



PCEA MUTEERO CHURCH

— 1981 - 2021 —

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PCEA Muteero Church
Karen

1st Samuel 7:12 - That far the Lord has helped us. (Ebenezer)

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Muteero @ 40 years Thanksgiving & Celebration service program- 3rd October 2021

- ◀ Procession Leaves the vestry
- ◀ Inspection of Boys and Girls Brigade Guard of Honour by Moderator of the 23rd General Assembly
- ◀ Dedication, opening of Joshua building, unveiling of memorial plaque and view of proposed master plan

Procession enters the Church

- ◀ Call to Worship
- ◀ Opening Prayer
- ◀ Hymn - *How Great thou art*
- ◀ Praise and Worship- Covenant Band
- ◀ Intercessory Prayers & Lord's Prayer
- ◀ Apostles Creed & Prayer for the Children
- ◀ Welcome
- ◀ Introductions
- ◀ History of PCEA Muteero
- ◀ Presentations:
 - Covenant Voices
 - Covenant Band
 - Woman's Guild
 - PCMF
 - Muteero B
- Readings
 - ◀ 1st
 - ◀ 2nd
- ◀ Hymn - *Blessed Assurance*
- ◀ Sermon: - The Rt Rev. Thegu Mutahi - Moderator 23rd GA
- ◀ Offertory

Special Song - Covenant Voices

- ◀ Offertory Prayer
- ◀ Vote of Thanks
- ◀ Intimations and Prayer for refreshments
- ◀ Benediction
- ◀ Recession Hymn - *Guide me o Thou Great Jehovah*



MESSAGE FROM THE REV. DR. ALPHONSE O. KANGA

Dear brothers and sisters, it's with gracious jubilation that I share with you a word concerning PCEA Muteero Church's 40th Anniversary Celebration. Muteero church at 40 is a wonderful testimony of God's faithfulness that brought us this far.

Yes, indeed, the LORD has been faithful to us these forty years and it is fitting to celebrate His faithfulness to us as a church family.

Looking back to what the Lord has done over the past forty years, we appreciate all those who availed themselves and sacrificed greatly for us to come this far.

Space will not permit me to name all those who have contributed in the past to build this great church to the glory of God. But we cannot forget but to appreciate some key pioneers of the church. We keenly salute the late Very Rev. Dr. John Gatu, the late Retired Elder John Kariuki, the late Mr. Francis Maina, the late Mr Joseph Munuhe and many more who have joined "The great cloud of witnesses surrounding us".

We also salute those who are alive but not in direct active service in the church. They have also made their mark in the building of this church. We congratulate them for their unwavering faith in the times past. People like Retired Elder John Kimondo, Retired Elder Geoffrey Gathuku, and Retired Elder Gideon Roimen and just to mention a few, have done so much for the church.

The church was founded on the theme text in 2ndCor 2:15, "*For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.*"



The faithfulness of our God in these forty years has been seen in turning the church from a humble beginning, in a small corrugated iron sheets sanctuary, into a church with a book membership of over three hundred and fifty (350) members.

The forty years that have gone-by have been part of God's divine preparation for the church to enter into a new era. This is where the influence of the church on our society will take an exponential dimension. For those who God will place in the helm of leadership in the near future, responsibility is placed on you to raise a generation of holistic and transformational leaders to impact every fabric of our society with the gospel. This will cause national transformation with the Kingdom principles and values.

Greater effort should be placed on the teaching of God's Word and bringing back Biblical discipleship to raise men and women with genuine, Christ-like life-style. We have to keep in focus, the sacrifices made by our pioneers and those who are still contributing in diverse ways towards the growth of this Church.

I can confidently say that the future of PCEA Muteero Church is glorious, yet challenging. My prayer is that faith and zeal for God's word will forever consume everyone of us.

Let me welcome you all to this anniversary celebration.

