

2011 REVIEW

# Ministry of Abundant Life

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KENYA



DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## EDITORIAL

In Kenya, 2011 was engulfed with challenging tides among them drought, rising cost of living, organizational industrial actions soliciting for better remuneration and floods later in the year.

The Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) has continued to comfort and strengthen the nation through messages of hope and call for solidarity among Kenyans.

In the Directorate of Social Services (DOSS), the development arm of ACK, all initiatives of the year were aimed at improving the quality of life for the needy in the communities through participatory and sustainable approaches .

We appreciate the continued support accorded by partners, friends and associates to facilitate this work.

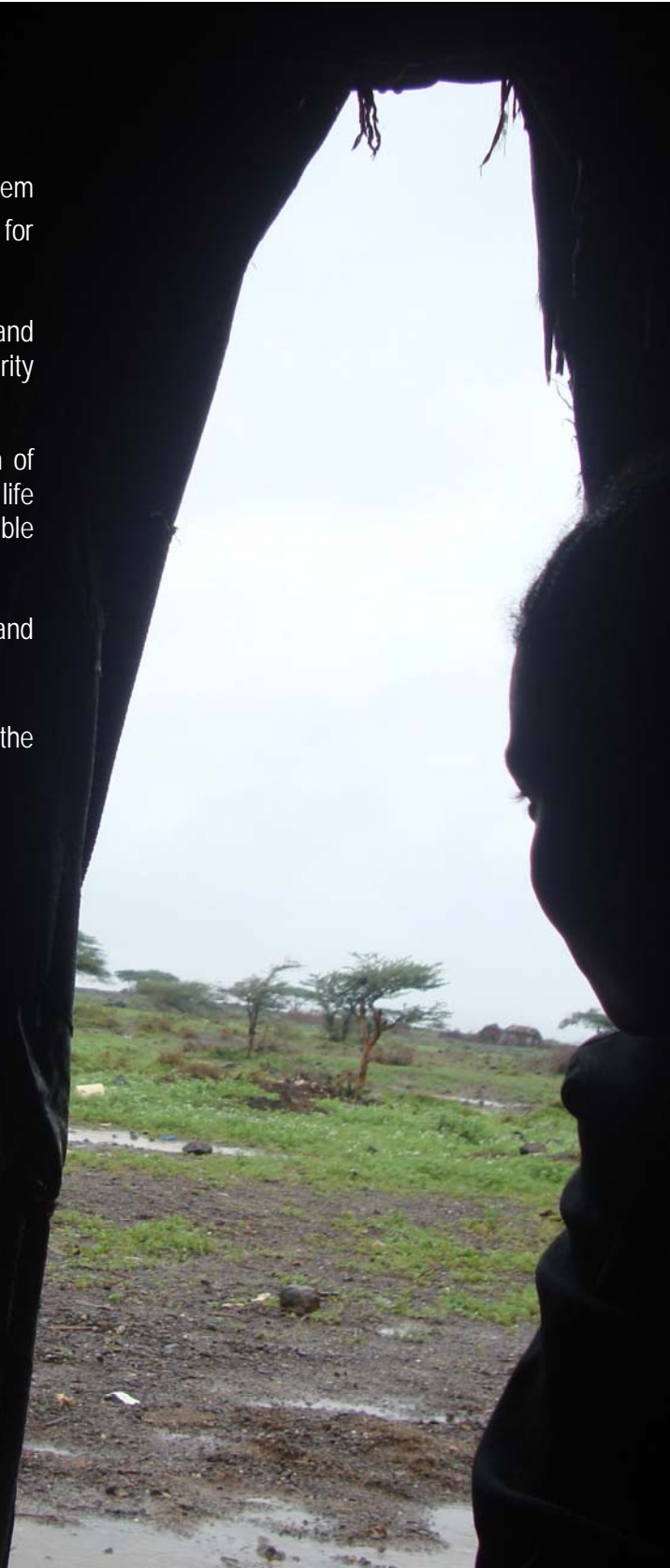
As we wind up the year 2011, we review the engagements of the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) in mission and social transformation.

We convey a message of good tidings throughout the festive season.

Joyce Mwangi

## 2011 Review

- ACK In Mission
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FEBRUARY



### ACK Adopts New Theme

The Standing Committee of the Provincial Synod held consultations at the All Saints Cathedral Multi-Purpose Hall on 2nd March 2011 and adopted, " Together for Christ," as the focus for the Anglican Church of Kenya in the decade 2011– 2020.

Further, the theme, "Empowering the Youth," was resolved as the direction for the year 2011 with energies and resources channeled towards nurturing the youth and integrating them in church programmes in the year 2011 and beyond.

