to them an important matter about the promise of the Holy Spirit who will come upon them and they will receive power that will enable them to become effective witnesses. In the whole book of Acts, Luke shows the importance of the Holy Spirit in witnessing and also in the furtherance of the kingdom of God.

Their witnessing will be Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. Jerusalem was the Holy City which was the home where the temple was build. Judea was the region where Jerusalem was located. Samaria was in the North of Judea where the Samaritans lived while the ends of the earth indicated that witnessing is universal spreading far and wide be it Jews or Gentles. Acts shows how witnessing began in Jerusalem (Chapter 1-7), Judea and Samaria (Chapters 8-12) and how it spread to other parts of the World (Chapters 13-28).

We are called to become witnesses to whoever God brings our way and whenever we have an opportunity to do so with the help of the power of the Holy Spirit. Our spheres of influence in witnessing are extensive because they are both local and universal.

In conclusion, we have been called to become God's witnesses by telling others that God is God and there is none else like him, witnesses of his saving grace and witnesses of his marvelous work to his people. We can only be effective in our witnessing through the power of the Holy Spirit who gives us the courage to do so regardless of the setbacks that comes along as we witness to those around us.

WOMAN'S GUILD YEAR 2021 GUILD WEEK ACTIVITIES

- MONDAY** - Official launching of the Guild week by the Moderator of the 23rd General Assembly Rt. Rev. Thegu Mutahi live on Kirk T.V at 7am.
- All women to gather in the Church for prayers and plan for the activities of the week. The parish minister will to launch the week in your respective parishes.
- TUESDAY** - Practice the theme song and if possible, a skit, a coral verse or any other activities that will help people understand the theme better. Be creative enough to make your presentations memorable.
- WEDNESDAY**- Prayer and Fasting from 6am-6pm. Pray for the lost, that we become effective witnesses, the success of the Guild week, families, Church, nation, and any other item that you will be compelled to pray for.
- THURSDAY** - This will be a day of visiting the needy families, or a children's home and offer encouragement and prayers as well as blessing the family with financial or material gifts as you see appropriate (Acts of mercy)
- FRIDAY** - Engage in communal work that will give you an opportunity to witness to the community around you.
- SATURDAY** - Final day to prepare for Sunday program including doing rehearsals for your presentations
- SUNDAY** - Gather at the Church for worship as guided by the session

Sunday Service Program

- Procession Hymn - *Woman's Guild Theme*
- Opening Hymn - *Holy Holy Holy*
- Call to Worship - *Isaiah 43:10*
- Praise in Worship
- Intercessory Prayers
- Presentations
- Apostles Creed and Prayer for children teens and the youth.
- Brief report on the role of the Woman's Guild in the Church,
Least coin and world day of prayers.
- Offertory/Least Coin and other contributions
- Bible Readings - First Reading- *Isaiah 43: 8-13*
 - Second Reading- *Acts 1: 6-11*
- Hymn -*2021 Theme Song*
- Sermon and prayers for those in need.
- Hymn - *To Go be all glory*
- Benediction
- Recession Hymn - *Woman's Guild Theme song*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE

➤ **Least coin,**

Kindly remember to send your **50%** of your collection as well as the World day of prayer offering to this account below. Remember to indicate the *name of your Parish on the slip.*

PCEA HEAD OFFICE GROUP ACCOUNT,

KCB BANK-MOI AVENUE BRANCH,

ACCOUNT NO.1236566939.

PRICES OF GUILD ITEMS

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| 1. Blue Headscarves | - Ksh 400 |
| 2. Followers Scarves | - Ksh 250 |
| 3. Badges | - Ksh 200 |
| 4. Constitution (Guide Book) | - Ksh 150 |
| 5. Hymn Book | - Ksh 150 |
| 6. Card | -Ksh 50 |

Kindly note that you can only purchase these items at the Head office and payments through the pay bill as indicated below

Account number-704249

Account name – HQ - Name of the Parish.