Rev. Dr. Alphonse Kanga,

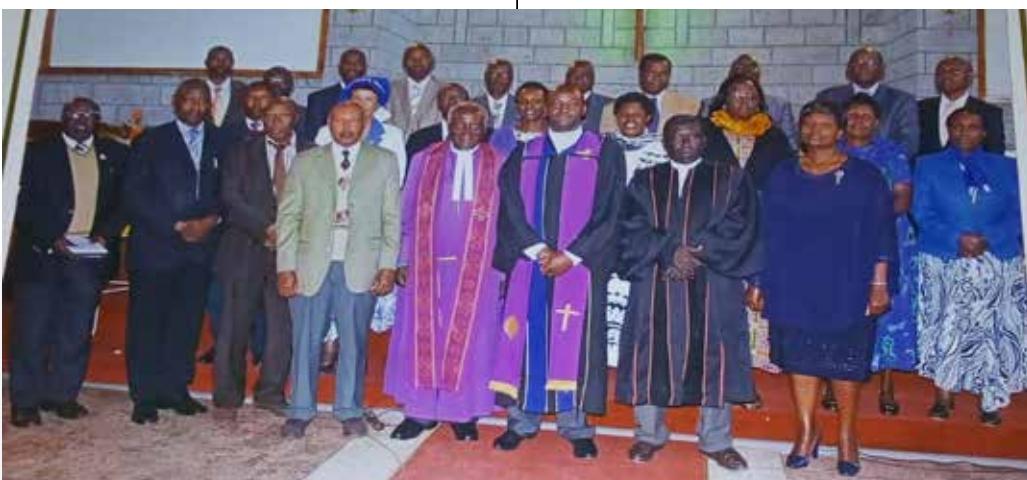
Parish Minister



HISTORY OF PCEA MUTEERO CHURCH @40 1981-2021

PCEA Muteero is on a 2 acre land which was donated by the following ten families - the Late John Wambugu Kariuki, Late Elijah Muriithi Wohoro, Rev. Christopher Gichuhi Kagema, Linus Wahome Gichuki, Late Rev. Prof. Samuel Kibicho, Late Joseph Munuhe, Late Very Rev. Dr. John Gatu, Very Rev. Dr. George Wanjau, Late Peterson Kariithi Munuhe and Zachariah Ndegwa Bachia Kanaiya.

what they considered well designed churches and copy the design they liked. That was not so, instead we put our heads together and came up with a unique design to suit our purpose. After some time, we came up with the idea of putting together two praying hands with ten fingers – some small and others big, all head together. Coincidentally, two hands have ten fingers and we were ten partners! The design, which we called “Thanksgiving



PCEA Muteero Church initially started at Maasai Girls School bearing in mind that there were just a few people around and most of the area was virgin forest land. With regard to building a church, there were two main problems. First to come up with a reasonable church design. The normal practice when people wished to put up a church at the time was to first visit

hands”, still stands and symbolizes our gratitude to God for making it possible for us to acquire the land and build a church.

After choosing a design for the church, we had to get a name. We turned to the trees on the land. As stated earlier the whole land was virgin forest. We looked around and discovered that we had numerous species of indigenous

trees. Eventually, it was the Muhugu and Muteero trees that held our attention. When we analyzed these two trees, it was marvelous to discover the many ways in which the Muteero tree had qualities similar to the word of God. For example: the wood has a nice scent. Christians are to have a sweet fragrance for others to be attracted to the Gospel that we stand for (*2 Corinthians 2:14-15*). It keeps the fire burning brightly for a long time;



thus, it makes a very good torch. Our fire of the Gospel should keep burning forever and be a light to many. Also charcoal from Muteero tree is used by a number of Kenyan communities to treat milk gourds. It cuddles the milk and gives a nice smoky flavor. Christians should be a good flavor to the world. In addition, wood from the Muteero tree is not easily destroyed by termites. The Gospel is forever! We

quickly settled on the name Muteero. The church was named PCEA Muteero Church.

With regard to building of the church, we first put up a corrugated iron sheet building to give us time to build a more permanent structure. For the first five years, before Church Elders could have their church membership transferred, the leadership was exclusively in the hands of the following: Late Mrs. Gladys Kariuki (Chairlady), Late Mrs.

Anne Wambui Maina (Treasurer), Late Mrs. Elizabeth Wambui Riunga (Secretary) and Mrs. Grace Nyawira Kimondo (Sunday School superintendent). Later, we approved a design from the Architect Ngure Kairu, which was based on our brief. The new church was eventually built and opened on 15/11/1998. This wonderful contribution of Muteero women is recorded by late Very Rev. Dr. John Gatu in a poem published in his Gikuyu book, 'He Gatu....Nguhe Kanua'. *The History has been extracted from the book "Fan into Flame" authored by the late Very Rev. Dr. John Gatu*

The 1ST Elders to serve in Muteero were Elder John Kimondo, late Elder Joseph Munuhe and late Elder John W.



Kariuki. The late Elder John W. Kariuki was the chairman in 1984. They were joined later by Elder Naomi Gatere, Sarah Nyatuga and Esther kibicho

The first team of deacons were:

Late Kefa M'Barine, Late Johnson Gitahi who was also the registrar, Late Gladys Kariuki, Late Anne Maina, Late Rahab Gatu, Late Isabella Muturi, Mrs. Gladys Murithi, Mrs. Grace Kimondo and late Elizabeth Riunga.

The Building committee team members for the New Santuary:- on 28th

January, 1992 comprised of Late Elder Kefa M'Barine - Chairman, Late Johnson Gitahi – Secretary Elder Gideon Roimen – Treasurer, Late Julius Gecau, Late Elder Joseph Munuhe, Late Isabella Muturi, Mrs. Susan Kiragu, Late Elder John Kariuki, Late Elizabeth Riunga, Late Francis Maina, Elder John Kimondo, Elder Dedan Murigu, Elder John Warui, Late Very Rev. Dr. John Gatu, Mr. S. Kabii – V/Secretary, Mrs. Mary Wanjau and Mr. Stephen Kamamia, Late E. Mbungu, Mr. Charles Maingi and late Dr. Samuel Gatere.

