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## MILESTONES OF MINISTRY



# Message from the Senior Pastor

The transition period of 2021 incubated a heightened strategic shift discussion to reposition the assembly as a functional missions church effectively engaged in outreach to Asians as per its original mandate. A detailed proposal capturing such a future was crafted and forwarded to the Council of Elders (CoE) for input and direction. The Response from the council outlined an integrated approach: upholding the Asian mandate and following through with the regular life of the church in pursuit of its DNA.

So, in 2022, building upon the foundation of the strategic theme to establish the requisite infrastructure, we experienced God's presence which generated impact, nurtured growth and laid a pathway to stability. From the onset, we identified five focus areas for the year: spiritual renewal, a healthy church, a vibrant Children and Youth Ministry, strategized outreach to the Asian community and Leadership Development. We were amazed at how God came through in each of these areas, with members attesting to personal witness of God's favour and giving thanks to God as the source of all blessings and to the church for ministry.

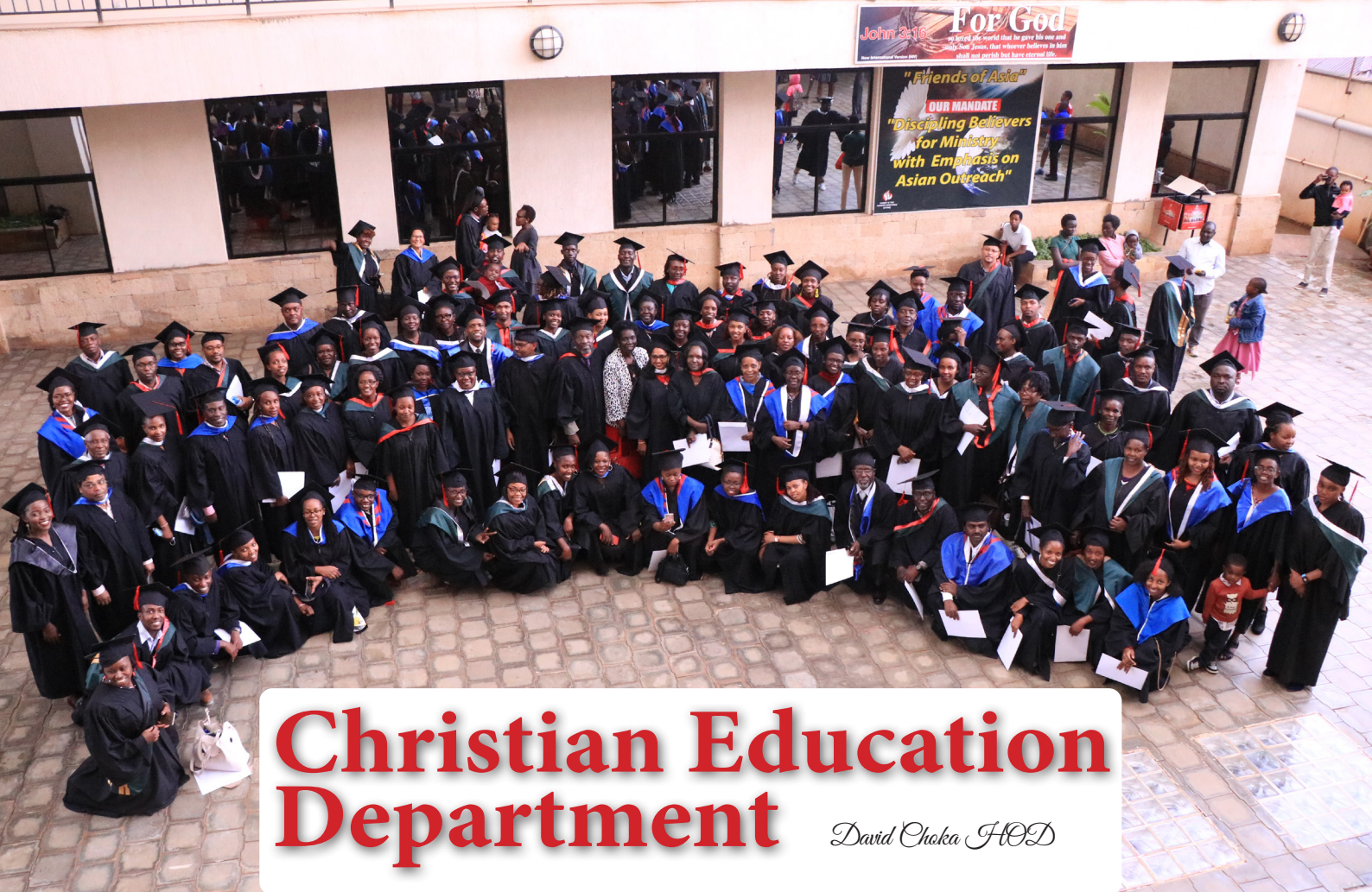
The urge to deepen our spirituality by facilitating avenues of an authentic encounter with God was pivotal. A consistent Bible reading programme to increase knowledge of the Bible and growth in the word, integrated with monthly three-days-of-prayer-and-fasting to enhance communion with God was liberating. Underpinning such an initiative was a plan for transformative pulpit ministry and revival meetings to spur spiritual awakening. As a design to mitigate the severe impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we aimed at a healthy church through intentional discipleship to enhance transformation, growth and multiplication. To ensure the effective execution of ministry goals, we initiated a programme to upgrade leadership capacity. The ministry briefs from the various departments capture details of how the focus areas played out at departmental levels.

