



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF  
EAST AFRICA



# WOMAN'S GUILD WEEK

2025

26<sup>th</sup> May- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

THEME:

A TREASURED POSSESSION: READY FOR SERVICE

THEME VERSE: Exodus 19:5

*Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.*

**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.*

**Motto:** “WHOM I AM IS WHO I SERVE”

**Core values:**

- Accountability
- Compassion
- Fellowship
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Inclusivity
- Partnership

## Objectives

- To enhance spiritual maturity in Christ for 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.
- To build and develop capacity for women and girls through training, skills enhancement in order for them to transform society.

## MESSAGE FROM THE WOMAN'S GUILD NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Receive Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace to you from God our Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

We are grateful to God for his grace, seeing that Guild week 2025 is here with us once again. Indeed, this far the Lord has brought us. Our 24th GA Assembly theme from Joshua 24:15 "... we will serve the Lord" has continued to be our motivation to work in the Lord's vineyard. Moreover, the Guild theme this year from Exodus 19:5 "**A Treasured Possession: Ready for Service**" plugs on the same as it reminds us of our worth in God's sight. A treasured possession is something that you own that is very special or important to you. It might not be valuable to others, but it's valuable to you. This is a promise that is conditional, meaning that for us to become God's **treasured possession**, we must fully obey him and keep his covenant meaning whatever he tells us to do, and wherever he sends us, we are ready to abide, then we will be special in God's eyes.

Therefore, as we observe our mission week, let us be willing to fulfill our part so that the promise of a **treasured possession** will be a reality in our lives. This will mean that we will have a unique and close relationship, a chosen people with a special purpose.

I wish you all a fruitful week and may you continue serving the Lord with diligence.

Yours in Christ Service

**Rt. Rev. Thegu Mutahi**

**Moderator 24<sup>th</sup> G.A /National Chaplain Woman's Gui**

## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S GUILD BOARDCHAIRLADY

Receive Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May his grace and peace be with you all as we thank God for another year of his continued faithfulness. As women of faith, we have witnessed growth in our fellowship and individual walks with Christ. God has graciously given us another year to celebrate His deeds. Upon reflecting on the 2024 theme from Matthew 6:33 on **'seeking the Kingdom's righteousness'** which was in line with the 24th GA theme, **'We will serve the Lord'** from Joshua 24:15. We have faithfully served and remained rooted in God's word.

Our theme this year, **'Treasured Possession – Ready for Service'** from Exodus 19:5, Israel was chosen by God to be His special possession, highlighting His inherent value and His love for them. This direct status was directly linked to a call to service as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. This reminds us of our identity and calling. God calls us his treasured possession; deeply loved and set apart for his purpose. Their being God's special people implied a responsibility to represent Him and minister to the world. Their obedience to the covenant was the condition for fully realizing this role. Israel was uniquely valued and cherished by God above all other nations, even though He is the Lord of all the earth.

1 Peter 2:9; "But you are a chosen people, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." With that identity comes responsibility; to serve as a holy people and reflect his light. Christ is our ultimate example. We are urged to rid ourselves of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander, and to crave spiritual growth, and as we grow in the Lord, we are built up as a spiritual house, a royal priesthood, called to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God.

Brethren just like Israel was chosen as God's treasured possession, we too carry that identity with purpose in order to reflect His light through service, humility, and righteousness.

As the Woman's Guild, let us serve the Lord wholeheartedly, knowing we are deeply valued and specially chosen by God. May we embrace this calling with joy and commitment. Let our service be marked by unity, obedience, and a desire to glorify God in all we do.

May this Guild Week renew our strength and commitment as we continue to serve in His vineyard.

**Rev. Miriam N. Njuguna,**

**Chair, Woman's Guild National Board.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE WOMAN'S GUILD DIRECTOR

Receive Christian greetings in the name of our Lord. Peace and grace be to you all. We as the Woman's guild fraternity acknowledge the goodness of the Lord who carried us through the year 2024 and we are grateful to God that he enabled us to accomplish all that we had planned last year. Here we are now in the year 2025 and we believe that this is the year of the Lord and we will do exploits in his kingdom.

### ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2024

#### **Commissioning**

Last year, we managed to commission a total of 3,500 new members which translates to addition of more members and we thank God for the growth. Much appreciation to the ministers, Kirk sessions and the woman's guild fraternity for giving your all to ensure that we had new members in our fold. Moreso we sincerely want to congratulate all the new members who joined us this year and we warmly welcome you into our fellowship

#### **Promotion to glory**

Last year a total number of 324 guild members passed on. This was informed by the number of message of condolences which we issued in the year under review. We acknowledge that the number is higher than recorded and we encourage the guild leaders to ensure that they have the condolence letter for the departed. Let us continue to pray for the families left by the Guild members.

#### **World Day of Prayer.**

This was held on the first Friday of March which was 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 with a guiding theme from Ephesians 4:2 **"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love"** The day was observed by all parishes and was successful. We encourage all the ladies to embrace this day and participate fully as we join the women in many parts of the world in prayer.

#### **Woman's Guild National Leaders Conference**

Last year on 24<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> April 2024, we held a Woman's Guild national conference at PCEA Wogect Hotel- Mombasa with a total of 455 women leaders attending. The guiding theme was Matthew 6:33 **"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well"**. This conference gave the women an opportunity to learn new ways of doing ministry,

network and also fellowship with each other. We thank all the parishes that supported their leaders to attend this important conference.

### **Guild mission week**

Last year we observed our Guild week from 27<sup>th</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 June guided by the theme “**Seeking the Kingdom’s righteousness**” from the book of Matthew 6:33. The week was successful and the theme challenged everyone to live righteous life. Thankyou ladies for your participation which made the week colorful and lively.

### **Sponsorship**

This year the department has been able to sponsor 61 students both boys and girls through the Least Coin remitted by the parishes. We take this opportunity to thank all the parishes who supported us in this act of mercy. We also had an opportunity to meet with those students together with their parents/guardians on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 where we discussed the academic performance of the students and the parents were taken through a seminar on parenting. The get together was graced by our chaplain Rt. Rev. Thegu Mutahi and indeed was very successful.

### **Girls Rite of Passage Manual**

As stated last year, we now have a manual for the girls entitled **Girls Rite of Passage (GRIP)** that will assist our parishes in mentoring young girls in their teenage hood. We urge all the parishes to use this resource to mentor the teenage girls in their parishes.

### **Regional Capacity Building**

This year we managed to meet Woman’s guild leaders from almost all our parishes at the region level with a total number of 1,983 attendees. The main aim was to create awareness on the **Girls Rite of passage manual** as well as discussing Guild matters. We thank all the parishes who supported the Women leaders to attend this important workshop.

### **Our theme 2025**

This year’s theme is **Treasured Possession: Ready for Service** drawn from Exodus 19:5 “Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole world is mine” As we serve the Lord let us know our worth and serve the Lord with diligence knowing that we are God’s special possession, chosen by him for special assignments. May this theme minister to all who will listen to it and bring transformation in people’s lives.

Our activities this year includes

- Woman's guild leaders' capacity building in all the regions.
- Guild week -26<sup>th</sup> May -1<sup>st</sup> June 2025
- Get together for our sponsored students and their parents on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Below are our bank details for depositing 50% of the least coin offering, World Day of Prayer as well payments for the purchase of the guild items.

**Pay bill-222111**

**Account - 2213684**

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, we thank God for giving us a successful year 2024 and we look forward to a fruitful year 2025 as we continue serving the Lord in his vineyard.

**Rev Elizabeth Kimani**

**Director Women Ministry**



## REFLECTION ON THE THEME TREASURED POSSESSION: READY FOR SERVICE

### **Readings: Exodus 19:1-8, 1 Peter 2:1-10**

The bible is a story of God's redemption history, presented in the Old Testament as a shadow and fulfilled in the New Testament. In this story, God has sought to set apart a people for Himself. A people who would reflect His character, live in obedience, and be a light to the world. In both the Old and New Testaments, we see this divine calling unfold. *Exodus 19:1-8* and *1 Peter 2:1-10* reveal a powerful truth: God's people are His **treasured possession**, chosen not only for a relationship with Him but also for **service and a mission**.

