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## COMMUNIQUE FROM THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KENYA

SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE  $27^{\mathrm{TH}}$  ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD HELD AT ALL-SAINTS CATHEDRAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF ALL-SINTS CATHEDRAL FROM 23RD TO 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

The Anglican Church of Kenya convened the 27th Ordinary Session of the Provincial Synod at All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi, from 23rd to 25th September 2025. The Synod commenced with a Service of Holy Communion, setting a reverent tone for the days that followed. Each business session was grounded in prayer and deep reflection on the Word of God.

Guided by the Spirit of God and the Church's vision of a growing and caring Church boldly proclaiming Christ, the Synod adopted the theme "You are My Witnesses" (Isaiah 43:10). In his opening sermonette, the Dean of the Province, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Moses Masamba, Bishop of Mbeere, underscored God's profound trust in His people—not only as stewards of the mystery of salvation but as faithful workers "called to be witnesses for Christ," upholding, proclaiming, and defending the authentic gospel.

The Synod also took time to reflect on the state of the Church's mission and the nation at large, extending messages of goodwill and synodical greetings to the worldwide Church, the global Anglican Communion, the Nation of Kenya, His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Anglican Communion Office (ACO).

The Synod received and welcomed new Bishops, namely:

The Rt. Rev. Jonathan Kabiru i.

ACK Diocese of Nairobi

The Rt. Rev. Gerald Muriithi ii.

ACK Diocese of Mt. Kenya West

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Francis Omondi iii.

ACK Diocese of Garissa

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iv. The Rt. Rev. Patrick Munuve

## ACK Diocese of Machakos

The Synod also prayed and bade farewell to the following Bishops who will be leaving active service into retirement at the end of the year 2025.

i. The Rt Rev. Dr. John Okude Omuse-

ACK Diocese of Katakwa

ii. The Rt. Rev. Musa Kamuren

ACK Diocese of Baringo

iii. The Rt. Rev. Dr Emily Onyango

Assistant Bishop, ACK Diocese of Bondo

The Synod received and deliberated on various Board reports, reviewed the overall performance of the Church, and approved several key policies, including the Data Protection Policy, the Ethics and Whistleblowing Policy, and a revised Safeguarding Policy. The Synod also reaffirmed the supremacy and authority of the Bible as the ultimate guide in matters of faith, doctrine, mission, creation care, human development, and the structured application of the Church's Constitution, policies, and systems in all areas of life.

In his Archiepiscopal Charge titled "Called to Serve", drawn from the theme verse Isaiah 43:10 – "You are my witnesses", the Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya, inspired the delegates with a call to faithful witness and dedicated service. His charge set the tone, pace, and focus for the proceedings that followed.

In response to the archbishop's charge, the Synod resolved that every Diocese actively participate in creation care initiatives and adopt climate crisis mitigation measures in alignment with the Decade Theme, "Wholesome Ecology for a Wholesome Nation" (2026). Furthermore, dioceses were encouraged to integrate technology as a practical tool for transformational mission, and to strengthen stewardship of resources, leveraging the support of the Church Commissioners for Kenya to enhance efficiency and sustainability.

Other key resolutions of the Synod included:

i. Approval of Financial Reports: That the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 and the budget for the Financial Year 2026 be hereby approved. The Board of Finance was commended for its prudent financial management and overall good performance.

- ii. Commendation of the Church Commissioners for Kenya (CCK): That the CCK's remarkable growth and exemplary work be noted with appreciation. The proposed expansion projects at St. Julian's, ACK Guest House Nairobi, and Bishop Waqo Court were approved to enhance sustainability and operational efficiency. The CCK was further encouraged to continue supporting capacity building for diocesan finance officers and treasurers on statutory obligations and financial management, and to develop guidelines on compliance with pension contributions (ACK PF) and other statutory deductions.
- iii. Governance Structure for ADS: That, in alignment with its governance and accountability mandate, the Board of Finance recommends that ADS adopt a two-tier governance model in each region. The first tier shall consist of Trustees with fiduciary responsibility and ultimate oversight, and the second tier shall be a Board of Directors comprising qualified individuals providing strategic supervision and governance. To operationalize this model, there shall be clearly defined roles, tenure limits, and standardized Terms of Reference (TORs) and policy guidelines.
- iv. Appreciation for Sponsorship Support: That the Synod records its profound appreciation to ACK Uzima Publishing House, ADS-Kenya, ACK Guest House Nairobi, The Furaha & Baraka Farm for sponsoring the sourcing and printing of materials for the Provincial Synod.
- v. **Education and Training Initiatives:** That the Synod adopts the Board of Education and Training's report and approves the proposal to establish an Anglican School at Konza Technopolis. It also endorses the implementation of the Jolly Phonics teaching resource, subject to approval by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD).
- vi. **ACK Constitutional Review Progress:** That the progress report of the ACK Constitutional Review Committee be approved, and the draft constitutional amendments be circulated to dioceses for discussion and consideration at their respective Diocesan Synods. Dioceses are to submit their responses by 31st March 2026.
- vii. **Social Services and Development:** That the Synod adopts the report of the Board of Social Services, appreciating the commendable work undertaken across all ADS regions.

The Synod also approved several proposed policies and adopted the ADS-Kenya Strategic Plan 2025–2029.

- viii. **Recognition of Green Anglican Efforts:** That the Synod recognizes and commends the following dioceses for their outstanding commitment to the Green Anglican Movement and environmental stewardship:
  - a. ACK Diocese of Kericho
  - b. ACK Diocese of Maseno South
  - c. ACK Diocese of Mbeere
  - d. ACK Diocese of Mombasa
  - e. ACK Diocese of Mt. Kenya South
  - f. ACK Diocese of Mumias
  - g. ACK Diocese of Nyahururu.
  - ix. **Mission and Evangelism:** That the Synod received and adopted the report from the Board of Mission, noted progress in implementing planned activities such as the 2025 KAYO Conference, Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) envisioning workshops, and Diocesan mega missions, and approved the proposed plans for 2026.
  - x. **Provincial Institutions:** That the Synod received and adopted the report from the Provincial Institutions Committee, noting with appreciation its efforts in resource mobilization and commending the extension programs and development projects being undertaken by various institutions.

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