

THE CCLP-KENYA MODEL

{CHRISTIAN CHILDREN LEADERSHIP}

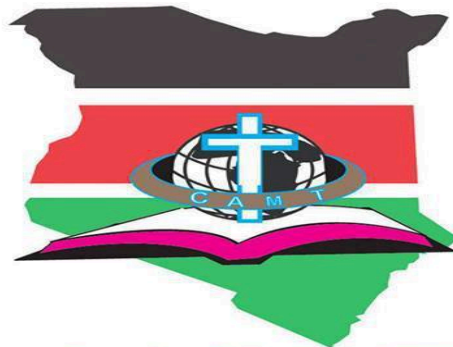
PARLIAMENT

AN ALTERNATIVE RITES OF PASSAGE PROCESS FOR TEENAGERS

{REBUILDING THE DREAMS OF TRUE DEMOCRACY!!!}

THEME: *{When I was a child, I talked like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became old, I put the childhood ways behind me. 1 Corinthians 13:11}.*

CHRIST AMBASSADORS MISSION TEAM-KENYA



C . A . M . T - KENYA

Connecting the world for mission

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IN THE REAL RACE TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.THE PRIDE OF OUR NATION.

INTRODUCTION TO CCLP-KENYA:

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Welcome to the official home that frees children and youth. The CLP-KENYA {Children Leadership parliament} is a Christian Rites Of Passage process{CROPP} model that aims at transitioning young Christians from childhood level to a more Responsible Godly Adulthood{RGA} thereby providing hope in Christ for next generation leadership. It is a program that is being used by CAMT-KENYA in restoring the values of true democracy that the past has robbed us. We do this through a Youth and Child Advocacy Formulae {YCAF}. This is the race of rebuilding true democracy in Kenya and globally. CLP-KENYA invites you in the race to advocate for the rights and interests of young people, there transitioning into adulthood, good leadership and governance and true democracy wherever you are.

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More so to help develop the talents of young people through global missions, so as to make vision 2030 more real. Many experts across the world now believe that Kenyan young people, the cradle of our society, church and nation, are in crisis. There is unhappiness and discord where children and youth feel like everyone has turned their ears away from them. Their rights and interests abandoned and subjected to injustices. Global issues have continued to pile day in day out with no one to address them. CLP-KENYA has brought together a diverse team of experts to prepare children for an advocacy

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aimed at restoring the hope and future of true democracy. A reformed Nation.

WHY THE CLP-KENYA MODEL?



{The president of children leadership parliament (Mandela) left and the senator(Naisia Naimodu) compassion international Kenya ke590cdc(WHERE THE MODEL WAS PILOTED) as they pose for a picture in the parliament of Kenya.}

In the past children across the world have suffered injustice, cruel abuse and no one to voice out their issues or come into their aid. There has been an outcry all over the world as children shed tears of pain. Their rights have been infringed and law protecting them bent. Most of the World's constitutions have failed to address issues touching much on children.

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Every child has an inherent dignity and the right to have that dignity respected and protected. I am committed to making sure that these rights are addressed and the interests of children are put in the face of the world and in every day to day leadership of Kenya. To do this CAMT-KENYA has set up a Youth Development program model known as The CLP-KENYA (Children Leadership Parliament) and youth Global missions in Africa that is interdenominational in nature.

The youth Global Missions was established in the year 2005 under CAMT-KENYA (Christ Ambassadors Mission Team).

Later in the year 2015 when I got into compassion international as project Director in KE590 Olepolos Mennonite Child Development Center Narok county, I introduced the CLP-KENYA{Children Leadership Model} to advocate for children. This has now been adopted by over 20 NGOs and other institutions of learning across the country.

LEARNING FROM NATIONS PAST HISTORY:



An election similar to that done in Kenya general election is done to come up with children leadership parliament. Free and fair election exercised by children and the spirit of true democracy instilled to children.

We have a strong believe that, if any Nation, institution, church or projects has to succeed, then the rights and interests of children and youth have to be given the first priority at any given making of any kind of constitution.