THEME SONG

ITHUĪ TŪRĪ AIRA A NGAI

1. Jehova nīwe Ngai ūria wama
Na ndagihananio na ngai ingi.
Angiuga ni egwika ūndū, gūtīrī ngaja Niekaga.
Hinya wake nūū ungīhota kuregana naguo?

CHORUS ĩthuĭ ithuothe turī aira ake , na Ndungata cia Ngai,
Tūikare tūī na twītīkītīe,
Ngai witū ni Ngai wa mwanya,
Na gūtīrī kwagia ngai ūngī na gūtīgakorwo na ūngī.

2. Isiraeli maremeire Ngai na magītiga njīra ciake.
magītīwīka itumumu, mationaga uma wake.
magītūīka itaigua, matiaiguaga mugambo wake.
Tūtīgatiganīrie Ngai witū, ta ciana cia isiraeli.
3. Ni Ngai irīkū ciacio ingīhota
kuratha maudu na kuhingia?
aira ao mari kūū monanie ati urathi wao niwahingire.
Jehova Ngai nowe wiki ugaga, naakahingia.
4. Nitūhetūo Roho wa Ngai na hinya wake twīnaguo.
Niatuheaga ucamba na uhoti mwingi ma.
Wa gūkorwo aira Ngai na kuhunjia uhoro wake.
Jerusalemu, Judea Samaria na thī yothe.

UJUMBE KUTOKA KWA MKURUGENZI WA KIKUNDI CHA KINA MAMA WA KIPRESBITARI (WOMAN'S GUILD).

Pokea salamu katika jina la Bwana wetu Yesu Kristu; neema na amani ya Mungu Baba yetu na Mwokozi wetu Yesu Kristu. Twamtukuza Mungu kwa umbali huu tumefika, kweli amekuwa mweza yote (Ebenezer). Japo tunaishi katika siku zilizojaa matatizo mengi Mungu hajatuacha, amekuwa mwaminifu, kutuhifadhi na kutupatia mahitaji yetu.

Ni kweli kwamba mwaka uliopita wa 2020 ulikuwa mgumu kwa sababu ya ugonjwa wa covid-19 uliovuruga mipango na maisha yetu. Watu wengi walipoteza kazi na biashara kudidimia. Watu wengi waliambukizwa virusi hivi wakiwemo wanachama wetu hata kuiaga dunia. Kwa hivyo ni vyema kuendelea kuombea familia hizo husika.

Mbali na changamoto hizi Mungu ametunenea kupitia kwa maudhui 'Usisahau Bwana Mungu wako" Kutoka 8:11-20 tukikumbushwa kutazama nyuma na kuhesabu baraka na hivyo tuwe na shukrani kwa yale Mungu ametutenda tunashauriwa kuwa wanyenyekevu hata tunapoinuliwa kutoka utukufu hadi mwingine.

Japo hatukuweza kukutana na kusherehekea Juma la kina mama (Guild week) kama miaka iliyotangulia, bado tulizipitia shughuli hizo za juma vile tungeweza kupitia njia mbalimbali za kimitambo pamoja na runinga yetu ya Kirk Tv ambayo imepeperusha shughuli na mipango yetu tuliyokuwa tumepanga wiki hiyo. Shukrani zetu ni kwa Kirk Tv kwa msaada huo na tunapania kuendelea na ushirika huo hata siku zijazo. Ningependa pia kushukuru kina mama wanachama wetu kote kwa bidii yao kuhakikisha juma hilo na shughuli zote ziliendelea kama ilivyopangwa.

Pia halmashauri ya kimataifa iliweza kukutana mwaka huo hata kimtandao kuhakikisha shughuli ziliendelea pamoja na kuzingatiwa mikatale iliyowekwa ya kuzuia watu kuenda na kujumuika. Tulishiriki vilevile katika programu ya 'Adopt a life' iliyoanzishwa na kanisa kuwasaidia watu wetu waliokuwa wameathiriwa na janga la covid-19 hata kushindwa kukimu jamii zao.