PCEA Muteero Church was part of Lang'ata Parish in Ngong Hills Presbytery under Rev. Samuel Maina as the Parish Minister. The Subdivision

was held on 25th January, 1998 by the Very Rev. Dr. Jesse Kamau; the 15th General Assembly Moderator. *The scripture word was “Let the same mind which was in Christ be yours” Philippians 2:5.*



The 1st elders who were ordained under the Langata Parish who served in Muteero were Elder Kepha N. M'Mbarine 1990, and Elder Saningo Roimen 1994

The 2nd team of Elders were ordained on 21st February, 1999 and these were – Elder John Warui, Late Mrs. Mugiri, Elder Godfrey Gathuku and Elder Josphat Githachuri,

The 3rd team of Elders were ordained on 10th September 2006; namely Elder Kibacia Gatu, Elder Peter Mwangi Miana, Elder Emily Chemeli Wagema and Elder Wangai Muhiu Maina.

The 4th team of Elders were ordained on 22nd February 2015; namely Elder Joseph Mwangi Murigu.

The 5th team of Elders were ordained on 28th August 2016: namely; Elder Ruth Wairimu Gathwara, Elder Jane Kawira Naivasha, Elder John Ndai Muoria and Elder Anthony Muriithi Ogao. Elder Dr. Margaret Wanjiku Njoroge later joined upon transferring from Kikuyu Presbytery.

The Parish Ministers that have so far served in the larger Karen Parish are: Rev. James Waithaka, Rev. Geoffrey Ngare, Rev. Jason Nyaga, Rev. Stephen Kariuki, Elder Kinyua, Late Rev. Jane Kashorda, Late Rev. Moses Maara, Rev. Eustace Ndomo, Rev. Samuel Muriguh, Rev. Samuel Machugu, Very Rev. Dr. George Wanjau, Rev. Paul Mwangi Kariuki (DSG) and Rev. Dr. Alphonse O. Kanga

Project Joshua Multipurpose Hall

This was conceived as Presbyterian Church Men's Fellowship (PCMF) project in the year 2002, to build a multipurpose hall. By the grace of God, the project was revived in the year 2014 by the LCC under the Finance and Development committee. The Committee was chaired by Mr. Simon Kinyati Mbocha. The vision is to serve the young people in the community through trainings geared towards equipping them on life skills. These

practical skills include Catering, Music, Art and Craft and to become a Youth Hub in the Karen area. The building now has the following: – Church school classes, Youth Hall and meeting rooms, library, church offices and state of the art modern kitchen, music room and wash rooms. The technical team comprised of: -

Dr. D. K. Kiaraho – Chairman

George Warutere – Secretary

Stephen Runano – Treasurer

Charles Maingi, Njoroge Kamweru

Mrs. R. Ruhara, Joseph Muraguri, Gertrude Kibiru, Chris Karumba, David Gatimu, Dishon Mahinda and Irungu Maina,

Prepared by:

The 40 years Celebrations team committee comprising:

Elder John N. Muoria – Chairman, Mrs. Susan Kiragu, Elder Ruth Gathwara, Christopher Karumba, Faith Muriithi, David Ndegwah, Mrs. Elizabeth Mbocha, Mrs. Wahu Kaara, Charles Mutembei, Dishon Mahinda, Peter Nderitu, Elder Emily Wagema

LCC Officials

Elder Wangai Maina - Chairman

David Kamau Ndegwa - Secretary

Dr. Gladys Kinyanjui - V/Secretary

Faith Muthoni Muriithi - Treasurer

Christopher Karumba - F&D Chairman



PCEA MUTEERO CHURCH- CELEBRATING OUR PAST AS WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I wish to take this opportunity given by the Lord to welcome you all to this special occasion as we celebrate 40 years since the establishment of this wonderful congregation.

The origins of this congregation were humble and it started with Sunday school classes in 1981 at Maasai School, which is not very far from the church compound. With a few church school teachers and a handful of children and teenagers, the long commute to PCEA St Andrews and PCEA Bahati Martyrs, where they previously worshipped, came to an end with a new beginning

full of infinite possibilities.

For four decades, we have witnessed steady growth, nurtured by our Heavenly Father, who through His written Word in *Psalm 32:8* has assured us that "***I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you***". Therefore, it has been the core vision and mission of this congregation, to spend time with God in His word, worship and prayer, to have care, love and concern for all, to be hospitable and welcoming to everyone regardless of their status, to focus on the family, to empower all for works of service



and give opportunities to all to serve God and man with their talents and to make Jesus Christ our Lord and savior known to the ends of the earth.

I wish to thank the Ministers, Elders, Deacons, group and committee officials, church administration (past and present), and members of PCEA Muteero Church, for their unity, service, sacrifice, leadership and generosity which has kept the vision of the founders burning bright these 40 years. The path to where we are has not been easy, and at times it has not been clear, but you have stayed the course as gallant soldiers for Christ and I pray for God's blessings upon you and your families.

I look forward to the future in excitement as we look forward and step up to the next level of being a

Parish. We must continue to grow in Christ, united and pressing on and forward, even during the current Covid-19 Pandemic and in this digital age. We must not and cannot stop looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, for the journey has just begun.

As we celebrate together for the years given and for the new things that the Lord is about to do in our midst, May the Love of God be with us, now and forever more.

Feel most welcome, for there is always a welcome here.

Blessings!

Dated at PCEA Muteero this 3rd day of October 2021

Elder Wangai Maina

LCC Chair



MUTEERO CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

The story of Muteero Church school began in 1981 when the pioneering families settled at Muteero and the mothers having small children found it difficult to take their children (Who we fondly refer to as Muteero B) all the way to PCEA Bahati Church and PCEA St. Andrews Church.

