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MESSAGE TO THE NATION BY THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KENYA

“You are my witnesses Isaiah 43:10

PREAMBLE

The 27th Ordinary Session of Provincial Synod of the Anglican Church of Kenya has been meeting at the All-Saint's National Cathedral, from 23rd to 25th September 2025. The Synod in prayer reflected on the state of our mission, as well as that of the Nation. Through this statement, we bring messages of goodwill to our church and the Nation as a whole.

CHURCH INTERNAL PERFORMANCE

The Synod guided by the Spirit of God and a vision of a growing and caring Church boldly proclaiming Christ, reflected on the word of God as recorded in Isaiah 43:10, “you are my witnesses.” The Synod duly examined the performance of the Church and approved several policies including Data Protection Policy, Ethics and Whistle blowing and a revised Safeguarding Policy.

The Synod also upheld the authority of the ACK constitution that defines our structure and operations, and re-affirmed its supremacy alongside the Bible, in matters of mission, development, and structured application of our policies and systems.

WHOLESOME ECOLOGY FOR WHOLESOME NATION

The Anglican Church of Kenya recognizing the importance of climate change, wishes to call upon all Kenyans to celebrate with the Church the theme of ‘wholesome ecology for wholesome Nation’ and intensify environment management efforts. In 2026 the church seeks to consolidate and strength our creation care programs by running national campaigns on wholesome ecology that includes eco-theology, tree growing, water harvesting, and clean energy solutions including renewable energy and waste management.

THE STATE OF THE NATION

As we acknowledge the political challenges and occasional violence that we have seen in our nation over the last two years, we deem it necessary to thank God for His intervention in different ways and the peace and stability that we continue to enjoy. We thank God for the calmness and sobriety that we have begun to witness across the political divide. The government recently published a score card on how the economy has performed. According to the 3-year score card, inflation is down to 4.5% from 9%; the price of maize flour has reduced on average from Kshs 250 to 165 per 2 kg; Tea earnings have increased from Kshs 154 billion to Kshs 215 billion; SHA Membership now stands at 25.8 million. This is commendable and is greatly appreciated.

However, we insist that, national interest must supersede political and ethnic interests that has left the nation deeply wounded and divided. We encourage the leadership of this country to rise above divisive politics and work to free our country from political, ethnic tensions and economic under-performance. As we acknowledge the progress towards stabilization of the country, we as a church, are still concerned about some fundamental national issues:

Although the economic outlook is broadly positive, it is subject to elevated uncertainty. This is worsened by the persisting high level corruption which denies the country the resources needed to finance social services, among others. The persisting culture of extravagance at both National and County governments as reported by the office of the Auditor General remains worrying. Very few of those culpable have been arraigned in court.

Much as we appreciate efforts by EACC, a considerable number of stolen properties are yet to be recovered. In addition, the failure to achieve fiscal consolidation targets could exacerbate Kenya's debt vulnerability to high-debt service repayment. In view of this the Anglican church wishes to propose the following measures:

- i. That the EACC be granted prosecutorial mandate that would enable them to perform their duties without interference from the office of the Director of Public Prosecution.

- ii. We demand that government officers who have been mentioned in corruption cases must resign until their cases are investigated and conclusively determined. This will show the seriousness with which the government handles corruption cases.

Economy: The state of the economy does not give hope and confidence to the citizens. The level of unemployment among youth is worrying and creating a sense of despair and may have direct bearing on rising crime levels. We demand that the country's leadership consider a workable plan to stimulate and spur the economy, and especially aside from the so-called 'empowerment programs' that seem discriminatory and does not spur confidence in the way public funds are used for handouts.

Constitutionalism: It is worrying to hear calls from some politicians proposing extension of the tenure of elective positions from 5 to 7 years. Since independence, citizens have had the opportunity to elect her leaders every 5 years. The US which is the biggest economy in the world, has a 4-years presidential term. It is unacceptable for some politicians to want to extend their stay in office, and the provision of our constitution must be upheld. We demand the 5 years election cycle is protected and maintained.

The constitution must also be respected in the way the three arms of government work together and check each other. Also, let no arm of government be seen to interfere with the independent working of commissions. We challenge these commissions to work as it should and check on the excesses of any arm of the government.