SARAFU DOGO

Tunashukuru parokia zote zilizofanya juhudi kutuma msaada huu ili kutuwezesha kuendelea kusaidia kufadhili wale wasichana 49. Tunaomba mwendelee kutuma msaada huu ili kazi njema ya kubadilisha maisha ya wasichana hawa kwa kuwashauri na kuwapa tumaini la kuwa watu wa kuheshimika siku za baadaye iweze kuendelea. Zile parokia ambazo hazikutuma sarafu hii mwaka jana zinapaswa kutuma ili sote kufanikisha mpango huu. Kumbuka kwamba kwa msaada huu wa sarafu dogo tunagharamia watoto wa wachungaji kwa shilingi 250,000 na pia kulipa kiwango cha shilingi 200,000 ada ya kila mwaka kwa kundi la kimataifa la sarafu dogo. Kutokana na uaminifu wetu wa kulipa ada hii, kongamano la makanisa yote ya kiafrika (All African conference of churches) walituma ruzuku ya shilingi 200,000 kwa kikundi cha wajane wa mtaa wa Githogoro chini ya parokia ya P.C.E.A Evergreen pesa. Zilizotumiwa kuinua biashara zao ndogo za usukaji vikapu na kutengeneza sabuni owevu.

SIKU YA MAOMBI YA ULIMWENGU.

Siku ya maombi ya dunia mwaka jana ilikuwa tarehe Machi 2020 na maudhui ya 'Inuka chukua mkeka wako utembe' kutoka Yohana 5:2-9. Tunashukuru viongozi wote wa kina mama na kikundi chetu pamoja na mchungaji kwa kupanga maombi hayo na kuwapa kina mama mwanya wa kuombea familia, makanisa na taifa letu. Kwa mara nyingine nashukuru parokia zote zilizotuma matokeo yao ya siku ya maombi ya dunia na kutuwezesha kulipa programu ya siku ya ulimwengu wa maombi na mipango mingine ya onyesho la huruma.

WOGECT

Mradi wetu wa Wogect ungali imara japo kumekuwa na changamoto zilizotokana na janga la covid-19. Sisi tunakushukuru Mungu kwa kutuwezesha kuendelea na biashara huku hoteli nyinginezo zikifunga biashara. Twawaomba mwendelee kuishikilia hoteli yetu kwa kuhamasisha watu, familia na makanisa kutembelea hoteli yetu kwa vyakula, malazi na mikutano mbalimbali hata kongamano.

MAUDHUI YA GUILD 2021

Maudhui ya mwaka huu ni 'Ninyi mu mashahidi wangu' kutoka Isaya 43 :10. Mstari wasoma 'Mwenyezi Mungu asema hivi;Nyinyi Waisraeli ni mashahidi wangu;niliwachagua muwe watumishi wangu,mpate kunijua nakuniamini kwamba ndimi peke yangu Mungu.

Masomo yetu yanatoka:

Isaya 43:8-13 na Matendo ya Mitume 1:6-11.

Mungu anatuita sote kuwa mashahidi waaminifu wa kuwaambia wengine kuhusu uwezo wake mkuu wa kutabiri mambo na kutimia kinyume na kufuata na kuamini miungu ya kigeni isiyoona kusikia wala kutabiri kuhusu jambo lolote. Hili lawezekana iwapo tutakuwa na uhusiano imara na Kristu na kwa kuishi maisha yanayolingana na mwito wetu. Ombi letu ni kuwa maudhui haya yalete mabadiliko kwa wote watakaopokea na sote tuamke twende tukawambie watu wengine wote juu ya Mungu huyu tunayeamini na yale awezayo kutenda pamoja na kuwaeleza uwezo wake wa kuokoa watu kutoka utumwa wa dhambi.