Infrastructure-wise, we made some progress in improving the standards of our facility and ministry tools. We replaced the dilapidated sanctuary tiles and painted the sanctuary and Sunday school block. Earlier on, to contextualize the Sunday school wing with an appropriate visual aid, we mounted a well-designed mural on the block. The purchase of a high-tech video camera, LED stage lights and quality microphones have improved our audio-visual edge in the services and digital platform. We transitioned our lighting system in the sanctuary, Sunday school block and youth hall from flickering tubes to LED panels, ushering tremendous effects on the lighting output. Replacement and repainting of the signage, making the church's facial expression visible with improved aura.

The year 2023 has started well, and the Lord is helping us focus on the desired direction. We aim at spiritual depth, quantitative growth and expansion in ministry. So, we look to God in hope, faith and love dreaming of greater works as we abide in Him and operate in His presence. In God, we trust.



*Rev. Gordon Odira*



# Christian Education Department

*David Chieka FOD*

## Introduction

The Christian Education Department derives its mandate from Matthew 28:19-20 on the call to disciple making. It is the idea of bringing people into the right relationships with God and developing them into full maturity in Christ through intentional growth strategies that multiply the process in others. In CITAM, our growth strategy is the SAFARI, simply put, the pathway for growth and transformation. In its broader perspective, christian education wrestles with the issue of honouring God in all of life-how everything we do is aimed at God's glory-echoing the Psalmist's declaration that the heavens declare the glory of God.

To achieve our mission and vision, we have structured the department into four sections: Safari Cohorts, Safari groups, Safari Service Centre and Safari Leadership, Research and Material Development centre. Leading each unit is a coordinator who works with the Head of the Department and constitutes the SAFARI implementation team and reports to the Pastor in charge. The CED currently has over 100 ministry workers distributed along its stratum.

## Leadership Research and Material Development Centre (LRMC)

The LRMC exists to equip leaders and workers for transformation and effective ministry output, entrench development and publication of materials, and enhance research programmes and processes. In 2022, we identified the first two as the key areas, and it led to the formation of the Leadership Equipping Centre (LEC) and Material Development (MD) sections. The Research arm will be launched later 2023.

LEC's first task was to develop a training syllabus, followed by the Launch of LEC Cohort 1 Training for ministry leaders drawn from CITAM Parklands and CITAM Nyeri assemblies. A total of 280 members registered for the training was delivered virtually. The training sessions combined plenary and group discussions. Plenary brainstorming sessions were elating as participants drew from their experiences, retelling life and spiritual journeys. Small group discussions provided much-needed spaces for interaction. The engagements

were personalized and enhanced networking within departments and ministries in the church. There was impeccable consistency in attendance among the participants. That was indicative of the significance attached to the program. One of the participants quipped, "Where do you find such high-quality training and information without paying for it?". We developed an online portal to host all the training videos and PowerPoint presentations from the training sessions. We trained members on how to navigate the portal and review the lessons. In the end, 149 members completed Cohort 1 training and were eventually commissioned in September 2022. For 2023, we plan to train two cohorts of church leaders and undertake ministry-specific training sessions.

The Material Development (MD) wing was launched in the latter part of 2022 with the main task to develop and publish both CED and Assembly Newsletter to Increase awareness of the activities conducted by CED and other ministries in the church. Once established, the Parklands-story Newsletter is the first fruit of the section.

## Safari Cohorts

The Safari Cohorts' nexus is teaching and learning, entrenched through the New Believers classes and the five stages of SAFARI. As well as laying the basics for converts, it also allows members who missed a stage in the SAFARI series to recover the same and makes provision for a re-sit. The Cohorts section had a successful 2022, beginning with a recruitment drive for more facilitators and several New Believers classes and Safari Cohorts. The team conducted six classes of *Explore*- the foundational level for new believers, with about thirty students completing the training. These students naturally moved on to the next stage- the *Enter Stage*, and we ended the year having completed two cohorts of Enter and one for *Encounter*. In addition, several students from *Explore*, *Enter* and *Encounter* cohorts were baptized and also took registered membership. Our outlook for 2023 is to be even more effective and run more cohorts than in 2022.



### Safari Service Centre

Safari Service Centre (SSC) exists to moderate members' experience of church life. SSC exists to help church members plug-in, participate and produce (fruit). In 2022, the ministry identified two areas of focus. First, it made provision for members to enjoy the privilege of belonging by organizing membership classes, water baptism, and induction into membership happening every March and November. We admitted 86 people into membership, and 29 went through water baptism. Second, we organized a ministry fair to sensitize and educate members on the different ways to participate in church life. The February fair created a buzz around the joy of service, and a large number of people joined the ministry, with many ministries acknowledging the increase in the workforce.



### Safari Groups

At Safari Groups, we dream of healthy and vibrant groups that deepen their roots in Christ and widens boundary in the community. The Safari Group is the discipleship cog for the whole family, the apex of the journey. It is an intentional gathering of a given number (2-14) of CITAM members who meet regularly within a neighbourhood to spur one another to become Spirit-filled-Christ-like disciples. Nairobi city has five regions informed by the catchment areas of Parklands assembly for administration and effective growth. We have a regional structure: Nairobi East, Kiambu, Thika Road, Parklands and Nairobi West. A safari group in an estate will automatically fall into a specified region per geographical placement.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the health of Safari Groups, which occasioned an embrace of revolutionary and innovative ways of communication in appreciation of the digital era, the popular Zoom, Google Meet and Microsoft Teams space. In 2022, we put in place an on-going recruitment mechanism to get members into groups and also did a health check of the existing groups with a plan to revamp where necessary. Training of Group leaders was a critical factor, and running of Safari desk was spot on.

# Media Ministry

*Richard Walker - HOD*

We are responsible for managing and creating content related to the church's outreach and communication efforts. The most visible of this work is livestreaming and audio-visual support of the Sunday and Wednesday services.

