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Season of Harvest 2022

CHRIST CHURCH CONNECT



PREAMBLE

The Church exists today to carry out the “Great Commission” as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20. “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”.

The work and ministry we are doing at Christ Church Westlands is in response to the Great Commission, that is, going, making, teaching. Everybody who is part of the body of Christ has a role to play in this task.

Making disciples remains at the heart of our mission. Discipling children, teens, youth, young adults, adults, middlers, seniors.

The approach is discipling by engaging members in service of the Lord and belonging.

Many times, discipleship has been compartmentalized, which is detrimental. Jesus disciplined by spending time with his original followers. They watched Him doing everything. They were immersed in a life with Jesus. It should come as no surprise, then, that we see them doing the exact same thing in the book of Acts.

This year we require all HANDS ON DECK. Every member of the body of Christ has a spiritual gift. These gifts will thrive if we identify them and put them to use (practice).

As people engage with other believers, they can never remain the same in their faith journey.



The Season of Harvest



A harvest festival, is an annual celebration that takes place around the time of a region's primary harvest. These celebrations often involve feasting (both private and public) using food derived from crops that reach maturity around the celebration. Harvest festivals are celebrated all around the world with food, fun, competitions, and music.

Early harvest festivals typically had a religious or spiritual component, with gifts given to the gods or goddesses as thanks for the harvest. One of the key themes of modern celebrations continues to be the attitude of thankfulness and the sharing of the harvest with the neighborhood and even beyond to those in need.

The harvest has been honored by cultures for ages. Thankful for the abundance, they frequently offered tribute to their gods and goddesses in the form of the first harvested fruits, grains, or meat. A feast was often held to celebrate, with the whole community invited to participate.

This year, we celebrated the event at Christ Church on Sunday 4th September in both the Holy Communion and Family services, led by the Alpha and Loresho Cell Groups respectively. Lots of harvest was brought in by the congregants ranging from farm produce to financial harvest. It was a great and energetic day for thanksgiving for the people's harvest over their different sources of livelihood and income.

"Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field" Exodus 23:16



THE CHURCH CELL GROUP

A Biblical View

Rev. Canon E. Kwasi Amofo, PhD

Here at ACK Christ Church, we designated the month of September 2022 as Cell Groups Month. This was because we realized that only about 30% of our church members are members of our church cell groups since there has not been enough teaching that would provide an adequate understanding about the biblical foundations and the biblical importance of church cell groups.

So, over the four Sundays of September, in our various Sunday services, we studied what the Bible teaches us about the basis, the basics, the blessing, and the building of church cell groups. Below is a summary of what we learnt from these four B's about church cell groups.

The Basis of Church Cell Groups

In our institutional churches today, there is a largely passive laity who can sing, listen, and give, but who, other than that, do not participate in God's mission. Church members see themselves as people who should just invite people to come to the church building so that the professionals, the clergy, can share the gospel message with these visitors.

This profile of the institutional church, as we know it today, was completely unknown for the first three hundred years of the life of the church because the first NT Christians met in their homes, not in church buildings such as we have today. We see throughout the NT in such passages as Acts 2:42-27, Acts 16:14, Col, 4:15, Philemon 1:2, Romans 16:23 and 3 John 1-5.

It was through these home churches that Christ effectively built His church from a small obscure group of Jewish peasants in Palestine and converted the entire Roman Empire to the Christian faith in a period of only three hundred years.

So, today, the basis of our church cell groups is that church cell groups re-create the enabling environment of the early church. This gives each of us the opportunity to share our true needs and concerns with one another and to grow in our personal walk with God.

The Basics of Church Cell Groups

From Acts 2:40-47, that narrates the beginnings of the early NT church in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, we know that the activities of the NT home church meetings comprised of first, the teaching of the Apostles Doctrine, second, fellowship, third, the breaking of bread, and fourth, prayer. The four activities form the basics of our church cell groups today.





THE CHURCH CELL GROUP

A Biblical View

The Apostles' Doctrine refers to Bible Study. The Apostles taught the early Christians exactly what they had learned from Jesus Christ, especially after His resurrection. This is exactly what we have today in the OT, the Gospels, and the Epistles, since the Epistles were written by the Apostles.

So, a primary basic activity of our church cell groups is Bible Study, our study of the Word of God. Through our Bible Study, cell group members encourage and help each other to put into practice what they believe God is saying to them.

