

# Presbyterian Church of East Africa

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### MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION

#### 1. PREAMBLE

We the 147 Commissioners and Delegates from the 61 Presbyteries in the 1st General Administration Committee (GAC) of the 24th General Assembly meeting at Elsa Hotel, Meru County, in Eastern Region Imenti North Presbytery from 22nd to 26th April, 2025 send you Easter Greetings. We are grateful to God for enabling us to meet again at such a time of joy as the risen Christ is the apex of our faith.

#### 2. THEME

Guided by Joshua 24:15 – "... we will serve the Lord" – we are reminded to serve God with commitment, not because it's easy, but because it's right. Like Joshua, we serve even amid challenges, trusting God through both highs and lows.

The Bible exposition was led by Ven. Prof. Wangari Mwai, PUEA Vice Chancellor. She emphasized on the need to emulate Joshua in his personal relationship with God, commitment and selflessness.

#### 3. GUESTS

The GAC was graced by the presence of a number of guests who brought goodwill messages. Among them were:

- a) Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Her Ladyship Martha K. Koome, EGH.
- b) MP for Chuka Igamba Ng'ombe Hon. Patrick Munene
- c) Tharaka Nithi Women Rep. Hon. Susan Ngugi Mwindu
- d) NCCK General Secretary, Rev. Canon Chris Kinyanjui.
- e) Family Bank and Equity Bank representatives.
- f) General Secretary of the Evangelical Churches of Central Africa.

### 4. GOVERNANCE

The GAC noted the new accountability sub-committees were established to promote transparency. These are supervisory Sub-committees in areas of Human Resource, Procurement, Audit and Risk Management and Quality Assurance Management at the Head Office.

#### 5. MEN IN CHURCH

The GAC noted there's concern over low male membership. Cultural and financial wedding barriers may be a factor. The GAC revisited Church policy. Further guidance will be given.

# 6. STEWARDSHIP & RESOURCES

The GAC emphasized that the Church needs to focus on people over projects, avoid unsustainable investments, and emphasize accountability.

# 7. LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY

All Church leaders at all levels must observe constitutional limits and collective decision-making.

# 8. PERSONAL FINANCES

During the present harsh economic times, the Church encourages members to live within their means and avoid debt traps. The spirit of Christian neighborliness is encouraged to support each other in these times.

# 9. SOCIAL & POLITICAL CLIMATE

While the Church prays for leaders, we must also speak truth in love. The Church should remain apolitical and prophetic.

#### 10. CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

Good governance begins with responsible citizens who vote wisely and uphold integrity. All Christians are called upon to pray for the Government.

# 11. YOUTH AND CHILDREN

The Church calls upon the various organs of the Church to be deliberate to actively engage, involve and incorporate the Youth and Children in all spheres of Church.

#### 12.CONCLUSION

The GAC observed that the last one year had been very difficult citing economic, legal and implementation challenges. The GAC thanked God for His faithfulness, Church leaders and members for support and dedication to Church mission. We continue to serve the Lord in love and integrity, building his kingdom in hearts not just in buildings. Amen. May our good God bless us all.

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