

PCMF WEEK PROGRAMME

4TH – 10TH November



2024

**Theme: “Clothed
for Noble Service”**

Zechariah 3:4 & Colossians
3:12 – ‘I will cloth you
with pure vestments.’



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN



Praise the Lord, I welcome you to our PCMF week 2024. From our Old Testament text in Zachariah 3, we see the vision of high priest Joshua in tattered clothes at the altar. The original intention of this vision was to foretell the revival of the Jewish state after its long depression through the Babylonian captivity.

Joshua, the high-priest, with his tattered garments, should be looked upon as the type of the Jewish people in their deep distress. He was ministering before the Lord in worn and filthy garments, to show the sin of Israel and the poverty into which they had fallen; they were so that the service of God could not be conducted in acceptable standards. The high priest himself appeared before the altar in robes unfitted for his sacred work. The set time to favor Zion is according to the visions was at hand. The angel of the Lord rebuked Satan who was blocking this opportunity. He begins to bless the people and Joshua, their representative, receives a change of garments, in testimony that the people's sin is forgiven, and that God accepts their worship and their service.

At the same breadth, the reading in Colossians 3 encourages Christians to embrace newness that has come from their conversion so as to be true servants of God. As new creatures in Christ, Paul encourages them to put off the old self and put on the new self in order to serve effectively.

As we embark on another year of service, we can note the following.

1. We cannot serve God in our old ways, we need to be changed and transformed. Anytime we stand before God with our own intellect we appear as the priest with tattered garments and our worship and service may not be well accomplished.
2. Our adversary will do all he can for us to remain in tattered clothes so that our worship and service remain down but thanks be to God that we have an advocate who rebukes the devil and clothes us with new garments for service.
3. We must take it upon ourselves to walk in newness, we can't afford to remain in the past. Our future is now defined through Christ. From where I seat, my prayer is that this message will touch every PCMF member to desire to be CLOTHED FOR NOBLE SERVICE as we enjoin with the whole church in saying...We will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

Rev. David Muthui
Chairman PCMF board.



MESSAGE FROM THE PCMF DIRECTOR

Receive greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God for the progress made this far, through the Presbyterian Men Fellowship in Congregations, Parishes, and

Presbyteries. We have been guided by the theme of **PCMF @ 50 and beyond**, *“More opportunities to conquer,”* Joshua 13:1.



From an overview reflection on achievements, we congratulate Parishes for more recruitment of men both YPCMF and the senior fathers into PCMF witnessed in admissions, dedications, and commissioning done in the year. More has been on mentorship of young men, and the Rite of Passage of boys as a process and not an event conducted at the end of every year.

The PCMF Week 2024 will center on the theme of the 24th General Assembly, **"We will serve the Lord."** Building on this, the PCMF has adopted a sub-theme, **"Clothed for Noble Service,"** inspired by Zechariah 3:1-10 and Colossians 3:1-15. Key verses for the week are Zechariah 3:4b **"I will cloth you with pure vestments"**.

Zachariah's 4th vision recorded in Zachariah 3:1-10 saw Joshua the High Priest standing in dirty clothes. Joshua is a representation of the remnant people of God after captivity who had to undertake the work of rebuilding the Temple and the Nation. He and the people needed to be cleaned from their sin.

Suppose you have been working on your car and you are covered with dirt and grease, then your wife is inside working on a new ceremonial dress, she calls out to you for help to get the zipper up on the back of the new white dress. How can you possibly help in such a situation?

This hypothetical situation is a picture of a more serious matter. The serious matter is, how can defiled sinners like us serve a Holy God?

God by His grace reestablishes forgiveness so that we are not guilty and haunted by our tainted past. We are all recommended for daily spiritual laundry service.

Satan accuses Joshua like a prosecutor (Job: 1:6-2, Revelation 12:10). God's love and mercy is the game changer. Joshua is not dismissed but an operation is done to have the filthy clothes removed and new pure priests' vestments are given. God's people, the remnants brought back from exile are likened with a stick removed from the fire (Zachariah 3:2). God's forgiveness gives way for acceptance in the noble service (Zachariah 3:4-5).

We cannot be able to serve God with our self-righteousness for it is like filthy rags before God (Isaiah 64:6). God takes away our sins and clothes us with righteousness through the exchange on the cross. Jesus took our sins and in exchange gave us His righteousness by imputation, (2 Corinthians 5:21).