Since there was no facility at the current church venue, they approached the owner of Masai schools (Mr. Gitome) for a class where they would teach the children.

As the fathers travelled to serve in their churches, the mothers were left behind with the children teaching them the word of God.

Pioneer teachers were;

1. Mrs. Gladys Kariuki
2. Mrs. Elizabeth Riunga
3. Mrs. Ann Maina
4. Mrs. G. Kimondo (who was then the Curch School Superintendent)

Teachers who joined the team later were;

1. Susan Kiragu
2. Austin Kiragu
3. Gladys Muriithi
4. Rebecca Ruhara
5. Agnes Muriithi
6. Eunice M"barine
7. Mrs. Faith Mathia
8. Mrs. Grace Gichuki
9. Late Mrs. Bernice Kabue
10. Late Elder Jane Mugiri
11. Late Elder Kefa M'barine
12. Nancy Roimen
13. Catherine Ng'anga
14. Wambui Inghae



- 15. Pauline Ntiritu
- 16. Ruth Gathwara
- 17. Late Leah Mwangi
- 18. Edith Githachuri

Current Teachers Include;

- 1. Wandia Mütùra
- 2. Harriet Wangai
- 3. Ann Nderitu
- 4. Grace Ndungu
- 5. Stella Mwaura
- 6. Elder Jane Naivasha
- 7. Charles Mutembei
- 8. Mercy Muraguri

9. Elder Mwangi Murigu

10. Marcel Opiyo

11. Linda Mugambi

12. Maggie Kamau

13. Mathias Ndai

14. David Kang'ara

15. Jayson Matheri

16. Elder Emily Wagema

As we look back from where we came
from we declare The LORD is our
Ebenezer. This far He has brought us.

Harriet Wangai

Chairperson



GREETINGS FROM THE YOUTH DESK.

We as the Youth are Blessed to be part of the Muteero Congregation, More so at a time like this. We thank God For His Goodness and his Mercies Upon us.

Over the Years, The youth have been Involving themselves in several church activities including:

- **Praise And Worship** - The youth have been Actively involved in Praise and worship Sessions over the years.
- **Technical** - The Youth has also been in charge of the technical aspect of the church ie. Cabling, Online streaming, Projection, and sound.
- **Sports Saturdays** - Since the beginning of this year, the youth have been having Sports Afternoons Each and every Saturday at 2.00 pm. The attendance has been quite good and we still encourage people to Join us.
- **Bible Study-** We are also encouraging our members to stay rooted in God's

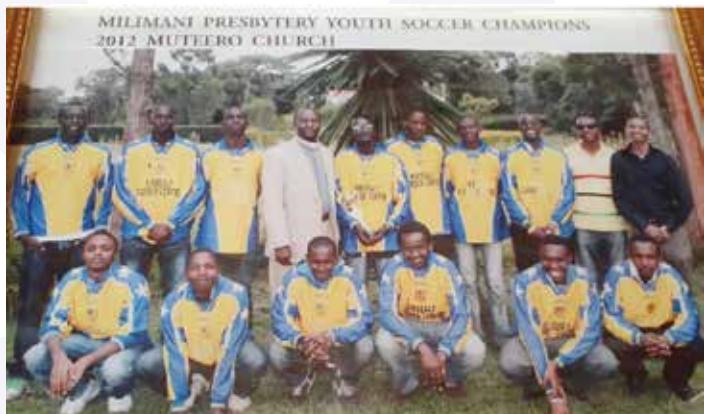


word By Sharing Daily Devotions Via our WhatsApp Groups.

- **Christmas Cantata** - Each and every year, Just Before Christmas, we organize and hold a Christmas Cantata just to remind people what the true meaning of Christmas Is.

We Hope that in the near future, we as the youth can devise other ways that can help in bringing new members to church as we keep Portraying God's Glory in our lives.

ISAAC SHAIBU SNR.
Secretary.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEN FELLOWSHIP BRIEF (PCMFB)

Background: Formation

The Presbyterian Church Men Fellowship was formed by a resolution of the General Assembly in 1973 but which was implemented in 1985.

PCMFB was officially started at PCEA Muteero on 7th April 1995 by 17 members. On 15th December the same year, regular elections were held and the first interim Committee was elected. There were 33 members.

The first ceremony for presentation of badges was held on 7th March 1999. Notably, PCMFB Muteero was the first Men Fellowship in the entire Church to receive such badges courtesy of one of our own members, the late Very Reverend Dr. John Gatu who was not only the Chaplain in charge of Men Fellowships in the Church but indeed the father of PCEA Men Fellowships. Our member Mr. Peterson W. Kariuki also became the first National Treasurer, Presbytery Treasurer and Chairman of our local fellowship.

Other past Chairmen include; The late Dr. Fredrick Muchena, Mr. Simon K. Mbocha, Mr. Stephen N. Kamamia, Mr. Austin Kiragu, Dr. Daniel K.

Kiaraho, Mr. John Mwaniki Kabui, Mr. Francis Mwangi and current Chairman, Mr. Peter N. Nderitu.

