

CHAVAKALI YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS CHURCH  
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TO FRIENDS ACROSS THE WORLD,

**REF: THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL DELIGATES CONFERENCE 2017**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Delegates Conference of Chavakali Yearly Meeting was held at Demesi Friends Church from 16<sup>th</sup> August to 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

Demesi Friends Church is situated off Kisumu/Kakamega Highway about five (5) kilometers westwards from Mbale market along the murrum road.

Demesi Friends Church is in Demesi sub-location Izava South Location Chavakali Division, Sabatia Sub-County and Vihiga County of Western Kenya.

The name Demesi was derived from the native man who had come from Southern part of Maragoli and since he was a foreigner he was murdered by the locals and hence the name "DEMESI". The founders of Demesi Friends Church were Paul Kigame, Enos Luzuvi among others in the year 1912.

The area experiences modified equatorial type of climate where the inhabitants practice small scale mixed farming.

The conference was officially opened by the Presiding Clerk Chavakali Yearly Meeting Abineah Chavangi. He read from the books of Mark 2:13-17 and Mathew 28:16-20. He reminded the 298 registered delegates from the 15 Monthly Meetings that they are followers of Jesus Christ and that they should leave Demesi as good Disciples of Christ.

The theme for the Conference was "**LOOKING FOR A RIGHTEOUS DWELLING**" which was derived from **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:13-14** and was introduced by the Main Speaker, Pastor **SIMEON BELENGU** from Malava Yearly Meeting.

The Speaker further explored the theme, reminding the believers that there should be love, faithfulness, kindness and patience among all Church members and leaders. He further said that those who walk in righteousness have peace, joy and love. He referred to Romans 14:17, Ephesians 4:1, Psalms 15 among others. He also urged believers to

respond to God's call and know that to get to the kingdom of God, we must live righteously. Believers should long for a new heaven and new earth.

He assured the believers that God forgives sins even if they are as red as blood. The main speaker dwelt heavily on repentance and forgiveness reminding believers that they should lay all burdens aside. He gave reference from the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17 and Hebrews 9:27. He further urged believers to love and to forgive as it is a two way traffic. He emphasized on self-sustaining attitudes that Christ Jesus had with reference to Philippians 2:2-5, Lamentations 3:40.

Other topics covered were Effective Communication by Kahi Indimuli, (The Principal Chavakali National High School, Agri-business by Dorice Mukaya of Rural Outreach Programme (R.O.P) Africa and Edgar Ala from Nairobi Yearly Meeting who is also the Reading Clerk Friends Church in Kenya (FCK), taught about Church Stewardship. The conference was also blessed with visitors from Friends World Committee for Consultation, Africa Section (FWCC), Friends Church in Kenya (FCK), and Friends United Meeting - Kisumu Office (FUM) among others.

The Young Friends Programme (Y.F.P) Praise and Worship team played a vital role during the period.

Monthly Meeting church choirs competed in singing and the leading choirs were given gifts.

The Conference was officially closed by the Presiding Clerk Abineah Chavangi who read the closing minute and declared the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Delegates Conference closed.