LESSONS

- To be clothed with new garments is a graphic representation of spiritual restoration. Beloved in the Lord, all we need is spiritual restoration, "for all have sinned and fallen short of His glory, and all sins forgiven freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ," Romans 3:23-24.

- From Colossians 3:1-15 Paul tells us of the new nature realizing God's love and forgiveness which in turn helps to love and forgive others.
- The signs of old clothing for service which we must get rid of is characterized with anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, dirty language and lying.
- To take up noble service, we MUST cooperate with God and receive the new glorious uniform.
- To be of noble service, we must accept God's counsel and walk in the ways of God, then we get the right of access into God's presence (Zachariah 3:7). (Authority is restored).
- When clothed with God's righteousness, we become witnesses and a sign of the return of the Messiah. (Zachariah 3:8)

Take away strategy for day to day life of a noble servant: -

1. Imitate Christ's compassionate forgiving attitude.
2. Let love guide your life.
3. Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.
4. Always be thankful (3:15)
5. Let us be clothed in transformed mindset (Romans 12:2).

As soldiers of Jesus Christ, we must be clothed with the full armor to conquer more spiritual opportunities. (Ephesians 6:11-12)

We can learn from Jesus the servant leader per excellence, when he clothed for humble service and washed His disciples' feet (John 13:5-10).



Taking up the response “We will serve the Lord and “we are clothed for noble service,” we derive the following lessons on our call to servanthood (When He calls, I will be somewhere working for the Lord): -

1. Serving God is selfless not self-centered (Numbers 15:39).
2. Servanthood shows us the great purpose of living (Mathew 16:25)
3. Servanthood leads to greatness (Mathew 23:11-12).
4. Servanthood must give up some of your rights (Philippians 2:5-11).

Note: The state of the nation, families and the Church calls for re-clothing to get better services.

- Clothing in our mindset
- Clothing in our attitude
- Clothing in our priorities

Rev. Henry G. Kaira
PCMF Director



MESSAGE BY THE PATRON

Christians ought to appear before God, in the church, and in the world dressed up with garments of righteousness. When we fall into sin we must realize that we are naked. Surprisingly we may be wearing good or very expensive clothes while in sin, however appear spiritually and morally naked before God.



The book of Zechariah 3:1-10 presents Joshua who was a high priest, dressed in filthy clothes before the angel of the Lord. The angel in response gave instructions “take away the filthy clothes which this man is wearing” (v.4). All the unrepented sin causes us to appear as naked, or wearing filthy clothes implying sinfulness.

Naturally we clothe ourselves:

- To cover our nakedness
- To cover for bodily warmth
- For beauty and admirable physical adornment
- We wear clothes for special reasons such as having uniforms or for purposes of identifications.

Clothes imply many things depending on who is wearing them and the purpose why we have them. However, those clothes must be neat, not torn or worn improperly.

The meaning of “clothing” in the Bible can be stretched out to pin to more than covering the physical body only.

So, clothing is also directed to point to the inner spiritual beauty and integrity beyond the literal meaning. People clothe to appear metaphorically like somebody who is their model. Take this examples, “rather clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and do not think to gratify the desire of sinful nature”(Romans 13:14)

Like Adam and Eve , we realize we are naked , or having filthy clothes every time we fall into sin. Sin means trespassing and therefore defiling our social spiritual garments. This metaphor of being re-clothed can also imply being filled with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12). That points to both in our facial appearance and the qualities coming from within us to depict the true picture of:

- Our sincere transformation
- The outflow of the Holy Spirit’s fruits through us.

P.C.M.F and everybody else, have been called to appear neatly and smartly clothed for noble life and services. In Genesis 35:2-3, Jacob ordered members of his household to get rid of the foreign gods and purify themselves by changing their dirty clothes, then to come to the altar which was set for them.

Wearing clean clothes emphasizes the importance of observing strictly the ‘inner self-life’ the unfading beauty of the gentle and quiet spirit in God’s sight.

Do not wear clothes (your uniform) to cover known or unknown sins. Do not use clothes as masks, or as aprons or bandages to cover what you do not want exposed.

God’s people who are redeemed, must reflect Christ, and be smart and clean both inwardly and outwardly.

In Zechariah 3:3-4 the angel of the Lord said, when Joshua , the priest appeared, he was truly wearing filthy clothes: and so the angel instructed him to “take off his filthy clothes.” P.C.M.F men, the same order is said to us now.