Fellowship refers to our sharing with one another in our church cell groups, our joys, our hopes, our concerns, our fears, and our difficulties. The breaking of bread is what we call today, the Holy Communion. In our Anglican context, we need to arrange with the clergy to have them visit with us in our church cell groups to minister the HC to us. Prayer, in our church cell groups, refers to our praying for one another, for the church, for our communities, for our nation, and for the world at large.

The Blessing of Church Cell Groups

The blessing of our church cell groups is that our church cell groups can deepen our spiritual growth and our walk with God as individual Christians, and, also, result in the numerical growth of the church.

Our church cell groups become a very real blessing for us as individual Christians as they help us to grow into maturity, to grow the church at large, and to impact our communities for Christ.

The Building of Church Cell Groups

The first important factor in the building of church cell groups is the sense of welcome for every member that should mark the life of the cell group.

The second important factor in the building of church cell groups is that, through our study of the Word, Christ, the living Word of God, becomes more real to us as we seek to live in a manner that honors Him, and as we learn to daily develop our relationship with Him.

The third important factor in the building of church cell groups is that our church cell groups become established as we learn how to reach out in Christian witness to those who do not know Christ in our families and workplaces.

Conclusion

It is our prayer that this teaching will encourage those of us who are yet to join a church cell group to join one. It is also our prayer that this teaching will also encourage those who are already in a church cell group to appreciate its importance to their spiritual growth.



PROGRESS UPDATE

CHILDREN'S CENTRE PROJECT

The start of the construction of the Children's Centre brought a fresh breath to the air around Christ Church Westlands. There was a tangible feeling of excitement after the groundbreaking ceremony which was held back in January this year and thereafter the contractor cordoned off the site and commenced the actual work. It was now time to detach ourselves from our long-accustomed church environment as the old buildings were razed down to create spaces where the new block was to be set up. We also had to adapt to the new spaces and facilities that were put up to serve as the temporary facilities all through the period of the construction, but better still all this was to pave way for an even better, modern, conducive and well-thought-through idea that was finally coming to life.

Since the onset of the construction work in May, the contractor has also been right on course, picking up the pace to ensure he not only delivers on time but actually reproduces the exact concept physically, giving the members a clear view of what to expect when the building is finally handed over to the church. This is a great point of motivation not only for the children, who are the key beneficiaries of the project but also for the entire Christ Church community. It was a symbol that our long-standing dream of the flagship project under the 2019-2024 strategic plan is underway.

The project was officially launched on 10 July 2021 in a well-hyped fundraising launch breakfast at the Sankara Hotel in Westlands, Nairobi. We then embarked on a vigorous drive to encourage pledges and donations of funds in the period leading to the official ground-breaking, done by the Most Rev'd Dr Jackson Ole Sapit on 22 January 2022 at a well-attended breakfast at the church grounds. This set the ball rolling and the work was handed over to Eagle Realty, the contractor who won the tender after a competitive tendering process done by the Christ Church Development and Property Committee. Initially projected to run across a period of 30 months, the contractor challenged us, promising to hand over the complete Children's Centre by Christmas day this year. This meant we needed to speed up our collection process to match the new time frame.

Among other activities that have been organized for this include the 500 Children for Christ walk which took place on 2 April 2022 within Westlands. This walk was the final activity in the collection exercise by the children and teens for the late February to March period; the intention was to raise at least 2 million shillings towards the project with over 900,000 shillings raised as of the time of this publication. After this, we had the major fundraising for the church that saw us raise over 8M in cash and 3.7M In pledges. We look forward to the Family Funday set to happen on the 23rd of October and lastly the golf tournament next year all aimed at energizing the congregants towards this worthy cause.

The Children's Centre, once complete, is projected to serve 500 children every Sunday by providing a conducive environment and the necessary infrastructure for children, teens and the youth to learn, engage and grow in their faith in Christ.

In addition, the project will help us upgrade our current infrastructure. The Church office, kitchen and ablution blocks will be revamped; modern meeting spaces will be set up to optimize the interaction of the various ministries, youth and children's groups; and dedicated counseling rooms are part of the plan to cater to the spiritual and emotional nourishment of our community. The Centre will also host a modern restaurant for the nourishment of physical kind.

Let us all plug in to support this project in whatever capacity to make it a reality.



