



PCEA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND CREATION

2026 JPRC WEEK

THEME

A PEOPLE OF TRUTH AND INTEGRITY:

*Pursuing Justice, Protecting the
Vulnerable and Living in Unity*

TEXT

**“Then you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free..”**

John 8:32

July 12-19, 2026

A People of Truth and Integrity

A: KEY MANDATE AND ROLE OF THE JPRC DEPARTMENT

1. Introduction

The Justice, Peace, Reconciliation and Creation (JPRC) Department is a strategic ministry of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) established to implement the Church's biblical and theological mandate of promoting justice, peace, reconciliation, responsible governance, human dignity and environmental stewardship.

The department derives its authority from the PCEA Declaration of Fundamental Principles, which recognizes that the mission of the Church extends beyond spiritual ministry to encompass the mental, physical, social, economic, political and moral well-being of humanity. Guided by Scripture and Christian values, the department serves as the Church's instrument for engaging society on matters of justice, governance, peacebuilding, human rights and care for creation.

Its vision is: **"A just and caring society based on Christian values."**

Its mission is: **"To glorify God in furthering His Kingdom, advancing a holistic approach to societal transformation** through advocacy, capacity building, mediation and collaboration, ensuring justice and peace while safeguarding the integrity of creation."

2. Theological and Biblical Foundation of JPRC

The work of JPRC is grounded on the biblical understanding that:

- a. God is the Creator and Owner of all things.
- b. Human beings are stewards entrusted with managing God's creation responsibly.
- c. Christ's ministry addressed both spiritual and physical needs.
- d. Governments are ordained by God to administer justice and restrain evil.

- e. Christians are called to actively participate in governance and public affairs.
- f. The Church has a prophetic responsibility to speak against injustice and defend the oppressed.

The department therefore seeks to advance God's justice in society while promoting peaceful coexistence, reconciliation, responsible leadership and environmental protection.

3. The Mandate of JPRC in the Church

3.1 Providing Prophetic Leadership

The department serves as the prophetic voice of the Church by:

- a. Interpreting social, political, economic and environmental issues from a biblical perspective.
- b. Guiding the Church in responding to emerging societal challenges.
- c. Advising Church leadership on issues requiring public statements or official positions.
- d. Defending truth, justice and Christian values within society.

Through this role, JPRC helps the Church remain relevant and responsive to contemporary issues.

3.2 Equipping Church Members

The department is mandated to:

- a. Train and educate members on justice, peace, reconciliation, governance and environmental issues.
- b. Organize seminars, workshops, conferences, and public forums.
- c. Build the capacity of Christians to participate responsibly in society and governance.
- d. Promote civic awareness and democratic values among Church members.
- e. Conduct Trainings on divers issues affecting the society.

This enables believers to become informed citizens and effective agents of transformation.

3.3 Promoting Peace and Reconciliation

The department provides mechanisms for:

- a. Conflict prevention.
- b. Conflict resolution.
- c. Mediation and dialogue.
- d. Community reconciliation.
- e. Healing and restoration after conflicts.

JPRC seeks to cultivate peaceful relationships within congregations, communities, and the nation.

3.4 Strengthening Church Governance

The department supports good governance within the Church through:

- a. Policy guidance.
- b. Ethical leadership promotion.
- c. Accountability mechanisms.
- d. Mediation of disputes.
- e. Capacity building for Church leaders.

This contributes to transparency, integrity, and effective leadership throughout Church structures.

3.5 Protecting the Integrity of Creation

JPRC promotes environmental stewardship by:

- a. Teaching biblical responsibility toward creation.
- b. Advocating for environmental conservation.
- c. Supporting sustainable use of natural resources.
- d. Raising awareness on climate change and ecological justice.

The department recognizes that care for creation is an essential Christian responsibility.

4. The Mandate of JPRC in Governance

4.1 Promoting Democratic Governance

The department promotes democratic values by:

- a. Educating citizens on governance systems.
- b. Encouraging responsible political participation.
- c. Supporting constitutionalism and the rule of law.
- d. Advocating for transparent and accountable leadership.

JPRC helps citizens understand their civic rights and responsibilities.

4.2 Human Rights Advocacy

A core mandate of JPRC is the protection and promotion of human rights through:

- a. Monitoring human rights violations.
- b. Advocating for vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- c. Defending human dignity and equality.
- d. Encouraging respect for constitutional freedoms.

The department acts as a watchdog against all forms of injustice and abuse.

4.3 Advising Government and Public Institutions

The department may engage with government and public institutions by:

- a. Providing informed opinions on public policy.
- b. Participating in public consultations.
- c. Contributing to national debates on governance and development.
- d. Offering recommendations on issues affecting society.

