



KENYA MOVEMENT OF  
CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS  
*Paxromana*



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Administration Report 2012 - 2014

Faith Odhiambo

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**"Preferential Option for the Poor"**

## KMCP Annual General Meeting held between 7th -9th November 2014 at Don Bosco Karen

**Vision:** A Just and Peaceful Society Anchored on Catholic Values

**Motto:** "Preferential Option for the poor"

### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of KMCP include:

- supporting the deepening of the faith and the coherence of life of its members;
- supporting the process of constant formation of its members in spiritual matters, in commitment, and in professional and intellectual matters by way of exchange of experiences, shared study, openness to the Word of God and the celebration of, and participation in, the life of the ecclesial community, in communion with the local Church, in which it is present, and with the universal Church;
- serving as witness of the Gospel in the various communities and professionally to a proactive dialogue between the Christian faith and cultures, and between faith and reason; environments with which it is involved and to contribute intellectually;
- acting in defence of human dignity and human rights, for the construction of true peace on earth, for the eradication of all forms of poverty and injustice, and for sustainable development in harmony with nature;
- pursuing all its works on behalf of society in the light of the Social Teaching of the Church, and especially through the professional and intellectual contributions of its members;
- contributing to the path of ecumenism seeking the growth of communion between all Churches and Christian communities; and to be in dialogue, peace and understanding among religions;
- promoting national, regional and international networks and partnerships



### FORWARD

Chairman

It has been a pleasure working with all KMCP members in Nairobi and across the dioceses, together we have come this far. I appreciate all your efforts and commitment to the movement. I have worked also with the other leaders in the National team and it has been a great pleasure having you to advice, support and implement our decisions together; thank you all. Our donors and partners listed elsewhere in this report, I really appreciate your generous contributions in both monetary and non monetary support to KMCP. Through your partnership with this organization KMCP has been able to come this far. May God reward your abundantly.

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There remains work to be done and again together we can scale greater heights. Even though we managed to visit and conduct programs in a number of dioceses, we still have a sizeable majority to visit, recruit friends and colleagues to join KMCP and let the spirit of the movement shine across the entire Church.

The driving force behind our work is the spirit of volunteerism and servant leadership, I therefore call upon all members to inculcate in ourselves the urge to serve the church more everyday so that others may opt to join in based on our actions in society and in our respective work place.

I encourage all professionals to get used to documenting the work in simple research papers and publications like some members are already doing. These can be posted and shared on our website has currently has a high traffic of readership. This way we sharpen our skills and disseminate the knowledge we have to others and hence improve society at large.

Finally thank you for taking time to be part of the KMCP growth agenda in various different ways and also by taking time to attend our Annual Delegates Meeting 2014, God bless you all.



### **A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

Having been Chaplain for Pax Romana International Movement of Catholic Students during 8 years, it was a joy for me and a response to my long waited expectation to become the Chaplain of Pax Romana ICMICA Africa and particularly of the Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals.

It was indeed a main concern over the years to accompany our graduated Students in their Professional life. Not an easy period facing the new constraints: job, family, Christian

commitment.

It was a privilege for me to accompany three successive teams of committed young Catholic Professionals and with them to maintain high the light of Christ in the everyday life. I thank God for this beautiful experience facing with them the challenges of writing projects, raising support and implementing action

Let us thank God for his blessings and be confident He will be with us tomorrow as He was yesterday and is today



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

As we come to the close of another year, KMCP would like to take this opportunity to thank all the great men and women who have continually supported its work. Being a voluntary Movement we recognize the difficulty in sacrificing time and money to further the development of the union and we thank members for their commitment to the growth of the movement.

We would also like to thank all our development partners who have continued to support the activities of KMCP . We salute our clients and beneficiaries who consistently demonstrate the great need for the advancement of the Catholic Social Teaching, Human Rights and support for the work of the Church.

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We thank the KMCP board members Fr. Etienne Triaille, Dennis Ongaria, Dr. Mwasaru Nestor, Jose Maria, Faith Odhiambo, Isabella Ngoko, Irene Chege, Delina King'asia, Elvis Man'gunyi, Bernard Osang'ir, Ann Muchami, Carol Wangila for their strategic and policy guidance.

AS KMCP looks forward to the year ahead, we hope that our efforts will encourage more catholic professionals to join the struggle for a just and fair society.

Faith Mony A. Odhiambo  
Secretary General

## Introduction

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Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals (KMCP) is a Catholic organization composed of Catholic Professionals in Kenya. KMCP is a member of the Commission for Pastoral & Lay Apostolate under the auspices of the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops. KMCP was started in 1981 and it was until 2008 that a national secretariat was established under the management of a part time coordinator, two year elected National Executive Team and a National Chaplain. KMCP is also the National Federation of Pax Romana — International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (Pax Romana-ICMICA) in Kenya.

