



PCEA YOUTH DEPARTMENT



2 TIMOTHY 4:2



Preach the Gospel!

YOUTH WEEK 2024 GUIDE
22ND - 28TH APRIL

Welcome to Youth Week 2024!

This year, youth week is all about **evangelizing the youth, soul-winning youth** and **bringing young souls to the Church** for discipleship.

Our acronym is **E.S.D**: **E**vangelize the youth. **S**oul-win the youth. **D**isciple the youth.

Study this program so that you **come up with your own activities** of fulfilling this ESD mission IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH context **from Monday to Saturday**. There should be no meetings in the Churches, it is time to go out daily!

Every youth win another one to Jesus!

READINGS:

1st reading: Isaiah 61:1-4

2nd reading: 2Timothy 4:1-5

Theme verse- 2Tim.4:2

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The Good News of Salvation

1“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,

Because the LORD has anointed Me

To preach good tidings to the

poor;

He has sent Me to [a]heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives,

And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,

And the day of vengeance of our God;

To comfort all who mourn,

3 To [b]console those who mourn in Zion,

To give them beauty for ashes,

The oil of joy for mourning,



The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;

That they may be called trees of righteousness,

The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins,

They shall raise up the former desolations,

And they shall repair the ruined cities,

The desolations of many generations”

2nd reading: 2Timothy 4:1-5

Preach the Word!

1”I charge you [a]therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living

and the dead [b]at His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; **4** and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

Chairman’s message

With the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, I salute you all as I commend you all for your immense commitment to serve the Lord as young men and women of PCEA. I am proud to say that God has been preached over the years where we have dealt deeply on the word of God over the last few years. As last year’s theme called each one of us, let us announce abroad the good news shamelessly as Paul calls us to do. Through the youth department, the word of God has been sown among young people and has continued to grow and bear fruits in the lives of God’s children over the years. This year we are called upon to wake up, go into all the world and reach out to fellow young people with the Gospel of peace and salvation. We call all to



speak the gospel anywhere any time and not only to some selected people or place but to all. May the Lord bless you today as you observe this year's youth week and as you raise funds that will help us carry out our missions vibrantly. May the Lord bless you.

Rev. Julius Ndumia,
National Youth Board Chairman.

Brief Exposition of the theme

'Christ's mission, My Mission'

First reading: Isaiah 61.1-3

Isaiah 61 is a chapter that we often read during Easter. It is often called the 'Messianic' chapter. It foretells of a messiah who will come and he has his job already cut:

To preach good tidings to the poor;

To heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives,

To open of the prison to those who are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God;

To comfort all who mourn,

To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness!

These same words Jesus repeated them in Luke 4. 18-19 when he began his ministry.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4.1-5

The second reading is of Paul charging Timothy to preach the Gospel in season and out of season. Historians tell us that Paul had a premonition that he would not survive his imprisonment in Rome. He was therefore charging his successor to continue what he started.



The word “charge” has an import of “*do this because it gives reason for your existence*”. Paul had earlier said of himself the same:

“And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don’t know what awaits me, except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. (Acts 20:22-24, NLT)”

This year the charge is to go out and evangelize. We have been indoors learning:

2021: Bible Conference *#lamp&light* – Psalms 119:105

2022: Christological Conference *#considerJesus* – Hebrews 3:1

2023: Gospel Conference *#unashamed* – Romans 1:16

...but now it’s time to go out and be ‘sweet aroma’ to the world. It’s our great commission year, our year to put together what we’ve learnt in the last season and evangelize! Preach it! It’s for us to go out and be readable letter to the world. As we go out, here are a few things the text teaches us:

God’s mission is my mission:

You will notice that in the Bible, God will call a person, charge them to a specific task, walk with that person first then commission them to execute the task. Jesus called the disciples, taught them for three years then he entrusted his work to them. He walked with Abraham in his childlessness and revealed himself to him and then eventually made him a father of nations so that through him God would have a nation unto himself. He took David through the wilderness even though anointed as king, revealed himself to him so that when he became king, was steadfast to him. **During this commissioning, God’s mission becomes human mission.**

We have been at the feet of Christ for the last few years learning, now it’s time to go out and do things on behalf of Christ. His



mission now must become our mission. We have grown, we are no longer babes, and we must now go out and proclaim the good news. The truest evidence that you are a child of God is not attending Church only, rather it is winning people to his Kingdom...go out!

