

The Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Mathew & Mrs. Magaret Obaze
Bishop, Diocese of Ogbia & His Wife

SYNOD CHAPLAINS
The Ven. James E. Koru
Rev. Canon Aaron D. Mondebo
Rev. Joseph Noble
Rev. Paul Ibulu

VISION

This young Diocese shall reach out to every man in Ogbia kingdom through articulated mission and evangelism to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. (Col. 1:28b), eradicating cultism, violence and other anti-social vices.

MISION STATEMENT

The Diocese of Ogbia, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion):

i. Shall uphold and teach the Apostolic Doctrines as a Primary responsibility, including our Article of Religion;
ii. Shall reach out to the people through Dynamic and Aggressive Mission and Evangelism by routinely Organizing Crusades, Seminars; Conferences, Retreats, and Discipleship Programmes, and Planting Churches in all Villages in Ogbia Kingdom;
iii. Shall be committed to the Youths, in particular, through Socio-Economic Development activities by creating Job Opportunities and conducive environment for political stability, as well as Socio-political and Economic activities- War against anti-social activities, like Cultism, Violence, etc;
iv. Ensuring proper Training and Re-training of Clergymen and their wives through Refresher Courses, Conferences, Workshops, Retreat, etc. to upgrade every Clergyman to meet up with the dynamic needs of the Contemporary Ministry;
v. Shall consensually by His Grace, sustain steady growth of the Church Spiritually, Financially, materially as well as numerically (of all age brackets), to ensure self-sustainability;
vi. Shall ensure worship relevant to the Local people through provision of worship materials in the Local Language by translating the Book of Common Prayer and the Bible;
vii. Shall partner with Government for the development of the Communities within the Diocese by creating job opportunities, establishment of Schools, Hospitals, Business centers, Provision of Social Amenities, Creating of awareness for Family Hygiene, HIV/ AIDS, etc., and;
viii. Above all, shall consistently recognize and insist on the role of the Holy Spirit and his gifts as well as to ensure giving him (the Holy Spirit) rightful place for proper partnership.

Please use any of the Diocesan Accounts for all your donations:
1. Missionary Diocese of Ogbia, Acct Number: 1011604313 (UBA PLC), or
2. Diocese of Ogbia ACCT Number: 1100047948 (Izon Micro Finance Bank, Ogbia Town).

SYNOD PRAYER

Almighty Father, we earnestly thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our lives as a people, and as a Church. We thank you for working everything for our own good. We thank you for never leaving us nor forsaking us even in our emptiness and woes. Gracious God, thank you for being our God, and especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son, to us.

Heavenly Father, even as we now bow our heads to You in Thanksgiving, we sincerely beseech You, Oh God, to cause to fall upon us a deep cleansing of our sins, a spiritual brokenness, a holy fear, and a genuine repentance in our hearts. Awake us as a people, and as a Diocese, from our deep enduring spiritual slumber and sluggishness, and bestow in us a spiritual hunger which must draw us close to You, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Oh Yes! Lord God Almighty, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us as a mighty purifying flood that protects and strengthens, so that He will help to lead us through our Christian race in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Holy God, visit our Diocese, Ogbia land, our families and our hearts with fire and power, as you did in the days of the early Church. Lighten our darkness, protect, revive, renew, transform and empower us to be the Light and the Salt in this crooked and prevented world.
Grant us all these and more, with your Son, who is alive and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SYNOD HYMN

KEEP ON BELIEVING, JESUS IS NEAR (TUNE: BLESSED ASSURANCE).

1. When you feel weakest, dangers surround,
Subtle temptations, troubles abound,
Nothing seems hopeful, nothing seems glad,
All is despairing, everything sad:
Refrain:
Keep on believing, Jesus is near;
Keep on believing, there's nothing to fear;
Keep on believing, this is the way;
Faith in the night as well as the day.

2. If all were easy, if all were bright,
Where would the cross be, and where the fight?
But in the hardness, God gives to you
Chances of proving that you are true.

3. God is your wisdom, God is your might,
God's ever near you, guiding aright;
He understands you, knows all you need;
Trusting in him you'll surely succeed.

4. Let us press on then, never despair,
Live above feeling, victory's there;
Jesus can keep us, so near to him
That nevermore our, faith shall grow dim.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1. Synod Chaplains
2. Vision and Mission Statement
3. Synod Prayer and Song
4. Synod Programme Content
5. Programme of Events
6. Order of Daily Holy Communion Service
7. Order of Daily Communion Services
8. Synod Hymns
9. Daily Bible Study
10. Synod Motion and Motion Seconder
11. Synod Reports:
    - A. CATHEDRAL
    - B. OLOIBIRI ARCHDEACONRY
    - i. Oloibiri Parish
    - ii. Emakalakala Parish
    - iii. Opume Parish
    - iv. Idema Parish
    - C. ONUEBUM ARCHDEACONRY
    - i. Onuebum Parish
    - ii. Otuokpoti Parish
    - iii. Okodi Parish
    - iv. Anyama Parish
    - D. EMEYAL ARCHDEACONRY
    - I. Emeyal Parish
    - II. Imiringi Parish
    - III. Kolo Parish
    - IV. Yiba-Ama Parish
    - E. OTAKEME DEANERY
    - i. Otakeme Parish
    - ii. Otuabagi Parish
    - iii. Amorokene Parish
    - F. OTUOKE DEANERY
    - i. Otuoke Parish
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    - iii. Ewoi Parish
    - G. CHAPLAINCY REPORTS
    - i. Women Ministry
    - ii. Council of Knights
    - iii. Deliverance and Healing
    - iv. Sunday School Council
    - v. Anglican Youth Fellowship
    - vi. Christian Men Fellowship
    - vii. Prayer & Spirituality
    - viii. Diocesan Training Institute (ODTI)
    - ix. ACM
12. Précis of Diocesan Board Meetings
13. Synod Thanksgiving Service.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
DAY 1, THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2024	12:00 – 4:00pm	- Arrival of Synod delegates/Registration & Reception of the Bishop and wife by the host, and Courtesy Call on Okodi Council of Chiefs.
	4:00pm – 5:30pm	- Official Opening Ceremony with Holy Communion by the Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, JP, to be Assisted by: - Preacher: Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon - Rev Can. Aaron D. Mondebo - Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho - Rev Prince Noble - Rev Mathew Agu - All Clergymen from the Onuebum Archdeaconry - Chaplains
	5:30pm – 7:00pm	- Admin. Units/Chaplaincy Reports
	7:00 – 8:00pm	- Dinner
DAY 2 FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER, 2024	7:00am – 8:00pm	- Martins Service to be led by Ven. James Koru: - Preacher: Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon - Rev. Canon Rupert Egbunonye - Rev. Azibaola Moses - All clergymen in Oloibiri Archdeaconry
	8:00am – 9:30am	- Bible Study by Ven. Justice Ikiogha assisted by others
	9:30am – 10:30pm	- Breakfast
	10:30am – 11:00am	- Ceremonial Opening of Synod, Obituary, Notices, Acknowledgement, of Goodwill Messages etc.
	11:00am – 12noon	- 2024 Synod Motion by Ven. Justice Ikiogha - Seconder: Sir BOF Amangoli

		- Vote of Thanks: Sir Allen Opuene
	12:00 – 12:10pm	- Mid –Day Prayer by Rev Canon Newton Badowuman
	12:10 – 1:10pm	- Advocacy Talk 1: ''Opportunities where you are'', by Sir Prof. Allen Agih
	1:10am – 2:10pm	- Evangelism! Evangelism! Evangelism!
	2:10pm – 3:10pm	- Lunch and Rest
	3:10pm – 4:10pm	- Advocacy Talk 2: ''Aging Life'' by Sir Dr. A. D. Ikobho
	4:10pm – 6:30pm 6:30pm – 7:30pm	- Football Match between the Host Community and the Diocese - Dinner
DAY 3, **SATURDAY** **9th NOVEMBER** **2024**	7:00am – 8:00am	- Martins Service to be led by Ven. Dr. H.D Eli - Preacher: Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon - Rev. Canon Benjamin Enoya - Rev Dallas Abarah - All Emeyal Archdeaconry clergymen
	8:00am – 9:00am	- Bible Study by Ven. Justice Ikiogha
	9:00am – 10:30am	- Breakfast
	10:30am – 11:00am	- Opening Devotion, Roll Call, Notices, Goodwill Messages etc.
	11:00am – 1:00pm	- Presentation of Bishop's Charge – Rt. Rev Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, JP - Motion for Acceptance by Barr. Kimsebi Orudiakumo: Diocesan Registrar - Seconder of Motion of Acceptance: Rev Canon T. T. Ugiri
	1:00am – 2:30pm	- Launching of Bishop's Charge to be coordinated by Sir Prof. Allen Agih
	2:30pm - 2:50pm	- Synod Photographs

	2:50pm – 4:20pm	- Lunch and Rest
	4:20pm – 5:20pm	- Presentation of Reports by Administrative Units
	5:20pm – 5:50pm	- Précis of Diocesan Board Minutes and Resolutions that need Ratifications - Elections of new Officers
	5:50pm – 7:50pm	- Presentation of Financial Statement by Diocesan Auditors
		- Ratification of 2025 Diocesan Budget - Synod Communique - Motion for Acceptance of Communique - Next place of Synod - Vote of Thanks - Response - Closing Remarks
	7:50pm -	- Dinner/Rest
DAY 4, SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER, 2024	8:00am – 8:40	- Breakfast
	9:00am – 2:00pm	- Holy Communion Service with Sunday School and Synod Thanksgiving.
	2:00pm – 2:30pm	- Closing Formalities/ Photograph
	2:30pm -	- Lunch and Departure

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FROM THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2024

1. Processional; Hymn: A&MR 382 (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, King of Creation
2. The Preparation: The Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, JP.
3. The Act of Penitence - Trisagion
4. The Collects
5. The Ministry of the Word
   a. OT: Zach 9: 9-12 - Prof. Arikawei Apuega
   b. Psalm: 63
   c. Epistle: James 2:1-13 – Rev Prince Joseph Noble
   d. Gradual Hymn: A&MR 169 (My God, How wonderful thou art)
   e. Gospel: Matt. 22:34-end – Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho
6. Hymn before Sermon: How Great thou Art
7. Sermon Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon Nicene Creed, Intercessory to Peace
8. Hymns for Offertory: A&MR 349 (Just as I am) & SS&S 319 (What a friend we have in Jesus
9. Eucharistic Prayer
10. Communion Proper: SSS 145 & 642 (There is power, wonders working power & When we Walk with the Lord)
11. Closing Prayers: - His Lordship, the Rt. Rt Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, JP
12. Processing Out: SSS 607(1 am Thine O Lord, I have heard the Voice)

ORDER MATINS SERVICE FOR FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2024

1. Processional; Hymn: A&MR 167 (O Worship the King all Glorious above)
2. Call to Worship: Rev. Canon Rupert Egbunonye
3. Psalm: 63
4. O.T: Prov 3:1-26 by Sir Stephen Biate
5. N.T: Rev. 3:14-end by Rev. Azibaola Moses
6. Hymn before Sermon/Church Offering: Synod Hymn
7. Sermon by Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon
8. The Apostles' Creed, Collect, Intercessory and the Grace
9. Welcome/Notices
10. Thanksgiving (Music by the band)
11. Closing Prayers/Benediction: - His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon
12. Processing Out: A&MR 181 (God moves in a mysterious way)

ORDER MATINS SERVICE FOR SATURDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 2024

1. Processional; Hymn: SS&S 307
2. Call to Worship: Rev. Canon Benjamin Enoya
3. Psalm: 63
4. O.T: Prov 6:1-19 by Barr. Kimsebi Orudiakumo
5. N.T: Rev. 4 by Rev. Dallas Abarah
6. Hymn before Sermon/Church Offering: SS&S 877
7. Sermon Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon
8. The Apostles' Creed, Collect, Intercessory and the Grace
9. Welcome/Notices
10. Thanksgiving (Music by the band)
11. Closing Prayers/Benediction: His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon
12. Processing Out: A&MR 296

ORDER OF DAILY COMMUNION SERVICES

THE PREPARATION

President: I will bless the Lord at all times.

All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

President: O magnify the Lord with me,
All: And let us exalt his name together.

President: This is the day which the Lord has made
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All: Glory be to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father. We worship You, we give You thanks we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

ACT OF PENITENCE - KYRIE ELEISON

President: Lord have mercy
All: Lord have mercy

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President: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (*Jn 3:16*).

Hear what St. Paul says: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (*1 Tim. 1:15*)

A Brief pause

President: Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people; meekly kneeling upon our knees.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, We have sinned against You and against our neighbours, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have not sufficiently walked according to the mind of Christ. We have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

President: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

President: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

President: Let us pray. (*The President says the Collect*)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

a. The Old Testament Reading
b. Psalms
c. Epistle
d. Gradual
e. The Gospel
f. Sermon

THE NICENE CREED

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen

and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate: He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified; He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INTERCESSION

President: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord have mercy.

President: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's holy Church, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord have mercy.

President: For our bishops and other ministers (especially Henry, our Primate, Tunde our Archbishop, and James our Bishop) that with a good heart and a pure conscience they may accomplish their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

President: For the rulers of our country and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

President: For the poor, the hungry, orphans and widows, and them that suffer persecution, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

President: For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellences of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

President: That, with all His servants who have served Him here and are now at rest, we may enter into fullness of His unending joy, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

All: Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we pray You to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT
THE PEACE (All Stand)
President: We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and build up our common life.

He then says,
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also with you.
President: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS
At the offering of the Bread.

President: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation through Your goodness we have this bread to offer which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.
All: Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

At the offering of the Wine.
President: Blessed are You Lord, God of all creation through Your goodness we have this wine to offer fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
All: Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

All: **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours. All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.**

President: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
President: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
President: It is indeed right; it is our duty and joy at all times and in all places to give You thanks and praise, Holy Father, heavenly King, Almighty and eternal God through Jesus Christ Your only Son our Lord, For He is Your living Word; through Him You have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in Your own image. Through Him You have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving Him to be born as man and to die upon the cross; You raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to Your right hand on high, Through Him You have sent upon us Your Holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for Your own possession.

PROPER PREFACES
Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and saying.
All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

President: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: Hosanna in the highest.

(***The congregation may kneel***)
(The President continues)

President: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and as we follow His example and obey His command, grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us His Body and Blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me,”

In the same way, after supper, He took the cup and gave You thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me”.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.
All: **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

President: Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember His offering of Himself made once for all upon the cross; and proclaim His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, As we look for His coming in glory, We celebrate with this bread and this cup His one perfect sacrifice.

President continues

Accept through Him, our great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise: and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of Your divine Majesty, renew us by Your Spirit, inspire us with Your love, and unite us in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit with all who stand before You in earth and heaven. We worship You, Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be Yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence may be kept.
The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

President: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we share in one Bread.

AGNUS DEI
President: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
All: Have mercy on us
President: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
All: Have mercy on us
President: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
All: Grant us peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (All Kneeling)
All: We do not presume to come to Your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table But You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood; that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS
President: Holy things to Holy people, If any is holy, let him come; If any is not, let him repent.
All: There is one holy, One Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father, blessed forever. Amen

The President and people receive the communion. At the distribution the minister says to each communicant.
The Body of Christ
The Blood of Christ
The communicant replies each time ***Amen*** *and then receives.*

AFTER COMMUNION
Appropriate sentence may be said here.
President: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,
All: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

President: Father of all, we give You thanks and praise, that when we were still far off You met us in Your Son and brought us home, Dying and living he declared Your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's Body, live His risen life. We who drink His cup, bring life to others; We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us. So we and Your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise Your name; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All: Almighty God, We thank You for feeding us with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

President: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

SYNOD HYMNS

A&MR 382

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who over all
things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
how thy heart wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall
daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

A&MR 167

1. O worship the King,
all glorious above!
O gratefully sing
his power and his love!
Our shielmd and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour,
and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might!
O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
hath founded of old,
hath 'stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care,
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air;
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender!
How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
while angels delight
to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation,
though feeble their lays,
with true adoration
shall sing to thy praise

AMR 169

1. My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright,
how beautiful thy mercy seat,
in depths of burning light!

2. How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
by prostrate spirits day and night
incessantly adored!

3. How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of thee must be,
thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
and aweful purity!

4. O how I fear thee, living God,
with deepest, tenderest fears,
and worship thee with trembling hope
and penitential tears!

5. Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

6. No earthly father loves like thee,
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.

7. Father of Jesus, love's reward,
what rapture will it be,
prostrate before thy throne to lie,
and gaze and gaze on thee!

A&M 296

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but thou art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore

2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs and praises
I will ever give to thee

A&MR 181

1. God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform:
he plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.

2. Deep in unfathomable mines,
of never-failing skill,
he treasures up his bright designs,
and works his sovereign will.

3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.

4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
he hides a smiling face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour:
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.

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SS&S 607

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me ;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me near - - - er, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died ;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

2 Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine ;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

3 Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend.

4 There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea ;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

A&MR 349

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive;
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come.

SS&S 145 THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

1. Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, power in the blood
Would you o'er e-vil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

Chorus:
There is pow'r, pow'r
Wonder-working pow'r in the blood of the Lamb
There is pow'r, pow'r,
Wonder-working pow'r in the blood
In the precious blood of the Lamb

2. Would you be free from your Passion and Pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, power in the blood
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

3. Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood, power in the blood
Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

4. Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, power in the blood
Would you live daily His praises to sing
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Great is your faithfulness (DC)
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hands hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

3. Pardon for sin and peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

SS&S 877, STANDING ON THE PROMISES.

1.Standing on the promises of Christ my king
Thro' eternal ages let his praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus;
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my saviour
Standing, standing, I am standing on
the promises of God.

2.Standing on the promises that can not fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

3.Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect present cleansing in the blood for me
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free
Standing on the promises of God.

4.Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the spirit's sword
Standing on the promises of God.

5.Standing on the promises I can not fail
Listening every moment to the spirit's call
Resting in my saviour as my All in all
Standing on the promises of God.

SS&S 307: God is here, and that to bless us

1. God is here, and that to bless us
With the spirit quickening power;
See the cloud already bending
Waits to drop the grateful shower;
Chorus:
Let it come O Lord we pray thee!
Let the show'r of blessings fall;
We are waiting, we are waiting;
Oh revive the hearts of all:

2. God is here we feel his presence
In his consecrated place;
But we need the soul refreshing
Of his free unbounded grace.

3 God is here! Oh, then believing,
Bring to him our one desire,
That his love may have been kindled,
Till its flame each heart inspire.

4 Saviour grant the prayer we offer,
While in simple faith we bow;
From the windows of the mercy
Pour us out a blessing now..

SS&S 642

1. When we walk with the Lord, in the light of his word
What a glory he sheds on our way
When we do his good will, he abide with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

Chorus:
Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey

2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies
But his smiles quickly drives it away
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear
Can abide while we trust and obey

3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share
But our toil he doth richly repay
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross
But is blest if we trust and obey

4. But we never can prove, the delight of his love
Until all on the alter we lay
For the favour he shows, and the joy he bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

3. And when I think that God his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

4. And when Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home; what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

SS&S 319, WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1. What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and grief to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh what needless pains we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

2 Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

3 Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumber'd with a load of care
Precious saviour, still our refuge
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He"ll take and shield thee
Thou will find a solace there.

SYNOD BIBLE STUDY

Theme: Awake, and Seek the LORD, O Thou that Sleepest (Psalm 63:1)
General Background of the Psalms
The Psalms are a timeless collection of poetic prayers and songs born from ancient Israel's triumphs, struggles, and devotion, which spanned centuries. Here, we shall briefly explore the settings of the Psalter according to the periods and circumstances that necessitated their composition.

Settings of the Book of Psalms

The Book of Psalms is a collection of 150 poetic prayers and songs set in ancient Israel, spanning various historical periods and geographical locations. The settings include:

- Monarchic period (1000-586 BCE): Many Psalms reflect Jerusalem's royal court and temple worship.
- Exilic period (586-539 BCE): Psalms express the struggles and hopes of Israelites in Babylonian exile.
- Post-exilic period (539-400 BCE): Psalms reflect the rebuilt temple and restored worship in Jerusalem.

