



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT CHUKA**

**CHUKA ELC CASE NO. 122 OF 2017**

**FORMERLY MERU ELC. 162 OF 2010**

**DIOCESE OF MERU REGISTERED TRUSTEES.....PLAINTIFF**

**VERSUS**

**THARAKA NITHI COUNTY GOVERNMENT.....DEFENDANT**

**RULING**

1. This suit was slated for hearing on **24.7.2018** when the parties intimated that they were seeking a 30 days adjournment in order to explore an out of court settlement.
2. Whereas this court encourages parties to seek out of court settlements, it regrets that today's hearing date had been obtained through the parties' consent only for them to come to court to seek an adjournment.
3. This suit was filed in 2010. Hence the matter has been in the judicial pipeline for eight years. This is not a satisfactory state of affairs.
4. The parties are granted 30 days to explore an out of court settlement.
5. If the parties do not agree, this suit will be heard, by **consent**, on **18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**.
6. It is so ordered.

Delivered in open court at Chuka this **24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018** in the presence of:

CA: Ndegwa

Muchiri for the plaintiff

Murango Mwenda for the defendant

**P.M. NJORGE**

**JUDGE**