Pax Romana- ICMICA is an International Association of Catholic Professionals and Intellectuals united for a peaceful, equitable and sustainable world. Pax Romana ICMICA is recognized by the Holy See and is active in international civil society networks such as the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations. It has a consultative relationship with the United Nations. In Kenya, KMCP is the official representative of Pax Romana-ICMICA at the UNEP/UN-Habitat. KMCP is currently present and has contacts in the following Dioceses: Nairobi, Bungoma, Eldoret, Kakamega and Mombasa, Malindi. For the last four years, KMCP has undertaken a number of activities. These include:

Spiritual formation of members

Mobilizing Catholic Professionals, to participating in the current democratic reforms in Kenya

Promoting and popularizing Catholic Social Teaching among Catholic Professionals in Kenya

Facilitating the growth of Student Christian Movements (I.M.C.S and Y.S.C)

Facilitating school to work transition of Young Professionals (recent graduates)

Establishing the presence of KMCP in Kenya's Dioceses in view to unite all Catholic Professionals Associations

Promoting Millennium Development Goals

Establishing an Africa wide Secretariat for Pax Romana Africa Region.

Providing mentorship to young ICMICA movement in Africa.

## KMCP NATIONAL TEAM

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### **National Chairperson, Mr. Dennis Ong'aria**

Is an Information Systems Management Consultant and a paid up member of the Institute for the Management of Information Systems, currently practicing under his company Edencom Holdings LTD. He has just finished his degree program in Information Technology at KCA University. Dennis is happily married to Evelyn and cherish the promotion of family values. I'm a parishioner of St. Benedict's Catholic Church Survey and participate in the activities of my home Diocese of Bungoma.

Dennis has been in Pax Romana for a record 11 years serving it in various capacities. He founded IMCS in KCCT Mbagathi now Multi Media University in the year 2001 and was later in 2002 elected National Chairperson of IMCS. He has served the church in various ranks in the Archdiocese of Nairobi and also worked with the Kenya Episcopal Conference - Social Communications Commission at Radio Waumini up to June 2011 when he opted to set up his own company to concentrate on consultancy and procurement business.

Prior to his election to the position of National Chairman, Dennis was the National Organizing Secretary of KMCP. He always encourages as many Catholics as possible to register with KMCP to take part in the transformation of society through the promotion of Catholic Social Teaching."

### **N. Deputy Chairperson, Dr. Mwasaru Nestor**

Dr. Mwasaru is a Medical doctor and specialist.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Chairperson, Jose Maria**

Fresh Graduate recruitment: My name is Jose Maria serving as the Vice Chairperson of KMCP responsible for recruitment of new members especially young graduates. I am a Physicist. I have served as a leader in many aspects the major one being my chairmanship of Kenya YCS through which I came to learn of the Professionals.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chairperson, Isabella Ngoko**

Molding of Professionals

### **Secretary General, Faith Odhiambo**

Faith is an accomplished commercial and competition lawyer with vast experience in other areas of the law and is a consulting partner of the Mosota Mokaya Advocates and also a lecturer at the University of Nairobi. Ms. Odhiambo is a parishioner from Don Bosco Mary Help of Christians and previously served as the Vice Chairlady of the Movement before being elected as the secretary general.

### **Deputy Sec. Gen, Bernard Osangir**

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Deputy. Sec Gen, Elvis Mang'unyi**

External Affairs/ branding: I am a professional in Computer Science with a specialty in software websites and mobile application development. Although I am technology enthusiast, my devotion to serve the laity is inherent having been a member and leader of YCS as a student before joining the Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals (KMCP) in the year 2007. I come from Bungoma Diocese but currently a resident of Nairobi and fellowship at Queen of apostles Ruaraka Parish where I belong to the Young Professionals Group (YPG).

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy . Sec Gen, Delina King'asia**

I am a Public Relations Officer by profession, attained my degree in communication and public relations from Moi University. I run programs for students on K.B.C Radio. I am very passionate about young people growing into successful professionals in future, and a mentor and a peace ambassador. I come from Bungoma diocese but fellowship at Blessed sacrament Buruburu.

### **National Treasurer,Irene Chege**

A banker by profession for more than 4 years. She has attained a degree in Business Administration- Business Management from University of Sunderland, Higher Diploma in Human Resources from Institute of Human Resource Management as well as a Masters in Business Administration- International Business from University of Nairobi.