The Background of Psalm 63

This section concisely examines how the Psalm attributed to King David emerges from a tumultuous period, weaving together the historical, cultural, and religious threads to form a powerful tapestry of spiritual longing and trust in God.

The Historical Setting: Psalm 63 is attributed to King David and was likely written around 1000 BCE during Absalom's rebellion (2 Samuel 15-18).

The Cultural Setting: Ancient Near Eastern culture, specifically the Israelite monarchy, influences the Psalmist language and imagery. The desert or wilderness serves as a backdrop, symbolizing isolation and dependence on God.

The Religious Setting: The Psalm reflects Israelite monotheism, emphasizing God's sovereignty and covenant love. David's faith is rooted in the Hebrew scriptures and temple worship.

The Contextual Background: Psalm 63 was written during a personal crisis. David fled to the wilderness of Judah, pursued by enemies. This context informed the Psalmist's themes of spiritual longing, trust, and seeking God's presence amidst adversity. Significantly, the inference to the enemies of David could be

presumably pointed to:

- Absalom (David's son): Absalom led a rebellion against his father, King David (2 Samuel 15-18).
- Other rebels: Possibly including Ahithophel, David's counsellor who defected to Absalom's side (2 Samuel 15:31, 16:20-23).

The exact crises mentioned in the excerpt are:

- Fleeing from enemies: David fled Jerusalem to escape Absalom's rebellion (2 Samuel 15:13-14).
- Wilderness experience: David took refuge in the wilderness of Judah, facing physical and spiritual challenges (2 Samuel 15:23-37).
- Personal betrayal: David's son, Absalom, and former counsellor Ahithophel turned against him.
- Emotional distress: David experienced deep emotional pain, feeling abandoned and isolated.

In context, the Psalm is rooted in King David's turbulent experiences, which exemplify trust and spiritual longing in God amidst adversity and personal crises.

General Introduction to the Theme: Awake, and Seek the LORD, O Thou that Sleepest (Psalm 63:1)

In the face of numerous challenges confronting our diocese – scarcity of resources, geographical isolation, and societal hardships – many believers may be drifting into spiritual slumber. The familiar rhythms of rural life can sometimes mask a more profound complacency, leading to neglect of personal devotion, dwindling church attendance, and diminished passion for God's kingdom.

However, Psalm 63 interrupts this lethargy, urging believers to rise and intentionally seek God. King David's wilderness experience is a powerful counterpoint, demonstrating that seeking God is paramount even amidst adversity. "Early will I seek You" underscores the importance of prioritizing communion with God, craving His guidance, and yearning for His glory. This call to awakening is particularly significant to our diocese, where daily struggles can overwhelm us. The urgency of the call demands spiritual alertness. By responding to this call, individual believers can experience personal revival, revitalizing their faith and contributing to the growth and vitality of the church.

In this context, our theme "Awake, and Seek the LORD, O Thou That Sleepest" challenges our dioceses to:

- Rise above complacency and routine patterns of church manship
- Prioritise seeking God amidst hardships
- Cultivate hunger for His presence and guidance
- Embody holiness and revive our calling
- Invest in the sustainability of the church's future (recall when the missionaries came after assembling the people, the bigger goal was not building significant church buildings but institutions that can fuel sustainability).

Let us awaken to God's presence, shaking off spiritual slumber and embracing the transformative power of seeking Him wholeheartedly.

STUDY 1:
THE EFFECT OF APATHY ON CHURCH GROWTH
TEXT: PSALM 63:1
AIMS OF THE STUDY:

1. To address the dangers of spiritual apathy in the church
2. To reignite believers' passion for seeking God
3. To promote church growth through renewed evangelism and outreach

INTRODUCTION

In today's Church, a silent killer lurks, undermining the very fabric of our faith communities. Apathy, or spiritual indifference, has become a pervasive menace, stifling growth, dampening passion, and rendering the church ineffective in its mission. Psalm 63:1 is a timely reminder of the antidote: a wholehearted pursuit of God. David's urgent cry, "Early will I seek You," contrasts sharply with the complacency that has infiltrated many churches. As believers lose their fervour for seeking God, the consequences are dire: stagnation and decline, waning societal influence, decreased evangelistic efforts, weakened community outreach and inward focus, neglecting the Great Commission.

This study aims to confront the dangers of spiritual apathy, rekindle believers' passion for seeking God, and promote church growth through renewed evangelism and outreach. By examining Psalm 63:1, we will discover the transformative power of seeking God wholeheartedly, leading to vibrant worship, solid commitment to evangelization, intentional development, and spiritual vitality.

Let us explore the need for believers to awaken from spiritual slumber, rediscover their passion for God, and

propel the church toward growth, influence, and effectiveness.

STUDY GUIDE

1. In what ways have you personally experienced or observed spiritual apathy in your life or within the church? How did it affect your relationship with God and the growth of the church community? Revelation 3:15-16, Matthew 13:22, Hebrews 10:24-25, James 4:17, Matthew 24:12
2. David's desire to seek God "early" in Psalm 63:1 reflects his priority and passion for God. What practical steps can we take to rekindle this fervency in our daily walk with God and church life? Matthew 6:33, Jeremiah 29:13, Isaiah 55:6, Philippians 3:10, Psalm 27:4
3. How does the lack of passion for seeking God influence the church's mission of evangelization and development? What role do individual believers play in reversing spiritual stagnation and promoting church growth? Proverbs 29:18, Acts 1:8, Matthew 9:37-38, John 4:35, Acts 2:42-47

CONCLUSION

Apathy hinders personal growth and the advancement of the church's mission. When believers neglect their pursuit of God, the church loses its vitality, resulting in reduced evangelism and weakened community outreach. Psalm 63:1 calls believers to rekindle their passion for God, prioritizing His presence above all else. When we seek God earnestly, the Church becomes a dynamic source of spiritual power and growth, influencing the world around it. A renewed heart for God transforms individual lives and the broader Church Community.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Reignite your passion to your godly commitment.
MEMORY VERSE: ***Psalm 63:1 'O God, you are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh longs for You'.***

STUDY 2:

WAKE UP TO YOUR CALL—THE KEY FOR REVIVAL
TEXT: ROMANS 13:11-14
AIMS OF THE STUDY:
1. To awaken believers to their spiritual responsibilities
2. To encourage believers to live a Christ-centered life
3. To inspire personal and corporate revival

Introduction

The notion, "Wake up to your call", emphasizes the need to recognize and respond to the inner purpose that fuels personal and collective revival. Often, people drift through life unaware of the unique mission that drives their potential. This awakening is crucial for spiritual, emotional, and societal renewal. Whether through faith, passion, or a sense of duty, answering the call requires courage and self-reflection. The key to revival is aligning with this call and moving from complacency to purpose. Romans 13:11-14 highlights the urgency of this call, where Paul urges believers to “wake up” and live in the light of Christ. He instructs them to cast off darkness and embrace the armour of light, calling for a life that reflects Christ's holiness, love, and mission. Revival begins when believers prioritize their relationship with God, repent, and return to biblical principles. It is about living aligned with God's purposes and focusing on the Great Commission. Significantly, true revival happens when believers embrace their God-given responsibilities.

When spiritually awake, believers are alert to the world's needs and ready to respond to the Holy Spirit's leading. Revival requires a church to be fully engaged in seeking God and committed to fulfilling its divine mandate. As we wake up to our call, we position ourselves for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit, resulting in transformed lives and a transformed church.

Study 2 Guide

1. Romans 13:11-14 emphasizes the urgency of waking up from spiritual slumber. How does recognizing what characterizes the time impact your daily decisions and priorities as a believer? Ephesians 5:15-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:6 Luke 12:35-37, 1 Peter 4:7, Matthew 25:13
2. Paul calls believers to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and reject the works of the flesh. How can you actively live out this call and walk in the light of Christ in your community? Galatians 5:16, Colossians 3:12-14, Ephesians 6:11, John 15:4-5, Titus 2:11-12
3. How does personal revival contribute to corporate revival in the church? In what ways can you align your life more closely with your divine calling to bring about spiritual awakening in your local congregation? 2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 Timothy 4:14-16, Isaiah 6:8, 1 Corinthians 12:7, James 5:16

Conclusion: The urgency to awaken from slumber and live in alignment with God's calling is an unarguable

reality. Revival, personal and corporate, begins when we cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. By actively seeking to live as Christ did, we can bring spiritual renewal to our lives and communities. Recognizing the lateness of the hour and our divine responsibilities compels us to walk in holiness and love and hold on to the mission, paving the way for a fresh move of God's Spirit in the church.
Food for Thought: Will you answer God's call or remain asleep? The moment for spiritual awakening and revival is now – arise, respond, and seek His transformative power.
Memory Verse: "The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness" (Romans 13:12).

SYNOD MOTION MOVER

SYNOD MOTION ON THE THEME "AWAKE AND SEEK THE LORD, O THOU THAT SLEEPEST"

BY: VEN. JUSTICE G. M. IKIOGHA

PREAMBLE
This Synod motion calls the church in Ogbia Diocese to reflect deeply on the theme "Awake and Seek the LORD, O Thou That Sleepest," drawing inspiration from Psalm 63, a profound Psalm of David. In an age marked by spiritual lethargy and distraction, we are compelled to urge believers to awaken from their spiritual slumber and to seek the Lord with renewed intentionality, heightened consciousness, and unwavering devotion. This call to awakening is not merely a suggestion but a vital necessity for the church to fulfil its divine mandate in these challenging times.
We recognise that many within our congregations have become complacent, lulled into a false sense of security by the comforts and distractions of life. This motion serves as a clarion call to realign our hearts, minds, and actions with God's will. Living lives that authentically embody genuine fellowship, sacrificial love, and spiritual vigilance in an increasingly secular and hostile world. Again, it is apt for the Diocese to awaken or direct her consciousness to investments that will boost our social and economic security by expanding our dominance within the global space.
BACKGROUND OF THE TEXT
To fully appreciate the significance of this call to awakening, we must understand the context in which Psalm 63 was written. David penned this psalm during a tumultuous period in his life while he was in the wilderness of Judah, fleeing from his enemies and separated from the sanctuary in Jerusalem.
Despite the harsh physical conditions of the wilderness and the threat of danger surrounding him, David's soul remained keenly aware of his profound need for God's presence. This psalm is a prayer for deliverance from external circumstances and a heartfelt cry for deep, intimate fellowship with the Almighty.
The wilderness setting is a powerful metaphor for today's physical and spiritual challenges. Just as the desert is a place of desolation, scarcity, and danger, so too can our lives become spiritual and physical wastelands if we neglect our relationship with God. The wilderness demands vigilance, resourcefulness, and an unwavering focus on survival. Similarly, navigating the complexities and temptations of contemporary life requires spiritual alertness and a steadfast commitment to seeking God above all else.
David's example in this psalm provides a compelling model for the church today. Amid trials, isolation, and spiritual dryness, we must maintain an awakened soul, constantly thirsting for God and seeking His face. This persistent seeking is not dependent on favourable circumstances or emotional highs but is a deliberate choice to prioritise our relationship with God regardless of external conditions.
AWAKE IN THE CONTEXT OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND INTENTIONALITY
Being "awake" in this context goes far beyond passive and impulsive wakefulness. It signifies a state of mental and physical alertness and active engagement with God's will and purpose for the deliberate salvation of the people, rebuilding a value-based social system and building economically viable institutions. Our concept of *Maranatha* (Come, Lord Jesus!) should be contextualised as mentioned in the preceding sentence. To awaken spiritually is to become acutely conscious of God's presence in every aspect of our existence and to live deliberately to fulfil God's plan for mankind (*cf* Gen 1:28).
This awakening calls us to shake off the dust of complacency and slothfulness that has settled on our faith. It challenges us to seek God with the same earnestness and desperation. David exhibited in Psalm 63, where he describes his soul thirsting for God as if in a dry and parched land. This imagery, vividly portrays the intense longing and desire for God that should characterise our spiritual lives.
Many have unknowingly drifted into physical and spiritual dormancy in today's church. Distracted by the world's cares, the pursuit of material success, and the constant noise of digital media, many believers have

become disconnected from the vibrant, life-giving relationship with God that should be the hallmark of Christian life. This disconnection affects individual spiritual growth and hampers the church's collective witness and effectiveness worldwide. Therefore, the call to awaken is to enhance spiritual and physical revival—an awakening that must be intentional (directed to something not idealistic but tangible) and all-encompassing. It demands:

a) **Conscious Reflection:** Taking time to examine our spiritual state, identifying areas of complacency or compromise, and honestly assessing our relationship with God.
b) **Sincere Prayer:** Engaging in deep, heartfelt communication with God, not merely reciting prayers but pouring out our hearts in genuine supplication and intercession.
c) **Diligent Study of God's Word**: Committing to a disciplined approach to Scripture, not just casual reading, but in-depth study and meditation on God's truth.
d) **Renewed Hunger for God's presence and Work**: Cultivating a deep longing for intimate communion with God and prioritising time spent in His presence, should reflect our attitude to work.

EXEGESIS OF TWO TECHNICAL PHRASES

Verse 2: "Your Power עוז (Oz) and Glory כבוד (Kavod)" – A Poetic Description of the Ark

In Psalm 63:2, David writes, "So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory." This verse offers a poetic description that many scholars believe alludes to the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark was the most sacred object in Israelite worship, symbolising God's presence among His people and serving as a tangible representation of His covenant with them.

However, David's recollection goes beyond mere nostalgia for a religious artefact. His words express a deep spiritual longing to experience God's glory and power in a personal, transformative encounter. For David, the memory of God's presence in the sanctuary was not just about a physical location or object but about a profound spiritual reality that sustained him even in the wilderness. This verse powerfully reminds the church today that worship should transcend rituals, symbols, and physical structures. While these elements can be meaningful aids to worship, they should never substitute for a genuine encounter with the living God. We are called to seek and experience God's glory and power in our lives, churches, and communities in ways that go beyond tradition or formality.

Questions for the Church:

- Are we merely going through religious motions or encountering God's power and glory in worship?
- How can we make space in our worship for transformative experiences of God's presence?

Verse 3: "Your Lovingkindness is Better Than Life" – A Hyperbole and Vital Questions on Life in the Church

David's declaration in verse 3, *"Your lovingkindness is better than life,"* is a hyperbolic statement that challenges our understanding of life's value. For the Israelites, as for most people, physical life was considered the highest good. Yet David asserts that God's covenant of love (hesed) is even more precious than life itself.

This hyperbole powerfully challenges our modern sensibilities. In a world obsessed with self-preservation, personal comfort, and the extension of physical life at all costs, David's words call us to a radical reordering of priorities. They invite us to consider what we truly value most and whether our lives reflect the supreme worth of God's love.

Questions for the Church:

- How can we cultivate a community where God's lovingkindness is valued above all else?
- In what ways can our church structures and programs better reflect the primacy of God's love?
- How can we help believers develop a perspective that values inviolable realities, packed with divine principle, above temporal concerns?
- What practices can we implement to deepen our appreciation and experience of God's lovingkindness?

FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHURCH: Communal Living, Sacrifice, Praise, and Prayer (Verses 5, 6)

In verses 5 and 6, David's words *"My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips, my mouth will praise You"*—provide a model for spiritual satisfaction and devotion. This speaks to communal living, sacrifice, praise, and constant prayer, urging the Church to embody these values.

COMMUNAL LIVING

- Foster authentic relationships and support among members.
- Encourage mentoring and intergenerational connections.

SACRIFICE

- Encourage generosity, reconciliation, and service within and beyond the Church.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

- Cultivate a spirit of gratitude and encourage creative worship expressions.

PRAYER AND WATCHFULNESS

- Establish prayer teams and encourage self-examination for spiritual alertness.

CONCLUSION

This synod motion serves as a wake-up call to the church, urging us to rise from slumber and seek the Lord with renewed passion, intentionality, and devotion. As we reflect on the profound truths expressed in Psalm 63, we are reminded of the critical importance of vigilance, deep communion with God, and intentional fellowship within the body of Christ.

The President of Synod and the distinguished delegates of Synod, my business is not to persuade but appeal to all delegates to examine critically at this juncture how we can domesticate the theme of the Synod "**Awake and Seek the LORD, Thou That Sleepest"** to an actionable vision that will refocus the church in disciplining to awake and take hold of the various spheres of influence. In the words of Pascal Coppens, it is possible to lead a shift from "a mere product supplier to a comprehensive solution provider". This can happen if we **AWAKE** from our slumber; we will experience a notable move from "quantity" to "efficiency". We must understand work diligence, changing consumer needs, and sustainability to achieve this. The mantra at stake is not that of takeover but of transformation that will inspire a cutting-edge development. In response to this call, I therefore propose the motion that the church should awake to rediscover:

SOCIAL NEEDS:

Poverty alleviation and economic empowerment program (We applaud the Diocesan Corporative initiative, which is a vital solution to poverty alleviation), **Education** and literacy programs, **Healthcare** access and wellness initiatives, **Social justice** and advocacy for marginalized groups, **Community** development and infrastructure projects, **Identify** government and nongovernmental schemes for human capital development for the empowerment of members.

MORAL NEEDS

- Spiritual guidance, family values, and youth mentorship.

TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS

- Digital literacy, digital evangelism, cybersecurity, and social media engagement.

ENTREPRENEURIAL NEEDS

- Business training, job creation, and financial literacy programs.

Empowerment Strategies:

The Diocese here can establish a school that will quarterly train people to enlarge their human capital in partnership with affiliate professional bodies or institutions in: Leadership development and training, Community outreach and partnerships, Discipleship and mentorship programs**,** Resource mobilisation and funding, Advocacy and policy engagement, Technology integration and digital literacy and Collaborative efforts with other organizations

By acknowledging and addressing these needs, the church can:

1. Empower members to live out their faith authentically
2. Positively impact communities
3. Advance the Kingdom of God
4. Foster personal and collective growth
5. Respond to the changing world effectively

The Church must rise to empower its members to impact their communities and advance the Kingdom of God. The call is clear: Awake, seek the Lord and act to fulfil our divine mandate.

SYNOD MOTION SEDONDER, SIR BOF AMANGOLI

The Synod theme, which is apt, calls one to see his life as someone just waking up from sleep. Such mind set must first search the Lord as his all and all for the day. Therefore, I have no hesitation in seconding the Mover of the Motion, Ven Justice Ikiogha, that the theme, "Awake and seek the Lord, O thou that Sleepest" should be adopted as the theme of the 2024 Synod. I so second.

2024 SYNOD REPORTS

2024 SYNOD REPORT FOR THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL OGBIA TOWN.

All gratitude to the Immortal, Invisible and only Wise God in whom we move and have our being. The Bishop of our souls, who has made it possible for us to be partakers of the third (3rd) session of the fourth Synod, may His name be praised forever and ever in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let me on behalf of the clergy and wives, the Lesser Chapter and the entire faithful brethren of the Cathedral Church of St Paul Ogbia-Town use this ample opportunity to felicitate with the Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP), President of Synod and his amiable wife, Mrs. Margaret Obaze, Mama Ogbia the second, on this occasion of their first Synod. May the Almighty God grant you unspeakable joy, uncommon favour, success and good health throughout this Synod and beyond, in Jesus' name. Amen.

PREAMBLE: We appreciate the Almighty God for sending us to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul Ogbia-Town on the 28th of January, 2023 to serve His people through the Rt. Rev'd James Aye. Oruwori (JP).

This report covers the period of February 2023 to October, 2024.

STAFF STRENGTH: The Cathedral Church has a staff strength of four (4) of Diocesan workers only namely; the Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP) (the Bishop/Dean), the Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho (the Administrator), Rev'd Can. Badowuman Newton and the Rev'd Goodluck Napoleon Okorita (Curate). Other church workers in the Cathedral are Lay Reader. Joy E. Ikobho (Administrator's wife), Mrs. Aruobebh B. Newton (Rev'd Canon Newton's wife), Mrs. Ibierele G. N. Okorita (Curate's wife), L/R. Isaac Adire, Dame Eneni Adire, Mr. Alfred Edoghotu (Pastor's warden/ Fin. Sec) and Mr. Ifeanyi Darlington Duru (People's warden).

