**31st October 2020**

**PCEA KAJIADO PARISH KIRK-SESSION**

**THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON ELDERSHIP**

**An Ad-hoc Committee of the Kajiado Kirk-Session was constituted on 29th August 2020 and was mandated under Minute 621/2020 to check the suitability of Mrs. Evelyn Pasha to be ordained as an elder of the PCEA Church. This was as a result of concerns raised by a member during the Kirk-session meeting held on 29th August 2020. During the meeting, members were informed that the name of Mrs. Evelyn Pasha had been forwarded to the Presbytery which caused a member to raise the concerns (refer to min 621/2020). The session expected the committee to submit its report to the session on 25th September, 2020.**

The committee carried out the necessary investigation through inquiries and observations. However just before the date the report was expected, some issues came up that required further inquiry and clarification. The committee thus requested for more time.

Further, the ad-hoc committee attended a Sunday worship service at PCEA Rev. Nakeel Church on 27th September 2020 on the same mission. The members observed an attendance of eleven (11) adults and ten (10) children.

After interrogating some people including Mrs. Evelyn Pasha herself, the committee came up with the following findings and recommendations:

**FINDINGS**

1. She is a full member who regularly attends worship services at PCEA Rev. Nakeel congregation.
2. She is currently serving as a deacon.
3. She generously gives her resources for use in God’s ministry.
4. She is passionate about serving and takes initiative whenever opportunity arises.
5. She informed the committee that out of her own initiative and her passion for intercession, she started Thursdays’ afternoon prayer meetings and had also organized some ladies to arrive early on Sundays to pray for the worship services.
6. She informed the committee that she has never handled the pulpit at her local church or any other church and expressed a willingness to learn.
7. She informed the committee that she is not fully conversant with the Presbyterian governance and structures.
8. Mrs. Pasha informed the committee that her past worldly life continues to adversely taint her reputation in the Church and community.
9. During the interview, Mrs. Evelyn Pasha admitted that there are areas in which she needed to improve on. She informed the committee that she has no problem with deferment of her ordination to a later date to allow time for the desired improvement.

**Recommendation**

In view of above findings, this committee firmly recommends;

**That the Kirk-session defers the ordination of Mrs. Evelyn Pasha for at least One (1) year so that;**

1. **She may be mentored adequately.** This is in keeping with 1 Timothy 3:1-6 (Qualifications of an overseer).
2. **She may get adequate exposure to the handling of the pulpit.**
3. **She may cultivate an unquestionable acceptance by the church.**

The committee remains grateful for the opportunity to serve and trusts that this report meets the threshold for which it was appointed.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ’s service,

1. **Elder Francis Muriithi .................................................. (Chairperson)**
2. **Elder Jacqueline Mbugua .................................................. (Secretary)**
3. **Elder Margaret Agira .................................................. (Member)**
4. **Elder Margaret Maina .................................................. (Member)**
5. **Elder Charles Kinyua .................................................. (Member)**