



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

SECOND COUNTY ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

ORDER PAPER

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST, 2020 AT 9.00AM

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8. MOTION- CHURCH ADHERENCE TO GUIDELINES DURING COVID PERIOD

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, Aware that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the Covid- 19 virus as a global pandemic; **Further aware that** Corona Virus has claimed more than 700,000 lives worldwide with confirmed cases being over 20,000,000; **Noting with concern** that the pandemic continues to pose grave danger to all populations, particularly those in Sub Saharan Africa where overburdened health systems continue to struggle with scarcity of human and financial resources; **Appreciating that** the churches were opened up allowing congregants to visit places of worship but with strict guidelines put in place; **Further appreciating that** religious leaders, faith based organizations and faith communities can play a major role in saving lives and reducing illness related to COVID- 19 since they are the primary source of support, comfort, guidance and direct healthcare and social service for the communities they serve; This Assembly **urges** the County Government in collaboration with the National Government to ensure strict adherence of the Ministry of Health guidelines in all places of worship countywide through the following;

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1. Sharing evidence-based information about COVID19, preparedness, and response.
2. Avoiding large group gatherings and conducting rituals and faith-related activities remotely/virtually, as required and whenever possible.
3. Ensuring that any decision to convene group gatherings for worship, education, or social meetings is based on a sound risk assessment and in line with guidance from national and local authorities.
4. Ensuring safe faith-based gatherings, ceremonies, and rituals when they do occur.
5. Strengthening mental and spiritual health, wellbeing and resilience, through individual contact (while observing appropriate physical distancing) and through social and other communications media.
6. Addressing stigma, violence, and the incitement of hate.
7. Promoting ecumenical and interfaith collaboration, and peaceful coexistence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(Hon. Judy Lukio, Nominated Member of the County Assembly)

***Denotes Orders of the Day**