ADMINISTRATION: The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Ogbia-Town is administered through the Greater Chapter and the Lesser Chapter. The Greater Chapter has not met for a long period of time but it has been scheduled to meet on the 24th of November, 2024. The Lesser Chapter meets quarterly and the members are:

1. Mr. Alfred Edoghotu (Pastor's warden/ Fin. Sec.)
2. Mr. Ifeanyi Darlington Duru (People's warden).
3. Chief Livingstone Ozu (Lay Secretary).
4. Lay reader Isaac Adire.
5. Dame Eneni Adire.
6. Chief Numo Ogbari (C.M.F Chairman).
7. Mrs. Comfort Alfred Edoghotu (Women Representative).
8. Mrs. Tina Agorodi (Youth President)
9. Mr. Eric Apaga.
10. All the knights.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM: The Chaplain of this unit is the Rev'd Can. Badowuman Newton. He and his team engaged in visiting the members of the church, members who have left the church as well as reaching out to non-members in order to increase the membership of the Church.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY: This unit is the life wire of the church. The members of this unit always meet on Sundays after service and Thursdays but now it has been changed to Friday because they have agreed to participate in the Friday Bible study class. The Chaplain is Rev'd Can. Badowuman Newton.

THE CHURCH'S WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: The following are the weekly activities:

a. Morning Prayers: This is one of the chief support of the Church. It is an indisputable means of spiritual sustenance for Parishioners. It is only attended by few Parishioners.

b. Choir Practice: This takes place almost every Mondays and Saturdays by 5pm.

c. Anglican Youths Fellowship: Last year the Cathedral Youths held meetings in order to plan for the way forward and there has been revival after then. This year, they organized programmes such as:

(1) A night of praise - February, 2024.
(2) Bible study/ Annual General Meeting with the theme: "Youth: Light of the world"- Matt. 5:14. (29th - 30th August, 2024).
(3) Power Night held on the 20th of September, 2024. They are now involved in the cleaning of the premises. The Chaplain for this unit is Rev'd Goodluck Napoleon Okorita.

d. Prayers and Fasting: This is ongoing but the attendance is usually poor due to lack of commitment and because it is a market day.

e. Mother's Union/ Women's Guild Fellowship: Women are the life wire of the home and by implication the Church. They keep their statutory programmes regularly. By the special grace of God they were able to fulfill the Mothering Sunday celebrations of 2023 and 2024 with the themes provided respectively. The Cathedral women also assist the Church by raising funds. During the Mothering Sunday celebration of 2023, they built a concrete kitchen cabinet to replace the wooden one that was in ruins, at the Curate's apartment.

They also carried out their Prayer Conferences on the 2nd of March, 2023 and 17th of July, 2024 accordingly. They hold their weekly fellowship and MU/WG preparatory classes are going on, on Mondays and Sundays by 4pm.

f. Friday Bible study Class: This is one of the means of grace and it is ongoing, but it is not well attended às expected.

g. Sunday School Preparatory Class: This is functioning and is very effective. It holds regularly by 5pm - 6pm every Saturday.

h. Christian Men's Fellowship: The Cathedral CMF has resolved to fellowship together every last Thursday by 4pm. This agreement manifested after much deliberations. The Executive members of this all-important arm of the Church are:

1. Chief (Hon.) Numo Ogbari - Chairman.
2. Mr. Alfred Edoghotu - Secretary.
3. Mr. Ifeanyi Darlington Duru - Treasurer
4. Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho - Co-Chairman/chaplain.

By the grace of God, they were able to celebrate both the 2023 and 2024 Father's Day successfully. This year's Father's Day was awesome and recommendable. This year's theme was: " Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set" Prov. 22:28. They carried out the following activities:

1. Visitation to the weak and the sick.
2. Sword Drill between men and women
3. Talk on: Causes of land, chieftaincy and other disputes that affect the Church.
4. General fasting and prayers.
5. Talk on the theme.

While on Sunday, the men presented a song and an oration on the origin of Father's Day. Lots of gifts were given to the men by the women.

(i) Children's Ministry: This unit is functioning and has been very effective. Although the accident of one of its teachers (Mrs. Comfort Edoghotu) affected its effectiveness to an extent. We appreciate Mrs. Comfort Edoghotu and Mrs. Maureen Dakolo and Mrs. Joy Ikobho (who goes to assist them sometimes) for their commitment. They participated in all their programmes as well as retreats. We pray for more committed teachers.

j. Confirmation Class: The class holds on every Thursday by 5pm, although those that have registered are few.

k. Cross Overnights: This programme is implemented faithfully at the end of every month. It is well attended.

PROGRAMMES:

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Ogbia-Town carried out these programmes:

1. **Cathedral Prayer Conference with the theme:** "The fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" James 5:16.
2. **Cathedral six days of Praise to God Almighty:** This program was held on the 17th to 22nd June, 2024. It was awesome and well attended.

HOSTINGS:

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Ogbia-Town played host to the following programmes:

a. Diocesan Board/Reception of the Supervisory Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbia, the Most Rev'd Dr. Blessing C. Enyindah on the 6th of March, 2023.
b. Diocesan send forth in honour of the Rt. Rev'd James Aye. & Mrs. Ayebaene Felicia Oruwori (JP)(RTD) on the 6th of August, 2023.
c. The reception of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew and Mrs. Margaret Obaze (JP) on the 20th of March, 2024.

d. The Enthronement of our Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP) , on the 21st of March, 2024.
e. The Thanksgiving Service of our Lord Bishop and wife which took place on the 24th of March, 2024.
f. The Diocesan Women Conference planning committee meeting held on the 29th of May, 2024.
g. The first Diocesan Women Conference of our dear mother, Mrs. Margaret Obaze which took place on the 6th - 8th of September, 2024.
h. The Diocesan Board Meeting which took place on the 28th of September, 2024.

NEW QUOTA SYSTEM OF PAYMENT (25 PERCENT OF ALL PROCEEDS).

We appreciate God Almighty for setting us free from indebtedness through His servant, the Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP). Glory to His name for ever in Jesus name. Amen. By the grace of God, we have responded as follows:

June	-	N145,525.
July	-	N42,000.
August	-	N90,665.
September	-	N83,580.
Total	**-**	**N361,770.**

DONATIONS: We express our gratitude to all who have benevolently donated morally, financially, materially and otherwise for the wellbeing of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul Ogbia-Town. May we use this ample opportunity to specially thank...

1. His Lordship, Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew and Mrs. Margaret Obaze (JP) for encouraging the following persons
2. Sir. Prof. Allen Agih.
3. Sir Engr. Kopiam Adike.
4. Chief I. I. Afagha.
5. Sir. Dr. Aranye Okilo.
6. Sir. Dr. Dandy A. Ikobho
7. Sir. Barr. Philip Ogoniba

to donate Maxmech Generator, RWD 6500; and

8. Dame Eneni Adire.
9. Prof. Arikawei Apuega.
10. Sir. Donald Ase.
11. HRH. Miruobebh Akpufu
12. Mr. Aruaman Ekereke.
13. Mrs. Ishiekwene Lovette for the repair of the borehole.

These persons also on their own accord donated as follows:

1. Chief Livingstone Ozu: donated a Maxmech gasoline brush cutter.
2. An anonymous donor: donated a Summec Fireman Generator.
3. Dr. Blessing Ikuru; donated the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Naira (#200,000).

We pray God to bless them all in Jesus' name. Amen.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH

(As reflected in the Class Register)

A. Communicants:
(ii) Male – 12
(iii) Female – 22

B. Baptised:
(ii) Male – 10
(iii) Female - 7

C. Inquirers
(ii) Male – Nil
(iii) Female: 4.

Total baptized in 2023 and 2024 - 10

FINANCIAL STATISTICS FROM JANUARY – SEPTEMBER, 2024

Below is the Cathedral Financial statistics and the sources of income

S/NO	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
1.	Church Offering	₦297,800
2.	General Thanksgiving	₦396,895
3.	Class Fees	₦33,750
4.	Donations	₦1,070,000
5.	Synod Offering	₦85,275
6.	Tithe	₦535,495
7.	Harvest (Children)	₦405,870
8.	Fasting & Prayer Offering	₦13,540
9.	Morning Prayers Offering	₦46,020
10.	Secret Offering	₦106,200
11.	Cross-over Night Offering	₦10,660
12.	Rally	₦464,665
13.	Special Thanksgiving	₦173,150
14.	First Fruit	₦50,000
TOTAL		**₦3,689,320**

MEANS OF GRACE: Our means of grace is the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, Fasting and Prayer as well as the Holy Communion.
We appreciate the Almighty God for the sustenance and the provision in Jesus name. Amen.
OUR JOY: We give gratitude to the Almighty God for being faithful, preserving and healing our members that fell sick within the period; there was no loss of lives, all to His glory! Our joy includes the successful consecration and Enthronement of our Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP). We rejoice with the families of the Edoghotu's, Christiana Rose for the healing and safe delivery. We rejoice with Mad. Godpower Wolisi for successful 80 years birthday as well as the Adire's for God saving their grandson from death.
CONCLUSION: To God Almighty, our Maker, Defender Redeemer, Sustainer and friend be all the honour and adoration forever; without Him there is nothing done that could have been done. We wish to thank the clergy and wives, the Lesser Chapter and the entire faithful members of the Cathedral Church of St Paul Ogbia-Town for their co-operation. Be lifted in Jesus name. Amen.

Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho
Cathedral Administrator

OLOIBRI ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD 2024 REPORT

Protocol: I bring greeting and felicitation from the Oloibiri Archdeaconry board her people, to the Lord Bishop and Dean, the Rt. Rev. Matthew T. Obaze and His Wife, Mrs. Margret E. Obaze on this occasion of their first Synod after their consecration. I am grateful for the opportunities granted us to serve in this capacity. I pray for a peaceful and successful synod. I welcome all the special guests, house of clergy and house of laity wishing them smooth synod deliberations and the peace of God. I will not fail to recognize and appreciate all the hardworking, committed and hospitable people of Onuebum Archdeaconry. Your indefatigable disposition to ensure that this synod comes to pass without any setbacks will be remembered in chronicles of the Diocese of Ogbia. May the Lord Almighty crown the labours of your hand in Jesus Name Amen.

Introduction: This synod marked the 3rd synod I and my beloved wife have celebrated with the good and encouraging people of Oloibiri Archdeaconry. The 2nd day of the first month (January) in the year 2024 begins the fourth year of I and my family bearing the responsibility to supervise the good people of Oloibiri Archdeaconry. We still do not treat with flippancy the responsibility but against all challenges, we depended more on the control and direction of the Holy Spirit. We were sure that what is needed is our very best for the spiritual and physical growth of the church of God.
Composition: The composition of Oloibiri Archdeaconry had been described in many Archdeaconry reports presented at synods in times past and the status quo is still maintained. Oloibiri Parish which is

made up of St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri and serve as the headquarter of the Archdeaconry, St. John's Church, Otuabo and St. John's Church, Otuogidi; St. Peter's Church, Opume and St. John's Church, Idema which are single stations parish and St. Bartholomew's Church, Emakalakala which serves as the Parish Headquarter of the parish have St. Mathew's Church, Akepelai as her other station.

Archdeaconry Workers: The churches mentioned above are being handled by the Diocesan Workers whose names and designation are show below:

S/NO	NAMES	DESIGNATION	STATION
1	Ven. James E. Koru	Archdeacon/Vicar	St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri
2	Rev. Canon Temple T. Ugiri	Vicar	St. Peter's Church, Opume
3	Rev. Canon Rupert V. Egbunoye	Vicar	St. Bartholomew's Church, Emakalakala
4	Rev. Mose Azibola	Vicar	St. John's Church, Idema
5	Rev. Slink Ayebatoye Jonathan	Curate	St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri
6	Pastor Benjamin Isu	Teacher	St. John's Church, Otuabo
7	Pastor Omele S. Godgift	Teacher	St. Matthew's Church, Akipelai
8	Pastor Amikpamoni Joel	Teacher	St. Michael's John's Church, Oloibiri
9	Pastor. Sir Biate A.A. Stephen (KSP)	Teacher	St. Michael's John's Church, Oloibiri

There are other lay-people that give their voluntary services to the Archdeaconry and have contributed greatly to the furtherance of the gospel in the Archdeaconry and are worthy of mention. These includes: the Archdeacon's wife, Mrs. B.S. Koru; the Archdeaconry Treasurer, Chief Raphael Moses; the Archdeaconry Lay Secretary, Mr. Eniama Azibator and all the wives of the workers mentioned above.

ARCHDEACONRY ACTIVITIES: The Archdeaconry in the previous year started her activities after the release of the Bishop's Engagement and the yearly theme is Rescue Mission. The Archdeaconry is on a Rescue Mission to a people trapped in pits and darkness, hidden in prisons, plundered and looted. These four years of the Rescue Mission, the Archdeaconry is partnering God by *"Divine Manifestation" Romans 8:19; Dan. 1:15-21*. This has been our anchor and desire for the year and being benefactors of God's grace and salvation, it is our responsibility to manifest God's grace and power for other to see and come to our God.

And to achieve the mandate, not much revival activities were carried out at the Archdeaconry level this year.

POSTING OF WORKERS: On the 5th of January, 2023, the Archdeaconry welcomed her new Church Workers posted by the Diocesan. They are as follows;

Name	Station
Rev. Barahart Tebeda	St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri
Rev. Azibaola Moses	St. John's Church, Idema
Rev. Canon Rupert Egbunoye	St. Bartholomew's Church, Emakalakala
Rev. Ayebatonye Slink Jonathan	St. Matthew's Church, Akipelai
Pastor Godsgift Omele	St. John's Church, Otuogidi

I am very grateful to the Diocesan for sending us co-labourers and I pray for a fruitful service throughout their stay in this Archdeaconry.

ARCHDEACONRY BOARD MEETING: By God's grace, two meetings were held within the period under review. The first meeting took place on 16th April 2023 at St Michael's church, Oloibiri. While the 2nd meeting was held on 29th June at St. Matthew's church Akipelai. The turnout of delegates was encouraged. The last was also held in St. Bartholomew's Church, Emakalakala.

PRAYER CONFERENCE: This is done quarterly as agreed by the Archdeaconry Board. The first quarter edition took place on 22nd April 2023 at St. Peter's Church, Opume, with the theme "Let our cry come unto Thee" (Psalm 102:1). The 2nd edition was held on 2nd September 2023. The Venue was still St. Peter's, Opume (the Archdeaconry prayer center) and the theme was "Revive our Heart O Lord" (Rom. 6:11-16). I thank the Committee members- the Rev. Slink Ayebatonye Jonathan and Pastor Stephen A. Biate for their commitment. Alua.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: The Archdeaconry Fathers joined their counterpart in our Communion to celebrate the 2023 Father's Day on Sunday 18th June, 2023. The Archdeacon and wife were not left out, they worshiped at St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri, and the Service was indeed awesome.

PASTORAL VISIT: By God's divine permission, the Archdeacon paid a Pastoral visit to St. Matthew's Church Akipelai from 29th June -2nd July 2023 and St. Peter's Church Opume on 25th -27th August 2023. The visits were successful. St. Idema was from the 4th- 8th of March, 2024.

PROJECTS: The Archdeaconry do not embark on any new project but a continuation of the previous projects embarked upon since 2016-the renovation of the Archdeacon's Residence. However, the tiling work has been completed. It is left with the electrification, painting and furnishing. We also call on all lovers of the Archdeaconry to ensure a befitting place for the Archdeacon.

REPORT ON THE ARCHDEACONRY WOMEN: MOTHERING SUNDAY: The 2023 and 2024 Mothering Sunday celebrations were observed across the Archdeaconry. The themes and dates were according to the Diocesan Women's Ministry schedule.

GENERAL MEETING: This Meeting was held on 10th April 2023 at St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri. All the stations in the Archdeaconry were fully represented. Praise God.

ELECTION: At the General Meeting held on the 10th of April, 2023, the election of new Archdeaconry Women Executives was conducted and the following persons were elected into the various offices. They are:

NAME	POSITION	STATION
L/R LILLY EBUTU	SECRETARY	ST JOHN'S IDEMA
MADAM HANNAH OKILO	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	ST BARTH'S EMAKALAKALA
MADAM GOODNESS JOSHUA	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	ST. PETER'S OPUME
MADAM MERCY OBI	TREASURER	ST. PETER'S OPUME
MRS. DUMARO ISREAL	PRAYER & SPIRITUAL COORDINATOR	ST. MATTHEW'S AKEPILAI
LADY PRETTY BIATE	MARKETING/ WELFARE COORDINATOR	ST. MICHAEL'S OLOIBIRI
SIS. FLORENCE MOSES	ACTION & OUTREACH COORDINATOR	ST. JOHN'S OTUOGIDI
SIS. PRETTY OBUBELEYUO	FINANCE&CENTRAL SERVICES COORDINATOR	ST. JOHN'S OTUABO

May the Lord who chose them equip them with the required virtues to accomplish this task in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PPRAYER CONFERENCES: The 2023 conference was done on Saturday 15th July 2023 at St. Bartholomew's Church, Emakalakala with the theme "The Storm is Over" (Mark 4:37-39) while 2024 was held on Saturday 20th July at St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri and the theme was "Oh Lord Remember Me" (Gen. 30:22). It was a wonderful moment in God's presence. To God be the glory.

More so, the coordinator and the station mamas' effort to ensure these programs' success is well acknowledged. May God bless us all.

HARVEST: This took place on Sunday 16th July, 2023 at St. Bartholomew's Church, Emakalakala with the theme "Now Gather the Left Over" (John 6:12). I am very grateful to God for the positive outcome. The response of the stations was quite commendable. Alua!

CONFERENCE: It was held on Friday 1st - Saturday 2nd December, 2023 at St. John's Church, Idema. The theme was "Be Sober and Vigilant" (1st Peter 4:7). The program was awesome and I return all the glory to God. Halleluiah.

OUTREACH: The Archdeaconry Women, through the leading of the Holy Spirit and God's help, visited with all the Widows in the Archdeaconry with little items. May God replenish all who contributed to this charitable mission in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONCLUSION: May God who can keep all that is committed in His charge keep our faith going until His return. Amen.

WORKERS WELFARE

Sequel to the agreement reached at the 2022 Diocesan Women End of Year Activities held at St. John's Church, Onuebum, that all Church Workers should be fed. The Archdeaconry Women have kick start the Archdeacon and Wife monthly feeding from January 2023. The schedule has been drawn and shared with the various Parishes within the Archdeaconry and the response is so bad.

However, I would like to remind Opume Parish that they are still owing the last Bishop's family (Rt. Rev. Oruwori) feeding that was done in February 2023 before his retirement. Let us always remember Galatians 6:9 which says "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Challenges: The Archdeaconry is in the Diocese of Ogbia and as such faces the same challenges that are common to other Administrative Units. She is strongly affected by the current rural- urban migration, and other social vices. The population of the communities depletes on daily bases and this scenario affect the attendance to church services and activities. The statistics given by the different Parishes shows a vivid picture of the situation faced in the churches as compared to other years.

Sorrows: The Archdeaconry sorrow with the parishes who lost their members with specific reference to St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri, St. Peter's Church Opume, St. John's Church, Idema, St. Matthew's Church, Akipelai and St. John's Church, Otuogidi. It is our prayer that the Lord will grant those stations the grace to bear these irreparable losses and may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace in Jesus name Amen.