MPITO

Nachukua nafasi hii kushukuru bodi yetu ya kina mama wa guild ikiongozwa na kinara Rev Dr. Julius Mwamba. Ni kweli kwamba kama watangulizi mlifanya kazi kubwa ya kuweka msingi imara kuipa sura mpya mipangilio ya mambo. Mungu awabariki na aendele kuwatumia katika huduma nyinginezo. Vilevile ningependa kwa heshima kubwa kumkaribisha kinara mpya wa guild Rev Patrick T. Mutahi Modereta wa kikao cha ishirini na tatu pamoja na timu inayowakilisha maeneo yetu yote matano. Kama ilivyo katika maneno ya maudhui ya kikao hicho cha ishirini na tatu, sisi kama bodi mpya tuna nafasi ya kuwazia nyendo zetu vyema tunapoitumikia huduma hii ya kina mama.

Mungu awabariki nyote . Nawatakia juma nzuri lenye mafanikio na baraka za Mungu katika siku zijazo.

Wako katika huduma ya Kristu...

Rev Elizabeth Kimani.

Mkurugenzi Wa Kikundi Cha Kina Mama wa Kipresbitari

UFAFANUZI WA UJUMBE WA JUMA LA USHIRIKA WA KINA MAMA WA MWAKA WA 2021.

Pokea salamu katika jina la Yesu Kristo. Tuna shukrani nyingi kwa Mungu kwa kutupa kibali kuwa washiriki katika juma hili la Guild mwaka huu wa 2021. Ni kweli kwamba sote tumepitia katika changamoto nyingi katika maisha ikiwemo ya ugonjwa wa korona, ambao umeendelea kubughudhi maisha yetu lakini kwa yote Mungu amekuwa upande wetu na kutuhifadhi.

Maudhui ya “Woman’s Guild mwaka huu ni *“ninyi mu mashahidi wangu”* kutoka Isaya 43:10 na mstari wa mkazo ni Isaya 43:10a unaosema: “Ninyi ni mashahidi wangu, asema BWANA, na mtumishi niliyemchagua; mpate kujua, na kuniamini, na kufahamu ya kuwa mimi ndiye”

Masomo ya Bibilia Isaya 43;8-13 na Matendo ya Mitume 1:7-11.

Somo la kwanza: Isaya 43:8-13

UTANGULIZI

Kitabu cha Isaya kinaaminika kuwa cha kwanza katika uandishi wa Bibilia kikibeba kitovu cha maudhui ya jinsi Mungu anavyohusiana na watu wake.

Sura nyingi zikiaminika kuandikwa na Isaya mwana wa Amози anayechukuliwa kuwa ndiye nabii mkuu. Isaya likitafsiriwa linamaanisha ‘Bwana anaokoa’. Alianza huduma yake mwaka wa 740 kabla kuzaliwa kwa Kristu mwaka ambao Mfalme Uziah alikufa. Isaya alitabiri katika kipindi cha utawala wa wafalme wanne wa Yuda –Uzziah, Jothamu ,Ahazu na mfalme Hezekia. Alikuwa nabii wa ufalme wa kusini yaani Yuda na ujumbe wake mkuu ukiwa kuwaita watu wa Yuda waliokuwa wamekaidi ili kumrudia Mungu kwa toba. Mbali na unabii wake kuhusu Yuda pia alitabiri juu ya kuja kwa Messia ambaye angeleta wokovu na kuwapa watu wa Mungu tumaini.

Kitabu cha unabii wa Isaya kinagawika sehemu mbili kuu :-

Sura ya 1 -39 hutoa ujumbe wa hukumu ya dhambi huku Isaya akiwaita watu wa Yuda kutubu dhambi zao na kumgeukia Mungu. Baadhi ya dhambi za watu wa Yuda ilikuwa kuabudu miungu na kuwanyima haki watu wake.

Sura ya 40-66 Pia huitwa Isaya wa pili na zimekolezwa jumbe za kufariji ,matumaini na msamaha na hivyo kuitwa kitabu cha matulizo. Vilevile hubashiri mwisho uliojaa baraka kupitia kwa Messia anayeelezwa kama

mtumishi anayepitia machungu lakini pia mfalme mkuu aliyetukuka.

