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REPORT ON THE YEAR SINCE SYNOD 2017

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The Synod of the CWPCJ met in November 2017 at Mt Carmel our Ministry Headquarters and focused much attention on specific ministry matters:

The launch of a new National Youth Ministry initiative to ensure that the new generation is effectively impacted through local churches, regional networking in Evangelism, church planting and Christian development program [CDP] which focuses on Biblical Knowledge, Ministry Involvement and Personal Character Development.

The main focus and expression of CWPCJ's Missions has always been church planting. The Lord has enabled us to successfully plant churches in the un-reach people groups in our nation which involves lay youth going for a period between 1 to 2 years. Our vision is to see churches planted in every single village and towns of east Africa.

- a. To reach every nation of the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ through church planting,
- b. To send out church planting teams to evangelize, disciple, establish cell groups and pioneer CWPCJ-type churches that in turn, plant other churches.
- C. To raise up leaders in every village and towns with a vision to reach their community and beyond with the gospel.

A task team was appointed to implement the strategy. The expansion and renewed recruitment of students for the undergraduate program of theological training at our Biblical college, in order to redress the current shortage of pastors and church planters in our nation.

For this strategic process we're interested in years to come, working with our fellowship partners in the WRF to find available teachers to come and assist our Biblical University after the Construction. Our University is under construction at Mt Carmel Mayuge -Lake Victoria.



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Maintaining and expanding the mission nature of all our local CWPCJ churches.

Synod encouraged all our local churches to follow the examples of [CDP] Christian development program.

As we began to pursue and fulfill these objectives and as the opportunities for local, regional evangelism and discipling, continued to open up and expand.

It became apparent that certain problems had to be addressed if the work was not to be hindered. These problems can be summarized as follows:

The vast majority of our members come from non-Christian, pagan family backgrounds. In almost all cases, they are the only Christian in the family when they are first saved.

There is tremendous traditional, peer group, social, materialistic and financial pressures and temptations to cause these young converts to compromise their faith.

First, we look at every convert as a potential Christian worker and leader to be.

Secondly, we need a rigorous discipling and leadership development programme by which we can take any new convert or Christian and train him or her, to become a disciplined and skilled worker for the Lord within a prescribed period of time.

Thirdly, the Lord had led us to start The Life Group System [Cell group] as the organizational structure for the church [Community Worship Presbyterian Church Jinja] and this system is an integral part of the CDP.

OBJECTIVES

In view of the above CDP was developed and our objectives for the Christian Development Program are:

To challenge every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ to fulfill the Great Commission.

To channel every believer through a structured discipling and personal Christian Development Program.

To assist every believer to develop and grow in their personal Christian walk and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

To disciple and train every believer to become a disciplined and skilled worker for the Lord and for the propagation of the gospel. In turn, these disciplined and skilled workers are to win others to the Lord and to disciple them.

Bible Knowledge

The Bible knowledge courses are designed to build up the believers' faith, their character, and the knowledge of the ways of the Lord to equip them for effective lay ministry. In levels 1 and 2, since the Christian is young in the Lord, his disciple personally teaches them, the lessons according to the LIW [Life in the Word] schedule.



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From level 3 upwards, the disciple is supposed to do self study. All other Life in the Word lessons are to be taught in classrooms: these LIW classes are not available to anyone who is not in Cell Groups or the CDP program.

The Bible knowledge requirements of the LIW which is designed to provide teaching in the Word that is equivalent to a Bible School education.

Ministry Involvement

Knowledge puffs up but edifies-Romans 8:1[There is there now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit].

Therefore, the CDP includes ministry to others because ministry is love in action. We don't want our Christians to grow in the Lord but not in the heart [It's both]. We will not move anyone up to a high level if; they don't meet the requirement of ministry. We believe that "give and it shall be given unto you" is a principle that also applies to spiritual growth. No matter how much one studies the Bible, he can't grow unless he or she also ministers.

The new converts are encouraged to witness, be involved in a ministry of helps, and assist in cell Groups and then move up to pastoral type ministry at increasing levels of responsibility. There are various other ministries in the church but no one can lead in those ministries unless they are also serving in cell groups, because cell groups, form the backbone of ministry in the church.

Personal Growth and Development

This is really character development. We believe that Word and the spirit transform character as long as the believer yields himself.

Our ministry then, is to help every believer to grow in this aspect of the CDP. In times past, some were not promoted to higher levels of CDP because of some obvious flaw or lack in them but nothing was done to help them to grow in these areas. Now we see this as part of our responsibility to promote growth of individuals by providing personal pastoral care to the weak ones or struggling ones.

CDP Progress Report

The integral part of the CDP is growth evaluation of every one. To assist in this, we have designed a progress report form. Each one is to be evaluated by his disciple. The form is a tool to aid this. The disciple does the evaluation well before the disciple is due to move up to the next level of CDP. The evaluation then indicates to the disciple if any corrective action or additional help must be provided for the disciple if any corrective action or additional help must be provided for the disciple. In this, we try to ensure that no one falls behind in his CDP schedule.



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Finally it was also suggested that Ministry Fund and Evangelism Fund are to be created with special donations from the members of the Presbytery. Presbytery Programs: For the unity and growth in the Biblical understanding, it was suggested that the Presbytery needs to conduct Revival meetings for all its Churches twice a year.

The definite dates are to be decided in the next meeting.

VOTE OF THANKS Elder Katende Jesse Mt Carmel Community Presbyterian Church thanked all the members of the Presbytery and the visitors present in the meeting for their concern and prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING the Closing Prayer and benediction were offered by Rev Dr Kimera Henry Benjamin Waguma
Community Worship Presbyterian Church Jinja