Joy: The Archdeacon and Board rejoices with parishes for the births, admission, promotion, etc of her members and pray that God will continue to sustain and enlarge their coast in Jesus name. Amen

Conclusion: This fourth year our administration in Oloibiri Archdeaconry to an extent had been marked with peaceful ministerial work. I would like to use this opportunity to thank and appreciate the Lord Bishop and wife for their support and contribution, it is my prayers that God will strengthen you and enable you to fulfill your calling in Jesus name Amen. More so, let me appreciate the efforts of all the Archdeaconry workers and their wife who stood by us and ensure that the Archdeaconry activities do not fail and that the work of God do not suffer loss in this administrative year. God bless, keep and prosper all of you.

Finally, my gratitude goes to my wife and children, friends and prayer partners for their immeasurable support in my trying times, the Lord Almighty will not leave you to end this year without blessing you abundantly in Jesus Name. To all synod delegates, I wish you a successful and peaceful synod. The Lord Be with you.

Ven. James E. Koru
Archdeacon/ Vicar

OLOIBIRI PARISH ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, OLOIBIRI

PREAMBLE:
The theme of the Parish this year is "the rescue mission- exercising your faith" (James 2:20; acts 3:4-8). It is our responsibility to tell and demonstrate our faith to others so that they can also be part of it. We thank God to be part of this year's 2024 Synod.
Our beloved Brethren the Report presented here in this Synod is just a summary of activities of the Church in St. Michael's Oloibiri. The Lord blesses you all in Jesus name. Amen.
OUR MEANS OF GRACE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient to us as a Church. God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit is the only source of our grace and strength. The Church observed its weekly activities which consist of Sunday Service, Morning Devotion/ Prayers, Mid- Week Fasting and Prayers, Monthly Vigil etc. the Eucharist is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.
SPIRITUALITY: The Church observed periodic monthly internal revival programme. The last one held before this report was a weeklong prayer and revival programme in the month of September and it begins from the 1st to 8th of September 2024, and was tagged " the Court Session".
WOMEN MINISTRY: The Women Ministry is active under the leadership of Mrs. B.S. koru. The women cooperation is commendable. They organized themselves for both internal and external programmes. They fully participated in this year's Mothering Sunday Activities.
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES: The youths are actively involved in the Church's activities. It is our earnest prayers that God grant them the grace to wax stronger.
PROJECTS: No new infrastructural project was embarked on, as we are still on the already existing ongoing projects of the perimeter fencing and the Vicarage renovation. We deemed it fit to appeal to spirited individuals to support and rehabilitate the old Bishop's lodge in the station.
FINANCE: Our sources of finance is through; Church Offering, Weekly Thanksgiving, Tithe, Class Fees, Donations and Harvest.
Harvest celebration during the period under review:

i. Monthly family harvest thanksgiving
ii. Children Harvest: It was held on the 28th July, 2024
iii. The date of this year's Adult Harvest is on the 3rd November, 2024.

FINANCIAL RECIEPT TABLE UP DATE

S/N	Church Offering	General Thanksgiving	Tithe	Vass Fee	Harvest; Children &Family	Donation	Others	Total
N	97,215	82,260	204,505	32,350	193,240	181,100	103,400	894,070

OUR JOY: We rejoice with all those whom God has blessed and redeemed this year.
BURIAL: We regret to announced the demise of L/R (princes) Irene Amangala (AKA Abol – A – Jesus), she passed on to Glory this year and her burial was on the 1st November, 2024.
APPRECIATION: We extend our appreciation to all members of this Diocese, and all those that are in the business of soul winning.
CONCLUSION: Our God is faithful and His mercies endure forever. Thanks to the Diocesan and the Archdeacon of Oloibiri Archdeaconry and their families. May the Lord grant all members of Synods a Divine Favour and blessings throughout this year and beyond in Jesus Name, Amen.

SIR. AZIBAIZOLOMAN A.S. BIATE
Church Teacher

ST. JOHN OTUOGIDI SYNOD REPORT

Preamble: When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, the Lord has done great things for them.

INTRODUCTION: It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because His compassion fails not. They are new every morning, great is his faithfulness.

We congratulate Rt. Rev & Mrs Tamunotari Matthew Obaze in his first year of Episcopal journey, may the Lord continue to strengthen and uphold you in Jesus name. Amen.

We also acknowledge and thank Ven. & Mrs James Koru the Archdeacon and Vicar of St. John Otuogidi for your fatherly role. God bless you in Jesus name. Amen.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES/MEANS OF GRACE

S/N	Days	Time
1.	Wednesday fasting and prayer	10:00am–12:00 noon
2.	Friday bible study	4pm – 6:30 pm
3.	Sunday 1. Forum hour	8:00- 9:00 am
4.	Sunday 2. Martin service and Sunday school	9:00- 12noon

Children Ministry: This Ministry is handled by my wife Mrs Aziba-Edigiri Benita Omele and i thank God for the grace.

Vicar's Pastoral Visit: We thank the Vicar who pay visit celebrate Eucharist service, hold Night Vigil and encourage us.

Bishop's Sunday visit: We were encouraged and filled fathered when His Lordship and his entire family worshiped with us on 23rd July, 2024 after their consecration and enthronement as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbia.

Finance: the main sources of funding are; Church Offering, General Thanksgiving, Tithes, Synod Offering, Harvest, Class Fees As Shown In The Chart.

Church offering	General thanksgiving	Tithes	Synod/other offering	Class fess	Harvest	Sales	Total
26,295	27,930	160,115	18,485	3,000	155,600	1,700	388,425

Projects: By the grace of God, with what the Lord entrusted into our hands, we were able to embark on tilling of the entrance of the Western door, Vestry and anticipated office.

God also used a family to fixed rail at the altar. May God bless the Donor and may the name of the Lord be praise in Jesus name. Amen.

25% Remittance: By God grace we remitted up to date.

Appreciation/ Thanks: We are indeed grateful to God for the grace, strength and resources both human and capital.

Our thanks also go to His Lordship, the Vicar, the entire good people of St. John Otuogidi and as many families in Otuogidi community that welcomed, encouraged, supported and are in partnership with us to win souls in the land of Otuogidi. May God bless you all in Jesus name. Amen.

Challenges; Fuel increase in Nigeria.

Conclusion: Jesus charged Peter, Simon son of Jonas, feed my Lambs, feed my Sheep, Feed my sheep [John 21:15-17].

Take care of God's Lambs and Sheep at any position you are. May God bless you in Jesus name. Amen.

Pst. Omele Samesa Godgift.

REPORT OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH OTUABO

WORKERS AND THEIR STATUS;

Venerable James Edoghotu Koru	Vicar
Mrs. Koru Silver Baimanema	Vicar's wife
Isu, Benjamin	Resident Pastor
Isu, Asela Favour Benjamin	Pastor's wife.
Chief Gbalam Appah	Parish Treasurer.
Mr.Tekena Markson	Church Treasurer.
Mr. James Ronami	Sunday school Teacher.

MEANS OF GRACE: Communion Services were held during the Pastoral visit to the stations. There is regular observance of Prayer Meetings and Night vigils to strengthen the spiritual life of the parishioners; including Morning/Evening Prayers, Fasting and Prayers, Bible Study Classes, Sunday Divine Service, and Sunday School. However, the turn up in the Fasting and Prayer Programs, are not too encouraging.

PASTORAL VISIT: The station was able to host the Vicar on three occasions which was climaxed with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

POPULATION OF MEMBERS; There was an increase of four additional inquirers, which leads to an increase of Twenty-Seven as analyzed below;

Communicants	2
Baptism	15
Inquirers	10
Total	27

QUOTA PAYMENT: By the grace of God, St. John 's Otuabo have paid the sum of Sixty-Five-Thousand-Naira (N 65,000.00) quota only from the month of January through May 2024. Again, due to the stoppage of quota payment, and the introduction of the 25% payment from Sunday proceeds, the Church has been able to pay up to date.

OUR JOY! To the glory of God, the Church has expressed her profound joy with all members, that have rejoiced for what God has done for them especially to the family of one of us, who came out for Churching of a Woman after child birth, and the dedication of the child. Others include, the solemnization of marriage of our son, Missioner ThankGod Obubeleinyo and those whom, by the directive of God, made donations in cash and kind to the Church.

CONCLUSION: We put our trust in God for all the works He has assigned to us through our Lord Jesus Christ, and Saviour and pray for His continued grace to persevere to the end. Amen.

Church offering	Thanksgiving	Tithe	Harvest	Orders	Total
39,185	69,015	80,205	38,756	9,200	236,361

EMAKALAKALA PARISH

INTRODUCTION: We thank God for another Synod. May His name be praised in Jesus Name. Amen. Emakalakala Parish is made up of two stations; St. Bartholomew's Church, Emakalakala as the Parish headquarters and St. Matthew's Church, Akipelai.

PARISH WORKERS: By the grace of God the Parish Executives are;

Vicar	-Rev Can. Rupet Veso Egbunonyo
Station Priest	-Rev Slink Aye. Jonathan.
Parish Treasurer	- Mrs. Mary Osain
Parish Secretary	-Mr. Morris S. Etire
Parish PRO-	- Mr. Azibator Eniaman
Parish Fin. Secretary	- Miss Okoto Faith

Ass Secretary- Mr. Abharaguo Samuel.
As a Parish, we have held the Parish Harvest, ABG & GG Conference and Women Prayer Conference.
Parish Women Prayer Conference: The Parish Women held her 2023 Prayer Conference on Saturday 28th October 2023 with the theme: "Dealing with Territorial Forces" (Deut. 20:4) This took place at St. Matthew's Church, Akipelai.
Youth and Children Programme: A one day joint TJ, GG, ABG, ACM and AYF programme was observed at the parish level with the theme: Tell the Truth (John 8:32) on Friday 3rd November, 2023 at St. Matthew's Church Akipelai.
The Parish Adult Harvest was held at St. Matthew's Akipelai on the 19th of May, 2024.

REPORT OF ST BATHOLOMEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, EMAKALAKALA

The workers in the station are;
Vicar -Rev Can. Rupet Veso Egbunonyo
People's Warden -Mrs. Mary Osain
Pastor's Warden -Mr. Ronami Olala
Secretary. -Mr. Morris Etire

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1. **MORNING PRAYER**: We do observe our Morning Prayer from Monday – Saturday.
2. **FASTING AND PRAYER:** This takes place every Wednesday of the week.
3. **FRIDAY CLASS**: Every Friday we observe our Friday Class in the week.
4. **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School is being observed before the Service
5. **MONTHLY CROSSOVER NIGHT:** It is being observed every last day of the month.
6. **REVIVAL/OTHER ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME**S: Revival/other additional programmes are observed within the year such as, House Fellowship, House to house visitation, Healing and Deliverance Programme etc.
7. **CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP**: By the grace of God the men do observe their Father's Day Annually.
8. **WOMEN MINISTRY**: Women Ministry is very effective at the station, Parish, Archdeaconry and Diocesan levels.
9. **CHILDREN MINISTRY**: The Children hold their Services every Sunday and Wednesday evenings for Bible Studies with their teachers and coordinators.
10. **AYF:** The AYF in the station always observe their fellowship every third week of the month.
11. **BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION**: Baptism and confirmation classes is observed every Friday in the week from 4pm to 6pm.
12. **BOYS: BRIGADES** The boys always observed their practices every Monday and Sunday after service.

QUOTA PAYMENT (25% Payment): By the grace of God the Diocese have agreed on 25% payment of which we are complying.
PROJECT: It has been noted that the fencing of the Vicarage would be embarked upon.
OUR JOY: Two good personalities has properly married. (1) Mr. Olala Ronami (2) Mrs. Esther Igba.
CONCLUSION: Glory be to God for His mercies and grace that has sustained us to this year's Synod. We appreciate our father in the Lord, His Lordship Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Mathew Obaze for the opportunity given to him to serve as the father in the Lord of this great Diocese. We have accepted the privilege and ready to serve under him. We also appreciate all the members of the Church for their encouragement, may the good Lord bless them in Jesus Name. Amen.

Rev Can. Rupert E. Veso
Vicar.

Mr. Morris Etire
Secretary

REPORT OF ST. MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH AKIPELAI

Church Council (SMCC):

(2) Mrs. Dumaro Israel Mark –*People's Warden*
(3) Mr. Jason Omoukori – Pastor's *Warden*
(4) Mr. Azibator Eniaman – Secretary

Children Teachers:

1. Evang. Mrs. Felicia Aye. Slink
2. Miss Faith Okoto

Activities: - The general Church activities such as: Sunday Service, Wednesday Fasting and Prayer, Friday Bible Class and the Morning Prayers from Monday to Saturday are all functioning properly except for the Friday Bible Class which have not been very stable due to poor or sometimes, non-attendance.

Other Activities: - A Four-Day Revival Programme with the Theme: "Lord, I want to Know You" – Philippians 3:10, was held from 3rd to 6th of January 2024. Crossover Vigils, and other Archdeaconry and Diocesan programmes scheduled for stations have been held.

Project: - A Water Project for the Church had been successfully achieved. Also, we have tried our best as a Church to meet up every obligation that comes from Diocese and at the Archdeaconry levels.

Church Numerical Strength: - Approximately, Men 10, Women 25, Youths 12, Children 20. Total = 67 approximately. This is because it fluctuates up and down.

Communicants: - Men 5, Women 9, approximately 14 in total.

Baptism: 12 people which includes, children, youth stars, and youths haven been baptized.

Diocesan Hosting: - We hosted the Diocesan Pad a Girl programme on 27th July, 2024 organized by the Diocesan Women Mission and Outreach Unit. We also hosted the Diocesan AYF Annual General Meeting from 2nd – 4th August, 2024.

The Church is also supporting the Priest financially, as he is in school for further studies.

Christian Men Fellowship (CMF): - The body has not been very functional in their activities except on Father's Day celebrations and other general Church activities. We pray for revival of this body.

Women Ministry: - This body have been doing their best as we called them the pillar of the Church. Though not very effective in their Women Meeting Days but generally, they are doing fine. We pray for more zeal. They also carry out the project of cementing a part of the Church premises.

Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF): - This body though, not holding their fellowship day activities, have been active in the areas of choir and band, cleaning the church premises and other duties assigned to them. We pray for revival and zeal to work for God.

Children Ministry: - This body is doing well as the teachers are trying their best to handle them. They did presentations during Father's Day, Mother's Day, Harvest and other programmes.

Our Joys: - We are grateful to God for blessing the families of Rev. Jonathan Aye. Slink with a cat-walking baby girl, Mr. & Mrs. Jason Omoukori with a baby girl, and blessing of their marriage, Sister Inesiaro with a baby girl after two stillbirths, Friday Agala as police Officer in the making and others.

Sorrows: - We lost one of our mothers; family Omi and one of our sisters; Darlyn Okadi to the cold hands of death. Also, the community Kingship tussle has brought so much hatred, disunity, and enmity into the Church thereby causing divisions among members of the Church.

Conclusion: - We are grateful that God had kept us through thick and thin to serve in his vineyard. We appreciate the Bishop, the Archdeacon and the Vicar. Also, others such as, Mummy Eunice Afeni, HRH Chief Miruobeb D. Akpufu, Chief Jonny Don Iti and others, in the diaspora, who have been supportive when called upon in matters of the Church.

Finance

Church Offering.	#114,195
General thanksgiving	#163,640
Tithe.	#270,650
Offertory	# 17,530
Secret Offering	#174,000

Class fee.	#35,000
Covenant Thanksgiving	#26,050
Rally.	#169,050
Launching	#19,000
Children Harvest.	#106,540
Dio. Edu. Fund	#3,070
Special thanksgiving	#28,690
Miscellaneous collection	#12,730
Total.	**#1,177,075**

Rev. Jonathan Aye. Slink
Station Priest.

Aziator Eniaman
Secretary

OPUME PARISH REPORT

PREAMBLE:
Great is He, the God of ages
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Wisdom, Power is His forever
Lord of honour and of fame

O Ancient of days, we praise You the Lord of eternity,
Now we raise our hearts and voices
O God one in Trinity Amen.
CON Hymnal No. 15 Stanzas 1&6

We really thank God for the privilege of this yearly gathering, and we once more use this medium to congratulate the Lord Bishop on your election and enthronement as the second Bishop of this unique Diocese and the first Synod where you are President.
This report therefore will cover this year under review

COMPOSITION OF PARISH: Opume is a one station Parish at Opume Town in Ogbia L.G.A.
OFFICIALS:

The Vicar and Chairman of PCC -	Rev. Canon Temple T. Ugiri
PCC Secretary-	Chief Justice Douglas Idami-Ogele
Treasurer-	Mary Agbado

WORK FORCE: The Parish has only one paid worker which is the Vicar. There is also a Lay Reader but weak now.
MEANS OF GRACE: Our means of grace are our Daily Services, the Holy Eucharis, Fasting and Prayers and Homilies in all these programmes.
BAPTISM: There were four candidates baptized in the year under review.
WEDDINGS: There was one wedding that was celebrated and two Blessings of Marriages in the year under review.
CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is a sacrament that is only reserved for the Diocesan Bishop, which can be done during his Episcopal visits, for this year under review the bishop has not visited the parish or the Archdeaconry.
DEATH: We recorded three deaths, Dinah Ekpe, Matheur Jonny and Temple Mondebo. Some members also lost their loved ones to death. May their souls rest in peace.
SOURCE OF INCOME: Our source of income remains Church Offerings, Thanksgiving Offerings, Tithes, Class Fees and Free Donations.
FINANCE:

CHURCH OFFERING =	N64,018

THANKSGIVING= N88,090
CLASS FEES = N15,500

CONCLUSION
Once more we thank God and congratulate the Lord Bishop on the success of this year's Diocesan Synod. We believe that the Almighty God will keep us until we return next Synod.
GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

Rev. Can. Temple T. Ugiri
Vicar, St. Peter's Church Opume

IDEMA PARISH REPORT

Preamble. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity. It is like precious oil poured on the head running down on the bearded, running down on Aaron's board down on the collar of his rob.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion, for there the lord bestows his blessing even life forever more Psalm 133.

INTRODUCTION: We give thanks and praise to God almighty for his grace, love, and care throughout this year. May his divine protection see us throughout this challenging time in Jesus name Amen.

PARISH COMPOSITION: Idema Parish is a single station Parish, with three communities worshiping together namely Eboh Community, Aye Community and Obeidema community. The land is blessed, but we pray for a motorable road to enable a faster rate of development.

PARISH OFFICIALS: Rev. Moses Azibaola Parish, Priest/Vicar; Mrs Moses Irene, Vicar's wife; Youngluck Goodleave, Secretary; Mrs Happiness Ebutu, Treasurer; Chief Conceal Ebutu, HRH SM Opuso, Mr. Ebinyo Odu, Mr. Joy Wellington, Mr. Offor Aparala, Pastor's Warden; Golden Youngduck, Cross Bearer, and Godfrey Trust, member,

C.M.F OFFICIALS: Rev Moses Azibaola, Chairman; Mr. Godfrey Trust, Secretary, and Mr. Joy Wellington, Treasurer.

WOMAN MINISTRY.: Mrs Moses Irene, Vicar's wife; Chairperson, Mrs Happiness Ebutu, Secretary, and Mrs Namaro Egbhoi, Treasurer.

A.Y.F. OFFICIALS: Benson Progress, President; Mrs. Eyalatazibe Elabiobio, Vice President; Miss Benson Margrete, Treasurer; Godfirst Offor, Labour Coordinator; and Baranor Lede, Assist Secretary.

CHILDREN MINISTRY: The Children Ministry was functioning very well but since the Youth Copper handling the section finished her Youth Service, nobody is available to take care of the children for now.

MEANS OF GRACE: The Holy Eucharist is administered monthly and on special Church occasions.

WOMEN GUILD: The women hold regular Thursday Meetings by 5pm to study the Bible and to hold meeting on how to generate income, like roll call contributions and W.G. Support.