The choosing is not enough without the readiness for service. A story is told of a great kingdom, where a mighty king had many vessels made of gold, silver, and clay. While the golden ones were admired, the king cherished a simple clay jar, using it daily for water, oil, and healing herbs. One day, a drought struck, and the king sent his servants to fetch water from a special hidden spring. The servants chose the golden and silver vessels, but they were not only too heavy but they also broke out of the weight. The servants went back for the clay vessel that was ready for use, filled it with water, and carried it with ease, quenching the community's thirst. The people learned that the greatest vessel is not the most beautiful, but the one ready to serve the king's purpose.

The passage in Exodus 19 takes place at Mount Sinai, just three months after Israel's miraculous deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Here, God prepares to make a covenant with His people. He reminds them of how He carried them "on eagles wings" and brought them to Himself (Exodus 19:4). This imagery reflects God's care and faithfulness, his relationship with the people of Israel comes with a calling in the following aspects

- **Obedience and Covenant Relationship** – God tells them, *"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession"* (Exodus 19:5). The word **"treasured possession"** refers to a special treasure, something valuable and uniquely owned by a king. God was offering Israel the privilege of being His special people, but it required obedience.

- **A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation** – God did not merely save Israel from Egypt for their comfort. He had a greater purpose: they were to be a “**kingdom of priests and a holy nation**” (Exodus 19:6). This meant they were to represent God before the nations, and offer sacrifices that were holy and acceptable to God and reflecting His righteousness.

In the New Testament, Peter speaks to believers in Christ, showing how this identity of being God’s treasured possession now applies to the Church. What Israel failed to do under the Old Covenant, Christ fulfilled through His perfect sacrifice. Now, all who trust in Him become God’s **chosen people, royal priesthood, and holy nation** (1 Peter 2:9). Peter directly echoes Exodus 19, but now, instead of being limited to Israel, this calling is extended to all believers in Jesus Christ. He summarizes this possession into three areas;

- **Spiritual Transformation** – Peter begins by urging believers to rid themselves of sin and grow spiritually: “*Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk*” (1 Peter 2:2). True transformation begins with desiring God’s Word and allowing it to renew our minds and hearts.
- **Jesus, the Living Stone** – Peter describes Jesus as the cornerstone (1 Peter 2:4-6), the firm foundation upon which God builds His people. While some reject Him, those who believe in Him become living stones, built into a spiritual house for God’s presence and purpose.
- **A Royal Priesthood with a Mission** – Just as Israel was called to be a kingdom of priests, believers in Christ now take on this role. The priesthood is no longer confined to a select group but is given to all who follow Jesus. We offer **spiritual sacrifices** including worship, service to humanity, and sharing the gospel with the world.

God calls His people with a purpose which is to reflect His glory and serve Him. In both Exodus 19 and 1 Peter 2, we see that being His treasured possession is not just about being loved, but also being entrusted with a mission. Obedience is key; while salvation is by grace, living in alignment with God’s will brings fullness of life and impact. Holiness and service go hand in hand. We are set apart to intercede, share the gospel, and draw others to Christ through our lives.

Christ is our foundation, the cornerstone upon which our identity is built. Just as a

cornerstone determines the stability of a building, our faith and purpose must be well grounded in Him. Without Christ, we have no firm foundation, but in Him, we are secure. We are called not only to belong to Him but to declare His praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

This year's theme summarizes the PCEA Woman's Guild purpose and mission, we exist to equip women to be holy, obedient, and ready to serve. As a chosen people, Guild members are called to intercede for families, mentor the next generation, and live as Christ's ambassadors in their communities. Like Israel and the early Church, we are set apart to bring God's light into the world, faithfully serving His purposes in our time.

## **WOMAN'S GUILD YEAR 2025 GUILD WEEK ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY- 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

Official launching of the Guild week by the Moderator of the 24<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Rt. Rev. Thegu Mutahi live on Kirk T.V 8pm.

### **MONDAY- 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

The parish minister will to launch the week in your respective parishes as the women gather in the Church for prayers and plan for the activities of the week.

### **WEDNESDAY- 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

Prayer and fasting day. Pray for our Church, Nation, families, and any other item of importance.

### **THURSDAY- 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

This will be a day of visiting the nearby schools and have a talk with the students as you also share with them some gifts/items according to their needs.