PCMFB Muteero has grown as a fellowship over the years during which time many milestones have been attained. These include but not limited to;

- i) Championing the Rite of Passage (ROP) programmes for our young boys.
- ii) Playing an active role in many development programmes e.g. 'Project Joshua' where the fellowship also provided for design and approvals.
- iii) As an act of true fatherhood, continually provide refreshments for the Sunday School pupils and indeed the congregational after-service refreshments.
- iv) Offering guidance and counselling sessions to young men preparing for marriage.
- v) Sponsorship of many seminars, workshops and missions over the years.



Our Mission

A fellowship that serves God and spreads His love to the world through stewardship.

Our Vision

To be a men unifying force in Christian faith, spiritual growth and wellness.

Our Role(s)

- To be a source of Christ's light to men within and without the Church
- To draw men to Christ, nurture and equip them with godly attributes to attain a rounded transformation.
- To equip and offer opportunities for men to spread the gospel of Christ.
- Mercy mission; extend in kind Christ's love to those hurting/in need in the society

- Mentor the Boy Child/Young Men within and without the Church.
- Bolster men's bonding with each other so that unity is attained in the church.
- Champion the society on taking care of the environment.

Current PCMF Executive Committee

The following are the current office bearers;

Patron : Elder Peter M. Mwangi

Chairman : Peter N. Nderitu

Vice Chairman : David Ndegwa

Treasurer : George Warutere Mwangi

Secretary : Lemmy Njenga

Asst. Secretary : Edward Mwaniki Gatuku

Co-opted member: Simon Mbocha

Co-opted member: Steven Runano



The Karen Parish Minister Dr Rev Alphonse Kanga and PCMF officials pose with the 2019 ROP graduating class

PCEA MUTEERO WOMAN'S GUILD @ 40 YEARS



The Woman's Guild started way back in 1981. It was formed by a few ladies who came this side and settled. Some came from PCEA Bahati and others from PCEA St. Andrew's. They were under St. Andrew's Parish in Ngong Hills Presbytery.

The following were the office bearers and members"

Mrs. Gladys M. Kariuki Chairlady
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Riunga Secretary
Mrs. Anne W. Maina Treasurer
Mrs. Naomi Gatere Member (Elder)
Mrs. Grace N. Kimondo Church School Superintendent

Mrs. Eunice K. M'Barine Member
Mrs. Mary W. Gitahi Member
Mrs. Gladys W. Muriithi Member
Mrs. Rahab W. Gatu Member

1st Muteero Guild Dedication

The above members found it necessary to increase the members.

On 10th June 1983, the following ladies were dedicated at PCEA St. Andrews by Rev. Timothy Njoya. Those ladies were:

1. Isabella M. Muturi
2. Lillian G. Kanaiya
3. Naomi W. Murigu
4. Susan M. Kiragu

Immediately thereafter, Muteero qualified to be a Guild Congregation. Later on Muteero Church, Langata Church and Nairobi West Church were made a Parish known as Langata Parish.

Muteero Guild continued to grow both spiritually and in numbers. A few years later PCEA Kuwinda Church was started and we continued to be under Langata Parish Woman's Guild. Muteero Guild started Namanga Guild. Few years later some of the Woman's Guild members left Muteero to start Woman's Guild at PCEA Embul Bul.



Muteero Woman's Guild continued growing both spiritually and in numbers. A few years ago some members left Muteero and joined some members from St. Andrew's and started PCEA Karen Woman's Guild and now under Karen Parish Woman's Guild.

Last but not least Muteero Woman's Guild at 40 years we are now 57 full members and 11 followers.

Vision

"To be an inclusive Christian Women organization that empowers women to transform society"

Mission

"To holistically empower Christian Women enabling them to effectively transform the society through worship, fellowship, networking, partnerships, advocacy, communication, mobilization of resources, research and training based on Christian values."

CORE VALUES

- ◀ Fellowship
- ◀ Honesty
- ◀ Compassion
- ◀ Partnerships
- ◀ Accountability

OBJECTIVES

- I. To enhance spiritual maturity in Christ of women and girls.
- II. To empower women and girls and to prepare them to effectively play their roles in the family, church and society.
- III. To develop leadership qualities and skills for women as well as mentoring girls in leadership.
- IV. To build and develop capacity of women and girls through training, skills enhancement to enable them to transform the society



1st Samuel 7:12 - That far the Lord has helped us. (Ebenezer)

Current Executive Committee

Patron:	Elder Emily Wagema
V/Chair:	Mrs. Anne Nderitu
Secretary:	Mrs. Linda Mugambi
V/Secretary:	Mrs. Lucy Njimu
Treasurer:	Mrs. Ruth Maina

'TO WHOM I BELONG IS WHOME I SERVE"

Do your best to win full approval in God's sight, as a worker who is not ashamed of his work, one who correctly teaches the message of God's truth.
(2nd Timothy 2:15)

We say a big AMEN and glory be to God.



PCEA MUTEERO CHURCH @ 40



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BAND COVENANT VOICES; CHOIR & BAND



MISSION & EVANGELISM REPORT !

Mission & Evangelism is the **back bone** or the **heartbeat** of the Church. The strength of the Church is measured by the **SENDING** capacity rather than the **SITTING** capacity.

