

NAIROBI COSMOPOLITAN CONFERENCE

of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church

BRIEF ABOUT NCC

NCC Vision

To direct all people to God, the Creator of the Universe, through Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world irrespective of religious and cultural backgrounds.

NCC Mission

To execute the Great Commission of Mathew 28:19-20 following the wisdom contained in the Three Angels Messages of Revelations 14:6-12, giving special emphasis on the present truth as found in the Spirit of Prophecy.

NCC Core Values

Integrity, Accountability, Humility, Unity, Teamwork and Brotherly Love.

NCC Territory

Nairobi and Kajiado stations together with the environs

NCC Theme Song

Kiswahili: Mfalme Yu Mlangoni

English: The Coming King

Ekegusii: Yeso Ochire Naende

and to be sang in many other languages.

Preamble

- It is important to state from the onset that we are Seventh Day Adventists and we believe in the Mission of the Church as per the Biblical teaching and the various Policies of the Church.
- We are not in competition with the Central Kenya Conference. We have established ourselves as an administrative unit in the world church involved in the mission work just like other conferences.
- We do not consider our pastors and other church leaders as enemies but fellow workers in God's vineyard. They have work to do to accomplish the mission God has given the church just as we have chosen to commit our lives to the service of God. We are all sinners who need our Saviour's cleansing grace. We will not judge anyone but concentrate and focus on the work we have decided to undertake for the Lord.
- However, our only departure with the Central Kenya Conference, the Union and the Division is the manner they handle administrative issues in the church. We have disagreed on the conduct of previous elections for church leaders, we have disagreed on the handling of church finances and properties, we have disagreed on the management of the unity of the church and the manner they address church issues raised by the laity.
- So as we establish NCC, let us continue praying without ceasing, always focused in the mission which has brought us together. Let us start preaching and witnessing in this City and Kajiado where there are many souls in need of salvation. So let us reach out to them.

Background and Justification for NCC

Nairobi Station in the Central Kenya local Conference is the largest station in East Kenya Union Conference. It is a unique constituency as its home to the great city of Nairobi. Nairobi Central SDA Church had more than seven thousand (7,000) as per the register vide Min. 5/CBM/27.11.2016 when the church was seeking to establish a conference encompassing Nairobi and Kajiado Stations. The business meeting had mandated the head eldership and pastorate to pursue the conference status by caucusing with the churches of the two stations for concurrence.

The Conference called the local church leaders of the two stations (Nairobi and Kajiado) for a meeting on 7th May 2017 whose single agenda was **Realignment of Central Kenya Conference**. In preparation for this meeting the head elders from Nairobi and Kajiado station churches met on 1st May 2017 at LMS Guest House and adopted the Nairobi Central Church resolution and agreed to present the proposal at the 7th May 2017 meeting of the conference. Whereas the elders of the two stations prepared and assumed a common stand to seek creation of a new conference covering the two stations, the Conference meeting was mysteriously cancelled.

In the meantime, at a meeting between the CKC Executive (President, Treasurer & Secretary) and the head elders of Nairobi Central SDA church held on 12th June 2017 to discuss the pastorate situation in the church, the CKC President intimated that he was aware of the meeting of the Nairobi and Kajiado stations elders and promised to grant them a hearing. That did not happen though the realignment of the CKC is already concluded.

It is important to note that though Nairobi Station is very large both in membership and giving, it has remained a single station while smaller stations continue to be split into many smaller units. These are the units used during Conference elections to pick the number of delegates to the nominating committee. It is on this election background that Nairobi has been kept as a single station despite its contribution of about 55 percent in membership and 74 percent in giving. It is more about creating a loyal voting machinery and not guiding more souls to the Lord.

Escalating the Scheme

The hurried posting of a new pastor, JP Maiywa, to Nairobi Central Church in June 2018 turned out to be timing the church nominations that were around the corner. He was to finally use the exercise to divide the elders first and subsequently the congregation along ethnic lines for the sole purpose of placing in office a friendly eldership and church board.