MARCH

### Anglican Alliance Advocates For Financial Literacy

Delegates attending the first consultative conference for the Anglican Alliance in Nairobi called for the Communion initiative to have as two of its key priorities the development of an Anglican Bank for savings and loans, and a public education campaign on financial literacy and rights. The consultation to take forward proposals for development, relief and advocacy across the Anglican Communion received a strong endorsement from Archbishop Eliud Wabukala, the Primate of Kenya. Comprising of delegates from right across Africa and other regions of the world, they agreed that the Alliance should also focus on peace and reconciliation as a second area of development policy and governance as a third area.



MAY



### China's Delegation Visit ACK

A delegation of twelve from the Ministry of the State Administration for Religious Affairs (SARA) People's Republic of China, visited the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK). Hosted by Archbishop Eliud Wabukala, they sought to understand the church relates with the state. The delegation was headed by Minister of the State Administration for Religious Affairs in China, Minister Wang Zuoan. Interactions from the visit will create lasting relationship between the two countries and possibly identify specific areas of collaboration.

JUNE

## Archbishop of Canterbury Visits Kenya

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams visited the Anglican Church of Kenya from 18th– 23rd June 2011, to celebrate the mission, life and witness of the Church in the country.

Archbishop Williams together with the host Archbishop Dr. Eliud Wabukala, traversed various parts of the country to interact with the social transformation work at the grassroots.

During the visit they attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations in the Diocese of Nakuru (2). The visit was graced with meeting the President of Kenya, Hon. Mwai Kibaki at Harambee House Nairobi (1).



JULY



## Call For Action

The Advocacy Committee of The Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) called upon the Government to act in response to the drought situation and the slow pace of the constitutional implementation process. The political leaders were urged to look beyond premature campaigns for the forthcoming 2012 elections and remain focused on implementation of the constitution. The efforts of the Constitution Oversight Implementation Committee and the Constitutional Implementation Commission thus far were commended.

AUGUST

## ACK Responds to Looming Drought in Kenya

Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki declared the drought affecting various parts of the country a national disaster and ordered immediate steps be taken to help affected people and livestock. Most affected areas were recurring drought situations thus depriving already vulnerable people of their livelihoods, leaving them in need of assistance. The Anglican Church of Kenya has been intervening since last year having spent over 200 million shillings in relief provisions. This was done with the support of partners like Diakonie Emergency Fund, Tearfund UK, Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Christian Aid, USAID, PACT Kenya, ICCO Netherlands and Christians from various dioceses in the country.



SEPTEMBER



## ACK Gives Message of Hope

Anglican Church of Kenya Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy held a press conference giving a message of hope to Kenyans. This was after recurrent disasters that had occurred. i.e. road carnage, the Sinai slum and Busia tanker fires, deaths caused by the consumption of lethal local brews, collapsing of buildings under construction and the inhaling of poisonous chlorine fumes in Shauri Moyo. They comforted those who lost loved ones and urged the Government to be proactive in timely disaster response.

OCTOBER

## Fundraising Luncheon for KAU Held

The initiative to establish the Kenya Anglican University (KAU) was driven by the increasing demand for university education in Kenya and East Africa. The church seeks to extend training beyond the discipline of theology and build Christian values in human resources and leadership development.

In October, a fundraising luncheon was held at Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, bringing together founder members who had pledged monetary commitments to facilitate the construction of the university. The luncheon was graced by The President of Kenya, Hon. Mwai Kibaki.

KAU committee has proposed academic programmes with the vision "to develop a centre of excellence in leadership and entrepreneurship."

During his visit to Kenya, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams together with the Archbishop of Kenya, Dr. Eliud Wabukala laid a foundation stone at the proposed site. (picture



NOVEMBER



## 2 ACK Dioceses Elect New Bishops

Anglican Church of Kenya, Dioceses of Nakuru and Kajiado, peacefully elected two bishops on Saturday 26th November 2011.

Canon Joseph Kamwati Muchai was elected the Bishop of Nakuru Diocese in the peaceful process. He is a holder of Masters degree in Theology from Queens University in Belfast. He is married and blessed with two children. He succeeds Bishop Stephen Njihia Mwangi (top left) who has served in the diocese for 21 years, and has been the Dean of the Province.



In Kajiado, Rev. Gadiel Katanga Lenini was elected the 2nd Bishop of the Diocese. A graduate of St. Paul's College in Limuru, Rev. Katanga has been the provost of St. Emmanuel Cathedral in Kajiado. He is married and blessed with three children. He succeeds Bishop Daniel Taama (below left) who has served in the diocese for 14 years.

MARCH

### Nyanza Region Rebrands

Nyanza Inter- diocesan Christian Community Services (IDCCS), the social transformation arm of the Anglican Church of Kenya in Nyanza region rebranded to Nyanza Anglican Development Services (ADS). This aims at identifying with Anglicanism upon which the organization is founded.