The Word we are to preach must ‘correct, rebuke and encourage’.

These three must go on at the same time. It must point out our errors. But most importantly it must also rebuke. If the reading of the word does not leave you feeling guilty of your own sin it is no reading at all. To rebuke implies that we are already guilty. It must make us guilty to the extent we feel vile and wretched. We are sinners and therefore the word of God must be proclaimed in a manner that moves people to recognize their own sins. It must leave feeling helpless to deal with our sins. But the beauty of the word is that it also encourages. We must be encouraged that even though we have failed, we have the grace of God to redeem us. Even though people when rebuked or corrected will feel helpless, we must encourage them to trust in the grace of God which is empowering.

We must be careful of the many wrong teachers:

Every preacher who accepts the call to preach is a potential ‘wrongteacher’. As we go out to preach, we must submit ourselves to each other and open to correcting and encouragement as well. Any person who goes out and evangelizes and does not submit to any authority is not a servant at all. Young men and women will constantly come under pressure to preach what people want. The only way to guard ourselves is to submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and people entrusted by God over us.

Brethren, let us go out in the fear of the Lord and proclaim the Good News.

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#Christ’sMissionMyMission

We’re about raising a battle-cry for a generation – awakening youth fellowships, churches and individuals into the tasks of

- » Evangelizing to the youth,
- » Soul-winning among the youth and
- » Discipling the youth

Why evangelize, soul-win and disciple the youth?

1. Jesus is the only way of salvation. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1Timothy 2:5)
2. It is a command to preach to all and make disciple for Jesus, even among the youth- Matt. 28- Great Commission.
3. It is a sacred trust and a stewardship committed to us by God.
“But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts”. (1Thess. 2:4).
Fulfilling it is our faithful thing to do.
“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful”. (1 Cor. 4:2)
4. Because Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost, without which men perish forever. Without the Gospel men have no eternal life (Luke 10:19; John 3:3)
5. We are the sent ones! Romans 10:14-15
6. We have a remarkable message! Salvation is by the grace of God, and anyone can receive forgiveness and eternal life! (Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11)
7. People can only hear the Gospel while they are alive: so we need to preach with urgency (Hebrews 9:27)
8. Hell-fire is for real! (Matthew 8:12, 25:41; Mark 9:43; Luke 16:23-24; Deut. 32:22-24; Revelation 20:15)



9. Soul winning is wise- Proverbs 11:30, Daniel 12:3

10. The only thing we take to heaven with us is people- Job 1:21

How to evangelize, soul-win and disciple

1. Invest in prayer and intercessions for the lost. It takes more than activities and English to win souls. It is a spiritual war. (2Cor. 4: 3-4; 2Cor. 15:5)

2. Active evangelism- GO!! Do what needs to be done in your context to share the Gospel with your target audience. Souls don't come to Church, they are brought! Employ available means and strategies to fish. Jesus went *...to the cities and villages....* (Matt. 9:35)

3. Commit money to the evangelism activities. (Luke 8:3; Romans 15:16,28)

4. Bring the souls won into a discipleship program where they can grow with you (Colossians 2:6-7)

Why some don't evangelize, soul-win and disciple

1. Complacency- it's simply not a priority

2. Fear of men- what will they think of me? Remember our theme last year was "unashamed!"

3. We don't quite understand the severity and eternity of hell.

4. Some feel they don't have enough knowledge

5. Others don't want to offend anyone.

Whatever our reason may be for holding back, let's remember there is more reason to get the job done as listed in the reasons for evangelism than there is to hold us back. By faith in God, we must go and sow the seed. "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth". 1Cor. 3:6

Ours is to put effort in sowing the seed wherever we can!