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We must be ready to learn from our past history and understand it well. By then we will be able to live the present and pave way for the future {vision 2030} that awaits us. A situation where parliamentarians would put house business at rest and listen to children as well as connecting with people who elect them.

Together we will be able to reflect on the present global issues and focus on building the future amicably. Learning from our history enables us to understand the darkest corners our nation has passed through and sacrifices that were made before so that when we make sacrifices, we understand we are doing it on behalf of the future generation. Our children!!

Children are the cradle of the church and nation. By engaging them to the businesses transacted in the parliament, We believe Africa will have not only contributed building of future Kenyan leadership but also will be strengthening the spirit of true democracy in the world at large.

Learning from the past guides us into the future and inspires us to do better and especially when it comes to children and youth. We strongly believe there is no limit to what a child or a youth desires to achieve. *Destiny is not defined by age, tribe or race. All dreams are valid.* We are all born to reign in life regardless of our past. We can start and start over again in a better way.

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By teaching children to take the mantle of leadership and by instilling Christian values of true democracy wherever they are, they can be able to think critically and positively and make informed decisions in their lives. This begins by involving them and engaging them in creative positive relationships and instilling in them leadership skills through their own parliamentary forums. We do this by organizing camps, missions and conferences on Alternative Christian Rites of Passage process (ACROPP) programs and connecting children leadership parliament to the parliament of Kenya where they interact with speakers of both houses of parliament and the members of parliament.

With this in place it is possible for young people to move ahead and make progress in their lives. Because God has given them potential, everyone can build his or her future wherever they are. We also believe children are notoriously endowed with talents and smart brains .They can be the most innovative of all in the world. Children know themselves better than adult do.

Through CAMT-KENYA Talent Academy Initiative we also search for young talents and develop them under the same program model, Carry out Vocational Bible Studies (VBS); teaching word of God to children, how to date with God (a SOLO) which is a 24 hours solitude moments talking to God

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and reflecting on his purpose in their lives, Daily devotion program, Journey through life experience(a SAUNTER) that is; a moment of reflecting God's purpose in their lives by observing God's creation{nature} and reading the bible and praying in a solitude manner that brings miles of forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

It is true that for more than a decade justice has always been denied and this has always left children to suffer.

GLOBAL ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED UNDER CCLP-KENYA:



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We have had experiences in the past that can prove this.

For instance, traditions around coerced sex in a largely patriarchal society that shields victims from justice, especially where minors are involved. As a result, these young girls some as young as three, are not just victims of beastly men, but also a cruel society that has refused to let go of its warped traditions. This high degree of ignorance need to be eradicated in our society. The basic truth is that, culture becomes a trap when one finds himself/herself unsure of what to do as a result of its demands. Or one knows what to do but he/she is succumb to the cultural expectations of the surrounding thereby resulting to a state of inaction among our young men and women. We have heard of rape cases in school where minors are left with no one to fight for their justice. Many school dropout and forced early marriages, child labor and FGM practices. *No child should be forced to work, to get marries or to undergo FGM against their will.* Talk of all kinds of suffering subjected to our children. The result of all this is a generation of scared young girls and boys nursing traumatic experiences into adult hood. A deficient leadership without future. It is due to **the issue of HIV/AIDS that has shaken the world. this that I saw it worthy to set up this leadership model to confront the global issues affecting children, Where children elect their own leaders to form their**

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leadership parliament where they can come together and address these global issues affecting them.

We believe children leadership parliament will be the best platform to address these issues. Nobody can better address these global issues than a child can do.

CLP Model is also out to bring out strategies to enlighten young people on effects of these global issues to young generations. Statistics have shown in the past that about three in every ten new HIV infection in Kenya are among people aged 15 years to 24 years. Report of year 2012 has also shown that about 9,700 people between the age of 10 and 24 had died of AIDs related infections in Kenya.

With government pledge to end AIDs by 2030, We believe there is need to engage children through various forums in their parliament. This will make vision 2030 more real.