PRAYER CONFERENCE: The Women Prayer Conference look place on 31st May, 2024, with the theme, 'The Women God Uses', Text; Joshua 2:3-4, and followed up with the main Conference with the

theme, 'To be a good Soldier of Christ'. It was rounded up with fund raising on Sunday to generate income for the women. Other sources of income are W.G. Support, Roll calls, donations and contributions.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: The Mothering Sunday took place on the 4th to 10 March, 2024, with the theme, 'The Honourable Women a Product of the Kings Palace'. Text is psalm 49:9. It was rounded up with a Thanksgiving Service and presentation of gift by the men.
FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION: The Father's Day took place on the 16th June 2024; with a theme, 'Overwhelmed Wisdom'. It was later rounded up with a Thanksgiving Service and presentation of gifts by the women.

A.Y.F ACTIVITIES: There is great improvement in the activity of the Anglican Youth Fellowship. They attend Church Service regularly, clearing the church premises every Saturday morning. We pray for more improvement by the special grace of God

QUOTA PAYMENT; This year's quota payment is poor when compared with previous years. But the women have finished paying all their Diocesan debts. Congratulation to all the parish women, you have made us proud. God bless you all.

25% Diocese quota payment system: The Vicar has appointed a Committee, headed by Mr. Youngdack Goodleave as the Chairman, Mrs Happiness Ebutu and Leda Baranor as members to pay the 25% every Sunday to the diocese.

BAPTIZISM; This year so far, the Vicar has baptized Eighteen candidates, all youths.

CHALLENGES: The main challenges facing the Church is low income, as a result of members not paying their correct tithe monthly. Again, the high cost of transportation to Archdeaconry and Diocesan Meeting and Programmes is another grave challenge.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH

Church offering	Thanksgiving	Tithe	Harvest	Orders	Total
39,185	69,015	80,205	38,756	9,200	236,361

KNIGHT AND LADIES

MEN 3	WOMEN 3
MU	4
W.G	18

LAY READERS 2
OUR SORROW: We commiserate with the families of Chief Samuel Peter Agiakoro, and Mrs. Ineba Osain, who's burial is coming up on the 15th Nov 2024. May the Lord grant the souls of the departed peaceful rest in the bosom of the lord God. Amen.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS FRM JAN TO SEPT 2024

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENDITURES	TOTAL BALANCE
JANUARY 2024	181505	66400	
FEBURARY 2024	15442	137400	
MARCH 2024	77270	68400	
APRIL 2024	73265	62300	
MAY 2024	92950	93000	
JUNE 2024	116330	26330	
JULY 2024	85500	76700	
AUGUST 2024	68505	26900	
TOTAL	**710767**	**557430**	**153337**

CONCLUSION: With deep sense of deep appreciation to his Lordship, the Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, JP, and his Beloved Wife, Mrs. Margaret M. Obaze, we thank God for predestining you to be the Lord Bishop of this great Diocese. May God grant you wisdom and strength to lead this Diocese to a greater height in Jesus name. Amen.

We remain grateful to my supportive Archdeacon and wife, Ven James E. & Mrs s. Koru. May God bless your family abundantly in Jesus name. Amen.

My second appreciation goes all the member of Idema Parish for their cooperation in moving the Parish forward and appreciate you all for the assistance you gave me during the All-Clergy Conference in Lagos. Your kind support is highly appreciated, God bless you all. Amen.

ONUEBUM ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD REPORT.

2024 ONUEBUM ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD REPORT

PREAMBLE;

We give God all the glory, and honor due to Him in Jesus Christ name. Amen. We also bless Him for the honor and grace to serve in this place in the Diocese of Ogbia. Praise God.

This report covers the period under review in an abridged form beginning from the efforts of my predecessor under the Synod years. At this point we appreciate the efforts of the former Archdeacon/Administrator Ven. and Mrs. T.M Obaze (now the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbia) for the tireless ministerial efforts put to grow the Archdeaconry.

The unit covers five parishes which includes the headquarter Onuebum, with Otuopkoti, Anyama, Okiki and Okodi parishes (with 6 clergy) comprising of sixteen stations with six clergy as Parish and station Priest. It is worthy of note that the terrain is largely affected and cover with water and uneasy for travels. However, the Administrator pay pastoral visit to parishes within the Archdeaconry, hold quarterly Board Meetings to plan and take decisions to grow the churches and well pay all statutory responsibilities that rest upon her leadership. In view of this, the Administrator also attend to occasions at stations and parish level as pastoral as need arises.

Sequel upon the need to proper mission work and effective evangelism, responsibilities were assigned to clergy men and members within this Archdeaconry, these includes

1. Rev Can. T. S. John Abara -chaplain to Archd CMF, & Mission and Evangelism
2. Rev Jackson Okiewhrupko- chaplain on Transport and Joint hosting of Events
3. Rev Noble P.Joseph - chaplain to Achd Women Ministry
4. Rev Paul. A. Ibulu - chaplain to Archd AYF, Sunday School/Bible Study/ Media Team
5. Rev Matthew A.Dubia - chaplain to Archd Harvest, Prayer & Spirituality & on Music/Choir
6. Bro Tonny E. Joshua - Acrhd. Sec Media Team
7. Mr. Promise Opkurubia
8. All parish Sec. - members of Archd Transport team
9. Hon Nitabia Thomas I - Archd CBro Iyelisi T. Noah - Deputy music Director /CM
11. Bro Voice Enogha - Archd. Organist

12. Bro Akuta J. Marculey - Organist 2
13. Sis Julia D.Obah - Archd. Chorus singer Coordinator
14. Bro Preye Ogoniba - Sec choir & Music
15. Chief J. J. Agorodi - Archd. chairman Economic Investment.

While the women ministry lies in the hand of the Administrator's wife and chairman of Archd CMF is Mr. Hobson Inamuna and Mr. Ekereke Aruaman as sec.

Archdeaconry Women Ministry; The AWM of Onuebum is very organized with her exco's functioning. They attend to statutory Diocesan women events and also organize both Archdeaconry prayer conference, mothering Sunday week celebration in all stations, celebrating the Anglican woman on the first Oct. At St. John's Onuebum and also raise internal funds to sustain their visions.

Archdeaconry AYF;
They are firing better as the days goes by. They have held their general council meetings, hold vigils programs. Currently planning to celebrate 30th AYF Anniversary of her existence in Onuebum from 29th of November to 1st December 2024 at St. John's Church Onuebum. We use this medium to invite all past youth founders and leaders of the part of the church to attend this all-important event.

Archdeaconry Harvest;
This event is done yearly to raise fund to support the ministry. So far this year, we say a big thank you to our lord Bishop and wife who was our Guest Preacher and all those who were our guest on 12th May 2024. We also appreciate the harvest planners lead by chief Price A.A. Itekesi and Chief J.J Agorodi who served as Chairman and secretary with others as members.

Vision for Mission worker;
In view to raise workers to support the clergy in all the stations within the churches in the Archdeaconry, a vision for missionary retreat was set and organized to train workers and retrain old lay readers of the church to meet up the challenge of the time. Sequel upon this, two lay workers who attend to this event have received proper training, commission by the Diocesan Training institute, and two prospective candidates await further training. Consequently, we have decided to collaborate with the vision of the Diocesan to give a proper fitting to training of church workers at the Diocesan Training Institute.

Hosting;
In the year under review, the Archdeaconry have hosted some major event, they are; Clergy Association Meeting at St. John's Onuebum, Diocesan Ordination in Dec. 2022 and Diocesan Praise Day in Sept 2024 at St. Paul's Otuopkoti churches respectively. Five times, the Diocesan Synod Central Planning Committee meetings at St John's Church, Onuebum, and lastly, Diocesan COK meetings at Otuopkoti and Onuebum.

Appreciation: I want to use this medium to commend the efforts of the Clergy and wives of the Archdeaconry for their unweaving efforts and appreciate your selfless services. A lot of persons may not know and appreciate you for your efforts in a difficult environment such as ours. Also let me thank these workers for your role and service which I noticed as encouragement to us, pastor & Mrs Patrick Egberi, Lay Reader & Mrs G.B. Enogha, Sir & Lady Eli Obaguo, Prof. Apuega R. Arikawei who served as 2024 Synod CPC chairperson cum LOC secretary, Mr. Hobson Inamuna, Bro Lucky Daddy Francise, Bro Tonny Joshua, Bro Jim Consider, all the active youths for your labour during the work / labours for hosting this Synod and the good people of St. Matthias Church Okodi men and women in no particular order.

Clergy / Wife's Quarterly Meeting; The clergy of this Archdeaconry meet quarterly to pray, and discuss issues that borders on pastoral ministry as well as how to organize ourselves for the quarter for the favor of God upon our family and ministry.

Finally, let me appreciate my better half and dearest wife for the advice, encouragement and prayers in our ministry. May the good Lord reward you with blessings and may you live to harvest the fruits your labour in Jesus name. Amen. Let me draw my conclusion by saying thank you to the Diocesan bishop and wife; the Rt. Rev T.M. & Mrs Margaret Obaze for your supportive roles and prayers. All 2024 SYNOD hosting LOC Chairman (Sen. Chief B.S Agadaga MON) members of the LOC thank you for all your services and sacrifices. May God blessings never miss you. Amen.

Rev Can. Aaron Dumaro Mondebo
Onuebum Archdeaconry Administrator

ONUEBUM PARISH REPORT

Preamble
To God be the glory great things He has done, for the church is matching on and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Amen.
This report covers the period under re view of our Synod year as observed above.

Staff Strength; The Rev Can. Aaron D. Mondebo who is the Administrator of the Archdeaconry double as Vicar of the Parish and Station, with Rev Matthew Dubia as assistance Priest (Curate), serving at St. Mark's Ayakoro Church, and Evang. Aaron Kopu as Church Teacher, serving in St. John's Onuebum.
EPISCOPAL VISITS;
The Parish enjoy several Episcopal visits in her worship under review, these includes, Archbishop and Dean, Most Rev Dr. Blessing Enyindah worship for sensitization tour in 2023, Bishop & Wife Archdeaconry formal sent forth as Archdeacon and Vicar of Onuebum as well as visiting as a Guest Minister of the Archdeaconry Harvest in April and May 2024. We are also working towards having and hosting the Bishop on a formal Episcopal visit.
P. C.C. Meeting; As a Parish we were able to have Joint PCC Meeting to discuss general Parish matters and take decisions. However, stations PCC and general meetings are held to take decisions both at the ST. Mark's Ayakoro and St. John's Onuebum.
Parish CMF: The men have chosen their leadership with Elder Ekereke and Mr Augustin Ezeke as Chairman and Secretary, with Mr. Aguo as Treasurer in protem capacity.
CHURCH PROJECTS: A new parsonage building is in progress at St. Mark's Ayakoro as well as Archdeacon Resident building bungalow is at the lintel level at St. John's Onuebum. It is our prayers that these projects come to a habitable position in no distance time. Amen.
CHILDREN HARVEST: Both stations have done their children harvest by the grace of God and the Annual Adult harvest preparations are ongoing in the month of November.
YOUTHS MINISTRY; The youths of this Parish of both St. John's Church and St. Mark's Church are steering new zeal of spring up. The youths of Ayakoro are contesting to grow more. However, with the effort of Capt. Jim Consider, the Boys Brigade of St. John's Onuebum is been revived and is preparing for a second enrollment. We appreciate him for his good works.

BAPTISM; The year under re view, three candidate and two baptisms were observed in Ayakoro and Onuebum respectively.
MEANS OF GRACE: The Parish observed regular fasting every Wednesday and morning prayers every day. The Holy Eucharist is monthly observed and internal revival with night vigils are held to revive the soul as means of grace to strengthened the Church.
Women Ministry; The women of this Parish hold their monthly meetings and fund raising rotationally in the two stations. They hold the parish women prayer conference at St Mark's Ayakoro church and also attend to both Archdeaconry and Diocesan Statutory women program as well. I want to appreciate my wife and other church workers for ensuring active women participation to both the parish and other higher meetings and programs of the women.

Death / Obituary: We regret to morn with the two families of late of AYAKORO and late Elder Morise Osain of Onuebum who will be put to mother earth in no distance time. The vicar who also lost his elder brother Late Mr. Temple Isepkar Mondebo and other families of the church who lost their close relatives. May the Lord console you all. Amen

Statistics of the church members

	No. In Class Register	Communicant		Baptized		Enquiries	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
St John' Onuebum		15	27	21	43		
St. Mark Ayakoro		4	6	14	23	6	5
Clergy / wife	2 & 2						
Church Teacher	1						
Knight/lady	1&1						

ON FINANCE; The Parish is firing fairly well and up to date in the stipend of her workers, and remitting the 25 percent of the diocesan remittance, as well responding to other statutory levies.
It becomes difficult to provide a data-based chat due to the local challenges and up to date records as at this production. We render our unreserved apologies.

Rev Can Aaron D. Mondebo
Parish Priest/Vicar.

OKIKI PARISH SYNOD REPORT 2024

INTRODUCTION: To God be the Glory for great things He has done. "Amen" Okiki Parish is made up of four (4) stations, St. Philip Okiki, St. Andrews Otuekpein, St. Barnabas Epebu/New Jerusalem and Church of Epiphany Otuoguana with its parish head centre at St. Philip's Okiki. But sorry my Lord Bishop and all synodees due to the terean and the times and seasons from my place of government assignment to my pastoral station, the vicar was unable to be regular and carry out pastoral assignments as other years in the same parish but on Sunday worship and visits.

LOST: The Parish lost two (2) of her daughters Madam Joana and Madam Sarah Iruo Adamie all from St. Philip Okiki, also lost is Chief Magnous Dafa and Chief Kode, and Mr. Dennis Apiri all of St. Barnabas Epebu. May their soul rest in peace. Amen.

CONSTRUCTION WORK: The tower of St. Philip Okiki has been reconstructed by a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, may the Lord bless him.

Thanks

OTUOKPOTI PARISH 2024 SYNOD REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Otuokpoti Parish is made up of three stations: St. Paul's Church, Otuokpoti (Parish Headquarters), St. Peter's Church, Otuogori and St. Simon's Church, Otuegwe 1.

Rev. Paul A. Ibulu is the Parish Priest with Pastor Patrick E. Egberi as Church Teacher at St. Peter's Church Otuogori. The lay Parish executives are: Chief J. J. Agorodi (Parish Secretary), Mrs. Kate P. H. Tebeda (Acting Parish Treasurer), and Mr. Peacebe Ikpesu (Financial Secretary).

PARISH MEETINGS/HARVEST; The Parish held various Parish general and emergency meetings to enhance the growth of the Parish. The Parish and the Stations in the Parish have also celebrated their annual harvest thanksgiving service.

REVIVAL PROGRAMME: Different revival programmes have been organized such as:

I. Parish Sunday Evening Song,

Ii. "Equipping the Saints" Prayer Meeting every Wednesday from 7pm – 9pm.

Iii. Later Rain Service on Mondays and Fridays from 5:30am to 6:30am.

Iv. Bible Study on Fridays from 5:30am to 6:30am.

v. Monthly Cross-Over Service and Revivals in all Stations in the Parish from 9pm to 12am.

vi. Adorable Praise Night on 3rd Sunday of every month from 7pm to 9pm.

Vii. CMF Fellowship/Meeting on 4th Sunday of every month immediately after Sunday Service.

YOUTH/CHILDREN MINISTRY: The Parish AYF under the leadership of Bro. Naruarua Igodo is very functional. The youths have attended Parish, Archdeaconry, Diocesan, and National programmes and at same time availably active at their Station level.

The 5th Ogbia Company of the Boys Brigade under the leadership of Captain Lucky Daddy Francis is very much alive. The Company organized her Company Weekend Camp tagged "A Week with the Holy Spirit" with the theme "Christ our Anchor (Hebrew 6:19) on the 31st May – 2nd June 2024 which was attended by some State B.B. officials including Aaron-Kune, Daniel Otonte, Capt (Anto), State Secretary – Organizer and supported by her patrons especially Dame Justina Ekinabhari. They hold regular B.B. practices.

The children unit is active under the able leadership of Mrs. Likeness Nature Okorie as Children Teacher supervised by the Vicar's Wife. They held revival programmes such as Fasting and Prayer, Night Vigils and Sunday Services. They also organized an interesting sporting competition on Saturday, 18th July, 2024 at the Otuokpoti Community Field.

CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP (CMF): This unit is alive but need more pragmatism. Monthly Fellowship/Meeting is held on the last Sunday of every month with Mr. Justus Afuga as the CMF Secretary and Acting Coordinator. Fathers' Day activities were held with a football match between the Charismatic Fathers and the Innovative Ladies to celebrate the 2024 Fathers' Day which ended with a Thanksgiving Service that had Chief Sampson P. Iruo as Guest Preacher and Mr. Daniel Collins Owede (Lesson Reader).

WOMEN MINISTRY; This unit ably led by the wife of the Parish Priest, Mrs. Hope Kowalama Paul Ibulu is very proactive and result-oriented. They regularly hold enrolment classes, regular meetings/fellowships, and embark on farming business. They held Parish Women prayer conference at St. Simon's Church, Otuegwe 1 on the 8th June, 2024, Parish Women Conference with Crusade at St. Peter's Church, Otuogori from the 12th through 13th July, 2024, and unveiling at St. Paul's Church, Otuokpoti on the 14th July 2024.

CHOIR/BAND: This unit is also very committed to the Church's Royal Mandate. The choir is under the leadership of Mr. Macaulay J. Akuta and Sis. Daminikabai Davidson while the band is led by Bro. Godsave Isaiah and Mr. Nature Okorie.

CHURCH MARRIAGE: There were two solemnizations of Holy Matrimony in the year under review at St. Paul's Church, Otuokpoti. They are the family of Pastor Livingstone & Mrs. Weleguo-ayeziba Ibhebh-Ikosam Awumade on the 24th of April, 2024 as well as the family of Mr. Molanini & Mrs. Juliah Giredaguo Ikiogha on the 19th of October, 2024.

SORROWS: Some of our brethren have gone to rest with the Lord: Late Madam Grace Osuma (St. Paul's Otuokpoti), Late Madam Daughter Damini (St. Peter's Otuogori), Late Mr. Dogood Daniel Osuma and Late Mr. Napolean Inetimi (St. Simon's Otuegwe 1).

JOY: New babies, employment, government appointments, birthday celebrations, commissioning of Church Teacher (Pastor & Mrs. Patrick E. Egberi), and other pleasant experiences.

CONCLUSION: Otuokpoti Parish which played host to Diocesan Praise Day Service held on Saturday, 31st August, 2024 with the Bishop and his wife in attendance among other Diocesan officials and brethren across the Diocese has benefited from God's goodness in this Synod year and may His name remain forever praised, Amen.

Rev'd Paul A. Ibulu
Parish Priest

OTUOKPOTI PARISH NUMERICAL STATISTICS

Stations	Inquirers	Baptized	Communicants	Clergy	Church teachers	Knights/Lady	Marriage services Within the year	Baptized within the year	Confirmed within the year	MU/WG enrolled within the year
St. Paul's Church, Otuokpoti	33	51	47	1	-	1 /1	2	-	-	-
St. Peter's Church, Otuogori	12	13	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
St. Simon's Church, Otuegwe 1	11	9	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

OTUOKPOTI PARISH FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Station	Church Offering	General Thanks	Tithe	Offertory	Prov. Edu. Offer.	Self-Denial	Harvest	Vows	Others	Total
St. Paul's Church, Otuokpoti	₦84, 265	₦108, 515	₦565, 965	₦16, 570	₦3, 265	₦7, 250	₦294, 320	-	₦67, 365	₦853, 684.00
St. Peter's Church, Otuogori	₦39, 395	₦40, 760	₦123, 320	₦375	₦1, 200	-	₦155, 600	₦39, 000	₦13, 900	₦413, 550.00
St. Simon's Church, Otuegwe 1	₦15, 030	₦22, 045	₦79, 200	₦590	₦1, 350	-	-	-	₦1, 050	₦119, 265.00

Rev'd Paul A. Ibulu
Parish Priest

OKODI PARISH REPORT

PREAMBLE: We thank God for His unfailing love towards us as a Parish from age to age, he remains the same and truly our anchor holds on the solid rock that never fails. This report covers from the period of January 2023 to December 2023/January 2024 to Tuesday 24th September, 2024.