- ◀ That is why Jesus never said “come and sit as we unite together” but on the contrary he said “Go” (the PCEA interpretation of “Nendeni”) and make disciples of all Nations...Mtt.28:19a.

This is the definition of missions, crossing a cultural barrier to share the gospel with a people group. Once that group has been reached, then evangelism needs to be done to bring all the members of that group to the Lord – that’s evangelism – when someone from their own people group shares the gospel with others in their people group.

Missions crosses cultural and language barriers to share the gospel, evangelism is sharing the gospel within your own people group.

PROGRESS

Mission & Evangelism team together with CTY Director have started a NEW BELIEVERS class which commenced on 5th September (Last Sunday). We are trusting God that the Class will run all through since we have people getting born again now & then.

- ◀ The class has no age limit, its open to all the new believers who want to be equipped on how to go about the journey of faith. You can Register with Me or Mrs. Susan Kiragu (it goes for only 1 hour on Sundays from 10am to 11am in the 1st Floor of P. Joshua building 3rd room)

We are so greatful to LCC through the Chairman for formulating a way to populate the M/E team. All Church Groups and Committees were requested to second two members to be the representatives of the same groups in the Mission. Please understand 2 is the minimum if the groups can second more than 2 it will be highly accepted. We are thankful that several groups have

May the LORD of all grace bless you.

Compiled by Charles Mutembei M/E Chairman



BOARD OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Board of Social Responsibility was introduced in our Church way back in the year 2009. Before then they were sometimes known as Hospitality/Ushers.

This group is directly under the L.C.C. The members are from all other main groups e.g. PCMF, Woman's Guild and Youth. The BSR is a social response group in this Church. Hardly can we remember how we managed without this wonderful group.

Muteero BSR has taken their theme seriously - James 2:15-16 "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?

Muteero BSR Group has been very real. They have been assisting

Congregation members and Community around regardless of their religious backgrounds with their special needs. e.g. (a) The sick (b) The aged (c) The less fortunate (d) The marginalised.

The BSR here has proved to be a very responsible group especially during this period of covid 19 pandemic. With the help of the LCC and the donations from the Church members, this group has continued assisting the needy in our Church and even in the Community.

A Congregation without an active BSR Group like the one we have here do not know what they miss.

It is one of the groups with many members. At the moment they are about 43 members and more showing interest to join this wonderful group.



FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Greetings in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

It's with great honour and humility that during this time of celebrating PCEA Muteero Church Forty years milestone I am responsible for Finance and Development. Its interesting how God works, and things turn around because three decades back I witnessed my mother in the same position serving the Church and God. The roads have crossed again, and I believe as I passionately do my part that it is God who has seen it as right.

Our community was honored by visionary leaders forty years ago who through their steadfast faith and firm decision saw the birth of PCEA Muteero community. The fruits of these honorable and courageous founders have immensely impacted on many Christians and delivered the work of the Church and God Almighty. Muteero Church continues to pursue the founders' dream of promoting and supporting the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is our paramount goal in all our developments that we are undertaking.

Indeed, PCEA Muteero's anniversary is a time for reflection and an occasion for thanksgiving for God's steadfast love and kindness upon us. As we look back, we should try to learn from our past; trust God for the present and look ahead to the future. We should not rest on our "achievements" so to speak, nor lurch in the mire of regrets, keeping in mind that what we do now, we are doing it for the future generations. We must stay relevant, vital, and healthy so that we can be "sincere and without offence till the day of Christ" (Phil. 1:10)

I salute with admiration the great work that has been done by my predecessors. Indeed, their great leadership with an enthusiastic desire to grow has contributed to immense growth in these forty years. I particularly point out previous F&D Mr. Joseph Muraguri and the Joshua Building Construction team lead by Dr D. K. Kiiraho. We shall forever be appreciative for your commitment, sacrifices and hard work to successfully complete the Joshua building.

Finally, as we celebrate, I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to my fellow members and the congregation at large for their relentless support in several core development initiatives as we aim grow to self-sustenance.

May the almighty God continue to bless us all. Happy Anniversary PCEA Muteero Church!

Christopher Karumba

F&D Chair



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THIS FAR THE LORD HAS BROUGHT US:

1. Forty was number of special significance to the Lord;
It connoted the rhythm of time and purposes of God:
For forty years Moses was exiled to the Land of Midian
Ostensibly to escape punishment from Pharaoh
but in reality for training by Jehovah God
To be the Leader Jehovah would ultimately use
To liberate His people from slavery in Egypt
Which He did with miraculous signs and wonders.
2. Forty years was a period of transition
From one generation to another: For forty years the all-knowing Jehovah God
Faithfully and patiently guided His people
To wander round and about in the wilderness
Feeding them with manna from Heaven
And teaching them to trust and obey Him
But fully conscious that a duration of forty years
Would serve to replace the slave generation
With a new generation with no slave mentality.
3. Forty was a number that symbolised a period Of testing, trials and ultimately triumph; For forty years the people of Israel endured Physical and spiritual resistance from the Canaanites
In their attempts to capture the Promised Land
Under the leadership of Joshua and Caleb; Nevertheless, notwithstanding numerous setbacks,
Through faith, trust and obedience to God They captured most of the Promised Land.
4. Forty years ago four dauntless women Motivated by faith and strong desire for worship
In their newly found estate in Karen;
- With inspiration by the Holy Spirit,
Began a bible study and prayer fellowship;
In this they received tremendous assistance In form of a classroom for prayer fellowship
From none other than the founder of the school,
We now know as the Masai Group of Schools.
5. When the pioneers of PCEA Muteero Church Look back and reflect upon the last forty years
To resurrect the memory of God's faithfulness:
How they strived to build the first Mabati church
The memory of which lives in a portrait in the vestry;
The spiritual resistance encountered To attract worshippers in a new environment;
The spiritual darkness hovering the environment;
They can give a testimony of the Lord And proclaim God's steadfast love.
6. But now when we look around and witness The physical development so far completed:
A modern church with a vestry and an office block;
A congregation that overflows the church capacity;
The beautiful landscape with grass lawns Adorned with colourful flowers and bushes And interspersed with indigenous and exotic trees;
The spiritual vibes on Sunday morning worship
That echoed to call back our youth Who were lured away by more sonorous music;
We can all give a testimony of the Lord and Declare: "Thus far the Lord has brought us."