Our team is a diverse and multi-skilled group, joined together through a love for the Lord and an interest in various elements of the creative economy. You will find both students and seasoned professionals on the team and we welcome all with the same passion to amplify God's message. To us, availability and a love to learn is more important than skills.

While the media team is often seen through an audio-visual lens, there are many components to our work, and we are constantly looking for volunteers skilled in IT and cybersecurity to ensure that the church's digital assets are secure and operate seamlessly.





## 2022 Priorities

1. Building a stronger digital presence. This involved creating a digital strategy to guide implementation to consistently generate high-quality digital content. This process began in 2021 and was completed in early 2022.
2. Creating a supportive and caring community.
3. Ensuring that the team is well trained to effectively leverage the latest technologies used in day-to-day activities.
4. Optimizing the operational effectiveness of core ministry activities.

These priorities reflect the Ministry's commitment to building a strong and supportive community that maximizes the impact of its core ministry activities through staying up-to-date with the latest technological advances.

## 2022 Achievements

1. Trained members to operate the new equipment (we acquired a new video camera, a digital video switch, broadcast software and new microphones).
2. Encouraging our members to create a devotional blog that is being consumed daily by the church community.
3. Broaden our social presence by launching a YouTube channel, which has now overtaken the Facebook livestream.



## Projections/plans for 2023

This year, the media team plans to focus on 3 areas:

1. **Equipping:** Experienced and skilled members will be encouraged to impart their knowledge and expertise to the Media Team, and also to any interested ministry worker in the church. The intention is to increase media-related digital skills. This will be done through 3-4 training sessions.
2. **Benchmarking:** The Media Team aims to visit churches and broadcasters who can inspire excellence and best practice in Media Team operations. 3 such visits are planned.
3. **Deeper commitment and spiritual growth:** The Media team wants to normalize prayer and other spiritual disciplines by 2 annual retreats, monthly prayer meetings, and ensuring that team members have 'prayed through' before every service.

## Our prayerful ambition: We are believing God for:

1. **Social media excellence:** We are looking for a committed team to incorporate social media best-practices to open up this channel in serving the church community.
2. **Digital security:** The Media Team aims to visit churches and broadcasters who can inspire excellence and best practice in Media Team operations. 3 such visits are planned.
3. **Partnership:** We want to empower client ministries through a 'revolving door' training method that helps each ministry achieve their communication goals faster.



# Service Ministry

*For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" ~ 1 Corinthians 11:26*



**Service ministry is a cluster of five ministries, namely:**

Holy Communion	SOSTER SILIYA – HOD
Hospitality	RACHEL KAMIGWI – HOD
Security, Traffic and First Aid	SELVARAJ CHELLIAH – HOD
Welcome Ministries	CLAIRE KESIO – HOD

We endeavour to enhance a memorable corporate worship experience to our congregants through excellent, professional and customized services. Following are some of the key activities in performed by the respective ministries.



## 2022 Key Priority Areas

In order to enhance a memorable corporate worship experience to our members, service ministry focused on a number of strategic areas. This included having quantitative and qualitative growth of our ministry through mobilization and equipping of ministry workers as well as improving our efficiency and excellence in the delivery of services. Also, bearing in mind the uniqueness of CITAM Parklands, our endeavour was contextualize our ministry to Asian context.

## Highlights of 2022

### Pre-Packed Emblems

2022 was a challenging year globally. The Church was not spared either. We had to do some ministries like Holy Communion differently. Given the challenges and the restrictions that came with COVID, we had to pre-packed emblems. We give God all the Glory that even in such challenging times we could still have alternative ways of celebrating Eucharist.

## Pre-Packed Emblems for Holy Communion

### Quantitative Growth

Following the Ministry Expo held on February 2022, service ministry was a great beneficiary of the harvest of workers in that period. Holy communion, hospitality, and security and traffic ministries got additional 8, 15, and 20 members respectively. The new members were inducted into their various ministries and majority of them have since plugged in. We thank God for the harvest!

### 2023 Plans

As we thank God for His faithfulness in the year 2022, we look forward to a fruitful and impactful 2023. We endeavour to enhance more our ministry output and efficiency. This is through such means as restructuring the service ministry as well as having more training sessions for all ministry workers.

## Ushering

We welcome congregants to the sanctuary by offering them a comfortable environment also making sure all the services remain orderly by monitoring all the movements around. Our other responsibility is to collect tithes and offerings as part of the worship, then we count and reconcile all accounts. We also watch out for any suspicious activity in the congregation and take the necessary action to ensure the safety of all.

In 2022, we engaged ourselves in Sunday morning devotion before the main service starts. We also started Bible study, and read the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy. We became consistent in our monthly prayers: praying for the church, nations and praying for one another. We also took care to another level where we mourned with those who lost their loved ones and rejoiced with those who rejoiced in our team.

**In 2023, we plan to do the following:**

1. Bible study from 8.00am-8.15am
2. Monthly prayers on every first Sunday of the month.
3. Ushers retreat and training
4. Home visits
5. Team hangout and games and fun moments.



## Security and Traffic

Security, Traffic and First Aid converge into one ministry with the following responsibilities:

1. Protect the lives of worshipers and their personal properties at all church services.
2. Maintain order and take proactive safeguards to prevent accidents, incidents, crimes and promote safety.
3. Identify elements of danger and independently exercise good judgement in cases of emergency and contact the appropriate entities.
4. Execute routine patrol of the church property and the surrounding area for any suspicious characters.
5. Respond to medical emergencies.
6. Regulate the traffic and alleviate congestion in the parking lot.







# Children Ministry

*Rodwicks Were - HOD*

As a ministry we thank God almighty for his enablement and for carrying us through the year 2022. We had many plans for the year and we were able to accomplish most of them, however we couldn't accomplish others due to some technical reasons.