MEANS OF GRACE: The means of grace for us is the word of God preached, our constants prayers and the anointing received from the Holy spirit through the Holy Eucharist and daily worship in morning prayers are our means of grace.

PROJECT: Our major project is the renovation of the vicarage; we believe that before the Synod we shall complete it through His grace. We want to use this medium to thank the Lord Bishop, through the Onuebum Archdeaconry Administrator, for the kind support to the finishing of this building.

BAPTISM: in the year under review six (6) persons have been baptized and while four (4) persons are confirmation candidate.
MARRIAGES: In the Period under review two (2) marriages were celebrated.
STAFF STRENGTH: we have staff of four (4) the vicar, pastor's warden, people's warden, lay reader.
REVIVAL PROGRAMME: We held revival programme from Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th January, 2024, with the theme: 'Seek Ye Me, And Ye Shall Live' (Amos 5: 4b)
TWENTY FIVE PERCENT: Concerning the new Diocesan Financial Policy of the Twenty Five percent, we are remitting every Sunday.
C**HRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP**: The men in the church are always active, especially, during Sunday Services and weekly activities.
CHILDREN MINISTRY: The ministry is headed by Mrs. Tamaraubrake -emi Joseph and assisted by the following: Dean Ogoniba, Margret Adibo.
CHILDREN DAY CELEBRATION: The Children Day Celebration was held on 27th May, 2024. Various activities were carried out; Bible Quiz, Egg Race, Running and Dancing Competition, Tug of War, Etc.
FATHER'S DAY: The Father's Day celebration was properly observed by the men in the parish.
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: The weekly activities in the Church are regularly carried our as follows: Every day Morning Prayer Session from 5:30am – 6:00am Wednesday: Fasting and Prayer, 6:00am – 12:00pm Friday Bible class,5:30am -6:30am Cross Over Night: every last day of the month.
DONATION: Mr. Samari Epere donated wall clock to the church

WOMEN MINISTRY: Women Prayer Meeting held on Thursday at 7:00pm. **GG/T.J/A.B.G**
CONFERENCE: This was held on the 3rd May, 2024, with the Theme: 'Make A Difference' (2 Cor 6:3-4).
THE PARISH WOMEN PRAYER CONFERENCE: This was held on Friday ,17th May, 2024, with the theme: 'Spiritual Investment' (I Tim 6:17-19)
MOTHERING SUNDAY: The Parish Women also observed the Mother's Day with unveiling and thanksgiving service on Sunday with the Diocesan women general theme.
VISIT/HOSTING OF PROGRAMS: We host our acting Administrator on Sunday, 28th April, 2024; Sunday, 1st September, 2024, and on the 30th of September, 2024, with an Archdeaconry Board /Synod LOC meeting in Oct. 2024.

YOUTH STARS OR YOUNG YOUTH: Youths normally study and pray every Monday by 7:00pm. This group is called the study group.
SORROWS: Our sorrows, we have lost some of our members in 2023 and 2024. Our sorrows in 2023 is Alexander Ibibo, Emmilly Igiagia, Adah Odoko, then our sorrows for 2024, Okoron Inamuna, Dennis Apiri, Mary Beredugo, C.A Owede. We commiserate with these diseased families.
YOUTH: A revival program was observed by the youth titled: 'A night with God'. T The theme was: 'Living for a Purpose' (Eccl 3:17) on 25/9/2024
MEETINGS: We hold our Meetings any time the need arises.

CHOIR: The choirs in this year had performed better and are more committed and regular in practice. This has boosted the quality of worship on Sundays and other mid-week programs.
Numerical Strength: Communicants **35** baptism **46** inquires **25th** .

		Income N	Payment. N	
S/N	Month			Remarks
1	January,	1059,579.00	393,900.00	
2	Febuary	826,982.00	672,506.00	
3	March	525,025.00	473,254.00	
4	April	551,265.00	537,050.00	
5	May	220,227.00	267,500.00	
6	June	570,655.00	508,391.00	
7	July	271,583.00	270,391.00 1192.00 as balance	
	Total =…..			

CONCLUSION;
We put our trust in God, for His enablement to do the work, He assigned to us through Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Rev. Prince Noble Joseph
Parish Priest/Vicar.

ANYAMA PARISH REPORT

PREAMBLE: We thank God Almighty and our hearts are full of joy for His mercies in life and ministry. May His name be glorified even as we need more grace to do His work. Amen.
Anyama Parish Comprises of Five Station.
1. St. James Church, Anyama: The Headquarters of the Parish. This station is trying to make progress by the grace of God.

CHURCH WORKER: The Vicar and a few Church Helpers.
MEAN OF GRACE:
The Church holds her Eucharist Service, Evangelism, Visitation, All-night Vigil and Revival programs throughout the period under review.

PROJECTS; Anyama's vicarage building is at D.P.C level. We are looking for money to chain round the Foundation before raising the building up, but the work is very slow because of dearth of funding, so we need help.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OTUEDU.
Parsonage is near completion. One room is tiled and efforts is being made by the station to complete the whole building.

ST. MICHAEL OLOGI:
This station is strongly making efforts to raise fund for the purchase of land for the Vicarage by the grace of God.

ST. LUKE'S OLOGOGHE: By the special grace of God, Chief Senator Benson Agadaga, is putting up a Storey building as a Parsonage. The building is currently at D.P.C level with more nine inches block. We pray for more grace to him to finish this project within at God's set time in Jesus name. Amen.

NEW CONVENANT OTUEGBOLOM: The Church building is at D.P.C, and to encourage spirited people for donations, the Vicar, Rev. Jackson O. and family donated five bags of cement for the work to re-start the work after the flood. The yearly flood has always been a major challenge to the Church and Community. The members are few just as one family.
OTHER **ACTIVITIES:** Revival program is been done by the Vicar and the youths (AYF) around the Parish with All-night Vigils. The revival / Evangelism and Eucharist Service of every month goes with themes, they are:
Divine Evidence, Deut. 20:20 -24; The Lord is our Shepherd, Psalm 23:1 to end.

25% REMITTANCE: The Church is trying, but so far, the worker had only received his monthly stipend for June 2024 in four months.
CHALLENGES
1. Flood and boat to move round the stations.
2. Finance, and vicarage for worker' resident.

Death; At Anyama two persons (2) at Ologoghe one (1)

CONCLUSION
We wish to once again appreciate God Almighty and the Diocesan, Rt. Rev T.M Obaze.

Rev. Jackson E.I Okievwrukpo
Parish Priest.

EMEYAL ARCHDEACONRY REPORT

INTRODUCTION
The Clergy, Clergy wives and members of Emeyal Archdeaconry are grateful to God Almighty for His enabling grace in the sustenance of our Archdeaconry. In the same vein, we are happy with His Lordship and Mama Ogbia in this maiden outing as President of Diocesan synod of Ogbia, which is a great success. On a very sincere note, we gratify all Synodees and wish that, this year's synod brings great joy and positive achievements to us, all in Jesus' Name. Amen.
We therefore, present as follows;

THE ARCHDEACONRY
Emeyal Archdeaconry is one of the major Administrative Units in the Diocese of Ogbia. It is an

Archdeaconry of four (4) Parishes and Nine (9) stations. See the specifications as follows;

1. St. Luke's Church Emeyal II Parish – Headquarters and single station Parish.
2. Kolo Parish: -
   i. St. Paul's Church Kolo – Headquarters
   ii. St. Andrew's Church Emeyal I
   iii. St. Mark's Church Elebele
3. St. James' Church, Imiringi Parish – single station Parish
4. Yibama Parish
   i. St. Mark's Church, Yibama – Headquarter
   ii. St. John's Church Otuasega
   iii. St. Luke's Church Ibelebiri
   iv. Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Otuegwe II

ORDAINED / COMMISSIONED WORKERS

1. Ven. Dr. H.D Eli – Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry & Parish Priest/Vicar of Emeyal II Parish
2. Mrs. Ipoton Digieneni Eli – Wife of the Archdeacon
3. Rev'd Can. Benjamin Enoya – Parish Priest/Vicar of Kolo Parish
4. Mrs. Bernice Benjamin Enoya – Wife of Kolo Parish Priest/Vicar
5. Rev'd Dallas Abarah – Parish Priest/Vicar of Imiringi Parish
6. Mrs. Aruniboman Praise Dallas Abarah – Wife of Imiringi Parish Priest/Vicar
7. Rev'd Victor Okporigheri – Parish Priest/Vicar of Yibama Parish
8. Mrs. Honest Victor Okporigheri – Wife of Yibama Parish Priest/Vicar
9. Rev'd Roland Atenobu Okporokpo – Priest of St. John's Church Otuasega.
10. Rev'd Dominion Ginikanwo – Curate (Deacon) at St. Mark Church, Elebele.
11. Mrs. Dominion Ginikanwo – Wife of the Curate at St. Mark's Church, Elebele
12. Pst. Churchill Amos – Commissioned Church Teacher at St. Luke's Church, Ibelebiri.
13. Pst. ibu Jackson Ogoli – Commissioned Church Teacher at St. Andrew's Church, Emeyal I
14. Pst. Azibanye Abere – Commissioned Church Teacher at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Otuegwe II
15. Pst. Alfred Apaga – Commissioned Church Teacher at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal II Parish.

OUR JOYS AND SORROWS: In the period under consideration, our Archdeaconry has experienced various forms of joys and sorrows at the various station and Parish levels which have been reported accordingly by the specific levels.

APPRECIATION: Several persons have been of help to our Archdeaconry at the various stations and Parishes. Specifications are stated accordingly at the Parish reports. However, it is important to inform this synod that, High Chief Innocent Igodo Afagha is a great source of blessing by God to our Archdeaconry it is our prayer that the good and merciful Lord keep blessing and sustaining him for us, in Jesus Name. Amen.

CONCLUSION

We gratify God Almighty for His continued magnanimity. AUA

Signed:

Ven. Dr. Horsfall and Mrs. Ipoton D. Eli
Archdeacon & Wife
Emeyal Archdeaconry

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EMEYAL II PARISH EMEYAL ARCHDEACONRY

THE PREAMBLE:

The whole world is one small laboratory where only God Almighty is the able MANAGER, and where humans and their events as well as the features in the world are operational tools. Today is a celebration of new beginning of another epoch in the Diocese of Ogbia.

INTRODUCTION:

With great thanks to God Almighty for all He is doing in our lives as a Diocese, Parish and a people. We also gratify Him for the well-deserved miraculous election, consecration and enthronement of our own, The Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari and Mrs. Margaret Mathew Obazi, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbia. Our spirits and

bowels are quite elated for the grace of God upon your life. It is our prayer that, God gives you the needed prowess for a remarkable Episcopal-Feat. Verily in like manner, we appreciate all Synodees and the entire people of Ogbia. ALUA.

THE EMEYAL II PARISH

The Parish of St. Luke Emeyal II is a one-station Parish. The headquater station/Parish of Emeyal Archdeaconry. It is the seat of the Archdeacon having all the functional units of an Anglican Church its official include; Ven. Dr. & Mrs. I.D Eli – Vicar and wife, (ii)Pst. and Mrs. Alfred Apaga – Church Teacher and wife, (iii) Voluntary helpers in the Church include; Lomagua Joel, Oyedo O.Dickson, Anthony David, Chief Onoriode-Onos. Edio, Mr. Alwell Nyeche, etc

FUNCTIONAL UNITS OF THE PARISH

All the units making up the Parish are quite functional, ranging from the Christian Men Fellowship (CMF) to the Women's Wing (i.e Mothers' Union (MU) / Women's Guild (WG), the Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF), Anglican Children Ministry (ACM), Girls' Guild (GG), Anglican Boys' Guild (ABG) and the choir. The Boys' Brigade (BB) is still dwindling.

Apart from the women ministry which is regularly observing its major functions such as mothering Sunday, prayer conference, annual conference and intermittent meetings, others are sporadic in their activities. However, the children ministry is quite functional at its Sunday services, and 2-times retreat in conjunction with AYF in this year, is quite appreciating.

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL PROGRAMMES OF THE PARISH

We have a number of revival programmes such as;

i. New month entry vigils
ii. Early rain showers of blessing on Mondays – 5:30am-6:30am
iii. Latter rain showers of blessings on Saturday – 5:30am-6:30am
iv. Wednesday Prayer and Fasting – 6:00am – 12:noon
v. Sunday House Fellowship – 4:00pm-5:00pm
vi. Quarterly AYF/ACM/Adult Retreat
vii. Bible study class on Fridays – 4:00pm-6:00pm
viii. Corporate Holy Communion Service on first Sundays of each month.

EPISCOPAL FUNCTIONS/DIOCESAN PROGRAMMES IN THE PARISH

There were a lot of episcopal functions hosted and carried out in our Parish, ranging from the supervising era by our Archbishop, the most Rev'd Dr. Blessing C. Enyinda to the thriving era of our new Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd T.M. Obaze. These include; Confirmation Enrolment to Mothers' Union, and admission to Women's Guild, Commissioning of Church Workers, Deaconate Ordination and Priesthood Ordination, as well as one Episcopal Familiarization Visit, and a major Episcopal Visit on Archdeaconry status. We have equally hosted numerous Diocesan activities even from the women's wing.

See the table below,

TABLE OF SIGNIFICANT DATA

Functions – Numerical Strength	Newly Baptized	Newly Confirmed	Summary of income from Jan. – Sept. 2024
Communicants 34 Baptized 15 Enquirers 13	13	8	

PROJECTS:

The major projects we have include; Kitchen Building, (by the Parish women), and the renovation of the Boys' quarters at the Archdeaconry House (by Papa Golden Efere of blessed memory, Madam Augustina Igwe, Madam Elizabeth Igrubia and Chief Onoriode Edio i.e Onos).

APPRECIATION

As a Parish, we must not fail to gratify the following persons for their material and financial magnanimity;

i. Hon. Chief. Collins Igrubai – Donation of a sizeable MP3 (mobile speaker) for crusades and other revival programmes.
ii. Hon. Jephtah Robert – Assistance to the kitchen building at the Vicarage.
iii. Hon. Chief Robert Enogha Ayalla – for his friendship with the Parish.
iv. Prof. & Dr. Mrs. Donbebe Wankasi – for friendship with the Parish.
v. etc

OUR JOYS

i. We have witnessed and experienced a number of marriages and child births.
ii. The coming in of Pst. Alfred and Mrs. Jennifer Apapa into our Church, as well as posting him to us, is a source of great joy and strength to the Parish.

OUR SORROWS:

Our joys apart, we have in this year had some sorrow. We have lost to the cold hands of death, Madam Flora Esaliba, Madam Elizabeth Solomon Egirani and Papa Golden Efere.

CONCLUSION

Once again, we thank the Almighty God for all things, and as well appreciate the Lord Bishop and Mama Bishop for the enablement. Alua

Ven. Dr. & Mrs. H.D Eli
Vicar and Wife

ST. JAMES IMIRINGI PARISH REPORT

Praise to God almighty for his love, mercy and grace that has seen us through another synod year. We thank the Bishop and wife, the Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze and Mrs. Margaret Obaze for the constant prayer, care and love for us and the entire church. We also appreciate the Archdeacon and wife, the Ven. Dr. H.D. Eli and Mrs. Ipotom Eli for their support and prayers, may God almighty bless you all in Jesus name amen.

Means of grace: God almighty the preserver and sustainer of our lives has been our means through prayers and fasting, preaching and teaching of the word of God and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist all the way.

Programmes:

- In 2023 the Vicar and family carried out house to house fellowship.
- Monthly three days revival alongside with the cross-over vigil to the new month.
- End of year thanksgiving and get together feast.
- New year revival programme 2024
- Mid-year revival programme June 2024.

Projects:

The Church molded some blocks and bought six packet of roofing sheet in preparation of the fencing of the Church premises and renovation of the old Church Vicarage building. The Church also bought a 32inches plasma television for the Children Ministry.

Donation/Support:

Our unreserved appreciation goes to the following persons; Chief Innocent Igodo Afagha who donated Three Hundred Thousand Naira (N300,000) only as 2024 quota support. Also, Sir Engr. Dr. Olaowei Patrick Indiamaowei donated Three Hundred Thousand naira (N300,000) to the Women Ministry and Two Hundred Thousand naira (N200,000) to the Church respectively. Sir Engr. Dr. Olaowei also sponsored the Vicar to the All-Anglican Clergy Conference in Lagos. Mrs. Elizabeth Afagha donated a double twenty step ladder to the Church and Mrs. Elsie Dick paid the Registration Fee of the Vicar to the All-Anglican Clergy

Conference. We thanked them for their support/donation and choosing to partner with the Church in Imiringi. We also thank the entire Church members for the cooperation and support.

Quota:

So far, the Church has been able to clear up our quota of Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N750,000) only in 2023, and before the advent of the 25% of every Sunday proceeds, the Church was able to pay the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Naira (N400,000) only in 2024.

Episcopal visit:

During the Episcopal visit to Emeyal Archdeaconry on the 14th and 15th September, 2024, nine (9) persons were confirmed and Five (5) Women were enrolled into Women Guild to the glory of God.

Baptism:

In the period under review, eight (8) persons were baptized into the Church.

Hosting:

The Parish played host to the following programmes;

- 2023 Diocesan AYF Harvest
- 2023 Diocesan Harvest of 3rd December
- Clergy and wives and other church workers one day retreat on the 19th of January 2024.
- Diocesan Board Meeting of 20th January 2024
- 2024 Joint Rededication Service 21st January 2024
- Emeyal Archdeaconry Women Prayer Conference 2023.

Source of fund:

The Parish raise fund through Church Offering, Thanksgiving, Tithes and individual levies, Family Thanksgiving and Harvest Thanksgiving.

Father's Day:

The Father's Day was observed by the men. As part of the father's celebration the men embarked on a concrete wardrobe project in the Church Vestry.

Youth ministry:

This Unit featured in the Church Choir and Band, regular Church clearing and appear during Diocesan Youth Programmes.

Women ministry:

In the period under review, the women carried out the following programmes;

Parish Women Conference from 5th – 7th July 2024 with the **THEME: "I Deborah arose Another in Israel"**. **Judges 5:7** and the following persons were honoured; Mrs. E.Y. Piri and Mr. Ekong Obua and the Conference was a success to the glory of God. In 2023 also, the Parish Women retreated themselves on the 19th of January with the theme: **Women Where Art Thou (Gen. 3:9).**

Mothering Sunday:

The mothering Sunday was well celebrated by the women.

Women Kitchen project:

The women embarked and has been able to complete the roofing work. Currently this project is on plastering and equipping stage.

Our joy:

We thank God with the following persons High Chief Olord Michael Bassuo for restoration of health; L/R Mrs. Ratein Ogoniba Agbura for Marriage Blessing; Mrs. Pere Peter Afagha for the gift of a baby boy; Mrs. Faith Joseph for the gift of a baby girl; and the wife of Mr. Abayabaya Levi Eteli for the gift of a baby boy and their Marriage Blessing.

Our sorrow:

The entire Church Sympathize with all those who lost their love ones by death, especially Mrs. Aruniboman

Praise Abarah for the death of her father; Chief I.I. Afagha for the death of his two nephews; Mrs. E.Y. Piri for the death of her cosine; Mr. Abayabaya Levi Eteli for the death of his father; Mrs. Ogoniba Ratein for the death of her father; Madam Patience for the death of her sister, and Mrs. Azibaye Isoba for the death of her son.

CONCLUSION: Our gratitude to God almighty for keeping the members of the church strong and healthy both home and abroad. We also thank God for the privilege to serve and the opportunity given to us by the Lord Bishop and wife, the Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze and Mrs. Margaret Obaze, we hope, believe and trust in God for greater harvesting of souls in Jesus name amen.

Rev. Dalla Abarah
Vicar

KOLO PARISH REPORT JANUARY, 2024 - OCT. 1st2024.

