

The Methodist Church in Kenya (MCK)

SEMINAR TITLE:

The 7 Year Environmental Conservation Strategic Plan Project

The Methodist Church in Kenya (MCK) affirms that its mission includes 'Caring for the Earth' and therefore endeavours to develop the theology and practical implications of this responsibility on a continual basis.

This will be achieved when men accomplish a right relationship with God, themselves, their neighbours and their environment as opposed to the view that the whole earth is given for the selfish benefit. The Methodist people need to be reminded, taught, challenged and encouraged to care for the earth by following sustainable practices and taking into account global and local environmental considerations for present and future generations.

As such the MCK has launched a consultative process which will initially involve the leadership and later be shared as an action plan to the faithful in the Synods and circuits. On the immediate we plan to hold a three day seminar whose aim, objectives, schedule, budget and deliverables are shared below.

Aim and Approach

The seminar will aim to develop a joint 7 year strategy and action plan for environmental conservation for the Methodist Church in Kenya (MCK). This will be achieved through increasing the awareness of the urgency of environmental conservation and climate change among the MCK leadership. During the three day seminar, professionals in environmental conservation and ecumenism will give talks and facilitate participants to discuss on emerging views. Also group workshops will be held to bring out action points for the specific key area of focus.

Objectives

1. To provide a Christian understanding in regard to the environment in general and climate change in particular.
2. To discuss the challenges facing Kenya particularly global warming and climate change.
3. To survey the different Christian resources and tools available and to identify the ones that could be used in carrying out the operational plan for dealing with the problem in the Kenyan SWOT context.
4. To bring consensus around the draft Environmental conservation policy for MCK. Agree on vision and mission as well as seven strategic key areas for environmental conservation.
5. To develop a final draft and blue print of a seven year action plan that may be applicable to MCK for tackling climate change and actualizing environmental conservation. Such plan would contain potential tools, specific targets, resources needed and a timetable for implementation.

Deliverables:

- ✓ 1 copy agreed upon environmental policy statement for MCK
- ✓ 5 page seven year action plan
- ✓ Increased understanding by attendees on Climate change and environmental conservation
- ✓ Increased commitment towards environmental conservation
- ✓ Presentation of the Action plan to ARC by the end of April as well as to the upcoming ARC conference in September 2012

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Implementation:

1. **Target:** *The Methodist Church In Kenya senior leadership and technical tea, a total of 31 participants.*
2. **Time:** 22nd February to 24th February 2012
3. **Seminar Schedule:**

Day 1: Wednesday, 22nd February

Time	Activity
Morning (8-10)	Devotion
(10-1am)	Introduction to seminar
	Climate change and Environmental conservation-Kenya
Afternoon (2-4.30pm)	Environment , church and ecumenism/partnership
Evening (5-6pm)	MCK environmental policy presentation and discussion

Day 2: Thursday, 23rd February

Time	Activity
Morning (8-10)	Devotion, Strategic goals on 7 key areas agreed on
(10-1am)	MCK SWOT analysis Synod institutional and environmental resources
Afternoon (2-4.30pm)	Group workshops on 7 year Action plans on 7 key areas
Evening (5-6pm)	above continued

Day 3: Friday, 24th February

Time	Activity
Morning (8-10)	Devotion, Key area Work plans presented
(10-1am)	
Afternoon (2-4.30pm)	Collating the 10 connectional work plans
Evening (5-6pm)	Closure- Presiding Bishop

4. **Budget:**

	KSHS.	£s
Meals: 11 participants lunch/teas * 3 days @ 2000	66,000	550
Accommodation: 20 participants full board *4nights @3500	280,000	2333
Transport reimbursement 20 @ 4000	80,000	667
2 facilitators @2500	5,000	42
TOTAL COST	431,000	3592

The seminar will cost us a total of £3,592. The ARC contribution will go towards supporting the costs of the seminar to enable us come up with the seven Year strategic plan for environmental conservation. This will be implemented across 10 synods with 1000 congregations and their areas of influence in Kenya.