**Children's Population:** At the beginning of the year, we had a very low number of children, about 250. We also had few workers, some classes had 3- 4 teachers. However, by the end of the year 2022, God had really added to our numbers. We now have approximately 400 children and each class has enough teachers.

**DVBS 2022:** We had a successful DVBS as is reflected in the following attendance numbers: Day 1: 534, Day 2: 593, Day 3: 687, Day 4: 716, Day 5: 730, Saved: 271, Volunteer Workers: 150.

**Hopes Camp 2022:** This particular class had a number of children from other CITAM Assemblies and even none CITAM Children. The Camp data is as follows: Campers: 25, Saved: 7, All Born Again, baptized: 18, Volunteer Workers: 5.

**Kids Connect:** We have experienced a numerical growth in all clusters, and there's a strong bond among children and also between children and the teachers. The opportunities to minister during the family service have exposed many to a bigger ministry and it has also invigorated their confidence. Spiritual growth is evidently seen through their vibrancy and desire to serve.

**Friends of Jesus (FOJ):** We bless the Lord for enabling us conduct the first discipleship class for our children. Over 40 children graduated and await the next step. Those who are 12 years and above were baptized after going through the class.

**Teacher Equipping:** For the year 2022, we equipped both new and old teachers through trainings. The new teachers did ISMT training while the old teachers did two sessions of 1 for 50 Training and curriculum



**Africa Children's Prayer Day (ACPD):** We thank God for a successful ACPD. There was a move of God as children, teachers and parents took time to pray.

**Asian Kids Club:** Asian kids club is an outreach arm of our ministry, focused on reaching Asian children through sports, music and dance. So far, we've had 10 successful meetings. We have a robust plan of increasing this and meeting more frequently.

**Parents Teachers Fellowship:** We had just one PTF in the year. We didn't also get enough parents as before, however those who came benefited a lot as the speaker engaged the parents on the topic that most parents today are grappling with, **'Mental Health- Don't wait for a crisis to seek help.'**

**Key Take-away**

We have always worked as a team, stood with one another in happiness and also in tough and challenging times. We thank God for enabling us as a team accomplish all this even as we look forward to the remaining part of the year. We are also thankful to the pastoral team for their support and guidance as we journeyed through the year.



A close-up photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, positioned to form a heart shape. The hands are light-skinned and are wearing white long-sleeved clothing. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

# Care Ministry

## Introduction

Care ministry comprises two ministries, namely: Visitation and Counseling ministries. The ministry aims at having a healthy church and society enjoying the riches of Christ by means of sharing the love of Christ through fellowships and care in all seasons.

*Christine Muringa – FOD*

## 2022 Key Priority Areas

In order to see a healthy church and society enjoying the riches of Christ, Care Ministry prioritized some strategies. These included recruiting suitable workers and equipping ministry workers for care. As a ministry, we also planned to have some restructuring in order to enhance efficiency. In addition, we realized we cannot achieve the said goal alone and so we endeavoured to partner with other relevant ministries especially Safari groups in offering care to our members. Furthermore, we aimed at attending to our members who needed our ministry. As well, we prioritized to offer spiritual and professional counseling to church members for free.

## 2022 Highlights

In order to attend to our members in a timely manner, we streamlined a co-relation between safari group leaders and care ministry to help in reaching families. We also re-worked on our zones to enable co-relation between the Safari Groups zonal leaders and visitation zonal leader. We also, did some induction and training to new members in order to equip them for ministry. In addition, care ministry benefitted from ministry expo in February 2022. Counseling ministry was able to recruit 12 new members who have been quite resourceful to the ministry.



## 2023 Plans

Our aim for 2023 is to increase our efficiency in offering care to our members. We plan to fully operationalize a structure that will involve resourceful persons in care ministry. These include involvement of such persons as elders, former elders, and other ministry leaders. Since care workers deal with people, we also plan to conduct more trainings to care givers in order to enhance professionalism and efficiency.



# Family Care & Enrichment Ministry

*Steve Kingua - FOD*

## Introduction

The Family Care and Enrichment Ministry (FACE) exists to nurture healthy families that transform the community through Christ. We seek to develop and nurture godly families by responding to the needs and opportunities facing the family institution today.

## Objectives

1. To strengthen the family institution through effective ministry to married and single persons.
2. Develop and implement comprehensive marriage and family programs – family discipleship and mentorship as core functions.
3. Increase participation of married couples in marriage enrichment programs.
4. Standardize premarital counselling programs and follow up of couples to ensure sustainable marriages.
5. Design and implement comprehensive programs for widowers, widows, orphans, senior singles and other groups with special needs.
6. Design and implement comprehensive teaching and training programs on parenting.
7. Develop an engaging and robust program for singles.
8. Enhance the prophetic voice of the church on emerging issues related to marriage and family matters.

Despite the challenges of 2022, FACE experienced God's unmatched faithfulness. On 23rd February 2022, Swiss Lenana Mount was host to an inspirational *Resilient Love* couple's dinner featuring Drs. Keith and Esther Ndindi who shared insights on navigating transitions with intimacy, friendship and love - a night attended by many blessed souls! To further support engaged couples preparing for marriage vows (and everything that comes along with it!), we were able to offer pre-marital counselling classes in March as well as solemnization counselling class in July which addressed various topics relevant for every couple embarking on this journey together.

As we move forward into 2023, our aim is to strengthen and build up families under the guiding theme of 'In His Presence'. We plan to expand on current offerings such as PMCCs Solemnizations, baby dedication events - with a special emphasis placed on bolstering marriages. In addition to this couples retreats and dinner in July and September respectively, plus a parenting seminar slated for April, will be organized so that parents can sharpen their skills while leading by example. Ultimately, it's our desire that through prayerful study and discipleship via activities related to family life, God's prophetic voice on matters of faith & family continue ringing strong!