We have no arguments .no excuses, nor any justification if our clothes are dirty let us take them out.

Then be clothed for noble life and services. This is our wake up call.

- Clothe yourself with splendor.... Psalms 45:3-6
- Clothe yourself with strength.... Isaiah 52:1
- Clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus.....Romans 13:14
- Clothe yourself with compassion.... Colossians 3:12
- Clothe yourself with humility..... 1 Peter 5:5

Now this year and in the future before us we hope to see men clothed for God’s glory, serving and praising Him. You too, shall make this remark.

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord , my soul shall exalt in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness as a bridegroom adorns himself with garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels” (Isaiah 61:10 the Amplified bible)

**Clothed for noble life and service,
The Very Rev. Dr. Jesse K. Kamau
Fellow- Serviceman
PCMF - Patron**



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Order of Activities

Sunday 3rd November 2024

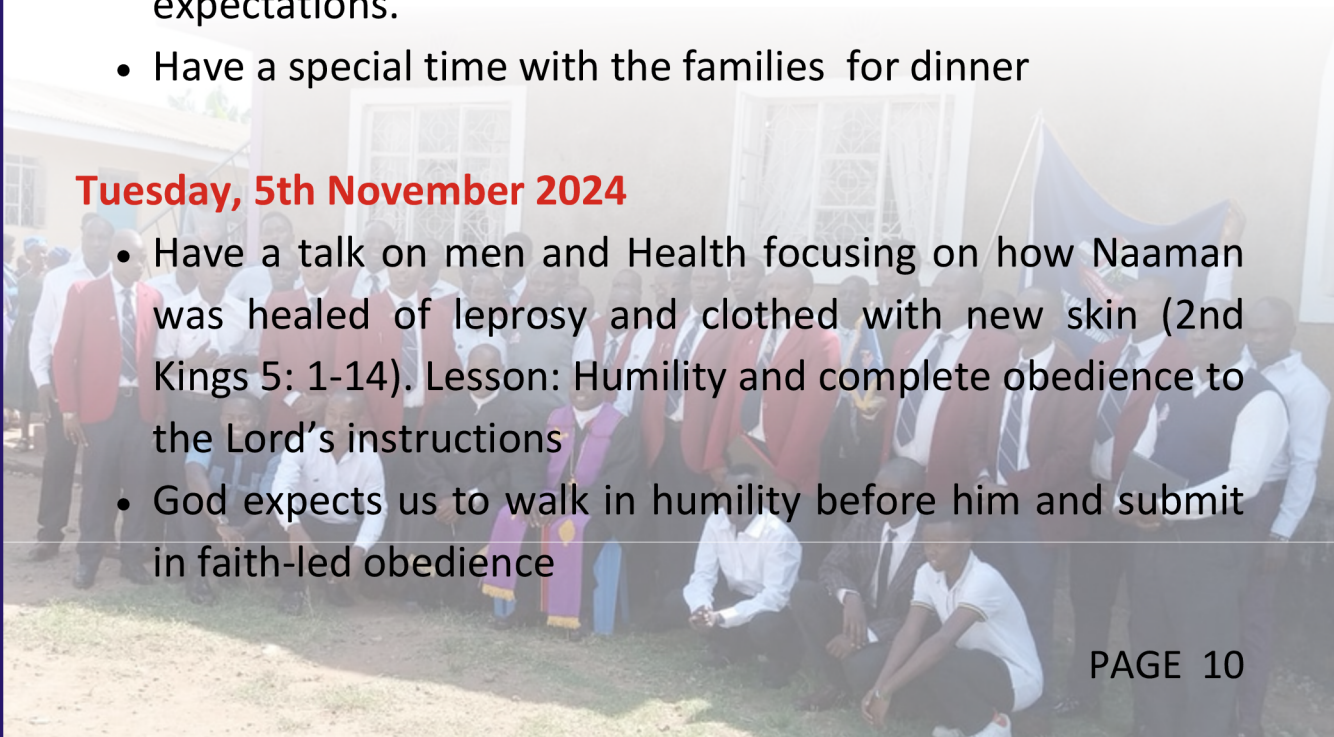
- **Official Launch of PCMF Week by Rt. Rev Thegu Mutahi (Moderator of 24th GA)**
- Pre-notice and program overview at local churches.

