Rev. Canon Dr. Rosemary Mbogo

MESSAGE FROM THE ACK PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

As the Church celebrates her Golden Jubilee this year, it is a moment to take stock of the growth experienced since we became a Province. We are grateful that the Lord has sustained the Province to keep the faith and the mission of the church. The ministry scope has expanded, as has our membership. Therefore, we have put in place mechanisms to ensure that the Provincial office, we are better placed and equipped to support the Church to deliver on her mandate to humanity and the nation.

Our human resource framework has been aligned to reflect the expanded need for ministry through the provincial Administration that has officers and four boards mandated with spearheading the operations of the Church, covering the following areas: Mission; Education and Training; Social Services; and Finance. This structure has ensured that the core mandate is implemented seamlessly while upholding the Unity of the Body of Christ. Under the leadership of His Grace, The Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit, the Church continually ensures that the strategic direction bends towards addressing the pressing needs of the nation.

The relevance of the mission underscores providing a Wholesome Mission to a wholesome Nation, guided by the decade Strategy 2018-2027. As communities have been preached to, the transforming power of the Gospel of Christ in their lives has been witnessed. This is achieved by understanding the unfolding complex contexts in which we operate.

Our commitment then is on how to remain relevant to the people we serve while maintaining the same message of Christ. To achieve this, we have endeavored to understand the unfolding complex contexts in which we operate.

The future remains a critical mission field and we have positioned ourselves to reach out to even more people through our diverse ministry engagement in areas such as Health, Education, Environmental Conservation, Economic Empowerment, Good Governance, Nation Building and Cohesion; among others.

I take this opportunity to join in congratulating the Church for her 50 years of faithful service.

God Bless you all.

From The Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit

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Brief History of the ACK

The roots of the Anglican Church of Kenya are in the work of two German Missionaries – Dr Johann Ludwig Kraft and Johannes Rebmann – who were sent by the Church Missionary Society (CMS), incorporated in Britain. Ludwig arrived and settled in Mombasa in 1844, followed by Rebmann in 1846. Kraft established a mission centre at Rabai, which is now in Kilifi County, on the outskirts of Mombasa City. The Rabai mission centre grew to host the church building, an agricultural centre, a vocational training centre-cum-school and a Bible School.

The basic aim of the missionaries was to establish a self-sustaining, self-governing and self-propagating Christian community. Two significant marks of the Anglican Church on Mombasa Island are the centre established for freed slaves rescued from slave ships in high seas and some bought by missionaries to set them free, and the establishment of a strategic church near the ocean from where the missionaries could observe the ships coming into the port and use coded bells to signal the natives if they suspected the ship was of slave traders. The place is to date called Kengeleni, while the area where the slave rescue centre was located became known as Frere Town.

With these basic establishments on the Island and Rabai, the church grew. Natives were trained to be catechists and clergy. Through small strides of education, training and skills development, Diocese of Eastern Equatorial had been established by 1884. This diocese was divided in 1899 to form the Diocese of Uganda and Diocese of Mombasa, which covered Kenya and Northern Tanzania. The Rt Rev W.G Peal was the first Bishop.

The construction of the Railway line speeded up the establishment of inland stations, such that by 1901, Maseno Station and Butere had been established. This led to the establishment of Maseno School and Butere Girls, followed by Alliance High School (together with ecumenical partners) in 1926 and later Kahutha Girls.

A typical mission centre had a church, a school, vocational centre and an agricultural demonstration unit. Some of the missionaries who came in as teachers ended up shuttling between church work and teaching. Leonard Beecher who taught at Alliance High School became the fourth Bishop of Mombasa in 1953 and eventually the first and last Archbishop of the Church of the Province of East Africa (CPEA), encompassing Kenya and Northern Tanzania, in 1960.

In 1970 CPEA was divided to form the Church of the Province of Kenya (CPK) and Church of the Province Tanzania (CPT). Archbishop Festo Habukuk Olang’ became the first Archbishop of the Church of the Province of Kenya (CPK).

The Anglican Church in Kenya had grown to a level where it was self-sustaining, self-propagating and self-governing. It had taken 126 years for the seed which Dr Johann Ludwig Kraft planted to mature and multiply into a critical forest of believers to sustain the church. The steady growth of dioceses demonstrates the self-propagation that the church continues to witness to date.
The Archbishops Since 1970

1970 » 1980

The Most Rev Festo Olang’
He served as the 1st Archbishop and Primate of the Province of Kenya, 2nd Bishop of Nairobi and Bishop-in-Ordinary to the Kenya Defence Forces (a position held by all his successors) from 1970 to 1980.

Before that he served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Maseno from 1961 having been one of the first two Africans (with Obadia Kariuki) to be consecrated Assistant Bishops on 15th March 1955 by Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher at Kampala.

“He was respected for his humility and did not engage in fighting for positions in the church. He preached peace, love, unity, and humility and hence was a great force in keeping the Anglican Church united during his tenure.” (Rev. Alfred Sheunda Keyas)

1980 » 1994

The Most Rev Manesses Kuria
He served as the 2nd Archbishop and the 3rd Bishop of Nairobi from June 1980 to 1994.