### **1<sup>st</sup> D. Treasurer, Ann Muchami**

I am in charge of membership fees and i assist the national treasurer in the movement. I have been associated with PAX ROMANA since i was a first year in campus. Am a graduate in Bachelor of Education Arts, a professional in Oracle application database administrator. Currently I work as an editor with Moran Publishers.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> D. Treasurer, Carol Wangila**

KMCP Projects/ fundraising

## **OUR ACTIVITIES**

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### **PROMOTION OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

13th October 2012: KMCP together with the AFCAST Secretariat (based in Harare, Zimbabwe) jointly organized a one day workshop to reflect on Catholic Professionals in the Electoral Processes in Africa Today. In attendance were Catholic Professionals from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The workshop was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012, at Hekima Institute for Peace and International Relations, located along Riara Road (off-Ngong Road), from 8:30 am to 5:00pm.

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#### Participation as Election Process

Officials of KMCP participated in the election process of 2013 as election observers as part of its mandate to ensure a democratic process.

### **SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND COMMON GOOD**

The idea was born to establish a platform through which Kenyans from different walks of life could interact and exchange ideas on how to respond to the challenge of fostering emergence of new leaders. This program would examine political, social and economic issues and processes affecting Kenya society. It could be a place where people would research and evaluate the ethics of good governance, the relationship between politics and the economy and other related subjects. It could bring persons who have positively contributed to transform Kenyan society to share their experiences and brainstorm on the way forward for the country. Their different backgrounds and affiliations would provide a unique input to the participants who will thus undergo a formation grounded on real life practices and verified theories. Courses offered under this program included; Conceptual foundations of development, Community based organization and capacity building, Project management, monitoring and evaluation, Public policy analysis, Peace and reconciliation – Conflict resolution, Leadership and sustainable development, Social Teaching of Christian churches, Our common good and common responsibility – Environment, Contemporary human rights problems and global responses, Policy Advocacy, Interreligious dialogue and Economic and social justice.

### **Mediation Training**

In 2013, KMCP also carried out mediation training of the various elders and religious leaders at Garsen to encourage peaceful resolution of disputes especially between the Orma and Pokomo.

### **UPR PROCESS**

The Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals (KMCP) with her other 20 partners hence embarked on a mechanism to review Kenya performance based on her commitments at the previous review mechanism in 2010. The untapped potential of the Faith Based organizations in the region played in well. KMCP also invited civil society organizations from Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Rwanda to observe and share vital insights as we were doing all these. Pax Romana National federations from countries due for review within the next 2 years also took part in this all inclusive process. The UPR focused on five key areas of concern to us being: right to food, right to healthcare, rights to water and sanitation, internal displacements in Kenya, right to quality and affordable education. Various stakeholders from the civil society, academia, research institutions and also various arms of government took part in the process leading to the preparation of the UPR report. To this end a lot of work a lot of work still remain to be accomplished and can only be done achieved with the cooperation of all the stakeholders in the quest for the realization of full provision of Human Rights in Kenya. Together with our other partners, we completed a successful UPR process and report with recommendations made to the Kenyan government.

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## **PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE DAMAGES**

As accredited associations to UNEP, Pax Romana/KMCP is a member of Major Groups. As such we take part in the usual meetings and conferences of UNEP. At the last Governing Council we presented a written contribution on Sound Environment being a basic Human Right.

## **PROMOTING MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

E-Waste Management Initiative with Soweto Youth Group: Together with the Soweto Youth Group (a self-help group of youths operating in Kibera, East Africa's largest slum), KMCP (representing Pax Romana) is currently involved in an e-waste management project run by a British Company which seeks to recycle the e-waste products (mainly computers), creating employment and reduction of crime among youth in Kibera. In this project, KMCP is specifically involved in mobilizing resources (human and financial) for training the collectors and beneficiaries. This is a project that KMCP would wish to continue with the help of donors.

## **MAPPING AND ENGAGING CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS IN KENYA.**

KMCP has proposed a project that will map the Catholic Professionals in Kenya as to enhance their role in the Kenyan church and society. This exercise will involve collecting basic biodata such as age, location, profession, interests and current engagements, contacts (telephone numbers, email addresses, postal addresses) of Catholic Professionals in Kenya, beginning with a selected dioceses. The overall objective of the project is to enhance the role and voice of the lay Catholic Professionals in the Church and society in Kenya. This project is timely especially at this point when Kenya is experiencing tremendous democratic reforms yet challenges still remain. The country just recently voted for a constitution that has laid much emphasis on devolution and currently it is struggling to put in place structures and institutions to support this new form of government. We feel strongly that Catholic Professionals need to be mobilized to participate in this democratization process of their country.

Consolidation of the Movement in Kenya: Our ambition for the last six years has been to consolidate the movement in Kenya. We managed to set up a KMCP Diocesan Chapter in Nairobi with elected members. We have sustained contacts with the following dioceses: Eldoret, Ngong, Bungoma, Nakuru, Kakamega and Mombasa.