Monday 4th November 2024

- All men meet for prayers in the church for the official Launch by Parish Minister or congregational Patron.
- Discuss and plan the activities for the whole week and expectations.
- Have a special time with the families for dinner

Tuesday, 5th November 2024

- Have a talk on men and Health focusing on how Naaman was healed of leprosy and clothed with new skin (2nd Kings 5: 1-14). Lesson: Humility and complete obedience to the Lord's instructions
- God expects us to walk in humility before him and submit in faith-led obedience



Wednesday 6th November 2024

- Have an outreach mission to the Hospitals, chiefs camps, prison or any other institution. Plant trees or do an environmental cleanup.

Thursday 7th November 2024

- Plan a visit to pray with the senior citizens above 80 years and the sick in your area.

Friday 8th November 2024

- Have a dinner with a message or bonfire with fathers and son to have a man talk as you review the mentorship process (Malachi 4:6)

Saturday 9th November 2024

- Have a prayer breakfast and clean up the church compound
- Finalize the plan for Sunday and duty allocations
- Practice a Hymn or a song for presentation

Sunday 10th November 2024 - ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Hymn
2. Call to worship (Zachariah 3:4)
3. Praise in Worship
4. Intercessory Prayer
5. Children/Youth Moment (Apostles Creed)
6. Presentations (Choirs)
7. Intimations/Notices
8. Brief report from PCMF (week summary, annual activities, achievements, support for PCMF work and way forward for 2025)
9. Scripture Reading: 1: OT. Zechariah 3: 1-10.
2: NT. Colossians 3: 1-12
10. Hymn: Have you been to Jesus, Wamwendea Yesu
11. Sermon
12. Tithe and offering
13. Hymn
14. Benediction
15. Recession to vestry (Stand up, stand up for Jesus)

HYMN

**Wamwendea Yesu kwa kusafiwa,
(Have you been to Jesus for the Cleansing Power)**

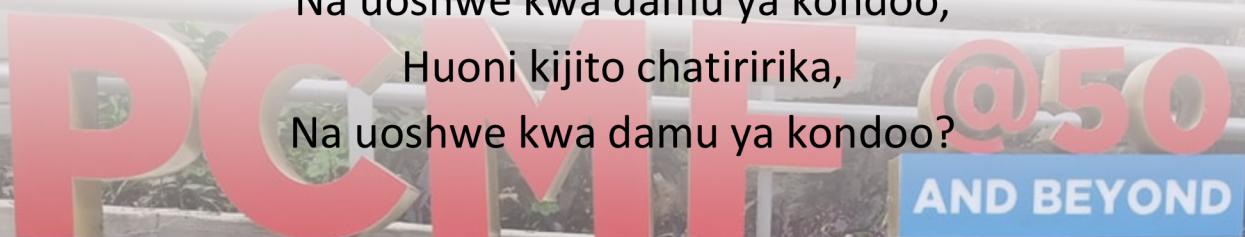
Wamwendea Yesu kwa kusafiwa,
Na kuoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo?
Je, neema yake umemwagiwa?
Umeoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo?

Kuoshwa, kwa damu,
Itutakasayo ya kondoo,
Ziwe safi nguo nyeupe mno,
Umeoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo?

Wamwandama daima Mkombozi,
Na kuoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo?
Yako kwa Msulubiwa makazi,
Umeoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo?

Atakapokuja Bwana-arusi,
Uwe safi kwa damu ya kondoo!
Yafae kwenda mbinguni mavazi,
Yafuliwe kwa damu ya kondoo.

Yatupwe yalipo na takataka,
Na uoshwe kwa damu ya kondoo,
Huoni kijito chatiririka,
Na uoshwe kwa damu ya kondoo?



Stand up, stand up for Jesus (Mteteeni Yesu)

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil
A crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

A large, 3D sign for PCMF @50 AND BEYOND. The letters 'PCMF' are in large, red, blocky font. To the right, '@50' is in a similar red font, with the '@' symbol being a circle. Below '@50', the words 'AND BEYOND' are written in white capital letters on a blue rectangular background. The sign is mounted on a white metal railing.



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LOOKING FORWARD TO:

1. **YPCMF SUMMIT** - 13th - 14th December 2024 in Nakuru - ksh. 5000 per delegate
2. **PCMF LEADERS ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE** - February 20th - 23rd 2025.



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