The new name ADS- Nyanza also seeks to promote ownership by parishes and dioceses under whose umbrella the organization works. The acronym 'ADS' also depicts the mandate of adding value to people's lives through various social transformation programmes the region engages in.



APRIL



### Coping with Climate Change

Millions in the Greater Horn of Africa currently face potential food shortages caused by erratic rainfall linked to global warming. In Ukamba Christian Community services (UCCS), the area is characterized by long dry spells and insufficient water, thus exposure to recurrent drought .

To cope with climate change UCCS has initiated projects such as construction of sand dams, tree planting and drip irrigation. Awareness creation on the importance of terracing, road water harvesting, and importance of good farming practices is being integrated. Terracing is ongoing in individual farms with over 5,000 meters of bench terraces and cut off drains already dug. Staff from various regions visited the projects in UCCS to learn on the initiatives to cope with climate change.

MAY

### ACK Consultants Trains Donors on Pop

Staff from three donor organizations in Germany namely EED, Bread for the World and Misericordia attended a training on people owned process (PoP) which took place in Bonn- Germany. The training was facilitated by two master trainers from the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK); Mr. Peter Nyorsok from Directorate of Social Services (DOSS) and Mrs. Josephine Tarus from Eldoret Region. The key objective of the training was to expose the staff to the PoP approach of development which ACK the implementing partner organization engages in.



JUNE



### Regions Attend Pop Training

Staff from four Christian Community Services (CCS) and Directorate of Social Services (DOSS) attended training on People- owned Processes (POP) in West- ern. POP is a self- help process that focuses on empowering communities to initiate their own development and implement the same using resources available in their localities. The process promotes ownership as the people are involved from project identification, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

JULY



### ACK Holds Development Consultation

Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) development actors from various regions in the country held a two- day consultation to review ACK work in social transformation. Over 35 years in which the ACK has been doing development work, the operational context has changed thus necessitating the consultation to discuss ways of improving the work. ACK hopes to make the consultation an annual conference where local owners and doers of development work can engage on how to sustain and grow the development agenda of ACK.

AUGUST

### Empowering Youth on Governance

2011 being the year to focus on the Youth in the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK), the Directorate of Social Services (DOSS) has through the advocacy programme built the capacity of the youth to become effective Social Auditors. This has been done through equipping them with skills to monitor Decentralised Funds, specifically the Constituency Development Fund, Free Primary Education, Secondary Education Bursary Fund and Local Authority Transfer Fund. Awareness on the Public Policy formulation was also created. All this is preceded by a 'dreaming' session where the youth describe "The County We Want" in preparation for the county dispensation.



SEPTEMBER



### Honouring an Environmentalist

The Anglican Church of Kenya joined the world in mourning the demise of Nobel Peace laureate Professor Wangari Maathai. Prof. Maathai was a passionate environmentalist who stood firm against deforestation and paid a great price to reclaim grabbed public land at a time when land grabbing was rife in the country.

In a message of condolence sent by Archbishop Dr. Eliud Wabukala to her family, friends and relatives, he described her as a resolute environmentalist and human rights campaigner. In memory of her life, Archbishop Wabukala planted a tree at the All Saints Cathedral Nairobi after the Provincial Synod held on 30th September 2011. Her legacy reminds us to be proactive in our response to environmental degradation and stewardship, since nature, in her words, if not taken care of, will be very unforgiving in future.

OCT-DEC

### Ongoing Projects

- Advocacy Programme– Empowering Youth on Governance
- Health, HIV/AIDS and Gender Programme- Women's Training on Leadership and Governance, Gender Audit
- Capacity Building Programme– Training, Consultancy Services, and Promotion of People Owned Process (PoP)
- IT, Sustainability and Research Programme– IT Support and Consultancy Services, Income Generating Activities
- Disaster Management and Mitigation Programme– Capacity Building, Emergency Response, Joint Campaigns on Climate Change

# Blessed Festivities



The Board,  
Management & Staff  
of ACK- DOSS  
wish you  
blessed holidays  
as you  
share good tidings  
with family, friends  
and the needy.

## **WHO WE ARE**

Anglican Church of Kenya,  
Directorate Of Social Services  
(ACK- DOSS).

## **WHAT WE DO**

ACK- DOSS is the National-level organ set up with the purpose of Spearheading ACK development issues and positive social transformation i.e. leading conceptualization, stirring and steering action. "

## **HOW WE DO IT**

Through nine regions known as Christian Community Services (CCS) spread in the whole country. The communities in the respective regions initiate and implement development projects through participatory and sustainable approaches.

## **FEEDBACK**

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