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### COMMUNIQUE FROM THE 24<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD HELD AT ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL, NAIROBI ON WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> TO THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

#### **Theme: Institutional Sustainability**

*Bible Verse: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of the sight for the blind, release the oppressed," Luke 4:18*

#### **1.0 PREAMBLE**

We the members of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Church of Kenya meeting at the All Saints Cathedral Church Nairobi send our good will message to all Kenyans. We take this opportunity to condole with the families who lost their dear ones in the Ngandu School tragedy and pray for quick recovery to the injured children.

We have openly and prayerfully discussed and reflected on a number of issues affecting our Church and the Kenyan society.

#### **2.0 Anglican Church of Kenya**

The Anglican Church of Kenya has over years grown with Dioceses increasing from 7 in the seventies to 40 Dioceses today. In order, to respond to ever changing needs and operational environment and remain true to our mandate in a holistic manner, we commit to re-examine our constitution, processes and the way we do business guided by ACK Decade Strategy 2018-2027. In this regard, this session resolved that where Dioceses have in place Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manuals such documents should be harmonized with the Provincial Human Resource Manual within a grace period of one year.

The session further, recognized that a constitution is an established set of rules, laws and regulations based on what is determined to be morally acceptable and agreeable to the parties that it seeks to govern. We reaffirm the amendment of the ACK constitution with a view to address the needs, gaps and aspiration of the congregation and the Church in general. Change begins with our covenant with God-(spiritual revival).

The session commends Boards of Finance, Mission, Social Services, Education and Training, the Provincial Institutions and Church Commissioners for Kenya for enabling the Church deliver on her mandate. This rounded in our new Slogan "Jesus in the heart, knowledge in the mind, Food on the table and money in the pocket".

#### **3.0 Global and National Environment**

The session noted the following key lessons that will assist it re-imagine church engagement going forward:

- The problems affecting our world and our nation today are historical and whether global or local they take similar patterns.
- These problems cannot be solved with the terms set by modernity as if they are medical procedures, because to a large extent they are moral in nature.
- We cannot therefore by pass difficult moral choices and apply scientific decisions and procedures that states-maximize X and you get it solved.

- Moral approach demands that we must first decide which X and how do we choose X from Y in doing demands asking moral questions.

The session reaffirmed that the biggest problems facing us today point back to the moral questions of determining what is wrong and deciding what is good and desirable.

#### **4.0 Climate change and Protection of Water towers**

The session noted with deep concern the devastating effects of climate change on general welfare of Kenyans. We call upon the Government, County governments and other stakeholders to step up the efforts in combating the effects. To this end, in line with our Wholesome ecology theme, as a Church using the Green Anglican Movement, we resolve to Scale up our efforts through tree planting and growing, promotion of green energy within our areas of influence and waste management as well as champion for policies and reforms in various sectors. This session reaffirms the conservation of water towers in all parts of the country.

#### **5.0 Insecurity and Institution of the Family**

Whereas the Country has enjoyed relative calm in the recent past with few incidents of insecurity in some parts, the session notes that there is gradual resurgence of vigilante groups that threaten the national peace and cohesion across the country due to unemployment and harsh economic times. We urge the security organs to strengthen their operations and stop these gangs.

We are deeply concerned with the level of violence within the family and specifically homicide and spouses killing each other. We commit ourselves to support our congregations with counselling, psycho social support and life -skills.

#### **6.0 Resurgence of Cultural practices hostile to the Church**

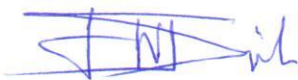
We have noted with great concerns the resurgence of cultural practices such as FGM, traditional rites of passage among some Kenyan communities that go against biblical teaching, moral doctrinal practices and the Holy Scripture. We urge the Christians to reaffirm their faith and live as required by the Holy Scripture.

#### **7.0 Education Sector**

The session noted with concern on selection of set books without wide consultation with stakeholders. We further noted that under privileged areas, the government must ensure that all public utilities plots for schools, playgrounds and health facilities are provided for. We call upon the County governments to enforce laws on construction and maintenance of public facilities to avoid collapse of buildings.

God Bless you all. In the Name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Signed on this date, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019, All Saint's Cathedral, Nairobi



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