Waiguru Kariuki



PCEA MUTEERO HEALTH COMMITTEE

Receive greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

The Health Team Pioneers are:

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| 1. Mr. J. M. Munuhe | 2. Mrs. N. W. Murigu | 3. Mr. Githaiga |
| 4. Mrs J.W. Mungai | 5. Mrs. E.K. M'Barine | 6. Mrs. I. M. Muturi |
| 7. Mrs. M.W. Gitahi | 8. Mrs. A.W. Maina | 9. Mrs. G.W. Mureithi |
| 10. Mrs. L.G. Kanaiya | | |

The Current Officials are:

Patron: Elder Peter Mwangi

Chairlady: Neema Karanja

Secretary: Moses Mwaura

Treasurer: Margaret Kimani

We have a fully functional health response room, with the essential equipment. Our role on Sundays is to attend to any health issues that may arise and we take temperatures for service attendees. During the other times, we do home visits for our members. Occasionally, we do medical checkups, RBS, BP, BMI and nutrition advice. We have health talks on different topics during some church services. We also do medical camps

VISION

A strong dynamic health team relevant to all, holistically transforming people (members) through encouragement from the Word Of God, making them comfortable even when in pain, God being our Helper.

OBJECTIVES

They are:

1. To be in the forefront in identifying families with health needs in our Church

2. To carry out appropriate intervention to the identified families by way of education and support whenever possible

3. To invite different specialist to give lectures on different



PCEA MUTEERO BOYS AND GIRLS BRIGADE



The Brigade started in 2003. The founders were Late Elder Kefa M'Barine and Late Mrs. Anne Maina. By then, Mrs. Jane Mugiri was the Patron. The same year, they recruited Grace Ndungu, Dan Riunga and Late Samson Nduati. They went for Basic Training in 2004 and it was sponsored by Late Francis Maina, Late Anne Maina's husband and he also bought the text books needed.

Later on Stella Mwaura, Charles Mutembei and Faith Munuhe joined. After the demise of Francis Maina, Mr. Gathuku took over as the sponsor. He was then our Patron. He has donated many things, e.g. mattresses, umbrellas and also his time by going with us for camps.

We started with 22 active children who were commissioned on 2010 some of whom are elders, doctors and lawyers etc. Since then, we have recruited many children who have gone but

officers have all remained. This year we trained 5 children for NCO's and 5 officers. We have an active band and training is going on every Saturday afternoon.

Officers who have undergone Basic Training 1 are:

1. Elder Joseph Murigu
2. Linda Mugambi
3. Neema Karanja
4. Winnie Mwangi

Children who have undergone NCO's training are:

1. Abby Grace Muthoni
2. Faith Wambui
3. Kyra Kamwethia
4. Evona Wanjiku
5. Christian Isarwa

We have an active band and training is going on every Saturday afternoon. This far we have come God has been our Ebenezer.

WIDOWS ECUMENICAL FELLOWSHIP:

The widows fellowship began at a lunch organised by the late Elder Esther Kibicho who was not a widow then. She invited a few ladies namely; Mrs. Gladys Muriithi, late Mrs. Elizabeth Riunga (who became the 1st Chairlady for the group) and Mrs. Wahu Kaara . The Objective of the group was to provide a Christ based fellowship for all widows in the Muteero Church. Later on , the Lord expanded the group to include widows from the Parish and from other denominations. It now became a widows movement where love is shared among each other with the joy of knowing that Christ is the husband of the widows. An assurance that Jesus knows why widows are in that state at the time. This assurance gives the ladies in the group a renewed dedication to this Lord who reigns from everlasting to everlasting. It removes all fear but instead provides an intimate relationship with Christ and passion for His people.

Some of the activities enjoyed in the group include:

1. Monthly Prayer fellowship
2. Annual Holidays locally and internationally.
3. Visit to the younger or Older widows for encouragement

4. It is an Evangelism tool to draw many to Christ through love.

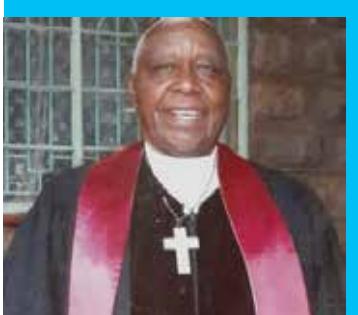
Conclusion : All widows are welcome to join irrespective of the Churches one belongs to..

