



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA



WOMAN'S GUILD WEEK

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1ST - 7TH JUNE 2026

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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, preparing 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 NATIONAL WOMAN'S GUILD BOARD CHAIR

Received Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be unto you all as we thank God for another year of declaring His faithfulness.

The 24th General Assembly theme from Joshua 24:15 "...We will serve the Lord" has continually encouraged us to remain faithful in His service. This is in line with our theme this year from Colossian 2:6-7 that calls us to a deeper and more consistent walk with Christ. Paul reminds believers that receiving Christ is only the beginning; we are invited to grow, to be rooted, and to be built up in Him. A tree with deep roots stands firm through every season. In the same way, a Christian who is grounded in Christ remains steady in faith, unwavering in hope, and fruitful in every good work.

This message echoes the words of Jeremiah 17:7-8, which describe the blessed person who trusts in the Lord as "a tree planted by the water... that does not fear when heat comes." As women, in families, and a church community, we face many challenges; social, economic, emotional, and spiritual. Yet, when our confidence is anchored in Christ, we draw daily strength from Him. We are nourished, renewed, and empowered to stand strong and to serve the Lord faithfully and wholeheartedly.

My prayer is that this theme will not only inspire us during the Guild week but also shape our walk throughout the year. May we commit ourselves to studying God's Word, nurturing fellowship, deepening prayer, and living lives full of gratitude. As we remain rooted in Christ, we will bear fruit that glorifies God and blesses everyone around us.

The board appreciates every member who has served, prayed, and contributed towards this Guild mission week and our prayers is that the week will be fruitful. May the Lord richly bless you.

In Christ's service,
Rev Anne Wanjiru Gitahi
Woman's Guild National Board Chairlady

MESSAGE FROM THE WOMAN'S GUILD DEPARTMENT

Receive Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. The Woman's guild department has continued to witness God's faithfulness at all times. The year 2025 was a good year having been able to accomplish quite a number of activities and programs. This was possible through the leadership of an able board of seven members as listed below:

Chaplain- Rt. Rev. Thegu Mutahi (G.A Moderator)

Chairlady- Rev Anne Gitahi (Mt. Kenya Region)

Vice Chairlady- Elder Joyce Ndegwa (Nairobi Region).

Secretary- Rev. Elizabeth Kimani (Director Women Ministry)

Vice Secretary- Rev. Stella Moraa (Rift Valley Region).

Treasurer – Elder Mercy Muthuri (Eastern Region).

Member – Elder Lucy Waithera (Central Region)

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025

Commissioning

Last year, we managed to commission a total of 8,500 new members which translates to addition of more members and we thank God for the growth. Much appreciation to the ministers and Kirk sessions for shepherding the women up to the stage of being commissioned as well as those who were pinned the badges.

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 2025. We acknowledge the fact that the number is higher than recorded and continue praying for the families left by their loved ones.

World Day of Prayer.

This was held on the first Friday of March which was 1st March 2025 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.

Guild mission week

Last year we observed our Guild week from 25th May – 1st June 2025 June 2025 guided by the theme **“Treasured possession: Ready for service”** from the book of Exodus 19:5 with a challenge to serving in obedience.

Sponsorship

Last year the department had 70 students both boys and girls supported by least coin remitted by the parishes. We take this opportunity to thank all the parishes who supported us in this endeavor. We also had an opportunity to meet with those students together with their parents/guardians on 6th December 2025 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.

Bible Study Guide

This year the Bible study guide for women was launched for use in the fellowships we urge all the parishes to make good use of the resource provided for.

Mission

Our mission last year was to support the Tanzania mission presbytery in building their dispensary in St John’s Church that had stalled for some time at a tune of Ksh. 400,000 and sponsoring two needy students in Uganda.

WOGECT Hotel

Wogect hotel is situated approximately 100m from Makupa roundabout next to Makupa chief's office in Mombasa Island. It is founded on Christian principles and operates on non-alcoholic/no drug environment. Wogect hotel has a total of 114 guest rooms and 220 beds. The main conference hall has a 300-seating capacity in theatre style and three other smaller meeting rooms.

General Operations and Refurbishment

The Wogect hotel cashflows are fairly stable with all financial obligations being taken care of promptly. The hotel recently installed a solar power for water heating and electricity aimed at minimizing usage of Kenya Power energy for daily running of the hotel. Gradual refurbishment in the hotel's Phase 2 is complete including installation of new sanitary fittings, washroom tiles, gypsum ceiling, new PPR plumbing, painting, woodwork etc. The main restaurant was also extended from a capacity of 124 seaters to 230 seaters in Oct/Nov 2025. Jan 2026, similar refurbishments started on first floor phase one and is scheduled to be completed in June 2026.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we thank God for enabling us to finish well in 2025 and we pray that 2026 will be a better year. We also thank the GA office for their support and counsel in the year 2025, appreciate the support of presbyteries and parishes by ensuring that the women ministry is growing and finally thank all the Woman's Guild members for their commitment in their service. God is not unjust for he will surely repay each of us according to the work done in his vineyard.

REFLECTION ON THE THEME

Theme: Rooted and established in Christ

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Colossians 2:6-10

Key Text: *"Rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." — Colossians 2:7*

The Context: A Message of Sufficiency

Writing from a prison cell in Rome, the Apostle Paul reached out to a church he had never personally visited: the believers in Colossae. Despite his chains, Paul's heart was focused on their spiritual safety. He wrote to counter dangerous heresies that suggested Christ wasn't enough—teachings that claimed believers needed something "extra" like the traditions or philosophies to be complete. Paul's response was a powerful declaration of Christ's supremacy: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the agent of all creation, and the source of all wisdom (Colossians 1:15-19, 2:2-3). To remain firm, Paul challenges every believer to possess these four qualities:

I. Be Rooted in Christ (The Source of Life)

Just as a plant draws nourishment through its roots, we must draw our life-giving strength from Christ.