FUNDRAISING FOR THE

CHILDRENS CENTRE



ACK Christ Church Westlands prides itself as the premier Children's Church in the All Saints Cathedral Diocese. The church was established in the 1920s as the Children's Church to serve the non-Catholic children from the neighborhood community and those attending schools within the locality. The Children's Centre project aims to further this agenda by raising the capacity of the church, targeting to serve at least 500 children every Sunday. The project has therefore adopted the tagline "500 Children for Christ". This will have a great impact in shaping the younger generation both personally and spiritually, and influencing their impact as members of the society and the Church in future.



The Kids to Kids ministry is also set to benefit greatly from this project. With improved classes and better infrastructure, the children will enjoy a more conducive learning environment as they continue to pursue their journey through early education. The classes will also have a higher capacity, easing the way to a targeted capacity of 70 children from the less privileged society in the vicinity of the Church, up from the 30 pupils currently enrolled in the program.



Since inception of the project, there has been a drive to sustain a quarterly momentum of activities towards raising funds for the centre, whose project cost was set at Ksh. 50M. In 2022, we have had the groundbreaking breakfast in quarter 1 and the children's walk in quarter 2.



More recently in Q3, we held a churchwide Fundraising Breakfast on the 2nd of July 2022 at the church. The fundraising team had announced this a few months before and members had been urged to reach out to their families and friends in order to raise funds towards this day. Many members did so and submitted their contributions well in advance of the fundraising breakfast. During the event, the day's main speaker was keen on energizing the congregation to give to children projects as with that, they lay a great foundation for generations to come and thus leave a legacy for positively shaping tomorrow's society. With guests from within and outside of the congregation, the Fundraising breakfast saw a huge turnout from the congregants, just as an echo of the energy that the members have had all through towards the project. From the breakfast event, we were able to raise a total Ksh 12.5M, with Ksh 8.8M in cash and Ksh 3.7M in pledges that have continued to be paid over time. At the time of this publication, the total payments for the fundraiser are at Ksh 9.8M, with another Ksh 2.7M to be collected.



FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHILDRENS CENTRE

The building which is almost complete with the superstructure and the internal finishes yet to be started, is set for completion and handover by the contractor back to the church on 20th December 2022, in an event we expect to be presided over by the Archbishop, The Most Rev. Dr Jackson Ole Sapit. To achieve the December timeline, we request all congregants to plug in whatever capacity to ensure we can achieve this dream. We urge members to accelerate the clearing of balances in their pledges and to continue giving for the same. We recently launched the 100X100 Drive where we hope to get 100 members from within our congregation to give 100 thousand each so as to raise the remaining balance of 10million by end of November. Over 2M has already been committed on this initiative in its first two weeks.

Form an overall perspective, the amounts pledged now amount to 37M, with 25.1M collected.

We thank members for their generosity and sacrifice, since the inception of the project. We trust that the Lord who began this good work in our midst, will bring it to a conclusion, for His glory. To quote the project's slogan, let us all **ARISE FOR THE FUTURE** and make the dream to create a space for our children, a reality!

#Every Single Donation Counts.

#500ChildrenForChrist

#Arise4The Future



THE CHURCH RE-ENVISIONING & BRAINSTORM 2022

As part of an effort to re-energize the church and think through the way forward, Christ Church held an all-inclusive Church Re-envisioning and Brainstorm session on the 3rd of September 2022 at the Church. This was a chance for the members to contribute and share their thoughts on the way the church is run, what they feel should be changed and what new ideas need to be incorporated to ensure the church effectively serves its function.

Also, with the Children Ministry Centre being a huge project, scheduled to be handed over to the church in December by the contractor, this was a chance to think through and share ideas on how exactly this center would impact the church community, the ministry and what facilitation and resources will be needed for it to realize the main objective that it was put up for.

There was a great turnout with almost all ministries, committees and sectors of the church represented. Having done their pre-brainstorm sessions prior in their specific groups, this was an opportunity for the different ministries to present their thoughts to the rest of the congregants as well as take feedback and input from them. We had great discussions and finished the session with a myriad of ideas from across the board which would be key in decisions about the way forward for the church.