# Men's Ministry

*John Gitonga – HOD*

## Introduction

At the core of men's ministry is a picture of transformed Men fulfilling God's purposes as they get empowered to walk with Christ in church, home, workplace and community. With the current concern on boy child, the ministry is fully engaged in ways and means to enhance the Biblical mandate of the male.

In our 2022-23 plan, we focus on four areas. First is care. That, men, will experience and express care and love. Here we envision encouraged, strengthened, and peaceful men who are caregivers. The second is to have men grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The result is responsible fatherhood; that champions spiritual leadership in the family, providing as God requires and faithful stewards of finances. The third is outreach, where men are actively involved in outreach initiatives, with people getting saved and more men stepping out as witnesses. The final aspect is a social transformation where we empower men as leaders and role models. In doing so, we will enhance men's leadership capacity, challenge men to take and provide transformational leadership within their spheres of influence and increase knowledge on wealth creation and management.

Looking back at 2022, we explored some of the above areas, and it was a good start. The year began with a prayer mountain hike to mount Kilimambogo. The joint event networked our men with other assemblies. The meeting sparked the blessings of brethren dwelling together in unity as the bishop shared and rallied men into intense spontaneous prayers. Like the start, the year ended with a joint Men prayer meeting at Karen. During the year, Men ministered in church services on several occasions, including running the service on Men's Day and giving gifts and also ministered in other assemblies like Thika Town and Embakasi through Men's chorale. The recording of the first album, "Bwana U Sehemu Yangu", was ground-breaking. Jointly with the Women's Ministry, the ministry held a forum on sexuality as a contemporary concern. With a talk and question and answer session, the session was intriguing and thought-provoking.

As a way of bringing every man onboard, the ministry scheduled a *nyama choma* outing event in June. Over eighty youths and adults attended the Karen event to brainstorm and strategize on the ministry direction. The occasion provided an enabling environment where men talked candidly, painting the picture of the men ministry they wanted and mapped out how to get there. For accountability and networking, we developed a database for men in the ministry. We also identified and organized talks on exploiting the potential of man, the hope in our economy and Healthy man. Other activities conducted include donations to highrige school and the launch of "Man enough programme".

We look forward to pursue further the four main area.





# Music Ministry

*Patrick Kinyua - HOD*

## **Our Mission**

To lead the congregation into deeper worship, bringing God's people to His throne through musical excellence, creativity, and passion. Above all, we desire for God to be glorified through everything we do as a worship team (Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 10:31).

We endeavor to lead the congregation to encounter God through Christ-exalting, truth bearing and biblically sound music that

creates a memorable and impactful worship experience. Music ministry stretches to other ministries whose functions required our support: Women Ministry, Children Ministry, Mens Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Asian Community Engagement Ministry etc. Music Ministry also participates in celebrations like weddings, anniversaries, memorial and burial services. Our engagements are done with the understanding that worshipping God is the ultimate achievement in everything we do.

## Achievements

God has given us growth in numbers and an impeccable consistency in attendance among the participants. We now have two teams that are able to minister bi-weekly allowing others to rest, reflect and prepare adequately to minister. We have also transitioned from outsourcing singers and instrumentalists for our weekly services to a fully serviced, home sourced, worship team. Growth has opened us up to minister in other assemblies.

A master stroke strategy was in teaming up with the prayer band. Growth in Word and prayers has empowered the team to experiencing anointed worship. This has raised the standard of worship and etched us closer to our vision of memorable and transforming worship experience.

We thank God for cohesion, stretching across the teams serving in Family Church, Youth Church, Teens church, Asian Worship team and the children's church. We have engaged in joint programs ranging from special services, special presentations, to family Sundays and even live recordings.

## Vision

Growth in numbers across all the service groups. We also envision higher spiritual growth in our walk of faith, extending to deeper spirit led worship culminating in perpetual encounter with His presence and transformed lives.

We look forward to grow in missions ministry through visitations to minister, live recordings to share online and other media avenues. We are blessed with song writers and look forward to original albums as the Lord inspires us.

We are trusting God that many people will be born again, healed, delivered, baptized in the Holy Spirit and experience miracles and divine visitations during worship.





# Women Ministry

*Dr. Bernice Galero- HOD*

The CITAM Parklands Women Ministry (WM) is undergirded by the vision, mission and the strategist ministry thrusts. It also follows the guidelines and expectations of the CITAM wide Women Ministries.

**Vision:** A vibrant and engaged fellowship of virtuous women transforming the world.

**Mission:** To mobilize women to belong and participate in the ministry.

**Objectives:** Our objectives include the following:

1. To provide a multicultural platform for fellowship to all women 18 and above
2. To foster a mentorship environment between the older and the younger women
3. To be a caring community of women in all seasons of life
4. Equip women through tailored programs that meet their need and enable them to serve
5. Ensure discipleship and support system for all women.

The Women Ministry at Parklands provides a multicultural platform of mentorship, discipleship and care that reaches women 18 and above with the gospel. The aim is to achieve the vision of a vibrant and engaged fellowship of virtuous women transforming the world through mobilization. In 2022, programs to fulfil this theme ranged from Prayer, mother and daughter mentorship, economic empowerment, Funday, Asian Outreach and a breakthrough retreat. The Sister-to-Sister Mercy Basket was also launched to support needy ladies in our midst.