### **FRIDAY- 30<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

Engage in communal work that will give you an opportunity to witness to the community around you.

### **SATURDAY – 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2025**

Final day to prepare for Sunday program including doing rehearsals for your presentations.

### **SUNDAY- 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2025**

Gather at the Church for worship as guided by the program below:

#### **Sunday Service Program**

- Procession Hymn – ***Woman's Guild Theme***
- Opening Hymn- ***God is here and that to bless us***
- Call to Worship- ***Exodus 19:5***
- 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 Prayer.
- Offertory/Least Coin and other contributions
- Bible Readings
  - First Reading- ***Exodus 19:1-8***
  - Second Reading- ***1 Peter 2:1-10***
- Hymn –***2025 Theme Song***
- Sermon and prayers for those in need.
- Hymn – ***Guide me the great Jehovah***
- Benediction
- Recession Hymn – ***Woman's Guild Theme***

## ANDU ATHURE A NGAI

- 1 Isiraeli rīrīa mambire hema ciao ,kīrīmainī gīa Sinai,  
Musa nīahaicire iguru rīa kīrīma, gūthikīrīria Mwathani,  
Ngai akīmaririkania urīa amkuire igūrū rīa mathagu ma Nderi,  
Nake akīmarehe kurī we o mwene harīa hakuhi nake.

## CHORUS

- No iyuī mwī rūruka rūthurīt two,  
Athīnjīri na rūrīrī rūrīa rūthingu,  
Mwamūrīt two mūhunje mawega make,  
Ūrīa ūmwītite kuma ndumainī mūgathie ūtherinī.
2. Ngai mūnene mwathani wao akīaria nao ciugo ici,  
Mūngiīathīkīra mūgambo wakwa. mūmenyagīrīre kīrīkanīro gīakwa,  
Mūgakorwo andū a mwanya na athīnjīri Ngai arīa athingu.  
Nī mūgatūika andu akwa a bata gūkīra ndurīrī ciothe.
  3. Na rīu tondū nitūrīkītīe kūmenya, mwathani nī mwega,  
Tūtige waganu, wara na ūhinga, rūitho na gūchambania,  
Ithuothe tugīe na kwīrīrīria iria rīrīa rīa kīroho orīrīa rītheru  
Nīgetha tūkūrakūragio nīrīo  
Ihinda rīothe ūhonokioinī witū.
  4. Ta mahiga marīa me muoyo nītwakwo Nyūmba cia kīroho,  
Tūtūike thiritū ya athīnjīri Ngai , tūrutage magongona ma kīroho  
Nīgetha tūtūike dungata njītikīrīku mbere ya Ngai witū  
Amu ūrīa ūmwīhokete ndagaconoka tena na tene Amina.

## **WIMBO WA MADA**

### **WATU WATEULE WA MUNGU.**

- 1 Wana Israeli walipopiga kambi Mlima Sinai,  
Musa alipanda juu ya mlima kumsikiliza Bwana,  
Mungu kawakumbusha aliwabeba juu ya mbawa za tai,  
Na kuwasogeza kuwaleta karibu na yeye mwenyewe.

### **KIBWAGIZO**

- Lakini nyinyi ni ukoo mteule  
Makuhani na ni taifa takatifu,  
Mlioteuliwa kutangaza matendo yake  
Alowaita na kuwapa mwanga.
- 2 Mungu mwenyezi bwana wao alisema nao maneno haya,  
Mkitii amri zangu na kulishika hili agano langu,  
Mtakuwa wakipekee na makuhani ,taifa takatifu  
Mtakuwa tunu watu wangu kuliko makabila yote.
- 3 Kwa kuwa sasa tumeshajua ya kwamba Mungu wetu ni mwema  
Tuwache uovu hila na unafiki, husuda na masingizio,  
Sote tuwe na hamu ya maziwa halisi maziwa ya kiroho,  
Ili kwa hayo yote tupate kuukulia zaidi wokovu.
- 4 Kama mawe yaliyo hai tujengwe nyumba za kiroho,  
Tutumikeni kama makuhani waliokubalika,  
Tumtolee Mungu dhabihu zetu takatifu za kiroho,  
Kwani amwaminie Mungu hataaibika milele Amina



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