Kolo Parish is comprised of St. Paul's Church, Kolo (Headquarters), St Mark's Church, Elebel, and St. Andrew's Church, Emeyal

WORKERS:

1. The Rev'd Canon Enoya Benjamin Tamaraye – Vicar
2. The Rev'd. Ginikanwa O. Dominion – Curate (3) The Church Teacher, Ibu Ogoli Jackson – St. Andrew Emeyal 1

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT — The Vicar visits the Stations under him regularly and conduct Holy Eucharist. Services.

CONFIRMATION AND ADMISSION: Confirmed candidates–Male:4, Female:5. Admission to Women Guilds: 4 and Mothers Union–1.

Regular Statutory Monthly PCC Meeting on Rotational basis.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: The youths held 1-Day Retreat on the 1st of October, 2024 at St. Andrew's Church, Emeyal 1, with the Theme: 'Stand Firm and Take Action' (1 Cor.15:58-), which featured, Bible study, Theme talk and the role of the Youths in Church Growth and Skill Acquisition. **APPOINTMENTS:** The following persons were appointed as follows: The Rev'd Dominion O. Ginikanwa as Chaplain to A.C.M and Women Ministry, while the Church Teacher, 1bu Ogoli Jackson, as Chaplain to C.M.F and Youth Ministry.

SOURCES OF INCOME.1. Roll Call Levy 2. Harvest

PARISH C.M.F: Formative stage.

Women Ministry > The Women were able to carry out their functions as demand arises but not too proactive in most of the outside programs.

St Paul's Church, Kolo Activities: 1. Rededication. 2.Prayer and Fasting on Wednesdays. 3.Sunday School. 4. Disciples Bible Class on Fridays. 5. Women Fellowship on Tuesday:

Weak C.M.F > Executive names: Chief Banigo Matthias –President; Mr. Etire Felix. Brz. Joseph> Treasurer; Liberty Solomon, Secretary.

Quarterly praise and Thanks Giving Worship is carried out every first week of the month. Divine Connection Service in the evening while 1st of every month. Is A.Y.F: Week.

FINANCIAL CHART. JANUARY —SEPTEMBER

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSE	BALANCE
January	93,625	70,940	22,685
February	119,425	73,070	46,355
March	104,305	53,500	50,805
April	297,160	238,550	58,610
May	131,370	77,200	54,170
June	188,865	107,460	81,405
July	164,550	71,315	93,235
August	169,045	49,575	119,470
September	237,860	131,285	106,575

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, EMEYAL 1

The Church is going through a turbulent period since the demise of the paramount Ruler, Chief Jephthah Wolisi, due to the fractions. It is affecting the Church growth negatively and not because Workers are not making efforts.
Nevertheless, Sunday Service is going on with few attendances, who are more of strangers.
The Church needs prayerful Support for God visitation upon the land.

ST. MARK'S ELEBELE SYNOD REPORT

INTRODUCTION: We give thanks to God for His goodness and mercy towards us in seeing another synod year. May His name be glorified in Jesus name, amen.
We reported to St. Mark's Elebele on 8th of September, 2024, below are the activities of the Church.
CHURCH ACTIVITIES/ ARMS OF THE CHURCH: These are the various activities of the Church and every one of them is carried along with the full participation and cooperation of the members of the Church:
Youth Fellowship: The youths usually meet every Monday for fellowship from 5pm-6pm.
Women Prayer Meeting: The women meet every Tuesdays from 5pm-6pm
CMF: The Christian Men Fellowship just did election and new officer elected to pioneer the affairs of CMF. The men agreed to be meeting every Thursdays fortnightly for their fellowship.
The names of the official are:
1. Elder Jonah Peters ---- Chairman
2. Bro Ekima Joseph------Vice Chairman
3. Bro Christian Lionel ----Secretary
4. Bro Igbigi Ariwadum---Treasurer
5. Bro Iroro Ohwoharhohwo--- PRO
6. Evang. Innocent Udorji----Prayer and Bible Study Coordinator

Fasting and Prayer: Every Wednesdays the Church gathers from 9am-12noon
Friday Bible Class: Friday's Bible Study effectively holds every Friday from 5pm-6:30pm
Choir Practice: Choir rehearsals take place every Thursdays and Saturdays from 5-6pm each of the days. Bro Christian Lionel is the Choir Master
Sunday School: There are three classes namely; Mrs Alexandra Ginikanwa teaches the youth class; Mrs Mary Igbigi teaches the Language class while Sir Joshua Kenigbolo teaches the English class and doubles as the Coordinator of Sunday School.
Cross Overnight: Every last day of the month is usually observed to cross into the new month.
ACM: The Children usually have their separate service every Sunday. They celebrated the Children's Day on May 27th where the children officiated at the various levels in the service. Sis Peace Wali is the Coordinator of the, Children Ministry, while Mrs Iroro Eloho and Sister Victory Igbokwe are Children Ministry Teachers.
PROJECT: The Church Building Project has been on hold for a while but by God's grace there are plans for work to commence in no distant time.
EPISCOPAL VISIT: The Emeyal Archdeaconry was privileged to host His Lordship on Episcopal visit between 14th to 15th September, 2024. St. Mark's Church, Elebele was privileged to have Four women inducted into Women's Guild and six members confirmed. His Lordship also visited the Church in the course of the Episcopal Visit and the members were highly encouraged and we indeed count it a rare privilege.
FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month	Income	Expenditure
January	#94,140.	#88,250
February	#52,135	#33,740
March	#99,665	#101,250
April	#99,815	#51,750
May	#64,240	#119,500

June	#192,860	#146,950
July	#60,160	#77,985
August	#46,770	#110,590
September	#87,050	#124,175

OUR JOY: We rejoice with our former leader and his family, Pastor Ibu Jackson, who was commissioned a Church Teacher. We pray for God's grace for him to fulfill his ministry. We also rejoice with our newly posted Pastor and family, Rev. Ginikanwa Dominion, on his recent Ordination.
CONCLUSION: We give God all the glory for His faithfulness and the grace to serve. We appreciate his Lordship, Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, and our amiable mummy, Mrs Margaret Obaze, for giving us the privilege to serve. It is our prayers that the Lord Almighty shall continually strengthen and enable you to take the Diocese of Ogbia to higher heights in Jesus name. Amen!

Rev. Ginikanwa. O. Dominion
St. Mark's Church, Elebele

SYNOD 2024 YIBA-AMA PARISH REPORT

INTRODUCTION:
O give thanks unto the lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among his people (Psalm 105:1). Yiba-ama Parish, under the leadership of Rev'd. Victor. A. E. & Mrs. Honest A. Okporigheri (Vicar and wife) is made of four stations they are; St. Mark's Church, Yiba-ama which is the headquarters of the Parish, with Rev'd. Victor. A. E. Okporigheri as Vicar/Parish Priest; St. John's Church, Otuasega, with Rev'd Ronald Okporokpo as the Station Priest; St. Luke's Church, Ibelebiri with Pst. Churchill Amos as Church Teacher, and Holy Trinity Church, Otuegwe II, with Pst. Richard Azibanye Abere as the Church Teacher.
STATUTORY MEETING:
In this synod year, five Parish Meetings and one Workers Meeting held as follows:

1. February 25th 2024
   St. John's Church, Otuasega
2. 2nd June 2024 at Parish Workers Meeting
3. 23rd June 2024 at St. Mark's Church, Yiba-ama
4. 21st July 2024 an Emergency Meeting Yiba -Ama
5. 22nd September 2024 at St. Luke's Church, Ibelebiri
6. 13th October 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, Otuegwe II

The Parish officials are Rev'd. Victor.PA. E. Okporigheri (Vicar/Parish Priest)
Pst. Richard Azibanye Abere (Secretary) and Mr. Donald Godknows (Treasurer)
CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP (CMF):
This unit is not proactive. However, the Fathers' Day Sunday thanksgiving Service was well celebrated in every stations. The officials are; Rev'd. Victor.A. E. Okporigheri (Vicar/Parish Priest); Mr. Clever Ogidi, Chairman; Mr. Jonah Ebidu Secretary, and Bro. Malachi Akio, Treasurer.
WOMEN MINISTRY:
The Women Ministry, through the leadership of Mrs. Honest A. Okporigheri, attend all the Statutory Meetings in the Archdeaconry and Diocese, and other spiritual programs were held alongside with a Skill Acquisition Programme. May the Lord bless their efforts in Jesus name. Amen.
ANGLICAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:
We thank God for the youths of this Parish for their efforts in supporting their various stations, we pray for more strength and grace.
HARVEST:
The Parish Harvest Annual Thanksgiving Service was celebrated at St. Mark's Church, Yiba-ama, on 21st July, 2024, with theme: It Is More Blessed To Give Than To Receive (Acts 20:35)
The Harvest Committee Members are:

1. Rev'd victor .A.E Okporigheri

2. Mr. Jackson Ebiwene
3. Pst. Friday Onu
4. Mr. Donald Godknows

To God be the glory, the harvest had enabled us to register our Synod delegates and also to launch the Bishop Charge, far ahead of time..

PARISH PRAYER CONVOCATION:

The Parish organize a one Day Prayer Convocation with the theme, 'Watch unto Prayer'(1st Peter 4:7), on the 2nd of August, 2024, at Otuegwe II, in order to strengthen our spiritual lives. The attendance was encouraging to God be glory.

MISSION WORK SUPPORT:

The Parish carried out two days labour work at Holy Trinity Church, Otuegwe II, to carry their sand from the water side to the Church which enable them to mold some blocks and cast the Church Altar. We appreciate those who participated, especially the Vicar and Pst. Friday Onu who was with us.

CONCLUSION:

To God be the glory in preserving our lives and seen us through as Parish. We thank the Bishop for the privilege to serve in this Parish and the Archdeacon of Emeyal Archdeaconry whom we serve under.

We also appreciate all THE Clergy and pastors and their wives both present and those that were recently relocated out and our brother's clergy whom served in other places who are sons of Yiba-ama, we appreciate you too. Finally, we appreciate all members of this parish for your efforts thanks and may God continue to bless you all in Jesus name, Amen.

Signed:

Rev'd. Victor. A. E. Okporigheri

(Vicar/Parish Priest)

REPORT OF ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH YIBA-AMA

PREMABLE: We give thanks and praise unto the Lord for the marvelous works He has done among us, amidst of different challenges of life. May His name be glorified forever, Amen.

MEANS OF GRACE: Regular teachings of the word of God through Morning Prayer, Fasting and Prayer, All Night, Revival Programme, Evangelism, Sunday School and the Holy Eucharist.

MORNING PRAYER: The Morning Prayer is held by 5:00 am and it has been encouraging.

FASTING AND PRAYER: The Fasting and Prayer is regular though the people go to Agbala before coming.

REVIVAL PROGRAMME: Our revival programmes are held at the end of the month and sometimes at the beginning of the month which has been the major strength of the Church, both spiritual and physical. Of course, there are testimonies.

ALL NIGHT VIGILS: Our Crossover Night Vigils take place on the last day of the month and the attendance is encouraging

FRIDAY BIBLE CLASS: The Attendance is not too encouraging but our services are rendered.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School attendance is well encouraging. The Teachers, the Vicars & wife, Mr. Jackson Ebiwene and Mr. Clever Ogidi.

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE: Our Sunday Services are well attended, both in the Matins and Holy Eucharist Services. we thank God for what His doing and also appreciate those who conduct the Services, read lessons, preached and all the worshipers.

ACM: The ACM is trying and the attendance is encouraging. We pray for more grace and strength.

WOMEN MINISTRY: The Women Ministry, led by our Vicar's wife. Mrs. Honest Avwerosuo Okporigheri, had be wonderful in all areas, especially in the participation of Diocesan and Archdeaconry Statutory Programs. The Ministry also held a well organize Skill Acquisitions programme. They further embarked on a project work at the Vicarage by tilling the parlor

ANGLICAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: The Youths under the leadership of Bro. Ebisobo Ogidi and Sis. Uboure Ugiri, are demonstrating commitment by coming out for programmes and other activities of the Church. We pray for them to put more efforts and may God continue to bless and guide them in Jesus name. amen. .

CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP

The Station's CMF holds her Meetings when the need arises, also visit those that are sick or weak. The

Father's Day was well celebrated and gifts were given to the Women and Children.
The officials are; Rev Victor. A.E Okporigheri, Vicar; Mr. Wilson Iyede, Chairman; Mr. Jackson Ebiwene, Treasurer, and Bro. Ebisobo Ogidi, Secretary.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH:

BAPTISM: One person

CHURCHING OF WOMEN: This year we carried out Churching Of Women for Yibasuoyi Jackson.

CONFIRMATION AND ENROLLMENT: On Sunday, 15th September, 2024, His Lordship, Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP) confirmed two members of our own and nine persons were enrolled into the Women Guild. They are:

1. Chief. Patterson Ewasi Amida
2. Mrs. Racheal Dubia as confirmed
1. Mrs. Racheal Dubia
2. Mrs. Silver Ayebadeinyefa
3. Mrs. Blessing Loveday
4. Mrs. Yibaebebineni Churchill
5. Mrs. Awudumapu Yebaepirima
6. Patricia Aggo
7. Rosemary Otete
8. Doris Efanga
9. Yibasuoayi Jackson

PROJECTS: To the glory of God, we were able to produce Twenty (20) pews & four (4) desks. We also fenced a part of the compound; we are looking forward to completing the work before the end of this year. Furthermore, we built a Water Stand and connected water to the Vicarage, while we did tills work in the parlor and fixed one big iron door in the Vicarage. We also produced a model wood lantern, bought wireless microphones and iron protector stand for the musical instruments and finally painted inside the Church.

DONATION: We appreciate all members both within and outside who donated and cooperated with us, we also thank the Vicar & wife.

Name of those who donated cash and materials are:

1. Rev'd & Mrs. Victor A. E. Okporigheri; four bags of cement
2. Mr. Clevert Ogidi: one bag of cement
3. Mr. Clifford Ugiri: one bag of cement
4. Mr. Churchill Efanga: one bag of cement
5. Madam Irene Dikibo.
6. Mrs. Awudumapu Yibapirima
7. Mrs. Salome Clever Ogidi. One lectern
8. Hannah Ogidi Iron protector stand for Musical instrument
9. Ogidi Edith Sydney produced six pews and two desks

Finally, we thank others who contributed collectively towards the pews. We, also, thank the PCC and the General Church who has agreed to donate this materials in supporting the Mission Work at Holy Trinity Church, Otuegwe II, five choir robes, one Aluminum Zinc to cover leakages inside the Church, old pews were also donated.

INVESTMENT: The Church leased out the Church Land and partnership with the community some part of the land owned by the church along Ibelebiri road by Dr. Samuel Ogbuku Road Yiba-ama. This investment has helped us annually may the name of the lord be praised.

OUR SORROW: As a church we sympathize with these three families who lost their loved ones they are Late Chief Justice Igbomgbo, Late Mr. Dressman Amakiri and late Chief Odogu Azama.

Hence for smooth mission work within the church and the community, the church did condolence visit for five families who lost their parents from 2016 to 2020 and paid them the condolence fee at the sum of N20, 000 each. They are:

1. Adey Esepsi
2. Waite Azama
3. Gunn Olodi
4. Adokiye Osua
5. Fredrick Ogidi

OUR JOY: We celebrate with two of our mothers Ayibasieya Jackson who delivered successfully, also celebrated her churching of women and Mrs. Awudumapu Ayibapirima who did her traditional marriage to God be the glory.

Church offering	Weekly thanksgiving	Tithe	Crusade	Donations	Fasting and Prayer	Class fee	Others
N63,375	N185,805	N294,600	N23,105	N168,800	N4,880	N3,510	N111,220

Signed:
Rev'd. Victor .A. E. Okporigheri
(Vicar/Parish Priest)

ST JOHN'S CHURCH OTUASEGA, YIBA-AMA PARISH

With great joy in my heart onto God for the life he has granted on to me for his wonderful works in the lives of his children to be among the living and to witness another synod holding at St Matthias Church, Okodi in 2024 under the leadership of our Bishop, Rt Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP), and Mrs. Margret Obaze, for finding me worthy to serve at St John Church Otuasega. May the good Lord grant him the wisdom to use in leading the people under him Amen.

My thanks also go to the people of St John's Church Otuasega for the love they have and agree to work together as one body may the good Lord bless and grant us long life in Jesus name. The great God will not pass them in his blessing. The God that gives life will strengthen them so as to bring growth in other to move the ministry of God forward.

Work Strength: The church has a working strength follows:

1. Rev. Roland A. Okporokpo Vicar
2. Mrs. Favour Jackson T.R
3. Mr. Yariwamara Avor Sec.
4. Mr. Adu Oni-Okpoki
5. Mr. Harvest Oboro
6. Mr. Nemetem Ebah
7. Mr. Duke Umukoro
8. Mrs. Stella Jackson
9. Mrs. Theresa Duke Umukoro
10. Mrs. Janet Ebah
11. Mrs. Lovener Onu
12. Mrs. Mary Moses
13. Mrs. Nelly Graham
14. Mr. Charles Azibator
15. Charles Izibagilikeme
16. Charles Peace
17. Charles Dienezibanara

On Spiritual growth: The church carried on the activities of the work from Monday to Saturday. We observe Wednesday fasting and prayers and on Friday class only the turn up is not encouraging from Monday to Saturday the church embark on morning prayers. On Sunday the church first holds Sunday school from 8:30am to 9:45am and services begin from 10am. But during the Sunday school everybody take part.

The Youth also take part in reading lessons during church service my prayer that the great I am that I am will be our helper throughout our life on this race of the pilgrimage to heaven.

During the Bishop visit to the Archdeaconry of Emeyal the church also has four members confirm two men and two women.

Project: The church is embarking on a Vicarage building as well as other building for rentage so as to

raise money for the church. On the Vicarage, the house is already roofed and some rooms has been prepared and doors were fixed work is going from this period of this report and the store for the rentage is up to lintel level. The work has gone so far believing that this year it will finish by the grace of God. “On this note the synod can gratefully grant the St John's Church Otuasega a parish of his own if you are willing”.

Challenges: The church face a lot of financial problem for lack of man power. The church loses some of the key person that always help the church in time of need. May the gentle soul of them rest in peace Amen.

Statistics:

Communicans	Baptized	Enquirers
16	25	20

FINANCE

Church Offering	Thanksgiving	Tithe	Class fees	Harvest	Rally	Sunday school
35,985	96,900	161,810	12,240	151,530	39,400	29,720

Conclusions:

I am so grateful to God Almighty for the life he has for me and the good people of St John Church Otuasega for the kind help rendered on to me during the All-Clergy Conference at Lagos for it has taken a long time I have gone to program outside the good Lord that we worship grant us love and understanding each other to move on the ministry of Christ Jesus Amen. Let the creator who owns all our lives help us to remain on the faith till we all meet in his kingdom in heaven Amen.

Alua Alua Alua long live Ogbia Diocese long live St John Church Otuasega God bless you all.

Rev. Roland A. Okporokpo.

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, OTUEGWE 2

PREAMBLE: We are thankful to God who the grace to honor him with our services as fishers of men in the episcopal sea of Ogbia Diocese. A thoughtful reflection on our activities within the period in retrospect, will give us a simple record of some achievement, although not much.

MEANS OF GRACE: These include the normal Sunday services, Wednesday Fasting and Prayer, Animal Adult Harvest, Children Harvest.

ATTENDANCE: The Sunday usually have about twenty-five people, seven adults four out of the seven are women. The children population add up the number to twenty-five.

Attendance to fasting is within three and five people on Wednesday but does increase during holy days.

STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT: The alter has been flood with cement (German floor)

Secondly, we made some renovation to part of the roof that was turned down

Thirdly we molded some block to continue with the building project

Finance: Total income N215, 580

Total expenditure: N194, 635

Balance. N20, 945

PROMINENT CHALLENGES: The smallness of our population and the community population as well. The face look of the church has been a big discouraging to people especially the new comers. The road leading to the church need to be to be worked upon. It is our prayers that God the father should give to us more laborers in his vineyard.

Signed:

Pst. Richard Azibanye Abere

OTAKEME DEANERY REPORT

1. **PREAMBLE.** We are eternally grateful to God, the Almighty, who created us for His glory; who has blessed us and continually protected and sustained us in spite of our shortcoming throughout the period under review.