REFLECTIONS: SPECIAL NEEDS DEPARTMENT

May 2022 was dedicated as the Special Needs Month for Christ Church Westlands. Amidst our congregation, we have a number of persons with special needs, and the month's focus continued to amplify the conversation around autism specifically-not only to learn how to understand what families go through, but in a bid to make our children, our brothers, our sisters and all families feel welcome anywhere on the grounds of the church. In May, we focused on our unsung heroes: celebrating people living with disabilities (PLWD) and their caregivers. We specifically focused on: Honoring Caregivers, the exceeding courage of PLWD, gave insights about autism and delved deeper into the Good Samaritan.

What then is special needs? In the context of children at school, this entails particular educational requirements as a result of learning difficulties, physical disability, or emotional and behavioural difficulties experienced by the children. In simple clinical diagnostic and functional development, special needs refers to individuals who require assistance for disabilities that may be medical, mental, or psychological. With special reference to autism, this is a developmental disorder with symptoms that appear within the first three years of life. Its formal diagnostic name is autism spectrum disorder. The word "spectrum" indicates that autism appears in different forms with varying levels of severity. That means that each individual with autism experiences their own unique strengths, symptoms and challenges.

The two main symptom areas include:

- Deficits in social communication and interaction
- Restricted, repetitive behaviors, interests, or activities

Following on from our month of May activities, there has been amazing and positive feedback from the congregation. The teachers are looking forward to learning more about autism to better equip themselves to work with children with these spectra of needs. The new church building will be equally equipped to allow for easier access while ensuring the safety of our church members with special needs. And recently, the Special Needs Ministry launched a Support Group for Caregivers of people with Special Needs on June 18, 2022. We cannot thank God enough for the steps we have been able to take thus far, and we are indeed looking forward to more great things to come!



FATHER- SON NGONG HIKE

By The Men's Leadership Team

The Men's Ministry (Men of Christ Church-MoCC) intentionally draws men to God and to each other. The ministry's motto is: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24:15-16. In ACK Christ Church, the ministry seeks to call men and equip them for Godly influence at home, at church and in society. We seek to bring together all men in fellowship to learn God's word, hold empowerment activities, and address issues that impact men. The men hold meetings/activities that address topics relevant to manhood.

It is in the light of the above and in keeping with the 2022 calendar, the men's leadership team planned for the Father/Son hike at Ngong Hills on September 25th 2022. The main objectives were for the dads and sons to bond, connect, learn and create life-long memories through:

- Equipping the fathers and sons with Integral communication and problem-solving skills.
- Training the sons to put into practice the core family values as they engaged with their fathers.
- Challenging the fathers and sons to embrace both intentionality and best practices.
- Ensuring that the fathers and sons' have fun together!

The day kicked off with fathers and sons attending the 8am service in church before leaving together for an easy drive to Ngong Hills. Being early morning on Sunday, the team was at Ngong in no time, where we connected with other friends that had gotten there slightly before. The program of the day was planned to be highly experiential in nature and participants would get involved in learning activities which would be debriefed and lessons deduced from them.



Once the entry formalities were done, the team got into Ngong Hills and had a set of ice breaker activities and games that helped with introductions and easing into the day. All this was done as a larger group and before eventually ending up into smaller Father/Son groups of 2 or 3. All fathers and sons were allocated to allow for quality interactions. This was followed by a hike, where the larger group hiked for the next hour as the Father-Son pairings interacted. This climaxed with the dads each praying for and having one on one moments with their sons, atop one of the hills-a moment that was a highlight and will remain etched in the memories of all involved. The team subsequently hiked back to the original meeting place an hour later, where they shared a meal.

To conclude the day, there was one more activity, with Fathers guiding their blindfolded sons through a designated course-intended to inculcate both communication skills and trust between the two parties. The debrief session for this one was both enlightening and funny, as the teams shared their experiences, before concluding and driving back to where it all had begun, at ACK Christ Church Westlands.

The Men's Ministry is grateful for all the Fathers and sons that made it-with a special mention for men that took additional sons under their wing for the day, and families that released their sons to be "adopted" by the wider group of fathers. It was a joy to see men learning from each other and instilling the values and wisdom of Godly manhood to the next generation. Additionally, we thank everyone that invited a friend or extended family member.

For the remaining part of the year, the ministry is planning for the Karura walk/run on 5th November and the end year Nyama Choma whose date will be confirmed for December.