Groups were modified to reflect Bible based names such as Ruth, Esther, Deborah, Rebecca and Hannah while young lady's groups are named after the precious stone Ruby. Mrs Jane Thuo was invited to talk about economic empowerment at an executive level. Through the program My Sister's Keeper we focused on sensitizing ladies on what widows go through and how best we can minister to them. A commissioning ceremony for 40 new members was held where they donned CITAM Parkland WM scarves. The Rubies Young Ladies Fellowship has grown in number to over 30 with participation in ministry activities.

In 2023 there is hope for numerical growth of 200 members as well as spiritual growth with a smooth transition into office for the new WM leader. May God attract more people into the fellowship group and deploy many of them into ministries!







# Young Professionals Fellowship

*Keziah Gicheru - FOD*

The Young professionals Fellowship (YP) exists to meet the holistic needs of young professionals and impact them with the knowledge and skills necessary for their engagements in the world. In addition, YP offers the support needed to develop intimacy with God and healthy human relationships through friendships, mentoring, modelling, and teachings that help them experience their identity, purpose and meaning in life.

In YP, we encourage members to be caring and provide a holistic support system for each other in the fellowship, as exemplified by the early church in Acts 2:42-47.

Shaping the direction of the ministry

1. To Build Godly Character – by enhancing Spiritual Maturity (Ephesians 3:19) so that they are deeply rooted in their faith and able to live righteous lives, share and defend the Gospel.
2. Develop Healthy Relationships & networks. Plan events and explore ways of addressing the emotional, physical, career, and social needs of Young Professionals. (Luke 2:52)
3. To establish the framework of Christian professionals as a tool of ministry in the corporate world- Providing biblical basics & practical skills for engaging God's world.

Following the COVID-19 Pandemic, the ministry was dormant and needed reawakening. The leadership sought clarity, necessary preparations in place and relaunched the ministry. At that time, they thought it wise to get new leadership to take over and identified a new executive committee. Thereafter, the fellowship has engaged in several events like homecoming, Heaven's gate experience and coffee house. This year, 2022, the ministry is fired up and ready to go with lots of projections.

# Youth & Teens Ministry

Allan Karicki – FOD

## Introduction

The Youth and Teens Ministry is a growing church pursuing its mission to attract, retain, and equip high school leavers, college, and university students to be agents of transformation. This is in line with the ministry's vision to have a vibrant, multicultural, spirit-filled and engaged youths and teens. The Youth and Teens Church offers a lively, godly and safe space for the youth to encounter God.

## Key Priorities for 2022

Our key priority areas for 2022 included, first, to create a lively, godly and safe space for the youth to encounter God. As well, our endeavour was to empower the youth and teens leaders to run their own purpose-centered ministry. In addition, we aimed at strengthening our discipleship and mentoring programs as well as equipping and mobilizing our youths and teens to evangelize to their peers.

## Highlights of 2022

### Inspiring Sunday Services and Bible Study

The Youth and Teens met regularly on Sundays. We thank God for inspiring pulpit ministry. Various topics were tackled by various ministers, not to mention great, uplifting, biblical, and theologically sound music during our services. We thank God that the youths focus on touching God's heart and not seeking to entertain our mortal selves. Our youths met regularly after every service for Bible Study. Here, they reflected further on the preaching of the day.



### Purpose-Centred Events and Activities

In 2022, we successfully held a number of activities with a view of achieving discipleship and mentorship goals. On February 11, 2022, we had a Valentine's dinner which attracted youths from within and without CITAM Parklands. In addition, on July 29, 2022 we held a Love and Light event. Both events served to provide Godly instruction on how to navigate the world of romantic relationships. And with a view of preparing our youths for life in campus, on June 1, 2022 we held an Ex-candidates retreat at Karura Forest. It was a get-to-know-them activity as well as a platform to counsel the ex-candidates on life after high school and entry into campus life.



### Looking Ahead to 2023

As Youth and Teens Church, we are hopeful for fruitful and impactful year 2023. We are trusting God for quantitative growth in our youth and teens Church. Also, we have put in place programs and purpose-centred discipleship and mentorship activities with a view of developing young people who sincerely love God and who zealously serve Him. These include programs and activities such as inspiring pulpit ministries, retreats, prayer meetings, worship experiences, and youth camps. In line with the Church's annual theme **In His Presence**, it is our hope that every youth and teen will have personal encounter with God.



# Asian Community Engagement Ministry

*Selvaraj Cheliah- FOD*

The Asian Community Engagement Ministry (ACEM) sees the Kenyans of Indian origin and the Wider Asian community impacted by the Gospel of Christ. The ministry then mobilises the assembly into outreach and missions in their neighbourhood targeting the Asian community.

Five strategic objectives provide the operational parameters of the ministry: First is to enhance outreach to the Asian community through strategic ways and creative evangelism. The other goal is to establish flourishing house fellowships/churches where the ministry uses visitation contacts, family and friendship circles and referrals as channels. Those engaged in the outreach initiative would require some induction and information on reaching the community. Therefore, the ministry equips members for personal, corporate and marketplace evangelism to the Asian community. Finally, it is enriching for the Asian families in the assembly to have forums to spur one another and bond. For this, the ministry provides fellowship for Asian families in the church.

In 2022, we set up an executive committee for the ministry and made some strides. To sensitise the congregation on the Asian outreach, we conducted a one-month series on Asian outreach in July, in which eighty (80) congregants who already have connections to Kenyan Asians responded. The eighty people, branded as Pioneer Missionary of House Fellowship Movement (PM of HM), were commissioned to seek ways of growing those relationships towards getting into the homes to reach the entire family unit. After two months, they reported their experience, and we are looking at a possible 36 house fellowships.



