The Anglican Services Development on the 8th of March 2017 held its Partners’ Roundtable Forum at the All Saints’ Cathedral, Nairobi. The event, which was graced by the Archbishop of The Anglican Church of Kenya, brought together stakeholders in the development field with the purpose of evaluating and celebrating the Milestones achieved by ADS. Organizations which partner with ADS entities across the Country had an opportunity to hear the successes of ADS and her efforts to ensure wholesome and dignified living among communities.

The Chief Guest, The Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit commended ADS for its work in supporting the church’s social ministry within the Country. The primate said that the Church sees development work as part of its Key Mandate in the great commission. “I see development as a part and parcel of the church’s mission and we as church leaders must strive to address cases of poverty and hunger which affects a greater percentage of Kenyans” he said.

To the partners, he promised prudence in the way resources were utilized to ensure maximum benefit to the communities. “I want to assure our partners of our commitment to social transformation as the key pillar of our agenda,” he affirmed.

Other keynote speakers who presented in the function included Human Rights Activist Cyprian Nyamwamu, Prof. William Ogara (University of Nairobi) whose speech was read by ADS Eastern Director Esther Musili; and Nicholas Ayimba (Rural Tourism Network).

They all underscored the need for development players to take advantage of the local communities so as to build a better society. Citing current cases of corruption being witnessed in the country, Mr. Nyamwamu encouraged ADS to use public private partnerships to increase accountability of public resources.

The partners too had an opportunity to contribute ways that could enable ADS reach out to more people. Areas of possible collaborations were singled out and ADS encouraged to come up with ways that would enhance water security in the country.

ADS Kenya Director, Bwibo Adieri, on his part, took the opportunity to thank the partners for the resources that they had committed to its work. This, he explained, went a long way in helping ADS to become more effective.
ACK Education Symposium,

The Anglican Church of Kenya played host to more than 600 School principals for a two day education Symposium at the All Saint’s Cathedral, Nairobi. The event, which was themed, ‘Fostering True education’ was graced by His Grace The Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Education Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Fred Matiangi, Permanent Secretaries Prof. Belio Kipsang and Robert Masese, ACK Director of Education Mr. Wilberforce Wangalwa among a host of other religious, Government and County Leaders. While addressing the Participants, the Archbishop noted that it was time for the nation to evaluate the value of the education that was given to Kenyans. He commended the Cabinet Secretary for the reforms that he had instituted in the education sector and said that “it was the only way that would guarantee quality and honest education to students.” The cabinet secretary thanked the Anglican Church of Kenya for the work that it was doing to promote education at the grass roots level by sponsoring Schools. He said that this stamped the place of the Church in the development of the Nation. He also applauded the School heads for the support that they had given the Government by ensuring that the students were well taken care of. He particularly observed that even though the some Schools had high numbers of students, they still managed to do their best to ensure that the schools operated effectively. He encouraged them to be accountable for the performance of the institutions as that would foster quality services to Kenyans. The Chair of the Provincial Committee of Education Rt. Rev. Timothy Wambunya, observed that it was unfortunate to note that in some cases the role of the Church in the running of schools had been neglected. He asked the cabinet Secretary to consider reviewing the Basic Education act so as to protect the Church’s role in schools. The school heads also praised the Church’s part in Education and suggested more ways that could increase partnerships between the two institutions.

A Run For The Bibleless


The run, which has been held annually for the last decade, seeks to raise funds to support Bible Translation & Literacy (BTL) in its work of Bible translations within the country.

The primate noted that the word of God was now accessible to the Community as it was in their language. “The Ilchamus now have the weapon of salvation. They now have something that they can refer to when spreading the word of God” He said .The event brought together people from all walks of life, clergy, public and Non-Governmental organizations, private and public businesses organizations among other groups. The translated Ilchamus version of the St. Luke’s the gospel was also launched during the event.

Members of the Ilchamus community were represented by a group of local clergy and Morans and thanked BTL for the work that they had done to make word of God available to the community.

Sound byte.

“If we are going to be of any impact in our lives, we need to be models…..” Dr. Agnes Abuom.

