



TOWARDS ABUNDANT LIFE AND HOLISTIC MINISTRY THROUGH THE CRUCIAL FOUR TIER MISSION CONCEPT

John 10:10

I take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the 2020 Kenya Mission Conference here at Milele Hotel Mombasa. God bless you all.

Our theme for this year's conference is "Abundant Life, Holistic Ministry." Our enemy is on a full gear and a full time job to ensure that he steals from us the abundance and our holistic ministry which has been given to us by God. When this is robbed from us, we are rendered empty, voiceless, insensitive to the will of God, talking about justice but without justice and talking about mission without doing mission. Abundance of life and Holistic ministry is only seen through the way we do mission and treat each other.

Knowing that the thief is now loose and determined to take our abundance and holistic ministry; we need to join together and maintain our mission face as a faith community called by God to remain as one in our mission work. To achieve this, we must understand, digest and actualize the crucial four tier mission concept which will lead to a global Mission revolution. It calls for all of us to have a referential dialogue which will not only help us to know the games and tactics of the thief but also our weaknesses as the guards of the mission vineyard. This must be done with zeal and commitment by all stakeholders and this is one of the reasons we are assembled for this conference.

The following are the crucial four tier mission concept;

Local participation: The mission must be owned by the locals and never understood as a responsibility of people from other areas going to other places for mission. For effective mission; it must be domesticated and locally owned. The philosophy of Jitegemea must be entrenched deeply in the theory and praxis of Mission. Locals must work with the resources they have and be engaged fully even as we go to join them in mission. We should never do for them what they can do for themselves and at the same time never deny them mission help on what they cannot be able to do for themselves. This is called the principle of subsidiarity. It leads to abundance and holistic life. It is also the signature of justice and fairness.

International family participation: The great commission in Mathew 28 is about synergetic mission involving everyone for the world mission. This is the only thing which can bring abundance and holistic image in our mission. We have witnessed of late denominations reclining back to their local churches mission and at the same time some churches becoming hostile and unwelcoming to the international missions and others becoming untrustworthy. This is wrong and it causes the common mission to fail. In mission we are one big family equally burdened for each other. This second tier of mission is important for abundant life and a holistic ministry for the Lord calls us to be one in John 17:21. The thief comes to separate and kill.

Environmental concern: Any mission vision and works which ignores the environmental issues is incomplete and cannot actualize the vision of a holistic ministry and abundance of life. To this since as a church we have negated and pushed to the periphery the issue of environmental mission, we need to go back to the first Biblical command and mission that God gave to man at the garden of Eden in Genesis 2:15. - Take care of the garden! This is what will aid towards holistic ministry and abundance of life.

The feed them call: Jesus in Mathew 26:11 declared that the poor will always be with us. This meant that feeding them is something we must always be ready for. Those who are physically poor, spiritually poor or otherwise;- feed them! He demonstrated that we are supposed to feed the hungry even when we have a thousand reasons which looks so reasonable and well put like when the disciples tried to convince Jesus that they were in the desert and nothing to feed the many people with as He had commanded them at Capernaum in Mathew 14:13-21. Feed Gods people in mission according to their needs; water, clothing, school fees, love, shelter, gospel etc! This is the only gateway to abundance of life and holistic ministry.

May the Lord guide us as we talk with each other and pray with each other during this conference on how to tie up our ministries and missions together both locally and internationally. Let's seek to attain this holistic ministry and abundance of life together by closing any door that the evil one who comes to steal,kill and destroy has opened and negatively affecting our common mission. We must do this together trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who has called all of us in this mission.

May God bless you as you support P.C.E.A. in its endeavors to ensure that they do a mission which is holistic and with abundance! God bless you all.

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