Before that he served as the Bishop of the Diocese of Nakuru from 1976, after serving as the Assistant Bishop in the diocese from 1970. He had left teaching to join St. Paul’s United Theological College, Limuru in January 1954.

He was a strong champion of social justice, democracy and good governance and total human development. He set out to strengthen all institutions that would facilitate the attainment of that objective.

1997 » 2002

The Most Rev Dr David Gitari
He served as the 3rd Archbishop and Primate, 4th Bishop of Nairobi and First Bishop of All Saints Cathedral Diocese from Jan. 1997 to Sep. 2002.

Before that he served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Mt. Kenya East from 1975 and then the first Bishop of Kirinyaga Diocese from 1990.

While the Archbishop he spearheaded the process of developing a new church constitution and modernized the church liturgy. He was also a crusader of social, political transitions and an advocate of the second liberation in Kenya.

Politics is like fire. If you move too close it burns you. When you move far you become cold and die.

2002 » 2009

The Most Rev Dr Benjamin Nzimbi
Served as the 4th Archbishop and Primate and the 2nd Bishop of All Saints’ Cathedral Diocese from Sep. 2002 to 2009.

Before that he served as the first Bishop of Nitiui Diocese after it was curved from the Diocese of Machakos in 1995. He had served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Machakos from 1985.

He has background in teaching during which he was trained as a chaplain.

He spearheaded the establishment of the Chaplaincy Diploma Course at Carlile College and staffing of Provincial directorates. He was a strong crusader of family values.

2009 » 2016

The Most Rev Dr Eliud Wabukala, EBS
He served as the 5th Archbishop and Primate and 3rd Bishop of All Saints’ Cathedral Diocese from 2009 to 2016.

Before that he served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Bungoma from 1996 to 2009, having left his position at St. Paul’s University as the Dean of Studies.

He has a background in teaching and Provincial Administration, which he left to join ordained ministry.

He emphasized orthodoxy of the Christian faith. He was a crusader of Public accountability and a peace maker.

“What does God require of you? To walk Humbly and Act Justly.”

2016 » Current

The Most Rev Dr Jackson Ole Sapit
The 6th and Current Archbishop and Primate since 2016. He is also the Bishop of All Saints’ Cathedral Diocese and Bishop-in-Ordinary to the Kenya Defence Forces.

He became the Bishop of Kericho in 2008 after serving as Suffragan Bishop of the Nakuru Diocese. He is a Champion of Social justice, Constructive engagement and sustainable Development.
The wings that steer the operations of ACK

The Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) has grown from seven Dioceses in 1970 to 40 dioceses, two Suf-fragans areas and one Mission area. Accordingly, the number of Clergy has expanded to over 3,500 in the whole Province. The Directorate of Mission spreads its work through different sectors, including the following:

1. Children Ministry: Targets children between 0-12 years. Some congregations have set up crèches to take care of children below the age of three. Those above three years attend Sunday School and the disciplined Boys’ and Girls’ Brigade teach the children life-skills and discipline based on the Scripture. We also organise conferences for chil-
dren, teachers and brigade officers, and music/ drama festivals.

2. Kenya Anglican Youth Organisation: Engages young people between 13 to 35 years through special service, leadership training, youth confer-
ences, and advocacy (Wajibika Initiative), and the Anglican Student Fellowship in universities.

3. Mothers’ Union: Promotes family life and mo-
bilises women within the Church to invest and
promote development.

4. Kenya Anglican Men’s Association: Targets men from the age of 25 years, prioritising those who are married. It mentors young men on investment and family life.

5. Chaplaincy: We offer chaplaincy to learning in
stitutions, hospitals, prisons, airports, ports etc. The strongest influence of our chaplaincy is to the Disciplined and Uniformed Forces, with the Arch-
bishop being the Bishop in Ordinary to the Kenya Defence Forces.

6. Christian Community Mobilisation Process: Shares knowhow on agri-business with communi-
ties and boosts the work of Mother’s Union Eagle Progress Programme, which empowers communities to improve their economic status.

7. Evangelism and Christian Formation: Our Missioned Anglican Diocesan Discipleship and Evangelism Team, popularly known as “CADDDET”, has evangelists in every Parish in the country. Also, we have high level theological training centres, including St Paul’s University, Kenya Anglican Uni-
versity and other colleges.

8. Discipleship and Christian Formation: We have over the years developed Discipleship materials and encourage Christians to use them and grow their faith.

9. Fellowship among Clergy: To promote growth, we organise fellowships for Clergy at local, national and international levels, and remain part of the Global Anglican Communion through the Lambeth Conference and the Gafcon Movement, among others.

THE DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

This is the oldest Directorate in the church, given that the first thing the missionaries did was to establish schools. The oldest is Isaac Nyundo Primary School in Rabai. The Directorate offered education and training that the missionaries deemed suitable for communities, through schools, colleges, vocational centres and in-service facilities. One of the most notable of these is the Native Industrial Training

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The Anglican Church of Kenya on her Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

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