# **DIOCESE ACTIVITIES**

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## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

The Kenya Movement of Catholic Professionals set out to popularize Catholic Social Teaching among Catholic/Christian professionals across the dioceses in Kenya from 2011. The first round of trainings and forums traversed the Dioceses of Bungoma, Kakamega, Homabay, Kitale, Eldoret and the Archdiocese of Nairobi ending in October 2012. This initiative was supported by Missio, enabling KMCP to roll out a program aimed at reaching many more dioceses across the country with the same message.

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## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.**

The following were highlighted as the main objectives of the program:

Popularize Catholic Social Teaching

Create a platform for professionals to discuss and recommend possible solutions to societal ills based on the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church.

Create awareness about the mission of KMCP, recruit members and establish more chapters of KMCP to propagate the social justice in society.

Create professionals networks among Catholic Professionals

The following are outcomes achieved at the dioceses;

## **TRAININGS IN THE DIOCESES.**

### **Malindi and Mombasa Dioceses**

The first of the training was supposed to bring together three Dioceses namely Mombasa, Malindi and Garissa but due to security conditions in the dioceses of Garissa at the moment we only managed to work with Mombasa and Malindi dioceses. Travel in the Garissa region at the time was restricted due to frequent attacks.

The training was held at the Catholic Institute - Malindi from the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013 facilitated by all the 7 trained facilitators among other leaders from the Diocese.

The training was attended also by the Catholic Priests from the two dioceses and the Bishop of Malindi Bishop Emmanuel Barbara. In total 46 residential participants were trained and commissioned to train other professionals and Christians in the diocese. A local KMCP leadership was also put in place to coordinate the continuity of the program.

### **Nyeri Archdiocese**

The second training was conducted in Nyeri Dioceses with the blessings of the local ordinary Rt. Rev. Peter Kairo who commissioned the program and appointed a chaplain to work with KMCP in the dioceses for the continuity of the program.

The training was held at the Caritas Centre in Nyeri and attended by some 38 residential delegates and a few who were commuting daily. Delegates were drawn from the various parishes in the diocese.

During the training the facilitators and the delegates also attended mass in one of the parishes and managed to hold an awareness function for the Christians on Catholic Social Teaching and they are integrated in the daily living of the Christian person.

### **Nairobi Archdiocese Forum**

The third forum was held in Nairobi at the Laico Regency Hotel where we invited senior government officials and diplomats to speak to them about our mission and mandate and seek their support.

We managed to get close to 15 members of the National Assembly who are organized under the banner of the Catholic Members of Parliament Spiritual Initiative (CAMPSSI). We are in very close collaboration with them to date and we are running our programs together. They are chaired by Hon. Mwangi and deputized by Hon. Dr. Chris Wamalwa who recently led a delegation of Catholic Professionals and MPs to visit the Pope.

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We also got the presence of the French Ambassador in Kenya and Ambassadors from Burundi and Colombia sent their messages of support but did not attend.

In-attendance also was Mr. Kinuthia Wamwangi the Chairman of the Transition Authority who pleaded to work with Pax Romana KMCP to advance our mandate and Mr ... President of NACADA

#### Bungoma Diocese

The fourth and last training was carried out in the month of March 2014 in the Catholic Dioceses of Bungoma in the Western parts of the country. Delegates had been invited from various parts of the diocese with the support from the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission of the diocese.

Communication was sent to all parishes and several follow up communications made prior to the event that was held between the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre in Kabula, Bungoma.

A total of 33 delegates attended among them local leaders and the leadership of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission in the Diocese. His lordship Bishop did not attend but was represented by the Diocesan Secretary Rev. Fr. Edward Odongo who delivered his homily during one of the masses he presided over.

### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- KMCP Trust: the registration has since been done and awaiting approval of petition and issuance of a certificate from the relevant Cabinet Secretary.
- UPR report completion.
- Launch of the School of Leadership and Common Good
- Growth in Partnerships with many stakeholders
- Growth in Individual and Group Memberships
- Increased activities at the diocese level.

### **CHALLENGES**

- Cooperation with KCCB
- Funding
- Sustainability of the movement at the Diocese level.
- Commitment of members (Subscription fees and attendance of activities)

### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

As part of our endeavour to realize the implementation of the CSTs programs, we would like to implement the recommendations as per our report and ask out members to make donations towards the further implementation of the same.

Expansion of the project of the School of Leadership and Common Good to give our youth better skills to meet the market demands while inculcating Christian ethos in their professions.

Starting of a quarterly publication; Newsletter/Magazine targeting Catholic professionals.

## **OUR PARTNERS**

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CATHOLIC MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SPIRITUAL INITIATIVE (CAMPSSI).  
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EDMUND RICE ADVOCACY NETWORK  
FRANCISCAN INTERNATIONAL  
GAPLINK INTERNATIONAL  
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