6 Approaches to evangelism

(From the book *Becoming a Contagious Christian* by Bill Hybels)

The six styles are: Direct, Intellectual, Testimonial, Relational, Invitational, and Service.

Every single person has God-given gifts and abilities that fall into one or more of these six approaches. A church community will have all of the styles present. The members, using their gifts and working together, can become very effective at sharing the message of Christ in their community.

See which one best fits your context and use it!

1. The Direct Approach:

This approach is what we see in Acts 2 where Peter addresses the crowd on Pentecost. He boldly proclaims the Gospel to those who are present. It is very direct. Those who have this gift get straight to the point. They preach Christ and they seek a response. This might be crusades and also asking people direct questions about salvation, heaven, hell, and faith in Jesus Christ. It has a great sense of urgency in getting people to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The Intellectual Approach:

The biblical person who best exemplifies this approach is Paul. In Acts 17 Paul reasoned with philosophers and deep thinkers in Athens. Today this is practiced by apologists and other logical thinkers. The intellectual evangelist is challenged to have an excellent knowledge and understanding of the Gospel. Intellectual roadblocks can be a significant barrier to belief. These roadblocks can include questions and objections that cause doubts about the truth of Christianity. However, this approach is becoming more important in today's world. Hybels says, "This style of evangelism has become more and more important as our society has become increasingly secular. So many seekers need to hear the Gospel not only declared but also defined and defended." As it says in 1 Timothy 3:15, "Be



3. The Testimonial Approach:

The most effective way to describe this approach is with one word: Storytelling. Storytelling has been an effective method of teaching since the beginning of humanity. This approach uses a very natural, conversational way to evangelize. It is sharing our story. Sharing personal stories of one's own walk with Christ often carries unique weight. They often do things that facts alone cannot provide. One of the best Biblical examples is the story of the blind man in John 9 healed by Jesus. When he was asked who healed him, he replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind, but now I see." Many people might not respond to a challenge or an argument about faith. In fact, when approached in those manners they might put up a wall. They might respond to something more personal to which they might relate. Our stories do not have to be dramatic or miraculous. In fact, it could be as simple as sharing that one changed from being a "religious person" who attended church regularly to one who now has a deeper relationship with Christ.

Share your testimony!

4. The Relational Approach:

This approach is exactly as the name describes. Some people's evangelistic abilities come from the natural ability to relate to people. This person loves being with others, and it is a wonderful way to share Christ. The story of the calling of Matthew in Luke 5:27-29 is a great biblical example of this approach. Jesus sees Levi in his tax collecting booth and calls him saying, "Follow me." Levi (Matthew) follows him and **invites a number of guests to his house for dinner that night with Jesus.** This approach places a high value on building relationships. It requires a commitment of time because relationships take time and energy to build trust. There are all kinds of areas where this approach is effective: work, home, sports, hobbies and social and community activities. The friendships developed there are fertile places for evangelism.

Plan for and invite young people to sports, music, arts or other fun activity but share the Gospel!



5. The Invitational Approach:

This approach is similar to the Relational approach. However, it is characterized predominantly by inviting people to your church events such as services, retreats, bible studies, and other faith-based activities. It is definitely one of the most natural and easiest ways new believers can reach out to others. It is particularly helpful to those who feel they don't have the right words.

It is all about extending the invitation. Invite youth in the neighborhood to your service on youth Sunday!

6. The Service Approach:

This is another way to share our faith with people. If you are a person who naturally notices the needs of others, this might be the perfect way to share your faith. A person who prefers this approach enjoys sharing the love of Christ through deed over word. They find this approach to be easy because it is the way God made them. Actually, service evangelism is at the heart of the Christian faith. Most of us have been made by God with gifts and talents that call us to be kind to others and assist those in need. At the same time, a service evangelist knows that it is not by our good deeds but by God's grace that we are truly saved. Though this, you might look out for needy youth in your community and help them in practical ways according to their need.



Theme/Youth Sunday songs

Hymn 1: Tenzi 63.

1.Ndugu wa kirohoni
Mliokombolewa,
Tafakarini sana
Yatupasayo.