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Mother- Daughter Hangout at Arboretum

The Ladies Ministry organised a Mums and Daughters, (aged between 7 and 12 year) hangout on 1st October, 2022. The event took place at the arboretum to take advantage of the open space and fresh air. The main aim of the event was to bond and improve relationships between the mums and daughters, between the daughters and between the mums. The activities started at 10.30am with all mums and girls present doing Zumba dance exercises. The girls had a great time of bonding as they did some beadwork making bracelets, anklets and necklaces for themselves and their mums. The loving care and attention put in the beadwork was clearly evident in the final bracelets, necklaces and anklets and the skills were amazing. As the girls engaged in their beadwork the mums shared their different experiences on parenting daughters. At the end everyone shared snacks and drinks which each family had brought.

All in all, it was a lovely day full of fun and bonding. Relationships were formed and others strengthened. We thank God for a successful hangout and pray that the He continues to strengthen the relationships and bonds formed as we continue to disciple each other.



KAYO Tujuane Summit

By The Youth Leadership Team

The KAYO Tujuane Summit happened on Friday 30th September and 1st October at St. Mary Magdalene Retreat House in Karen. It brought together youth leaders and members from all the Parishes within All Saint's Cathedral Diocese. Around 35 young people attended. The Summit was facilitated by the Diocesan Youth Organizer's office. The theme was **Awesome God; Wholesome God** which was centered on **John 10:10**. *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* The young people were encouraged to live a life worthy of the calling they have as believers, restrain from being a stumbling block to the gospel, desire to live for God's glory and as such flee from all that is evil and ungodly and to let their way of life be a witness to the gospel and so point others to Christ. As part of living a wholesome life, the youth were encouraged to commit themselves to actively and joyfully serving the Lord and his people both within and without their local churches. They were also encouraged to make the most of the opportunity they have as young people, to keep watch of their spiritual and moral health, to embrace diligence in everything they do and to use every gift they are blessed with, to serve and honor God.

The topics covered were Mental Health, Economic Empowerment, Spiritual Disciplines and Enriching Relationships. In matters mental health, the young people were encouraged to ensure that they are self-aware, establish the areas they need help and actually seek help as much as possible, appreciate the place of self-care, maintain the right company and friendships, understand that ultimately God is over all and that he alone can truly satisfy; nothing else and to always commit all their thoughts and plans unto the Lord and so patiently depend on Him.

Spiritual disciplines, which was defined as practices and habits that help believers in their growth or walk with Christ, which however do not make one more holy or righteous, since only God can make one holy, was also a topic very well handled. The spiritual disciplines were put in three categories: Inward disciplines (Prayer, Meditation, Study-Bible reading, Bible Study, Bible memorization as well as fasting), Outward disciplines (Sabbath/rest, Simplicity, Solitude and Service) and Corporate Disciplines: (Confession, Worship and Witness). All these disciplines were explained and encouraged since they entail positioning oneself to intentionally and willingly submit to God to allow him to speak and to transform one into the image of His Son Jesus Christ.



There were also very wonderful insights shared on matters economic empowerment and as such the youth were challenged to consider the kind of space that they were in, establish the why aspect/purpose then let that inform their decisions and path. The facilitator also offered counsel on subject of debt as well as financial stewardship which involved proper budgeting, savings, investment, caution on money leakages and living within one's means. The youth were encouraged to be willing to start small whether on saving or investing. It was also advised that everyone should strive to read about personal finance every day.

Moreover, the young people were allowed to interact, socialize and exchange insights on various issues affecting young people like relationships and discipleship, over the bonfire as well as game activities.

The KAYO Tujuane was a wonderful Summit that greatly edified and refreshed all that attended.



KIDS TO KIDS UPDATE



By David Shilaho
Kids to Kids Coordinator

We are delighted to bring you up to speed with what has been happening since the beginning of the academic year. Our academic year began in April 2022. We are glad to report that we started our term with the successful transition of the 11 children that had qualified to join public schools. We partnered with New Kihumbuini Primary school to achieve this.

The K2K committee

Kids to kids is run by a committee of ladies and gentlemen who are members of Christ church under the chairmanship of Mr. Gordon Odundo. Following a strategic meeting that happened earlier in the year, the committee is working on four pillars that will see the ministry grow in leaps and bounds. These pillars include:

- Sustainability
- Alumni association
- Outreach
- Integrated support and Engagement
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Recruitment

We swiftly then embarked on the recruitment of the new children to fill in the gaps created by the transition. This exercise saw us get 28 children in total under the programme. The whole process was keenly followed by the committee. Thanks to this great team!