The CCLP Model is out to advocate for children and through the voice of children make sure that young people get to know their status while they are young. This calls for an alternative rites of passage process where children will be taught Christian values and responsibilities as they transition into a more responsible young Christian adult.

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**CONNECTING CHILDREN LEADERSHIP PARLIAMENT WITH THE
PARLIAMENT OF KENYA:**



{With me on the right is the Speaker of the National Assembly HON. JB Muturi as I introduce the

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members of KE590 CDC Children Leadership parliament in Nairobi. During a moment of connecting the Parliament of Kenya with children parliament}.

The big questions:

.What is the government doing to enhance children parliament programs in Kenya?

.Is the government taking any action in helping young people fight global issues affecting them in an effective way? What support is the government doing to help children implement these strategies?

.What step is parliament taking to connect the issues that have ended affecting children?

.What can government do to ease the financial crisis it faces and what steps is devolution taking to manage counties under chaos so as to make development agendas real?

We must never allow our nations to take a direction that would reverse us to the retrogressive dark days of repression and injustice.

These are the questions the children would wish to ask whenever we have a trip to national parliament and in any other avenue where leaders turn in the congress forum.

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{The speaker of National Assembly (HON. JB Muturi) shares a moment with KE590 CDC children leadership parliament when the team visited the parliament of Kenya}.

We normally organize trips to the National assembly and house of the senate so as to connect the children leadership parliament of Kenya with the main aim of having one on one talk with the speakers of National assembly and the Upper Chamber , senators and MPs .To listen to them as they listen to us.

Issues of abandoned babies have reportedly increased in number with victims going scot free. War against illicit liquor among the youth has been another key issue to be addressed

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by the children leadership parliament during such open forums. The number of young people who have been turning onto illicit alcohol in Kenya has been increasing!

It's upon us and government to organize and adopting programs that fully engage the youth in productive enterprises, taking various trainings close to them so as to turn them to useful citizens and bread winners.

Institutions of higher learning and churches alike need to take a step in introducing trainings that help fully advocate for children rights and youth empowerment.

APPEAL, RECOMENDATION AND CONCLUSION:

Children need to be told that there are alternative rites of passage. They need to be taught on the marks of childhood and marks of adulthood in order to grow into responsible Godly mature Christian adults.

My appeal today is for other institutions to emulate the same spirit and start children advocacy forums where children can be heard across the board. By teaching the children Christian values of democracy when they are young and engaging them we will be in a position to raise a banner of freedom and justice in our nation and the world at large. We have seen it work in the over 20 NGOs that have adopted the program model.

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We believe the pillar to success of any nation lies in the hands of young people. There is need to teach them when they are young, the need for true and strong democracy, good governance, and development that provides opportunities for children leaders and not just adults, a sense of National identity and identity in Christ that rejects conflict but brings hope and glory for the future full of peace, love and reconciliation.

These are the strongest pillars of a freed nation. A nation that has freedom of expression and full of determination to make real the development agenda with all inclusive without any kind of discrimination. This is a mark for every growing nation.

And this future can be achieved through protecting children's rights and by helping them to raise their voice and be heard through the various organized and supported forums in children leadership parliament.

This has helped many democracies. To get to vision 2030 as a nation therefore, We believe that the **CHURCH and government has to make tough choices however costly it may be in order to arrive at a destination. What has been true in other developed nations can also be true in Africa as a continent and Kenya in particular. We can't be complacent and accept the world just as it is. It is for every person to imagine what the world might be and then push and work**

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towards the brighter future. By this I mean the government has to find a way out of supporting children leadership parliament and make it work in Kenya. The national assembly through the help of the able leadership of the speaker has to push and instill values of real true democracy in our children. They have to look for ways of empowering them. Programs under the institutions of higher learning, government agencies and churches need to be reviewed to address global issues affecting children by adopting the model of children leadership parliament.

The progress of any developing nation requires that we honestly confront the dark corner of our own past together by extending rights and opportunities to more of young citizens and in particular the children. By doing this, vision 2030 will be a reality and not an imagination. God bless Kenya, God bless children.

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