Kama ilivyotajwa hapo awali sehemu ya pili ya kitabu cha Isaya kutoka sura ya 40 ilikuwa na ujumbe wa faraja kwa watu wa Yuda kwa ahadi ya marejeo yao Yerusalemu baada ya kipindi cha utumwa wao Babuloni. Mistari inayotangulia ya Isaya 42:21-25 inazungumzia hasira za Mungu kutokana na dhambi ya ibada za miungu iliyotendwa na watu wa Yuda na kuwafanya viziwi na vipofu.

Kiimbo kinabadilika katika sura ya 43:1-7 ambapo Mungu anathibitisha mapenzi yake kwa watu wa Yuda, ukombozi, ulinzi na mawazo yake kuhusu maisha yao ya baadaye.

Anaahidi kuwakusanya na kuwarejesha tena kwa hivyo wasiogope.

Katika mstari wa 8-9 mfano wa mandhari ya korti unatokea Israeli na mataifa mengine yakijiwasilisha mbele za Mungu kujitetea. Israeli anatangulia; anaelezwa kama kipofu na kiziwi kisha mataifa yale mengine ya kigeni yakifuata. Mungu anawataka Israeli kudhibitisha shtaka dhidi yao au kukubali nguvu za Mungu. Wanatakiwa kueleza kwa nini waligeukia miungu mingine isiyoweza kuwatabiria kesho yao na kumwacha Mungu wao aliyewajulisha yote yatakayokuja na wakaona yakitimia.

Walitakiwa pia waje na mashahidi wao kudhibitisha kama kumgeuka Mungu ilikuwa haki. Sababu ya kuwaleta mashahidi ilikuwa kuuweka wazi ukweli wa Mungu. Katika mstari wa 10, Mungu anahakikishia Israeli kwamba amewachagua kuwa mashahidi wake kwa kuwaeleza watu wengine kuwa yeye pekee yake ndiye Mungu na kwamba hakuna mwingine kama yeye. Walitarajiwa pia washuhudie kuhusu matendo yake ya ajabu aliyotenda kati yao na uwezo wake mkuu wa kuokoa waliokuwa wamejionea kinyume na miungu mingine ambayo haina uwezo wa kutenda lolote.

Kwa upande mmoja ni heshima kubwa kuchaguliwa kuwa mashahidi wa Mungu lakini pia ni jukumu kubwa kuwa shahidi wake. Inabidi kwanza umjue Mungu ili kuweza kumshuhudia. Tunapaswa kuzungumza kuhusu Mungu kutokana na kumjua na kumwelewa. Tunaweza kujua mengi kuhusu Mungu iwapo tutakuza uhusiano wetu na yeye kupitia maombi, kusoma, kutafakari na kuliadini neno la Mungu kila siku. Yoshua aliamriwa kusoma kitabu na kuzitafakari sheria zake mchana na usiku. (Joshua 1: 8).

Tunakuwa mashahidi wakamilifu tunapowaeleza wengine kuhusu yale Mungu ametutendea, kuishi maisha ya kiungu ili wengine wapate kutuona

na kuwa watumishi waaminifu katika mwito wetu kwa kugusa maisha ya watu wakati wao wa uhitaji mkuu. Inatubidi kushuhudia habari njema sio tu kwa wakristu wenzetu bali pia kwa wasioamini na tunapofanya haya tunahitaji kuwa wazingativu, wakweli na wenye ujasiri kwa yale tunayohubiri na kuyatenda.

Somo La Pili: Matendo Ya Mitume 1:7-11

Kitabu hiki cha Matendo ya mitume kinaaminika kiliandikwa Na Luka ambaye pia aliandika injili ya Luka, pia huitwa barua ya pili ya Luka. Kitabu hiki hushirikisha huduma ya Yesu Kristu na matendo ambayo mitume waliendelea kutenda baada ya Yesu kupaa mbinguni pamoja na kuanzisha kanisa na utaratibu wa kuziongoza.