Feeding Programme

Our immense gratitude goes out to the members of the church who have continued to give in kind and cash. We have had our children well fed and we don't take that for granted. Thank you so much to those who gave. The meals we provide are often the only meals that these children get. We are also very grateful for the donations we received during the Harvest Sunday.

Volunteer engagements

This period has seen us get volunteers from the church and from outside. We continue to partner with USIU (United States International University) through the community service. Every semester they sent four students who offer support to the ministry. This period was no exception and we are grateful for the support that these students provide.

Children's Health.

We wish to report that we dewormed the children earlier in the year. We have followed this up with the very latest deworming that we did as they resumed classes for the 3rd term. We want to thank Chitra for facilitating this exercise. Our children are looking more healthier than they came.

KIDS TO KIDS UPDATE



Counselling.

We continue to give our gratitude to the Christ church counselling team who have taken the counselling of the children together with their parents with the seriousness that it deserves. The counsellors have monthly meetings with the parents and guardians on a monthly basis. Through these sessions the parents are able to learn how to handle their children as well as learning ways of becoming economic independent. The children get to have sessions with counselors every week.

ROPES

We are glad to report that the Christ church children ministries under the Ropes team took 6 children from Kids to Kids and have taken them through the ongoing ropes sessions. We are very grateful.

Chapel service.

We continue to have our chapel services every Wednesday of the week. We thank the church leadership for allowing this service for it is the only time that most of these children get a chance to be in church.

Children Ministry Center.

We pray for all the church members who are contributing towards the upcoming children center. We are waiting with bated breath to learn in the more modern classrooms! May God bless you abundantly in all your endeavors.



Christian Mission extends to all scopes of Human life, political too.

By Dixon Andiwa



The All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi recently held a civic education symposium as part of the cathedral's public awareness series focused on Christian engagement in Public life. The symposium examined the need for involvement of the Church-and Christians, in promoting social justice, good governance; and credible electoral processes. Coming as the Country prepares for the upcoming general elections, speakers concurred that 'the political space was equally critical' to deserve the input of the Church.

The Rt. Rev. Prof. Joseph Galgalo, the ACK Provincial registrar and an assistant Bishop in the ACK Diocese of All Saints Cathedral Diocese was one of the panelists at the symposium. He remarked that the public space, to a large extent, "influenced the quality of lives that Kenyans live." As such he explained that the church must seek to influence the country's governance and safeguard the will of Kenyans.

Referring to values and character of leadership, Bishop Galgalo said that while much had been done to ensure high standards of integrity; it was hard for the Church and state to 'effectively police morality.' "Kenyans must however, live by the high standards that we have set, and commit to upholding them." This would help in modeling better leadership and values that can contribute to a better country," he added.

Bishop Galgalo also proposed that Christians could influence the spaces that they held to promote better leadership, and as well influence those who offered themselves for leadership- as opposed to always "choosing the lesser evil."

Dr. Katindi Sivi, a policy analyst, warned that lack of interest in public affairs allowed for "just a few people determining what course the country's leadership takes." She said that many other groups were equally interested in the affairs of the Nation and could use their influence to push for an agenda that may destroy the Country.

She encouraged Kenyans to organize themselves and hold leaders to account on the promises they made to the electorate. She added that most politicians were not keen on addressing issues affecting Kenyans because they were not being held to account.

Kwame Owino, the Chief Executive officer of the Institute of Economic affairs, urged the church to "engage actively and aggressively in the entire 5 years of the electoral cycle." He posed that the church could promote the rule of law by ensuring that "all human beings, created in the image of God, are treated with fairness."

Civic Duty and responsibility.

Kwame challenged the Church to promote vibrant dialogue on National issues. "We should operate in an environment where honest discussions take place, but ensure that what promotes the common good is championed."

"Political Mobilisation is bound to be divisive and it is a great move by the church to promote peace; and at the same time understand and allow people to engage meaningfully with each other," Kwame pointed. He also urged that, "the church must promote elevation of the levels of performance for those in power regardless of who is in power."

The All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi is running a public sensitization series on active civic engagement and transformation of public processes. The Cathedral's Provost, the Rev. Canon Dr. Sammy Wainaina, shared that the Cathedral would seek to engage not just the Country's leadership, but the electorate on issues affecting them. He posited that "if the church is weak on the inside, it cannot heal the space outside it," underscoring the need for the Church to understand its ministry and endeavor to transform the society.



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