Last year's annual Asian dinner was unique. Unlike an open invitation where any Asian can attend, to get the unchurched non-believers, we devised a new approach to the dinner. We engaged the registered membership recruited earlier, who have relationships with Indians (PM of HM). They invited their friends, and we had 230 non-believing and unchurched Indians in attendance. We have scheduled a follow-up meeting with the 230 people to build bridges and support the efforts of the missionaries.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the Asian monthly fellowship stopped. The committee deliberated and sought ways to attain robust and impactful, and repackaged the monthly forum. As a result, two monthly meetings occurred with over 80 Asians in Attendance. The September fellowship witnessed two Asians giving their lives to Christ. Still pending on the prayer list is the need for an Asian pastor. We hope 2023 will be a time for strengthening foundations and reaching wider.



# The Golden Edge Ministry

*Duncan Kaiwiri- HOD*

*Golden Edge Ministry (GEM) was established to cater for the needs of the older or senior generation in the church. This is the group in the age bracket of 50 years and above.*

**The functions of the department, however, variously embrace other age groups as necessary.**

Primarily the ministry brings the seniors together to;

1. Fellowship together and encourage one another in their spiritual, emotional, as well as physical well-being. This is achieved by either in-person or on-line fellowships, common on-line physical exercises, and invitation of diverse professionals to talk or share their knowledge either in-person or on-line.

For instance, in the spirit of the global CITAM GEM fellowship, Parklands “GEMERS” joined their counterparts in Nakuru for a two-day gathering in April last year. Parting after the event was difficult.

The various activities as mentioned above have proved extremely useful to serve the needs of the group. Recently we had two professionals in the areas of nutrition and nursing talking to the GEM on the topic of ‘Nutrition and Caregiving’. The members specifically enjoyed the session of questions and answers at the end of the talk. GEM is in the process of organizing a similar talk on emotional well-being; a subject very relevant to this group.

2. Play role-models to the younger generation in the church not only spiritually but in all aspects of Christian living.

GEM also endeavors to demonstrate to the younger generation that;

- Marriage works,
- It is possible to live a life of integrity in the family, at work, or in public particularly in the areas of finance, morality, and prayer life. Needless to say younger Christian families are experiencing difficulties in these areas and the seniors come in handy.

In this regard, last year we had a joint on-line talk by a professional in the areas of family finances, and family prayer life with Marriage Counseling and Care Group (MCCG) and Family Care Enrichment (FACE)

This is an area where GEM works together with other departments for counseling and role modeling to the younger generation particularly the young couples.

3. Teach the younger generation about caring for their aging parents.
4. Evangelize. Evangelism is one of the pillars of Christian living. Most of the seniors in the definition of this ministry, did exploits in Evangelism in their earlier years. GEM encourages the same zeal to finish strong in our spiritual living. In line with this the department joined the other CITAM GEM Groups to carry out a one week evangelization at Kampi Samaki in Baringo in October last year. For those who attended it was fun fellowship and evangelizing together.
5. Inability to meet and evangelize our elderly Asian brothers in Parklands as we had initially planned. We had planned to do this through simple physical exercises where we would fulfill the dual purpose of benefits from the exercises and brief sharing of testimonies and God’s word. This was scuttled by the emergence of Covid-19.
6. Committed members from among the GEM to lead the ministry.



# Prayer Ministry

Steve Ragui - FOD

## Mission

To equip believers to know Christ through a lifestyle of effective prayer.

## Vision

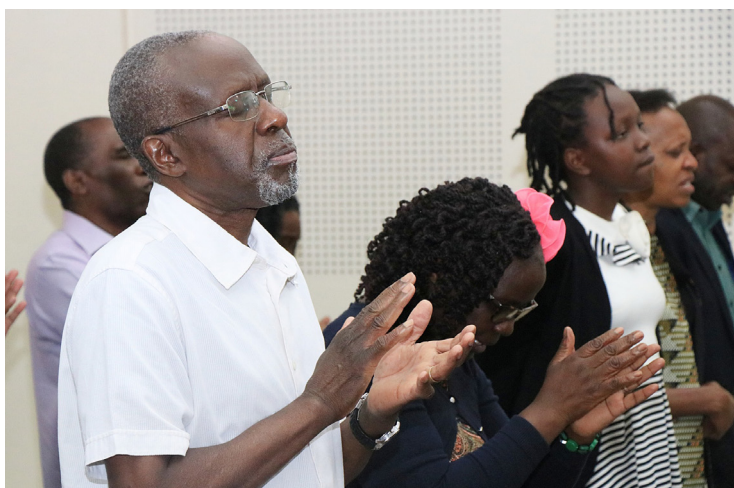
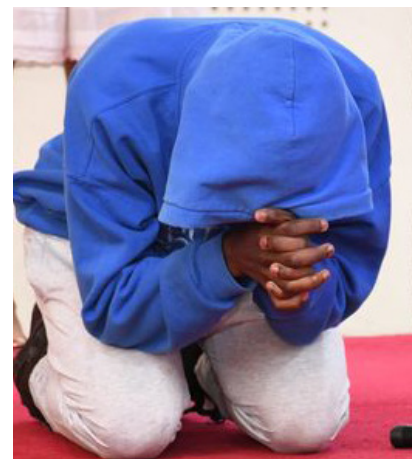
A strengthened congregation of believers impacted with the power of the Holy Spirit through a lifestyle of prayer.

## Objectives

1. To stir up the prayer life of each believer, and ultimately the whole Church.
2. To motivate ministries/departments in the Church to form prayer groups.
3. To transform believers lives, through training in prayer and tracking and celebrating answered prayers.
4. To provoke the whole church in prayer through congregational prayer forums.
5. To build up a strong and effective prayer ministry.

