



# WESTERN OUTREACH (WESO) MINISTRY

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## THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC) AND THE SECRETARIAT-2025/2026

### Introduction

As Western Outreach (WESO) leadership, we have witnessed God's doing as we presided over the various activities in the ministry's calendar. Below is a brief report from the chairperson's desk:

### Publicity

Ever since we came into the office, we embarked on a journey of ensuring that WESO remains visible and impactful according to its original vision and mission. Though costly, as the entire leadership (GEC, BOT & Advisory council), we did all that we could and by any means possible to re-imagine WESO's place in the context of its core mandate. I wish to salute all the Fellowships and Missions department for being at the forefront of realizing this great objective.

### Fellowships' financial prudence

When we stabilized our records at the Registrar of Societies' office, it became possible for the financial institutions to carry out due diligence before opening bank accounts for student fellowships and other departments, such as the **Project**. In this regard, I would like to salute the Treasurer and the Fellowships Coordinator for making this possible. By the time of writing this report, the following fellowships and department had opened their bank accounts:

1. JOOUST
2. MMUST
3. MASENO
4. EGERTON
5. LAIKIPIA
6. UOE
7. KIKUYU
8. MAIN CHIROMO
9. KU
10. JKUAT

## **Department**

Special Land Project Committee

### **PENDING**

1. Upper Kabete
2. Lower Kabete
3. Kenya Science
4. Rongo
5. Wanga TTI

### **The future of ETs and their place in the Christian Unions**

As informed at the last AGM, there are emerging forces that are not keen on fostering evangelistic efforts through the Evangelistic teams. Unfortunately, some of these forces are misleading and causing the various Christian Union Leaders across the universities to engage in unnecessary and unhealthy conflicts with the ETs. As ETs' leaders, we came together and formed a consortium in response to this emerging trend. So far, several meetings have been held to discuss the way forward.

### **Change of official leaders of the ministry**

We wish to apologize to the members for not being able to change the leaders and file the new constitution at the Registrar of Societies' office. This was caused by the change in the way the procedures are done at the office. By the time we went to the office to affect the two, we were time-barred. This was July last year. The only option I had was to call for a special general meeting in September to ratify this. However, after scrutinizing the issue, we saw it wise to wait until this year for the new leaders to do it because the current GEC executive officials have served their terms.

### **Facilitation of leadership functions and activities**

The ministry leaders appreciate the members who have been giving their finances to support the activities and events in the ministry calendar. However, we have had a few cases where leaders have been forced to dig deeper into their pockets to make sure they are able to attend the key functions in the various fellowships. Leaders usually don't receive honoraria for travelling to minister in the various fellowships. As leaders, we agreed to sacrifice where circumstances demanded in order to keep the ministry alive and active.

### **Inconsistency and burnout**

Some leaders have found the going challenging because of several factors. Others just let go of the passion and the drive they started with because of the unfavorable circumstances they found themselves in. For example, when a leader initiates an activity, and very few people respond, unless they are strong enough, they would most likely give up.

### **WESO@40**

This is a very serious landmark in the calendar of WESO, which is worthy of appreciation. The GEC established a special caucus to spearhead the planning for this great day. The Caucus proposed **7 November 2026** in sync with the date when WESO was launched. On the other hand, students had a feeling that the event should have taken place in **August** to avoid clashing with their academic calendar and to allow as many as possible to join. The AGM would be called upon to ratify the best option between the two.

### **Biennial Mission**

This mission is scheduled to take place in Taito-Kitale from **17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December 2026**. Already, the missions committee is engaged in numerous activities to plan and actualize this great ministry's undertaking. The leadership calls upon the members and other stakeholders to seriously support this

highly important Biblical undertaking. The leadership wishes to salute the Missions committee for their tireless efforts in making sure the mission will be a success.

### **Role and Place of Patrons/caretakers**

The leadership took deliberate measures to make sure there was a patron for every fellowship. Despite some teething challenges, we have fellowships that are doing well under the guidance of patrons well known to the GEC. On the other hand, we have other fellowships that have patrons, but they are out of reach, or they are not ready to work with ministry leadership. Though attempts were made to reach out to them, they bore little fruit.

### **Role of the BOT and the Finance Chairperson**

We appreciate the place and the role of the Board of Trustees in facilitating the various activities in the ministry. As much as the BOT has tried to perform its functions as best as it could, there could be some limitations and challenges that the AGM could consider worthy reviewing. Needless to say, the BOT members as a group and in their individual capacities have sacrificed a lot to support the GEC in presiding over the activities in the ministry.

### **Registration of Members**

The leadership wishes to thank the Welfare and Membership office for the good work they did in establishing the structures governing the matters registration. According to data on our website, there has been a good attempt to mobilize members to register. Of concern are: some leaders at national and fellowship levels haven't registered, and some members are still cold towards registration. Barring the legal requirements, members could do well if they deliberately went out of their way to register. We appreciate those who have so far registered. I encourage those who still have reservations about registration to do so because any possible harm to their data has been addressed.