*Wapenzi wake Yesu
Tuliokombolewa
Tujitoe kabisa
Wengi waponywe.*

2. Siku itatimia
Tutakapoulizwa
Wale wa nyumba zetu
Na majirani

3. Tujitoeni, ndugu,
Tukahubiri Injili.
Atutumie Roho
kuponya wengi.

4. Wasiokombolewa
Ni wengi vijijini,
Wataokolewaje
Tukiogopa?

5. Bwana alijitoa
Akapotewa mengi,
Ili atuokoe,
Tusiwe waoga.

6. Aliyetununua,
Kwa kuimwaga damu,
Angalieni sana
Msimwepuke.

2nd Hymn: Must I Go and Empty Handed?

(English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUOMNWbu5fs>)

(Kikuyu Version: Moko
Matheri by Ishmael Ng'ang'a-
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVo92IN_WCI)

*After a month only of Christian
life, nearly all of it upon a sick bed,
a young man of nearly thirty years
lay dying. Suddenly a look of
sadness crossed his face, and to a
query from a friend he exclaimed:
“No, I am not afraid to die, Jesus
has saved me now; but oh, must I
go, and empty handed?” (Luther,
Charles C., 1847-1924)*

1“Must I go, and empty-handed,”
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?
Not one day of service give Him,
Lay no trophy at His feet?

Refrain:

*“Must I go, and empty-handed?”
Must I meet my Savior so?
Not one soul with which to greet
Him,
Must I empty-handed go?*



2 Not at death I shrink or falter,
For my Savior saves me now;
But to meet Him empty-handed,
Thought of that now clouds my brow. *[Refrain]*

3 Oh, the years in sinning wasted,
Could I but recall them now,
I would give them to my Savior,
To His will I'd gladly bow. *[Refrain]*

4 Oh, ye saints, arouse, be earnest,
Up and work while yet 'tis day;
Ere the night of death o'ertake thee,
Strive for souls while still you may.
[Refrain]

3rd Hymn: Funua Neema Yako - Rehema Simfukwe

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVh3JaU6yP0>)

Haya ni maombi yangu, kwako
(This is my prayer to You)
Wote ninaowapenda wasipitwe
(That all my beloved will not be passed by)

Na Neema Yako, na Neema Yako
(By Your Grace, by Your Grace)

Basi ikiwa iwapo ahadi
(Now if there be a promise)

Ya kuingia rahani mwako
(To enter into Your Glory)

Sitaki kukosa, na niwapendao ***(I do not want to miss, and those whom I love)*** *(Repeat)*

Eh Yesu (Oh Jesus)
Ninajua kuna wengine wamekuja hapa Bwana ***(Lord I know there are people who have come here)***
Na wanateswa na magonjwa za kifamilia ***(Tormented by generational diseases)***
Baba tunaomba neema yako izidi ***(Father we pray for your Grace to increase)***

Yesu tunaomba neema yako izidi ***(Jesus we pray for Your Grace to overflow)***

Baba kuna wengine wanateswa ***(Father there are others who are tormented)***

Na tabia za kifamilia ***(By family-related behavior)***

Yesu tunaomba neema yako izidi, Bwana ***(Jesus we pray for Your grace to overflow)***



YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

All activities will be evangelistic, soul-winning and bringing them to Church for discipleship.

From Monday to Saturday, carry out activities in your boda boda stage, matatu stage, sokoni, person to person, schools, prisons, hospitals, use music/art outreaches, have youth-friendly crusades with good music, dancing, poetry, drama, organize sports outreaches, have online outreach activities, engage the community youth in drugs talks, life empowerment talks as a means to sharing the gospel etc. Apply any of the 6 strategic evangelism approaches that will bear fruit in your area.

Just make sure we're not preaching to ourselves, but we are actively preaching to the non-believers and non-church going youth.

Our target is youth!

Youth week launch will be done on **Sunday 21st April 2023,**
KirkTv.

Have a fruitful youth week 2024!

Evangelize among the youth!
Soul-win them!
Disciple them!

Youth department.





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