Human life and dignity: Whereas we appreciate the 'declaration' to compensate families that lost their dear ones in the recent demonstrations, justice must be seen to have been done. We note that the high court has issued conservatory orders against the recently launched taskforce, however, we do note, that there are already constitutional offices that have the mandate to carryout the obligations for instance, the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights. We see no reason why these commission should not be mandated the task at hand and including preferring any judicial interventions for the victims so that justice may be served and not delayed any further.

We commend the state for improvement in addressing new wave of insecurity in different parts of the country. We, however, urge the law enforcement agencies to embrace civil approaches when dealing with unarmed demonstrators or even criminals. We demand also, end to extra-judicial killings or suspects dying in police custody. Every life is sacred, and no state organ has the right to silence people's voices calling, and especially those who demonstrate peacefully demanding for change.

The recent cases of femicide and homicide require concerted approach from every level. Every life is sacred and must be preserved and respected. The recent case of femicide give the nation a tainted picture of a brutal society that has no regard for human life and dignity. As a church, we are committed to moral education as a tool for social transformation. We urge the government to use its machinery to address such cases.

E-procurement system: We appreciate the digital programs and systems that have been introduced by the government in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Whereas this is a welcome move to cure past corrupt procurement processes, however, it is essential that the resistance and concerns by Governors be addressed in the interest of promoting a buy-in. It is important that such matters be addressed exhaustively, including: the seeming lack of readiness, inadequate legal framework, and inadequate consultation for certain digital directives, - all in order to achieve better implementation strategies for national digital initiatives.

Urban planning. Following the disbanding of towns, Urban and municipal councils we have noted poor planning in most of our towns and especially new upcoming centers. We demand the county governments to prioritize urban planning and ensure proper planning for public utilities, infrastructure and urban layouts. We are also alarmed with garbage and waste that are quickly becoming part and parcel of the environment in most of our towns. We demand improved and sustained services and better management of our towns.

Health Sector: Whereas we appreciate health sector reforms, we note the challenges that both Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) and Social Health Authority (SHA) continue to face. We note with great concern the suspension of services by private hospitals because of non-payment by SHA and the huge debt they are owed by SHIF.

We demand that the SHA puts her house in order and prioritize payments of funds owed to all hospitals to enable them to continue to offer services.

Education sector: The crisis in the education sector cannot just be wished away. Delayed capitation coupled with unaffordable education is putting quality education and general access beyond the reach of many. We wonder, for example, why over 42,000 students who had requisite academic qualifications, yet did not apply for university placement? We call upon the government to release on time school and Universities capitation to enable these institutions run smoothly. The constant strikes of university lecturers compromise education standards and terribly frustrate parents and students, leading to changed education calendar and loss of time and financial resources. Government must swiftly act to address the lecturers' grievances – and solve this perennial problem once and for all.

Early campaigns. Whereas it is a democratic right for parties to campaign, we urge the political leadership to focus more on service delivery and spare the nation early campaigns. These campaigns are creating political squabbles and uncertainties – especially undermining investor confidence, and in fact potentially also, disrupts local businesses. In view of this, we shall seek that a bill to make early campaigns unlawful is considered by the parliament.

We are concerned with reports in some sections of the media that the newly constituted IEBC is not adequately funded to discharge its mandate fully. Whereas, we appreciate the installation of a new IEBC, the government must make funds available for the commission's operations.

Affordable Housing: in as much as we now are settled to paying the affordable housing levies, and indeed appreciate the progress so far attained, we are concerned with the government's failure to adhere to some basic ethical considerations. A policy on allocations of the completed houses needs to be in place to avoid arbitrary allocations. The government must also put in place a mechanism of rewarding the funds contributors – so that this 'open-ended' compulsory contribution does not simply exasperate the contributors but also accord them some benefit including such consideration as tax relief for housing levy contributors.

In conclusion,

As we work for a better country, we encourage all to embrace positive thinking and always promote a positive image our nation. Let us use our freedom rightly in the promotion of justice, let us embrace each other as one people, be mindful of the welfare of the members of our communities, promote peace and unity and pray for our leaders so that affairs of this nation will be managed for the development, welfare and prosperity of all Kenyans. To the glory of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen: God bless Kenya, God bless you.

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