- **Stability:** Roots provide the anchor. In times of trouble, a rooted believer remains standing while others are swept away.
- **The Contrast:** The prophet Jeremiah echo's this truth by contrasting two lives. Those who trust in human strength are like a stunted bush in the wasteland—struggling and parched. But those who trust in God are like a tree planted by the water. Even in "years of drought," their leaves stay green because their roots reach the stream (Jeremiah 17:7-8).
- **Fruitfulness:** As Jesus reminds us in John 15:4-5, He is the vine and we are the branches. When we stay rooted in Him, fruit is the natural result. Apart from Him, we face spiritual dryness; in Him, we find life.

II. Be Built Up in Christ (The Firm Foundation)

While "rooting" is an agricultural image of growth, "building up" is an architectural image of strength.

- **Layer by Layer:** Just as a building rises brick by brick, our faith is built through consistent walk and obedience.
- **Unshakeable:** When a house is built on a solid foundation, it cannot be easily shaken by the storms of false teaching or life's challenges.
- **The Master Builder:** We are the building, but Christ is the builder. As we submit to Him, He shapes our character and strengthens our resolve.

III. Be Established in the Faith (The Anchor of Truth)

To be established means to be settled and secure. It is the firm conviction of what we believe.

- **Spiritual Maturity:** An established believer is not easily swayed by every "new" or "fine-sounding" argument the world offers (Colossians 2:4).
- **Testing the World:** We are called to test everything—traditions, philosophies, and modern trends—against the truth of Christ. If it doesn't align with Him, it has no place in our foundation.

IV. Be Overflowing with Thankfulness (The Evidence of Grace)

Finally, Paul points to the natural response of a maturing Christian: a heart of gratitude.

- **A Lifestyle of Praise:** Thankfulness isn't a one-time feeling; it's a lifestyle that spills over into our words and actions. We are thankful for salvation, grace, and provision, even in difficult seasons.
- **Protection Against Deception:** A heart full of gratitude has no room for the bitterness or pride that often leads people away from God.

Conclusion: Complete in Him

Paul concludes by affirming that we are "complete" in Christ (Colossians 2:10). We do not need worldly philosophies to fill the gaps in our lives because in Him, we have everything we need. Our only task is to desire to grow—to dig our roots deeper, build our lives higher, and let our hearts overflow with praise for the one who has brought us into His fullness.

Questions to reflect on based on the texts

1. **Checking Your Roots:** In Jeremiah 17, the prophet compares a person trusting in humans to a "stunted bush" and a person trusting in God to a "tree by the water." During your most difficult seasons, where do you tend to "send out your roots" for comfort or strength first—human advice, your own effort, or Christ?
2. **Building our of Faith:** Paul says we are "built up" in Him, like a building rising brick by brick. What is one "spiritual brick" (such as a habit, a scripture, or a lesson) that God has added to your life recently to make your foundation stronger?
3. **Identifying deceptive teachings:** Paul warned the Colossians not to be taken captive by worldly philosophies. What are some modern "traditions or beliefs" in our culture today that try to tell us that Christ is not enough on His own?
4. **The Overflow Test:** Colossians 2:7 says we should be "overflowing with thankfulness." If your life were a cup right now, what is currently "overflowing" from it—gratitude and peace, or stress and complaining? What one thing are you most thankful to Christ for today?
5. **Living in Fullness:** Colossians 2:10 says "you have been brought to fullness in Christ." Is there any area of your life where you still feel "empty"? Christ is more than willing to fill your emptiness and make you complete

WOMAN'S GUILD YEAR 2026 GUILD WEEK ACTIVITIES

MONDAY- 1st June 2026

Women to gather for the week launch by the parish minister and later plan for the activities of the week.

WEDNESDAY – 3rd June 2026

Prayer and fasting day. Choose the prayer items according to the needs of your parish.

THURSDAY-4th June 2026

Visit the nearby schools for a talk and share some gifts with the children.

FRIDAY-5th June 2026

Engage in communal work and witness to the community around you.

SATURDAY-6th June 2026

Meet for final preparations for Sunday.

SUNDAY-7th June 2026

Gather in the Churches for worship as guided by the program below.

Sunday Service Program

1. Procession Hymn- **Woman's Guild Anthem**
2. Opening Hymn- **God is here and that to bless us, Kiswahili - Yupo Mungu Wa Neema (NZIY 150)**
3. Call to Worship – **Colossians 2:6-7**
4. Praise in Worship-
5. Intercessory Prayers-
6. Presentations-
7. Apostles Creed and Children moment, teens and youth-
8. Brief report on the role of the Woman's Guild in the Church and the achievements for the year.
9. Offertory, collection of the least coin and other contributions-

10. Bible Readings
 - I. First Reading -**Jeremiah 17:5-8**
 - II. Second Readings – **Colossians 2:6-10**
11. Preparatory Hymn – **2026 Theme Song**
12. Sermon and prayers for those in need-
13. Closing Hymn-**Oh Jesus I have promised, Kiswahili - Nimeahidi, Yesu, kukutumikia (NZIY 52)**
- 14.
15. Benediction
16. Recession Hymn- **Woman’s Guild Anthem 2026**

