

VISION MINISTRIES KENYA, NYANZA REGION
CONFERENCE REPORT 2021

'CELEBRATING A DECADE OF GOD'S FAITHFULLNESS'

10YRS

**VENUE: POWER OF SALVATION AND HEALING
CHURCH, ONJIYNO, HOMA- BAY**

DATE: 14TH – 16TH, OCTOBER, 2021

Theme: God says, 'Try It! Put Me to The Test! Malachi 3:10 NLT



More, effective, flourishing churches!

INTRODUCTION

After having completed the first two conferences in Nairobi and Kajiado regions respectively, our Canadian team of facilitators travelled back to their country. They would therefore facilitate their sessions via the pre-recorded video.



In Nyanza Bishop Wandera, Bishop Gilbert and Brother Ishmael were the physical speakers.

Conference Day One

The conference started with songs and dances. After the dances and the singing there was introduction done for all the key church representatives. The region chairman gave a speech to formally welcome the people to the VMK conference 2021.

We then started the first lesson virtually by Christ Atkinson.

(Bishop Wandera facilitating training session)

Speakers' highlights

A true disciple is a follower of his or her master.



His or her characters are as follows;

- ✓ Love of the word – They hear the word, read it, internalize and heed it.
- ✓ Commit to Christ - When the disciples heard what John had said, they immediately followed Jesus. These men had heard John tell that One was coming after him who was mightier than he. He even identified Him as the Son of God. It was no surprise then that when the disciples saw Jesus walk by they left John and followed after Jesus.

(Sis.Molline facilitating conference prayer session)



(Dir. Ishmael explains to the leaders the key things God has done for the 10 years)

- ✓ Jesus called other disciples; they would leave everything and follow after Him completely.



A true disciple is not just involved but is committed to take up his own cross and follow Jesus to the very end. That is a complete and lasting commitment.

A longing to know Christ –

When Jesus turned and saw the men following Him, He asked them what they were seeking. Why did Jesus ask that question? Did He not know what they



(Bishop Gilbert during his teaching session)

were seeking? Jesus did not ask questions for information because He is omniscient. He asked the question for the disciples to identify their desire.

The work of evangelism is never complete until the evangelized become the evangelizer. Andrew is identified as one of the two disciples. Notice what he did immediately. He found his own brother, told him about Jesus and then brought him to Jesus. A true disciple will bring others to Jesus.

Barriers to discipleship

- **Maturity** – If the church leaders are spiritually immature, how do we ever expect the congregation to become mature? The church may have great people, but have you led them to be more than what they are/ If we don't inspire them or equip them or challenge them to do more than the bare minimum, why should we be shocked by the level of spiritual depth represented in our congregation? We should sharpen them (Prov 27:17) to do their absolute best.
- **Authority** – If Scripture isn't your source of authority, Christian discipleship cannot take place. Our sole source of authority and driving basis for all our decisions should be the word of God. While many churches will claim to have it as their authority, many don't communicate why people personally in the Word is important for their lives (Joshua 1:8).
- **Accountability** – For this to take place, each member should be a part of a group or has someone who provokes them to love and good deeds and is willing to accept responsibility towards them(Heb 10; 24 – 25). Leadership should show accountability by



helping new people to navigate the process of getting connected, and relationships within the church should provide accountability towards growth.

- **Reproducibility** – If the process isn't reproducible, it is not biblical discipleship. (2 Tim. 2:2)

- **Intentionality** – Discipleship

can't be a copy and paste approach. People are different. A realization that a one size

doesn't fit all in regards to disciple making is critical. Each church me should be receiving some individual focus, attention, and care in regards to growing stronger in their Christian life.

CONFERENCE DAY TWO

The number of the delegates had increased. Since most of the delegates were from far, they were forced to board. Most of these members arrived in the evening of the previous day.

Virtually we had teachings by Gord Martin and David Ralph. We then had training by Bishop Gilbert then a revival meeting by Bishop Wandera. In the revival Bishop Wandera taught about the '**mystery of the mantle**.' This was an impromptu topic as per the revival need.



Bishop Wandera prays with the delegates during the revival meeting.

Highlights;



- ***I need to get my life right first syndrome -***

Waiting for your life to be right first is when you make disciple will delay this process. This is because your life is never going to be completely right. Becoming a fully mature disciple of Christ is a process; a process that takes a life time so get out and witness!

- ***I am a sinner just saved by grace, what right do I have to speak into other person's life.*** We do agree you are saved by grace by Jesus has commanded you to go make disciples. You are an ambassador of Christ.
- ***Fear*** – One fear you might have is that you won't know what to say. While that is a real fear, we don't have to let it keep us from making disciples. Jesus hasn't left us alone. "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."" (Mt 28:20b)

God uses disciples to make disciples. So if we don't do it, no one else is going to do it. We are the God's plan!

CONFERENCE DAY THREE

This was the last day of the conference. The first two days were amazing. This day the delegates' had significantly increased. I think because it was a Saturday. The local church members had all come. The children had as well come.

There were three sessions, the first session being facilitated by Bishop Gilbert. The second session for Bishop Wandera and the last one for questions and answers.

- ✓ From the Q& A session, one asked whether discipleship and evangelism was one thing.

God tells Abraham that all the families of the earth will be blessed in Him. He then is the source of blessing. From Him comes the Messianic seed, Jesus, who is the Christ. It is Jesus who will bring redemption to all nations and all peoples (Gen. 22; 18, Gal 3:17; Matt.1; Acts 3:26) we must therefore preach Christ whenever we are have that opportunity.

(Celebrating with songs during the last day of the conference)



JOINT SUNDAY SERVICE

In the joint Sunday service, brother Ishmael shared in the Holy Communion service while Bishop Gilbert in the main service.



(Brethren during the joint Sunday service)

Activities of the day

- Sunday school performance from various Sunday schools
- Performance by different choirs and gospel artist
- Testimonies from various church leaders / pastors
- Conference closing ceremony from the organizers (regional chairperson,
- Joint lunch for all the saints

Conference attendance data 2021				
DAY	NO OF CHURCHES	NO OF MEN	NO OF WOMEN	TOTAL
THURSDAY	5	15	17	32
FRIDAY	7	20	24	44
SATURDAY	10	25	28	53
SUNDAY	12	-	-	150