This engagement seeks to influence public policy toward justice and the common good.

4.4 Election and Governance Education

The department contributes to democratic development through:

- a. Civic education.

- b. Voter awareness initiatives.
- c. Peace messaging during elections.
- d. Training on responsible citizenship.

Such efforts help promote peaceful, credible and inclusive democratic processes.

4.5 Promoting Ethical Leadership

JPRC advocates for leadership characterized by:

- a. Integrity.
- b. Accountability.
- c. Transparency.
- d. Servant leadership.
- e. Respect for the rule of law.

The department challenges corruption, abuse of power, and unethical conduct in public office.

5. The Mandate of JPRC in Society

5.1 Acting as the Conscience of Society

The constitution explicitly mandates JPRC to act as: **“The conscience of society.”**

This involves:

- a. Speaking against social injustices.
- b. Challenging moral decay.
- c. Defending ethical standards.
- d. Promoting social responsibility.

The department reminds society of its moral obligations toward justice and human dignity.

5.2 Promoting National Unity and Social Cohesion

The department works to:

- a. Foster peaceful coexistence.
- b. Encourage national unity.

- c. Build bridges between divided communities.
- d. Promote mutual respect and understanding.

This role is particularly important during periods of social tension and conflict.

5.3 Addressing Social, Economic and Political Issues

JPRC is mandated to:

- a. Study societal trends and challenges.
- b. Investigate emerging issues.
- c. Analyze economic and political developments.
- d. Recommend appropriate interventions.

The department helps society address root causes of injustice and inequality.

5.4 Supporting Vulnerable Communities

The department seeks to ensure justice for:

- a. Women.
- b. Youth.
- c. Persons with disabilities.
- d. Marginalized communities.
- e. Victims of conflict and injustice.

Through advocacy and empowerment, JPRC promotes inclusion and equal opportunity.

5.5 Building Strategic Partnerships

The department is authorized to collaborate with:

- a. Civil society organizations.
- b. Non-governmental organizations.
- c. Faith-based organizations.
- d. Government agencies.
- e. International organizations.

These partnerships strengthen advocacy, peacebuilding, environmental protection, and social transformation initiatives.

6. Governance Role of the JPRC Department

The department provides institutional leadership through:

National Board

- a. Responsible for:
- b. Policy direction.
- c. Strategic leadership.
- d. Oversight.
- e. Governance supervision.

Secretariat

Responsible for:

- a. Program implementation.
- b. Research.
- c. Communication.
- d. Resource mobilization.
- e. Training coordination.

Regional, Presbyterian, Parish and Congregational Committees

Responsible for:

- a. Grassroots implementation.
- b. Community engagement.
- c. Local advocacy.
- d. Capacity building.

Caucus Structure

Ensures representation of:

- a. Youth.
- b. Women.
- c. Men.
- d. Persons with Disabilities and Special Interest Groups.
- e. Ministers.
- f. Elders.
- g. JPRC Veterans.

This structure guarantees inclusivity and broad participation.

7. Guiding Principles of JPRC

The department operates according to the following core values:

- a. **Faith and Spirituality:** All actions are rooted in Christian faith and biblical principles.
- b. **Inclusivity and Diversity:** Every person is valued regardless of social, ethnic, political, gender or economic background.
- c. **Integrity and Accountability:** The department upholds honesty, transparency and responsible stewardship.
- d. **Service and Stewardship:** Members are called to serve society while protecting God's creation.
- e. **Collaboration and Partnership:** The department works with others to maximize impact and achieve shared goals.

8. Conclusion

The Justice, Peace, Reconciliation and Creation Department is the Church's primary instrument for advancing justice, peace, reconciliation, human rights, good governance, democratic development, environmental stewardship and societal transformation.

As the prophetic voice and conscience of both the Church and society, JPRC seeks to influence individuals, communities, institutions and governments toward the realization of a just, peaceful, reconciled and caring society founded upon Christian values and biblical truth.

Its work bridges faith and public life by ensuring that Christian witness contributes meaningfully to nation-building, protection of human dignity, promotion of accountable governance, peaceful coexistence and responsible stewardship of God's creation.

B: PCEA JPRC WEEK 2026

THEME: A PEOPLE OF TRUTH AND INTEGRITY: Pursuing Justice, Protecting the Vulnerable and Living in Unity

Key Scriptures: John 8:32 | Micah 6:8 | Ephesians 4:3

Readings: R1. Micah 6:1–8; R2. Ephesians 4:1–14

THEME RATIONALE

Kenya stands at a defining moment in her history. Our nation is blessed with immense potential, vibrant communities, resilient citizens, and a strong spiritual heritage. Yet we continue to face significant challenges, including corruption, economic inequality, tribal polarization, violence, exploitation of vulnerable persons, human trafficking, child abuse, gender-based violence, cyber-related crimes and declining public trust in institutions.