### **Land Purchase Project**

There is a special committee that has been put in place to preside over this special project. So far, the committee has been facilitated to open a bank account, which is specifically meant to receive the money for the land purchase, so that it is not diverted to any other activity. To this extent, we salute the members of the special committee for their tireless efforts in seeing this come to pass.

### **Welfare**

The Membership and Welfare Committee worked very hard to come up with policies that can help the ministry to address the social and economic challenges that affect its members. Regrettably, not much has been actively done to actualize the good policies. Members may be asked to support this agenda so that there is warmth in the ministry.

### **Position of Secretary General**

Ever since the AGM ratified the change in this office and proposed structures to be put in place before a new Secretary General assumes office. Unfortunately, this hasn't been actualized. However, this AGM has no choice but to appoint someone to this office so that when there is a leadership change at the Registrar of Societies office, a name shall be presented. For four consecutive years, the Chairperson and other GEC members have been playing a dual role to fill the gap.

### **Tapping into our mission networks**

As WESO approaches its fortieth anniversary, the leadership takes cognizance of the fact that we have done so many missions with very many churches and ministries. Some of these churches and ministries were born out of the missions that WESO did. One can't help imagining the impact this will have if the ministry designates sojourners to reach out to all these churches and share the testimonies of what the Lord has done so far and the expected events in the ministry calendar. We could be struggling financially, yet ministry friends are waiting for someone to reach out to them and place their proposals to them.

### **AFTER-CAMPUS Challenge**

Every year, student fellowships churn out their finalists to join the world after campus. This is a good reason to celebrate God. We appreciate the GEC members and regional leaders for being at the forefront in celebrating with these dear ones. However, as a ministry, we have lacked in working on policies that will help us to settle the WESO finalists. This has led to most finalists joining other ministries that are ready to tap into their potential. We need to ponder this very seriously!

### **Leadership Training and Capacity Building**

This has been one of the weak areas in our leadership structure. New leaders get into the office, but they have to find their way around the darkness. The only activity that happens is the online orientation/handling over. This has led to a situation where some leaders leave office without having ever met. Other ministries have seriously invested in this area, thus helping their leaders to serve with passion. We have never had seminars or workshops organized to build the capacity of the leaders. This has led to various gaps in the functionality of the leadership.

### **Non-Student Fellowships**

We appreciate the non-students in various fellowships who have continued to be available in WESO activities. On the other hand, most non-students seem to be settling down and concentrating on their churches, where they are playing various key roles. On the contrary, this is a good report. Could there be a way the ministry can tap into this great potential and upliftment?

### **Strategic Plans**

The GEC made an attempt at formulating a strategic plan for the ministry. Today, every serious organization works with a strategic plan. This document contains very important provisions that can help the ministry realize its key objectives.

### **CONCLUSION**

We wish to appreciate all the members of the students who were present in WESO activities, who responded to the resource mobilization calls, and helped in advancing the Kingdom business. It is our desire as leaders to see the ministry of WESO grow to the highest levels and supersede those that have some element of stability. It is our prayer that God will give the incoming team grace as they go about their new assignments. Shalom.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Having been at the helm of leadership in WESO, we have the following recommendations to give:

1. The leadership should mobilize enough resources for the office of the Fellowship Coordinator to reach out to various fellowships.
2. All fellowships should have bank accounts.
3. WESO Leadership should continue engaging with other ETs to firmly establish themselves in the Universities.
4. The new leaders should keenly observe timelines in changing the leaders and file the new constitution at the Registrar of Societies' office.
5. The leadership should reach out with proposals to like-minded churches and organizations to raise funds for running the ministry of WESO.

6. The new leadership should send Gospel ambassadors to various churches where WESO did missions before to speak about WESO@40.
7. The Fellowship Coordinator's office should officially designate Patrons/Caretakers to all fellowships for easier coordination and accountability.
8. The AGM should restructure the BOT by transferring the role of Resource mobilization (Finances) to the BOT.
9. Fellowships should have registration on Sundays just as they do on giving Sundays.
10. The AGM should make the Land Purchase Project the key agenda in the WESO@40 celebrations.
11. The AGM should appoint the General Secretary to make the secretariat functional and complete the process of change of leadership at the Registrar of Societies' office.
12. RCC's should establish a working structure to receive, train, and sustain the finalists from universities.
13. The office of the patron should organize for leaders' training and capacity building.
14. Fresh non-students should be given more roles in the RCCs to keep the regions active before they get assimilated into other life-demanding responsibilities.
15. The GEC should observe the timelines in implementing the strategic plan of the ministry.

Yours in the Lord's Vineyard

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