Doctors’ Strike Mediation

ADS Kenya, through the Anglican Church of Kenya, took part in the mediation that reached a settlement in the just ended Doctors strike. The inter-religious Council of Kenya under whose charge the negotiations took place, were enjoined in the industrial dispute by the court of appeal which saw the strike get into a record 100 days. The religious leaders met both the representatives of the Doctors, Ministry of Health, Council of Governors and other state officials for close to two weeks.

The religious leaders managed to bring both parties reach a favourable compromise that saw the strike called off on the 14th of March 2017. The Doctors signed a return to-Work Formula which allows both parties engage further on the new Collective bargaining Agreement. The religious leaders thanked both parties for putting aside their differences for the sake of the many Kenyans who had suffered during the strike.

On their part, the Doctors and the government regretted that the strike has resulted into pain for many Kenyans but assured them that they would do everything in their power to restore services within the health sector.

Bishop Wasonga Tournament

Youths from the ACK Maseno Diocese have got a reason to stay happy after the launch of the Bishop Wasonga Tournament. The tourney, which is coordinated by the diocesan KAYO office, is aimed at identifying and nurturing talent as a way of ministry among the youth.

The competitions are carried out in KAYO conferences and in Schools during weekend challenges where teachers, students and the clergy participate.

ADS Pwani Relief Support event.

ADS Pwani on the 2nd of March distributed relief items to residents of Garashi in Kilifi County. This comes even as the county is faced with ravaging hunger and drought that has affected atleast 23 counties. The Government has already declared the drought a national disaster. The Anglican Church of Kenya, under ACT Alliance, has also placed a fundraising appeal in support for the affected communities.
Securing the 2017 Elections

The Anglican Church of Kenya participated in the 2nd Multi Sectoral Forum held at the Ufungamano House from the 22nd of March, 2017. The two day event brought together religious leaders, civil society groups, the Diplomatic corps, special interest groups, private sector among others. Under the theme ‘Securing the 2017 Elections’ the groups had an opportunity to share on some of the ways that could make the upcoming general elections a success. Mr. Cyprian Nyamwamu, who presented on the preparedness of the nation for the elections, noted that a repeat of the 2007 post elections clashes ‘was the last thing that Kenyans could handle, yet it could still happen if we (the country) failed to put in place systems to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process.” He posed that it was sad to note that elections had in most cases been viewed as a security issue because of how it was handled. The youthful population was cited as a key component for the success of the nation and thus the need for them to be involved in the running of the country. The diplomatic community promised to support a free and fair general election in the Country.

Youth Leaders attend Wajibika Seminar

Youths Leaders drawn from several Dioceses benefited from a training organised by the Provincial KAYO Office on Leadership and Youth Ministry. The seminar, Dubbed “Wajibika”, and initially launched in 2013, seeks to train the young leaders on the role of the Youths in Governance, leadership and personal growth. The seminar was held at the Dimesse Sisters, Karen from the 23rd of March 2017. Some of the topics discussed included, The Church and the Media, and culture, Leadership just to mention but a few.

The Archbishop also visited the Youths and encouraged them to be agents of change wherever they will be. Also in attendance was the Nairobi Governor and took the opportunity to explain some of the plans that the County Government had in place for the Youths. He also invited suggestions that would foster good relationships between the Youth in The Church and the Government. The Rt. Rev. Charles Muturi who is the Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Mt. Kenya South was also present in the seminar.

Dr. Joyce Nyairo, a Lecturer at Moi University and also a facilitator at the seminar, challenged the Participants to be innovative in the way they ministered to the youths that they served. She observed that people had lost trust in most institutions had and it was therefore important for them to work on winning back the trust. The participants expressed confidence that they had been equipped and appreciated the value of the training. They promised to mobilise their fellow youths to rise up and vote in the upcoming general elections. Rev. Mike Kuria, the Director for Youth affairs, (Nairobi Diocese) said that he was touched by the speakers and he would rally other young people to be peace ambassadors.
The Archbishop prays with Church Leaders at ACK St. Paul’s Jamuhuri  

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Participants of the Bishop Wasonga Tournament  

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The Archbishop prays with students at Alliance Boys High School  

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Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero receives a souvenir cross During the Youth Wajibika Training  

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