Kitabu cha matendo ya mitume vilevile hufafanua huduma ya Mtume Paulo aliyekuwa rafiki wa karibu wa Luka na hivyo kutusaidia kumwelewa vizuri hata tunapozisoma barua alizoandikia makanisa mbalimbali katika safari zake za kuhubiri injili. Maudhui ya kitabu cha Matendo Ya Mitume yamefupishwa katika mlango wa 1:8 unaosema:”Mtakuwa mashahidi wangu Yerusalemu, Judea na Samaria na katika ulimwengu wote.”

Luka anamwaandikia Theofila ambaye anamtaja kama “aliyekamilika sana” na ambaye kuna uwezekano alikuwa afisaa wa kirumi lakini mkristu pia.

Katika kitabu cha Luka tunafahamu huduma ya Yesu ilivyoanza, yale mafunzo aliyofundisha na matendo yake hata katika kifo cha msalaba na kufufuka. Kitabu cha Matendo Ya Mitume kwa upande mwingine kinafahamisha kuhusu kupaa kwa Yesu kwenda mbinguni na kushuka kwa Roho Mtakatifu kwa wafuasi wa Yesu na vile walivyoitangaza habari njema kwa watu wengine.

Katika Matendo Ya Mitume sura ya 1:1-5, Luka anaeleza vile Yesu alitumia siku arobaini baada ya kufufuka kuwathibitishia watu kuwa kafufuka na vile aliwapa wafuasi wake maagizo ya mwisho kuhusu ufalme wa Mungu. Aliwashurutisha kutotoka Yerusalemu lakini wakawie hadi wapokee karama ya Roho Mtakatifu; ahadi ya Mungu baba alivyoahidi kama alivyowaambia Yesu mara kwa mara walipokuwa pamoja.

Kutoka mstari wa 6 hadi 11, Luka amenakili mazungumzo kati ya Yesu na

wafuasi wake ambao baada ya kuona Yesu alivyoshinda kifo na mauti, wao katika mtazamo wa wayahudi angewakomboza kutoka kwa utawala wa Kirumi na kurejesha utawala wa Israeli kama ilivyokuwa katika enzi za Mfalme Suleimani na Daudi. Hili limebaki kama tamani la Wayahudi kwa karne nyingi.

Kumbuka kuwa yesu hakuwajibu swali walilomuuliza, baadala yake aliwakumbusha kuwa saa na majira ni ya Mwenyezi Mungu. Anaendelea mbele na kuwajulisha jambo ambalo ni la muhimu zaidi nalo ni ahadi ya Roho Mtakatifu atakayewashukia na kuwapa nguvu zitakazowafanya kuwa mashahidi walioimarika. Katika kitabu kizima cha Matendo Ya Mitume Luka anadhihirisha umuhimu wa Roho Mtakatifu katika kushuhudia na kueneza habari njema ya ufalme wa Mungu.

Ushuhuda wao ulipaswa kuanza Yerusalemu, Yudea, Samaria na kisha katika maeneo yote ya ulimwengu; Yerusalemu ni mji mtakatifu mahali Hekalu ilikuwa imejengwa. Yudea ulikuwa mkoa ambao mji wa Yerusalemu ulijengwa. Samaria nayo ilikuwa ni eneo kaskazini mwa Yudea walikoishi wasamaria na mwisho wa ulimwengu ulimaanisha habari njema ilikuwa ya ulimwengu wote iwe Wayahudi au Wayunani. Uenezaji injili unadhihirishwa na kitabu hiki kuwa ulianza Yerusalemu (sura 1-7) kisha Yudea na Samaria (sura 8:1-2) na vile ilivyoenea hadi sehemu nyinginezo za ulimwengu (sura 13-28)

Tumeitwa kuwa mashahidi kwa wote ambao Mungu anawaleta kwetu na pia kwa wakati wote ambapo tupatapo nafasi ya kushuhudia tukiwezesha na Roho Mtakatifu. Kwa hivyo tuna maeneo makubwa ya kushuhudia habari njema kwa majirani na watu wa mataifa.

