

NBC JOINING CHRISTIAN UMBRELLA BODIES

The Leadership proposes that Nairobi Baptist Church (NBC) joins the two major Christian umbrella bodies: National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) and Evangelical Alliance of Kenya (EAK). This is beneficial to the church in the following ways:

1. NBC will be in fellowship with other Churches and Christian institutions
2. NBC will add her voice to the national social and political issues through the umbrella bodies
3. NBC will make a contribution to these umbrella organizations hence strengthening the wider church
4. The government has advised and are in the process of making it a requirement that all churches belong to at least one of the Umbrella organizations for purposes of accountability and credibility.

Below is a brief of each of these organizations:

1. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF KENYA

The National Council of Churches of Kenya, a family of Christian communions and organizations in fellowship and witness, has a history that dates back to 1907.

VISION: One Church; United in faith and mission witnessing to Jesus Christ.

MISSION: To facilitate the united mission of the Christian Church in Kenya, the Council shall:

- Promote fellowship and ecumenism
- Nurture a common understanding of the Christian faith and mission
- Build the capacities of the membership;
- Enhance the creation of a just and sustainable society
- Uphold its corporate health, identity, heritage and sustainability.

Some of their objectives include: To promote and facilitate fellowship, partnership and unity within the membership; To promote consultations and joint action by the membership in all matters that bear upon our faith and witness, whether doctrinal, liturgical or missiological; To build the capacities of the membership to enable them undertake their mission.

2. EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE OF KENYA (EAK)

The Evangelical Alliance of Kenya (EAK), established in 1975, is the national Umbrella organization for evangelical churches in Kenya under the auspices of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA). AEA is a member of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) which has over 650 Million members globally, the second largest Christian umbrella body in the world.

VISION: A people transformed through the power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, living in a just and righteous society that glorifies God.

Mission: To empower the evangelicals to bring God's transforming grace to the people of Kenya through a united prophetic voice and holistic ministries.

Some of their objectives include: To facilitate and provide national forum for partnership, networking and fellowship among the members; To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a holistic way; To render a prophetic voice and provide fora for advocacy and leadership in issues affecting the spiritual, social, physical, political and economic welfare of the nation.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. "That Nairobi Baptist Church joins the Evangelical Alliance of Kenya (EAK) as a member."
2. "That Nairobi Baptist Church joins the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) as a full member."