Galatians 3:28 '*There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.'*

We are all equal in Christ Jesus. Amen

1st Samuel 7:12 - That far the Lord has helped us. (Ebenezer)

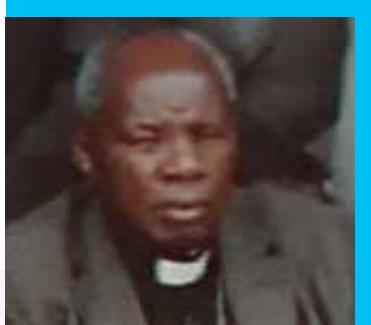
SOME OF THE PARISH MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN KAREN



Rev. Stephen Kariuki



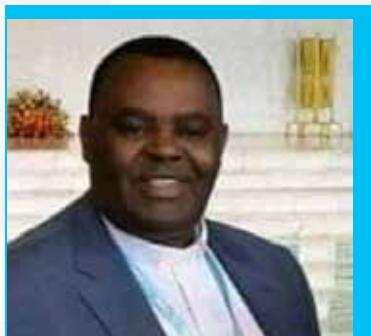
Jane Kashorda



Rev. Moses Maara



Rev. Eustus Ndomo



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PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MUTEERO P.C.E.A AND NAMANGA TOWN P.C.E.A CHURCH

The partnership between Namanga P.C.E.A Church and Muteero P.C.E.A dates many years ago. The larger Milimani Presbytery allocated Muteero to partner with Namanga Church for very many reasons, For Example Spiritual awakening and physical growth. Muteero in partnership with the Gone Out Ministry have visited Namanga many times, holding crusades where many accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. This is no main achievement taking into account the time and resources they all used. Muteero in partnership with Namanga Church built the modern building which is today Namanga P.C.E.A Church. Muteero has participated in many other practical, positive activities to boost the Namanga Church i.e. Muteero B.S.R came to Namanga carrying food items and clothes for the needy.

They also launched Namanga B.S.R. which is still very vibrant. This is why the Namanga congregations calls itself 'Watoto wa Muteero'. The story of Muteero and Namanga is a feat of dedication and love for mission work, we thank Muteero for all they have dedicated for Namanga Church.

I cannot end this brief history without mentioning the role played by the entire Karen Parish, which is the overseeing parish. In the early years the following two elders visited Namanga Church and helped build the church canopy namely;

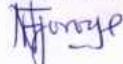


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Elder Kepha Barine and Saningo Ole Roimen, they gave us a lot of encouragement on church activities. Later on Karen parish sent the following elders; Kibichia Gatu, Githachuri and Saningo Ole Roimen to encourage and enhance the work of the Deacon Court.

We look forward for more co-operation as we continue to toil in God's vineyard.

Enclosed are our photographs of the church.



Elder Fredrick Njoroge
Session Clerk



Old Namanga P.C.E.A Church



New Namanga P.C.E.A Church



PCEA MUTEERO CHURCH @ 40



1st Samuel 7:12 - That far the Lord has helped us. (Ebenezer)



Women's Guild building



Evangelist's house



Church Sign post



Toilets



OTHER FUNCTIONAL GROUPS IN THE CONGREGATION

- ◀ Justice Peace and Reconciliation (JPRC)
- ◀ Security

Joshua 1:1-10

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

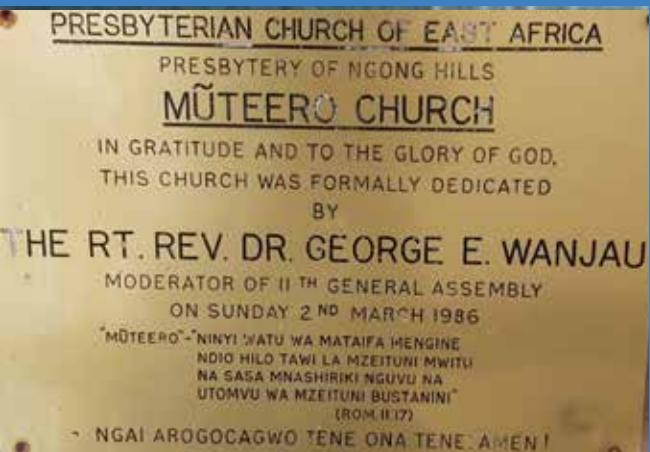
10 So Joshua ordered the officers of the people:

As the Lord was with our parents 40 years ago, so shall He be with us in the years to come.

1st Samuel 7:12 - That far the Lord has helped us. (Ebenezer)

CURRENT SUNDAY SCHOOL





Haggai 1:5

Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "Consider your ways and thoughtfully reflect on your conduct!"



P.C.E.A. MUTEERO (Karen) : First Office Bearers -May 1981 - February 1984.

Left to Right : Mrs. A. Maina - Treasurer; Mrs. G. Karuuki - Chairperson;

Mrs. E. Riunga - Secretary and Mrs. G. Kimondo - Sunday School Superintendent



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