While we have churches, laws and policies, the greatest need remains the practical application of truth, integrity, justice, and unity in everyday life. God calls His people not merely to profess faith but to demonstrate it through righteous living and active engagement in transforming society.

Jesus Christ teaches that “the truth will set you free” (John 8:32). Truth is the foundation of freedom, justice, accountability, and human dignity. Without truth, corruption thrives, trust erodes, and communities become vulnerable to manipulation and division.

Through the prophet Micah, God declares His expectation of His people: “To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8). Justice is not limited to courts and legal systems; it is a

daily lifestyle of fairness, compassion, protection of the vulnerable and respect for the dignity of every human being created in God's image. The Apostle Paul further calls believers to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3). Unity is not passive; it requires intentional effort, humility, reconciliation and mutual respect. In a society increasingly divided by ethnicity, politics, social status and generational differences, the Church is called to be a model of unity and peace.

This theme therefore challenges Christians, congregations, communities and institutions to become agents of transformation by embracing truth, demonstrating integrity, advancing justice, protecting vulnerable persons, promoting accountability, and strengthening peaceful coexistence.

In partnership with International Justice Mission (IJM), the PCEA Justice, Peace, Reconciliation and Creation Care (JPRC) Department seeks to strengthen the Church's prophetic witness and practical engagement in addressing contemporary justice concerns, including child protection, human trafficking, violence against vulnerable populations, enforced disappearances, safeguarding, human dignity and community-based responses to injustice.

THE THREE PILLARS OF THE THEME

1. TRUTH AS THE FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM (John 8:32)

Truth is the cornerstone of personal integrity, ethical leadership, accountability and national transformation. Truth requires honesty in our words, transparency in our actions and faithfulness in our relationships with God and one another.

As followers of Christ, we are called to reject deception, corruption, manipulation, and falsehood in every form and become witnesses of

God's truth in our homes, workplaces, churches, schools, businesses and public institutions.

2. JUSTICE AS A WAY OF LIFE (Micah 6:8)

Biblical justice involves defending the vulnerable, protecting human dignity, promoting fairness, and ensuring that all people are treated with compassion and respect.

Justice calls the Church to engage actively in preventing abuse, exploitation, trafficking, violence, discrimination and oppression while advocating for accountability, human rights, and the well-being of vulnerable children, women, youth, persons with disabilities and marginalized communities.

Justice is not merely something we demand; it is something we practice.

3. UNITY AS OUR CHRISTIAN WITNESS (Ephesians 4:3)

God calls His people to live in unity despite differences in ethnicity, age, gender, social status, political affiliation or background.

Christian unity is built upon humility, mutual respect, reconciliation, forgiveness and a shared commitment to Christ. The Church must model peaceful coexistence, foster dialogue, bridge divisions and strengthen social cohesion within communities and across the nation.

Unity becomes the visible evidence of God's transforming power among His people.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1) The Church

- a) Proclaim truth without fear or compromise.
- b) Model integrity in leadership, governance and stewardship.
- c) Promote justice, peace, reconciliation and protection of vulnerable persons.
- d) Equip members to become agents of transformation in society.
- e) Advocate for ethical leadership and accountable governance.

- 2) **Government and Public Institutions**
 - a) Uphold the rule of law impartially.
 - b) Protect human dignity and fundamental rights.
 - c) Ensure accountability and responsible stewardship of resources.
 - d) Promote justice, equity, peace and national cohesion.
- 3) **Individual Christians and Citizens**
 - a) Practice honesty and integrity in daily life.
 - b) Reject corruption and unethical behavior.
 - c) Protect vulnerable persons and report abuse.
 - d) Promote peaceful relationships and national unity.
 - e) Participate responsibly in civic and democratic processes.

OBJECTIVES OF JPRC WEEK 2026

- a. Deepen biblical understanding of truth, integrity, justice, and unity.
- b. Empower congregations to become agents of justice and social transformation.
- c. Raise awareness on child protection, safeguarding, anti-trafficking efforts and protection of vulnerable persons.
- d. Strengthen collaboration between the Church, communities and justice-sector stakeholders.
- e. Encourage advocacy, prevention, reporting and response to abuse, exploitation and violence.
- f. Promote peaceful coexistence, national cohesion and ethical leadership.
- g. Inspire practical Christian engagement in building peaceful, just and inclusive communities.