Kwa muhtasari, tumeitwa kuwa mashahidi wa Mungu kwa kuwaambia wengine kuwa Mungu ni Mungu na hakuna mwingine kama yeye. Tuwe mashahidi wa neema yake inayookoa na mashahidi wa matendo yake ya maajabu kwa watu wake. Hili linawezekana tu iwapo tutategemea nguvu za Roho Mtakatifu anayetupa ujasiri wa kufanya hivyo bila kujali matatizo tunayopitia katika kufanya hivi kutoka kwa wale wa karibu nasi na kwa wale watupingao.

RATIBA YA SHUGHULI ZA WIKI YA KINA MAMA WA GUILD MWAKA 2021

- JUMATATU** Uzinduzi rasmi wa wiki ya washiriki wa Guild na Msimamizi Mkuu wa kongomano la 23 la PCEA, Mchungaji Thegu Mutahi, Kirk T.V saa moja asubuhi.
- Kinamama wote kukusanyika Kanisani kwa maombi na kupanga shughuli za juma. Mchungaji wa parokia atazindua wiki katika parokia yake.
- JUMANNE** Kujizoesha wimbo wa lengo na ikiwezekana, mchezo mfupi wa kuigiza, aya ya matumbawe au shughuli zingine zozote ambazo zitasaidia watu kuelewa mada vizuri.
- Muwe wabunifu ili kufanya mawasilisho yenu yawe ya kukumbukwa.
- JUMATANO** Maombi na Kufunga kutoka saa kumi na mbili alfajiri mpaka saa kumi na mbili jioni. Tunawaoomba waliopotea, tunaomba ili tuwe mashahidi imara, mafanikio ya wiki ya Kikundi cha Guild, familia, Kanisa, taifa, na kitu kingine chochote ambacho utalazimika kuomba.
- ALHAMISI** Hii itakuwa siku ya kutembelea familia zenye mahitaji, au nyumba ya watoto yatima na kuomba nao na kuwatia-moyo na vile vile kubariki familia kwa zawadi, kifedha au vitu kama unavyoona inafaa (Matendo ya huruma).
- IJUMAA** Shiriki katika kazi ya pamoja ambayo itakupa nafasi ya kushuhudia hasaa jamii jirani
- JUMAMOSI** Siku ya mwisho kujiandaa kwa mpango wa Jumapili ikiwa ni pamoja na kufanya mazoezi ya maonyesho yenu.
- JUMAPILI** Watu wakusanyike Kanisa kwa ibada ya Jumapili.

Mpangilio wa Ibada ya Jumapili

- Wimbo wa Kuingia kwa Ibada - Mada ya Chama cha Guild
- Wimbo wa Kufungua - Mtakatifu Mtakatifu Mtakatifu
- Wito wa Ibada- Isaya 43:10
- Sifa katika Ibada
 - Maombezi
 - Wasilisho la Guild (wimbo, uigizaji au aya)
 - Imani ya Mitume na Maombi kwa watoto na vijana.
 - Ripoti fupi juu ya jukumu la Chama cha Guild katika Kanisa, Toleo la Sarafu dogo na siku ya sala ya ulimwengu mzima
 - Matoleo / Toleo la Sarafu dogo na michango mingine
 - Usomaji wa Biblia-
 - Somo la Kwanza- Isaya 43: 8-13
 - Somo la Pili - Matendo 1: 6-11
- Wimbo - Wimbo wa Maudhui wa 2021
- Mahubiri na maombi kwa wale wenye mahitaji.
- Wimbo – Mungu Atukuzwe
- Baraka
- Wimbo wa Kumaliza Ibada - Mada ya Chama cha Guild

