

# The Messenger

December 2017



## KELC's 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

KELC held its 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Taveta on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. KELC General Assemblies are held every other year and serve as a forum to update our members on activities of the Head Office, the districts, and the church-based projects. More than 115 people, representing all of KELC's parish and mission areas, attended the two-day meeting.

This year the theme was "Keep Moving Forward" based on the text from Exodus 14:15. The keynote speaker was Mr. Jonathan Kapanga, and he addressed the idea of how we can work together to keep moving forward as a church. Mr. Kapanga provided biblical justification for development and diakonia work, and he noted some of the current obstacles in Kenya and KELC that restrict sustainable development of our church programs and services. After his presentation, Mr. Kapanga opened the time for group discussion which allowed the participants to examine the current state of our church, as well as propose ideas for future development.

The remainder of the meeting was filled with presentations from all department leaders, district deans, and updates on important projects and programs. Rev. Mwololo provided information on plans for developing a KELC Strategic Plan, which will be a main activity of the church in the coming years.

The last discussion was concerning a proposed new constitution for KELC. The Constitution Committee and other leaders have been updating and revising the KELC constitution over the course of several years, and it was presented for adoption to the voting members of the 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The voting body decided against adopting the proposed constitution, so the Constitution Committee and KELC leadership will continue working toward developing an appropriate and applicable constitution for KELC.



The main speaker, Mr. Johnathan Kapanga, giving his presentation.



Small group discussions to discuss the current status of the church and the way forward.



Bishop Kahuthu leading the morning worship on the first day.

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