## Prayer Ministry in the Year 2022

1. The ministry had the following objectives for the year 2022.
2. Sustain the prayer momentum that had begun in the year 2020/ 2021.
3. Recruit a new executive committee team to help run the prayer department.
4. Work with other ministries in bringing prayers to the center of their focus.
5. Pray in the agenda of the new Pastoral team and the larger CITAM agenda.
6. An increase of testimonies as evidence of the move of God





# Creative Arts Ministry

*Harriett Wangui Njoroge - FOD*

## Vision

To present the Bible as a time relevant guide by use and nurturing of God given talents for the purpose of evangelism and discipleship.

## Mission

To be a community of talented Christians using their gifts and talents to preach and teach the gospel.

## Overview

Creative Arts Ministry can be best described as the comic relief ministry. We seek to present the Bible in an entertaining way and show its relevance and applicability in today's time. We do two major annual presentations, an Easter and a Christmas one and in between we present skits that are staged during family Sunday service. In 2022, we had the opportunity to minister in a foreign church, RATC Ministry, Ngara. It was major milestone as it showed that the ministry had the potential to expand its sphere of influence.

## 2023 Goals

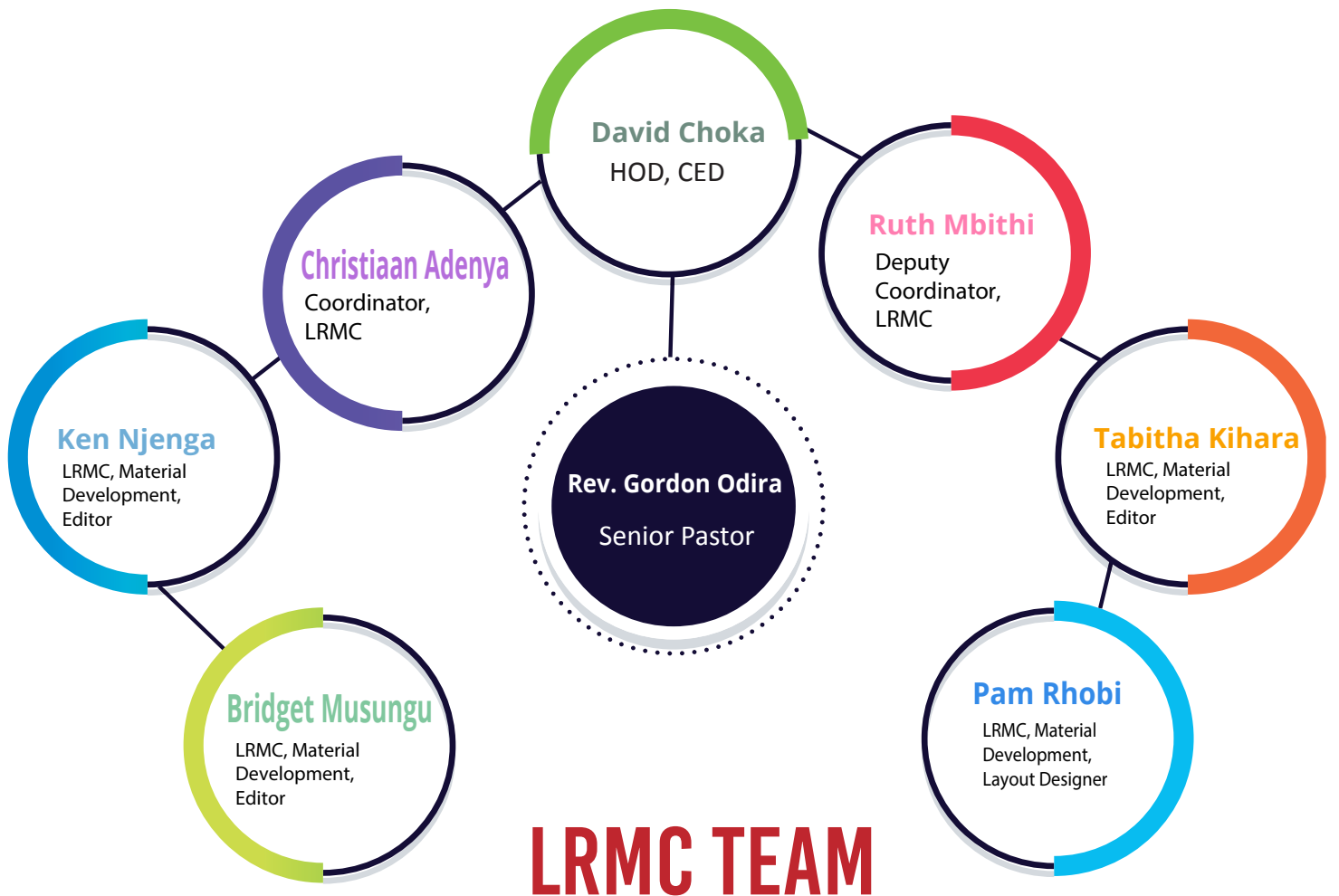
1. Guided by our mission and vision, we seek to make an even bigger impact in 2023 by:
2. Presenting authentic stories.
3. Highlighting the struggles of a present time Christian and how God's glory is achieved from it all.
4. Collaborating with the Media Ministry so as to use the technology at their disposal to create a phenomenal presentation.
5. Provide creative insight as requested by all other ministries who may need our assistance.
6. Having a cast that involves all age groups.



# Social Transformation

A story on social media, appealing for support to extend love and care to two widows sharing the same shelter in Migori, caught our attention as thoughts on what options were available and what was practical lingered. The pastoral team and assembly elders deliberated and felt a prompting to do something: a decent house that portrays human worth and dignity as a sign of the continuing redemptive work of Christ was the conclusion of the discussions. Moving forward, we established an initial team with a fact-finding mission who verified that the report was accurate, which necessitated planning and starting the construction. The ladies and the granddaughters are grateful for the ministry of CITAM Parklands.





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