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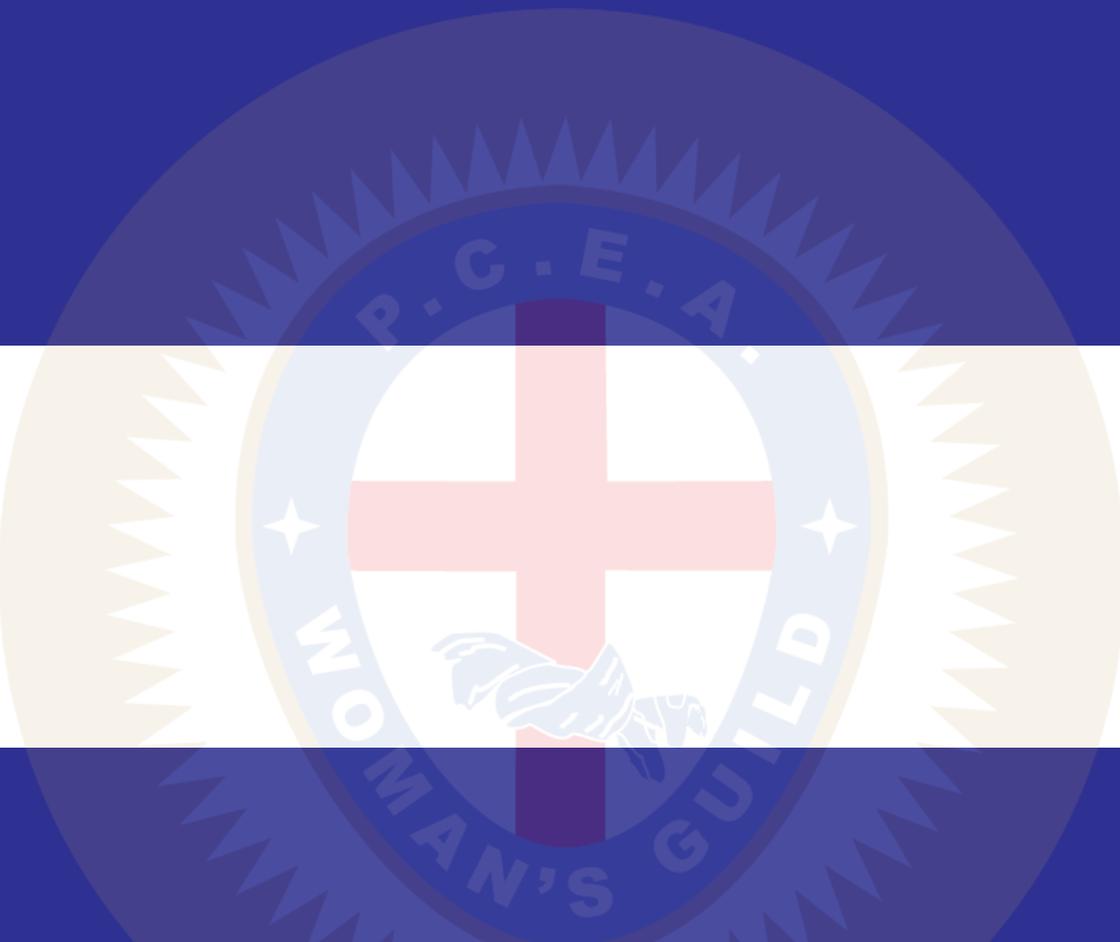
SISI NI MASHAHIDI WA MUNGU.

1. Mwenyezi Mungu ni Mungu pekee.
kamwe halinganishwi na mwingine.
Akisema atatenda kweli atatenda.
Nguvu zake nani awezae kamwe kuzuia?

CHORUS Sisi ni mashahidi na tena watumishi wa Mungu.
Tupate kujua na kuamini yeye pekee ndie Mungu.
Kabla yake hakuna mwingine na hakutakuwepo
mwingine.

- 2 .Wanaisraeli walimwasi Mungu na kuziacha njia zake.
wakawa viziwi wasisikie sauti yake.
wakawa vipofu wasiuone ukweli wake.
tusiwaige kwa kumuacha huyu Mungu wetu.
3. Nani katika miungu Mwingine anao uwezo?
kutangaza yatakayotukia na kutimiza?
wako wapi mashahidi wao wathibitisha?
Jehova Mungu ndie pekee anaetimiza
4. Roho wa Bwana yu nasi nguvu zake tunazo.
Anatupa ujasiri Nguvu na uwezo.
kuwa mashahidi wa kweli kueneza neno lake.
Yerusalem Yudea, samaria na dunia yote.





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