This again is focusing on the 2020 church elections with compliant voting delegates. It was also meant to divert the membership from the issue of the conference realignment. This Pastor together with his remaining associate have continued to sow seeds of mistrust that has brought irreparable division in the church, which has spilled over to the congregations in the Nairobi city and even Kajiado County churches in general along tribal lines.

The local conference, as expected, failed to act and bring reconciliation and healing and instead continued to engage in activities that continue to aggravate the situation. One is left with the impression that this is a Machiavellian classic of divide and rule as long as that aids in scuttling the demand for a conference for cosmopolitan Nairobi.

The creation of six (6) new stations in Mount Kenya region while Nairobi is left as one station in spite of the fact that the later has 328 churches, 65,500 members and a total annual giving of over Kenya Shillings 850 million through tithes, offerings and other funds, is a pointer to creating voting blocks in that region with an eye of next year's elections. The six new stations in Mount Kenya have not been created to enhance mission or efficiency but rather increase delegates.

The Resolve of NCC Members

These unfortunate and unchristian conduct on the part of the church leadership which are aimed at balkanizing Central Kenya Conference (CKC) and creating of new stations as voting machines while denying Nairobi the chance to similar treatment, has led to the creation of this new conference.

The establishment of NCC will not affect the Adventist mission and message to the world, but rather it will enhance effectiveness and efficiency in mission.

Basic Facts

- **Registration** - NCC was registered on March 15th, 2019
- **Offices** - Currently operating from temporary offices located on 2nd Floor of Maendeleo House, Loita Street, Nairobi
- **Leadership** – The Nairobi Cosmopolitan Conference is currently run by three Directors who are supported by a Caretaker Committee comprising of 25 persons drawn from churches in Nairobi and Kajiado stations. These leaders are holding office on interim basis until a formal election is conducted by the members of the conference within six months.

The Caretaker Committee has already created eight sub-committees which are working to establish the New Conference.

- The sub-committees are:**
1. Administration
 2. Communication, ICT & PR
 3. Constitution
 4. Evangelism & Spiritual Nurture
 5. Finance & Planning
 6. Human Resource
 7. Membership, Recruitment & Retention
 8. Strategic Plan
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- **Mandate of the Caretaker Committee** - The 28-person Caretaker Committee is mandated to put all structures of NCC in place and prepare for elections of the Conference officials within six months.
- **Telephone Numbers** - NCC has already acquired two official telephone numbers 0797-097097, 0703-426863 as well as an email nairobicoscon@gmail.com. A website www.nbicc.org is being developed and will be operational shortly.
- **Whatsapp Group** - A Whatsapp Group known as NCC One has also been created where all NCC members are being listed. Membership is growing very fast and a more suitable platform is therefore required urgently which can accommodate unlimited number of members.
- **NCC Membership** - The membership of NCC will be both individual and corporate (churches). There will be no geographical limitations. Members and churches will be free to be members of NCC or CKC.
- **NCC Bank Accounts** - NCC has opened three bank accounts at KCB, University Way branch, namely:

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| NCC Trust Funds Account | - | A/c 1254977066 |
| NCC Conference Budget | - | A/c 1254979182 |
| NCC General Expenses | - | A/c 1254979468 |

A friendly and transparent payment system is being developed and will be operational by the time of official launch coming shortly. For now, direct banking or using KCB paybill No. 522522 will be used to deposit money in any of the three accounts as appropriate.

- **Account Names and Purpose**
 - Trust Funds – All trust funds will be banked in this account.
 - Conference Budget – All offerings will be banked in this account.
 - General Expense – All funds meant for special mission projects will be banked in this account.
- **NCC Envelopes & Receipt Books** - NCC envelopes have been produced together with Receipt books to enable the Conference issue receipts for all monies paid until the new system for receiving and acknowledging payment is put in place. Emphasis is that NCC must be accountable and transparent in all its transactions and must be seen to be different from the current management of church properties and finances.
- **Authority to use NCC Funds** - Authority to use Conference funds currently rests with the 28 member Caretaker Committee.

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