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## STATEMENT ON WHOLESOME ECOLOGY IN KENYA PALM SUNDAY WALK 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we gather today on this Palm Sunday, we remember our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when the crowds walked with Him in hope, waving palm branches and proclaiming His kingship. Today, our walk is not only an act of remembrance, but also a public witness of our faith and our responsibility as stewards of God's creation.

This year, the Anglican Church of Kenya is celebrating **Wholesome Ecology for a Wholesome Nation**, on this Palm Sunday, we are guided by the words of Scripture from **Psalms 104:14**:

*"He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate, bringing forth food from the earth."*

This powerful verse reminds us that God is the source of all life and provision. The earth is not an accident; it is divinely ordered, sustained, and blessed for the flourishing of all creation. Grass for the cattle, plants for cultivation, and food from the earth are all signs of God's providence and love.

### **Yet we must ask ourselves: are we honouring this divine provision?**

Beloved, Kenya stands at a crossroads. We face multiple, interconnected challenges that undermine human dignity, strain our economy, and degrade our environment. As a Church community, we express deep concern and call the attention of our nation and its leadership to the following critical issues:

#### **Urban Planning and Human Safety**

We are increasingly seeing the consequences of unplanned development—collapsed buildings, flooding, fires, and failing infrastructure. These are not merely unfortunate events; they are preventable failures. Let there be proper planning, enforcement of building standards, and a commitment to sustainable development that protects life and dignity.

#### **Recurring Drought and Stewardship**

Our country continues to endure predictable drought cycles, especially in ASAL regions. Each time, many of our brothers and sisters face hunger and hardship. This should not be so. Scripture reminds us of the wisdom of preparation. When we fail to plan for what we already know will come, we fall short in our duty of care.

We urge our national and county leaders to act with urgent planned preparedness; invest in long-term solutions like drought-resilient agriculture; shift from repeated emergency food aid to long-term planning; strengthen early warning systems and climate-smart strategies; and investment in water harvesting, storage, and smart irrigation technologies, especially in ASAL regions, so that our people may live with dignity and security.

### **Floods and Water Management**

Even as some regions face drought, others are overwhelmed by floods. We are witnessing floods in both rural and urban areas, degradation of forests, pollution of rivers, and the growing impacts of climate change, which have resulted in loss of lives, displacement of families, and destroyed livelihoods. We mourn with those who grieve and pray for those who are suffering. Yet we must also ask: could this suffering have been prevented? Like the people in the days of Noah, we are often warned but slow to act. We therefore call for accountability and immediate action from all responsible institutions to strengthen drainage systems, responsible waste management, manage stormwater effectively, and protect our people, especially in urban areas. At the same time, let us not ignore the painful contradiction of water abundance in one place and scarcity in another. This calls for wisdom, planning, and a commitment to equitable access.

The Bible calls us in **Genesis 2:15** to “work and take care” of the earth. This is both a privilege and a responsibility. God has entrusted us with this land and its resources. We are called to be faithful stewards of our God given resources.

### **Resource-Based Conflict and Peace**

Where there is scarcity of food, water, and livelihoods, conflict often follows. We are witnessing this in many parts of our nation. Peace is not sustained by words alone, but it is built on justice, provision, and opportunity. Let us recognize that food security is a matter of peace and national stability. Investment in livelihoods is an investment in harmony and human dignity.

### **Election Preparedness and National Unity**

As we approach the general election season, we are deeply concerned by the rising tone of hostility, division, and bitter public exchanges among leaders. When those entrusted with leadership speak in ways that inflame rather than heal, the nation is put at risk. Elections must not be a season of fear, hatred, and conflict, but a time of sober reflection, responsible choice, and peaceful transition. We call upon all leaders, especially those in the highest offices, to exercise restraint, speak with wisdom, and uphold the dignity of every Kenyan. Let their words build unity rather than division. We also urge citizens to reject incitement, resist manipulation, and remain steadfast in peace. Let us prepare not only systems and institutions for elections, but also our hearts, so that justice, truth, and peace may prevail.

**Wholesome ecology** calls us to recognize the partnership between divine provision and human responsibility.

God makes growth possible, but we must plan, labour, innovate, and apply wisdom to ensure that the earth yields food for both people and animals. Food insecurity in our nation is not inevitable; with proper stewardship of land and water, it can be addressed. Let us turn away from negligence and embrace faithful stewardship. Let us choose preparation over reaction, and justice over indifference.

### **Call to Action**

As a Church, we call upon national and county governments, relevant institutions, and all leaders entrusted with authority to:

- Strengthen urban planning and enforce building regulations and standards.
- Protect and restore the integrity of our environment and natural resources.
- Prioritize food security as a foundation for peace, stability, and development.
- Promote accountability, sobriety, and transparency as we approach the general elections.
- Enhance disaster preparedness and response systems to prevent loss of life and property.

We recognize that this responsibility is shared. The Church, government, private sector, and every citizen must work together to safeguard the gift of creation entrusted to us.

**God Bless Kenya.**



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