PREPARING FOR THE 2027 GENERAL ELECTION

As Kenya approaches the 2027 General Election, the Church is called to play a constructive, non-partisan role in strengthening democracy, promoting peace and encouraging responsible citizenship.

The Church shall:

1. Promote civic education and voter awareness.
2. Encourage issue-based leadership founded on integrity, competence and accountability.
3. Advocate for peaceful elections and national cohesion.
4. Reject hate speech, tribalism, political violence and intimidation.
5. Support lawful electoral accountability and transparency.
6. Mobilize prayer for peaceful, credible and just elections.

EXPECTED IMPACT

The implementation of this theme is expected to contribute to:

1. Greater commitment to truth, integrity, and accountability.
2. Increased awareness of justice-related issues.
3. Enhanced protection of vulnerable children, youth, women and marginalized populations.
4. Stronger collaboration between faith communities and justice institutions.
5. Increased prevention, reporting, and response to abuse, exploitation and trafficking.
6. Strengthened unity, peacebuilding and social cohesion.
7. Transformation of communities through practical expressions of Christian faith and witness.

KEY LESSONS

1. Truth ignored becomes bondage embraced.
2. Integrity is doing what is right even when no one is watching.
3. Justice delayed undermines peace and unity.
4. Protecting the vulnerable is a Christian responsibility.
5. Unity requires intentional effort and mutual respect.
6. National transformation begins with personal conviction.

FINAL CHARGE

Kenya will not be transformed by policies alone. Transformation begins when God's people embrace truth, practice integrity, pursue justice, protect the vulnerable and live in unity.

The call to be “A People of Truth and Integrity” is not merely a theme for a week; it is God’s invitation to a lifestyle of faithful discipleship and responsible citizenship.

May the Church rise as a prophetic voice of truth, a defender of justice, a protector of the vulnerable and a witness of unity for the glory of God and the transformation of our nation.

C: JPRC WEEK PROGRAMME: July 12-19, 2026

- 1) **Sunday, July 12, 2026:** Week launch at KirkTV by GA officials led by the Moderator and the JPRC Technical Team
- 2) **Monday July 13, 2026:** JPRC Week **launch** by Parish Ministers
- 3) **Tuesday; July 14, 2026: Tree planting, Social Responsibility** to the under privileged in the community and Engaging with **Public Institutions** within respective parishes
- 4) **Wednesday, July 15, 2026:** JPRC Committees at all levels to organize the 1st Talk-Show or lecture on current affairs.
- 5) **Thursday, July 16, 2026:**
 - ✓ Prayers for the country at the individual, family and district level.
 - ✓ **Webinar for all JPRC members and Trained Mediators.**
Link: <https://meet.google.com/egi-oadc-use> 7:30pm EAT
- 6) **Friday, July 17, 2026:** Organize for the 2nd Talk-Show at every level from grassroots to serve as a forum for educating the public on a particular topic of National interest
- 7) **Saturday, July 18, 2026:** Fellowship of JPRC committees and preparation for JPRC Sunday

- 8) **SUNDAY PROGRAM: July 19, 2026:** JPRC Committees to Conduct Worship in all services

D: JPRC SUNDAY PROGRAM: July 19, 2026

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hymn2. Call to Worship: John 8:323. Opening Prayer4. Praise in Worship5. Intercessory Prayers6. Children and Youth Time7. Welcome & Intimations8. JPRC Report and TALK | <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Readings:
R1 Micah 61-8;
R2 Ephesians 4:1-1410. Hymn11. Sermon12. Offertory13. Hymn14. Benediction |
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KEY MEETINGS TO BE NOTED AND ATTENDED

1. **June 16, 2026:** Pre -JPRC WEEK Orientation Online Meeting for JPRC leaders. Link: <https://meet.google.com/egi-oadc-use> 7:30pm EAT

Participants:

- i. JPRC Presbytery Chaplains,
 - ii. Parish Patrons,
 - iii. All Parish JPRC Officials
 - iv. Women Representation
 - v. Youth Representation
2. **July 12-19, 2026:** JPRC Week - In All Parishes
 3. **July 2026:** Monitoring and Documentation - JPRC Secretariat
 4. **July 28, 2026:** Post-Mission Week Evaluation Meeting - Head office
 5. **August - December, 2026:** Sensitization, Capacity Building, Training and Civic Education - Regions and Online (Link: <https://meet.google.com/egi-oadc-use>)

2026 THEME DECLARATION

As a People of Truth and Integrity, we commit ourselves to pursuing justice, protecting the vulnerable, living in unity, and transforming our communities through the love, truth and righteousness of Jesus Christ.

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