2. **ADMINISTRATION:** The Deanery is made up of three Parishes, comprising of six Churches, namely; St Mark's Church, Otakeme Parish(headquarters), Otuabagi Parish (made up of St. John Church, Otuabi, All-Saints, Akoloman and St. Stephen's Church, Otuabagi (the headquarters), and the Amorokeni Parish that is made up of St. Paul's Church and St. Matthew's Church, with the latter serving as the Headquarters.
The day-to-day administration of the Deanery is carried out by the Deanery Board comprising of the following officials:

i.	The Ven. M. E. Abrakasa:	Administrator
ii.	Barr. Mrs Enemiete B. Abrakasa:	Deanery Women Ministry.
iii.	Rev. Bara-Hart	Vicar, Amorokeni Parish
iv.	Rev. Benjamin A. Ibemere	Vicar, Otuabagi Parish/Deanery Clerical Secretary)
v.	Pastor Friday Onu	
vi.	Mrs. Favour Onu	
vii.	Sir BOF Amangoli	Lay Secretary
viii.	Mrs. Juliet Amangi	Treasurer
ix.	Sir Damini A. Allison-Oguru	
x.	Sir Chief P.D Dauta -Afebo	
xi.	Evang. Chief Daniel Amangi	
xii.	Mr. Johnson Erefagha	
xiii.	etc.	

3. **DEANERY ACTIVITIES:**
a. **THE WOMEN MINISTRY**: The following programmes were carried out by the Deanery Women within the period under review.

i. **Women Prayer Conference:** The Deanery Women Prayer Conference with the theme; "**The Power to Called the Sons of God**" John 1:12-13 took place on Friday, 2nd February, 2024, at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Otakeme.

ii. **Mothering Sunday**: The Mothering Sunday was celebrated at the Parish level.

iii. **Joint ABG and GG Conference:** This Conference, which was well attended by only children from Otakeme and Otuabagi Parishes, was held from Friday 19th to Saturday 20th of July 2024, at St. Marks Anglican Church, Otakeme, with the Theme: "Dare to be a Damsel"- Daniel 1:8

iv. **Women General Conference:** This Conference with the Theme: "If only my people will humble themselves"- 2 Chron. 7:14- held on Thursday, 15th August, 2024, at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Otakeme. It was poorly attended and again only women of Otuabagi and Otakeme Parishes were in attendance.

b. **CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP (CMF);** The body will hopefully be inaugurated and become functional, by the grace of God, from the 25th of October, 2024 when Executive Council Elections are held as scheduled.

c. **AYF:** This body exist at the Deanery level. It is headed by Bro. James Dokubo. They participate in all Diocesan AYF programs and activities but the commitment is very week at the Deanery level. However, the fellowship visited Amorokeni Church this year and encouraged the few Youths there to stay alive in their faith.

d. **DEANERY HARVEST:** The 2024 Deanery Harvest was carried out successfully to the glory of God. However, the proceeds that were paid to the Deanery account had become inaccessible because of certain issues with the account.

e. **HOSTINGS:** The Deanery hosted many Diocesan events as reflected in the Reports of the Parishes

f. **DONOTIONS:** Hon. Jephthah Yekorogha donated the sum of One Hundred and Four Thousand Naira to enable the Deanery receive the Lord Bishop during his Familiarization Tour of the Deanery.

4. **OUR SORROWS:** The Deanery lost the mother of our own, Rev Canon Newton Badowuman, late Mrs. Mercy Olu Newton and Chief C. B. Ipagamo, who will be buried in November, 2024.

5. **Challenges:** Lack of finance is the major bane, and of course, the poor attendance to Deanery Board Meetings, especially given the state of the economy.
6. **CONCLUSION:** We give God all the glory for great things He has done in our lives and for the Deanery.

Ven. Michael Ekimiebi Abrakasa
Vicar.

ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, OTAKEME

1. PREAMBLE:

We give honour and glory to the Almighty God who watched and kept us safe to experience this wonderful Synod year again. May His name be praised and worshipped by all the earth in Jesus name. Amen.

This Report covers the period of December 2023 to September, 2024. The subject areas covered by the Report include; ((1) Administration (2) Mission and Evangelism (3) Prayer and Spirituality (4) Projects (5) Reports from internal Units (6) Finance and the 25% financial Policy Performance (7) Statistics of Church Membership (8) Sacramental Blessings and Death (9) Problem, Challenges/ Recommendation (10) Prospect for Next Year and (11) Conclusion.

2. ADMINISTRATION

The St. Mark's Anglican Church, Otakeme, has a staff strength of 2 paid workers namely: Ven Michael Ekimiebi Abrakasa (Administrator/Vicar) and Pastor Friday Onu, who are fully supported by their spouses (Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Abrakasa and Mrs. Favour Onu). Other workers include; 2 Lay Readers, the Wardens and Sexton.

However, the highest Decision-Making body in the Parish is the PCC that meets quarterly to oversee the affairs of the Parish, and is comprised of the following persons:

I. Ven. Michael E. Abrakasa
II. Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa
III. Pastor Friday Onu
IV. Mrs Favour Onu
V. Mr. Idowu D. Okhawere
VI. Mr. Isekpar Edoni
VII. Sir Damini a Allison-Oguru
VIII. Sir. BOF Amangoli
IX. Mr. Jacob Edoni
X. Lady Vidah Amangoli
XI. Mummy Joanna Yerite
XII. Bro Abaietein Dokubo
XIII. Mr. Ernest Odunsi
XIV. Mr. James Dokubo

3. Mission And Evangelism

a. Mission and Evangelism is a very significant part of our ministry but not much has been done in the area, except for morning calls administered through the community public address system. However, the use of this facility has also been stopped because the communal crisis between the Youths and the Council of Chiefs. Nevertheless, the Women of the Parish have bought a mobile public address system to enable the Church to do Morning Calls.

We are also conducting Disciples' Classes such as Confirmation and Baptismal/Foundational Classes. The Friday Bible Class and Sunday School Bible Study sessions are a regular and a great aspect of the Church as it is pitched towards developing, nourishing and consolidating the spiritual lives of the members within the confines of the Church. Also, every last Sunday of the month, we hold Ogbia language service to re-evangelize the people in the Church.

4. PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY;

a. The Prayer Band meets every Thursday of the week.
b. Engage in the mandatory Wednesday Fasting and Prayer Meeting always.
c. Engage in 'Workers Prayer Meeting" in the evening of every Wednesday.
d. Engage in the New Year Fasting and Prayer Programme in all Churches in the Diocese to earnestly pray for Personal Projects, the Church, Ogbia Kingdom, the State and the Nation.
e. We Celebrate Holy Communion every First Sunday of the Month

f. Every arm of the Church is encouraged to take a particular day within the week for its peculiar actively.
g. Every last Sunday of the month is language Sunday service.
h. Every third Sunday of the month is youths Sunday.
i. Regularly observe the mid-month Healing and Deliverance revival meetings and the Monthly Cross-Over Night program.
j. We also attended all Diocesan scheduled Meetings and Prayer Conferences at all levels.
k. The Church carried out a one-month straight fasting and Prayers for the election of a new bishop.

5. PROJECTS;

a. The Church in engaged in the building of a Children Hall and had developed same up to the four coaches' level**.**

6. REPORTS FROM UNITS;

a. CHRISTIAN MEN FELLOWSHIP (CMF)

Over the years, we have had a Fellowship comprising of few men but the fellowship is not very effective except during the celebration of the Fathers' Day program, and in supporting the women financially during the Mothers' Day's Week. It is, however, noteworthy to say that there are some few individuals in the Church that are so invaluable that they bring so much great value to the Church. There is, therefore, a great hope of revival in the Church. This renewed hope is hinged on the fact that we have just elected a new set of Executive Council members, ably led by the indefatigable Sir. Damini A. Allison-Oguru, and also because of the seriousness attached to the revival of the rather comatose body in the Diocesan.

b. WOMEN MINISTRY: The Women Ministry is up and doing under the capable leadership of Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa, the Vicars wie. Their noticeable presences in Church Weekly Activities, especially Friday Bible Class and Morning Prayers is exceptional**.**

ACTIVITIES: The following few activities were undertaken by the Parish Women within the period under review**.**

i. MOTHERING SUNDAY: The Mothering Sunday which was tagged with the theme, "The Honourable Woman: A product of the King's Palace" (Ps. 45:9), was well celebrated by the Parish women, and was also well attended.

ii. WOMAN PRAYER CONFERENCE: The Parish Women Prayer Conference took place on 3rd June, 2024, with the theme, "We Are Well Able" Num. 13:25-33. It was well attended.

iii. JOINT ABG AND GG CONFERENCE: This Conference was held on the 4th of November, 2023, with the theme, "Who the Cap Fits" (1 Sam. 16:4-13 and Esther 2:7-17). It was also well attended.

iv. SWEEPING GROUPS: We have four (4) sweeping groups in the Parish, though with very few active members. Those few committed members have worked assiduously to keep the Lord's sanctuary clean at all relevant times.

v. Weekly Meetings; They hold their Weekly Meeting/Prayer Meeting every Saturday by 5pm which features Discipleship Class, Fasting and Prayer and Visitation/ Evangelism.

vi. Participated fully during the Bishop's Feeding by the Deanery;

vii. Ensure that the Welfare of the Workers in the Parish is enhanced

viii. Participation in Diocesan Women Programmes; The women fully participated in all the Diocesan Women Programmes in the period under review, including Diocesan Women Conference at the Cathedral.

ix. Commenced the Precious Jewels)/Spinsters Fellowship but the fellowship is right now in limbo because of the migration of those who were committed.

c. Anglican Children Ministry (ACM): The Children Ministry is doing well under the competent leadership of Sis. Rachael Opulu. We have also commenced the building of the Children Hall. The Children meet every Saturday of the week.

d. AYF: The Otakeme Parish Anglican Youth Fellowship is led by the President, Bro. Abaietein Dokubo. However, even though they sometimes meet every Tuesday, maintain the compound environment and organize the musical aspect of the Church Ministry, the manifest commitment to God's work greatly fluctuates from time to time. The monthly Youth Sunday Service is observed by the Youth Units of the Church such as the Choir, the Boys Brigade, and the children.

Finance and lack of commitment is the major bane of the youth's body. The Vicar carried out some motivational seminars with the youths even though the response from the youth was not encouraging.

d. SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL: We have competent and very dedicated teachers handling this session.

e. CHOIR and the band: The Choir meets every Mondays and is led by the Diocesan Choir Master, Mr. Melford Edoni

✓ **Choir Robes**: We have 4 sets of Choir Robes, (Red, Green, Violet and Cream Colours

7. 25% Diocesan Financial Policy Performance

We are up to date in the remittance of the 25% of income accruing to us. We have also been able to pay almost all the mandatory financial obligations levied us by the Diocese.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS AS AT 30-09-2024

CHURCH OFFERING	GEN. THANKSGIVING	CLASS FEES	DONATION	TITHE	OTHER COLLECTIONS	FAMILY THANKSGIVING	Children Harvest
#102, 400	#156,000	#122, 765	#750, 000	#932, 260	#440, 935	#204, 490	#146, 620

8. OTHERS SUNDRY ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH

a. Hosting by the Church: The Church hosted the following Diocesan/Deanery programs during the period under review:

i. Deanery Harvest in April 2024
ii. Deanery Women Prayer Conference
iii. Independence Day on 1st October, 2024
iv. Diocesan Board Meeting on 15 November, 2023
v. Otakeme Community Annual Thanksgiving Service on 7th Jan. 2024
vi. Archbishop Visit on 30th of July 2023
vii. Familiarization Vibist by the Lord Bishop on May 25, 2024,
viii. May 3-5 2024 Diocesan Women Prayer Conference and
ix. Diocesan Board Meeting on 18th May 2024.

DONATIONS:

- Hon. Jephthah Yekorogha donated N500,000 for the upgrade of the musical instruments and N100, 000 for the Women during the Mothering Day Thanksgiving.
- Hon. Enoya Robert Ayalla donated N100,000 and 50 Pieces of Wrappers to the women during the Mothering Day Thanksgiving.
- Dr. Levi Eteli donated Fifty Thousand Naira to the Women during the Mothering Day Thanksgiving
- Mr. Ezekiel A. Jonah Eteli and Mr. Jacob Edoni donated Wall Cloaks.
- The Former Lord Bishop gave the Church a Silver Chalise Cup and a Paten.
- Mummy Joana-fixed all the broken protectors and widow panels in the Church and Vicarage;
- Sir Allison A. Allison Oguru donated some sets of electrical cable wires for repair work in the vicarage after a major light outage.
- Rev Benjamin supplied a complete set of green Frontals
- The Women Donated a mobile public Address system
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***National Programme*/Refresher-Conference Attended;**

i. Church of Nigeria All Clergy Conference at Lagos

Church of Nigeria International Leadership Conference at Port Harcourt

OBITUARIES: We Lost the following elders: Late Elder Eluaza Albert Amangoli; Late Elder Levi A. E Jonah-Eteli; Madan Ayebainatimi Jeremiah Asao, and Late elder Tonye Omiloli. Chief CB Ipagamo will be buried in November 2024.

HARVESTS: The Children and Adult Harvest for 2023, and Children Harvest for 2024 were successfully celebrated. The 2024 Adult Harvest is to hold on the 27th of October, 2024. The Harvest Committee is headed by Sir BOF Amangoli as Chairman while Miss Happiness serves as the Secretary

2. Sacramental Blessings: Ten Adults and two Infants were baptized in the period under review,

while one Blessing of Marriage Service took place between Sis. Minera Amakiri Faith and Bro. Justice Jonah Eteli

9. STATISTICS OF CHURCH MEMBERS

NUMERICAL STATISTICS BASED ON THE CLASS REGISTER

MALES	FEMALES	BAPTIZED	ENQUIRIES	T0TAL
20	31	13	12	76

This figures uncontrollably flatulates in real time.

1. PROBLEM AND CHALLENGES

-FINANCE IS A MAJOR CHALLENGE: The unrelenting economic woes has deeply affected the ability of adherents to give to the Church.

-COMMUNAL DISUNITY: The apparent and ubiquitous Chieftaincy Dispute in the land of Otakeme, and the recent conflict between the Chieftaincy's Council and the Community Youths is one problem too much with significant negative influence on the fortunes of the Church. the church is silently and cautiously divided and kept some members away from the Church.

- GOOD MUSICAL INSTRUMENT: Our Musical Instruments are not very okay. We have invested some funds but we are not there yet.

- FLUATUATING ATTENDANCE EVERY SUNDAY: The attendance on Sunday Services do fluctuates every Sunday because of diverse reasons**.**

-URBAN DRIFT: This mostly affects the Youths more than any other grade levels**.**

2. APRECIATION:

We want to acknowledge and publicly appreciate all of you for your superlative help and for partnering with us and the Church to forge ahead. We lack adequate words to say thank you but we pray that God should continuously bless you and your loving families in Jesus name. Amen. Want to specifically singled out the Lord Bishop and wife, Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew & Mrs Margaret Obaze for their show of love and trust and pray that God should grant them eternal wisdom and grace to succeed in all areas of their endeavors. We also specially wish to particularly thank the following person in no peculiar other for their enduring sacrifices for the Parish:

i. Barr. Mrs Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa
ii. Pastor & Mrs Friday Onu
iii. Hon. & Mrs Jephthah Yekorogha
iv. Mr. & Mrs Ambrose Mac-Eteli
v. Mrs Patience K.C. Dangana
vi. Dr. & Mrs. T. K Ozu
vii. Sir Chief & Lady Henry Eteli
viii. Sir & Mrs. Prof. Allen Agih
ix. Sir. Dr. & Lady A.D. Ikobho
x. Dame Felicia Edoni
xi. Mr. Ezekiel Jonah Eteli
xii. Sir and lady Damini A. Allision Oguru
xiii. Sir and lady BOF Amangoli
xiv. Mr. Jacob Edoni
xv. Mrs Priscila Ipagamo
xvi. Mr. Ernest Odunsi
xvii. Mr. and Mrs Idowu Dinabo Okhawere
xviii. Chief Dr. & Mrs David Inemugha
xix. Chief Godwill Asuo (Odogu X11)
xx. Chief Dr. & Mrs. Sunday Omekwe
xxi. Mr. Goodness Asuo
xxii. Mummy Joana Yerite
xxiii. Mr. Isekpar Edoni
xxiv. Bro. James Dokubo
xxv. Bro. Abaietein Dokubo
xxvi. Sister Rachel Opulu
xxvii. Mr. Melford Edoni

3. CONCLUSION

We earnestly thank the Almighty God for His love and sustenance and finally wish the Diocese and the entire Synod a peaceful deliberation and a successful Synod**.**

Ven. Michael Ekimiebi Abrakasa
Vicar

OTUABAGI PARISH REPORT

PREAMBLE: We give God the glory and adoration for His uncommon grace upon His Church. The Parish consist of three stations namely, St. Stephen's Church Otuabagi (Headquarter), St. John's Church Otuabi and All Saints Church Akoloman.
STAFF STRENGTH: The Parish is administered by the vicar, Rev'd Benjamin Ayebanoa Ibemere, with the assistance of Evang. Daniel Sodaguo and L/R (Mrs) Juliet N. Amangi and Madam Claudius Ariwadum.
MEANS OF GRACE: Life transforming sermons and the Holy Eucharist.
CHILDREN MINISTRY: This ministry is been nurtured gradually, and very soon we will get it right.
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: With the support of his Lordship in the Diocesan level, the parish is awakening.
WOMEN MINISTRY: The Parish women participated in all Diocesan and Deanery programmes commencing with the Joint Diocesan Rededication service. Mothering Sunday Celebration was carried out at station levels and it was successful.
ANGLICAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (AYF): This unit is yet to function as expected although, youth Sundays are observed since my assumption of duty.
PASTORAL VISIT: The vicar since his resumption has not been able to visit the other 2 stations but he is on ground at the parish headquarter.
HOSTING: The Parish played host to Diocesan/Deanery programmes.
OUR JOY: We rejoice with all the saints in Otuabagi parish for God's great blessings on us.
OUR SORROWS: We commensurate with the families who have lost their loved ones especially the Late Madam Gloria Oyokolo's family and it is our prayer that the Almighty God will grant you the fortitude to bear the irreparable lost in Jesus name. Amen.
CHALLENGES: We lack resident church workers in the other 2 stations.
CONCLUSION: We give God the glory and adoration for His infinite wisdom and mercy upon the Parish. We appreciate the Diocesan and wife, the vicar, Evang. Sodaguo Daniel Amangi and wife, Mrs. Felicia Amans and the good people of Otuabagi Parish for keeping faith alive and piloting the affairs of the Parish. May God be praised forever. Amen.

Rev'd Benjamin Ayebanoa Ibemere
Vicar

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, OTUABAGI

1) PREVIEW
The letter of Apostle Paul in Titus 1:1-3
"Paul, a servant of God and an Apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— 2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, 3 and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior," this is the mandate the Lord has placed on us as we labor in this parish.

2) NUMERICAL STRENGTH

1. Confirm men:	5
2. Confirm women:	14
3. Baptized members:	22
4. Inquirers:	10
Total	**51**

3) WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
By the grace of God in Stephen's Church Otuabagi, the weekly activities are as follows:

1. **Monday (morning prayer) - 5:30am**
2. **Tuesday (morning prayer) - 5:30am**
3. **Wednesday (Mid week fasting/prayer) - 10am- 12noon**

* Healing and Deliverance as in the Bishop's engagement.

4. Thursday (morning prayer)- 5:30am

* The women meet twice in a month

5. Friday (morning prayer) -5:30am

* Friday class - 5pm
* Every Friday vigil from 12 mid night to 3:00am

6. Cross-over services are observed as it is in the Bishop's engagement.

7. Saturday (Morning Prayer) - 5:30am

* The Evangelical team goes on morning call

8. Sunday – 8:30am (Forum Hour)

* Sunday service with Sunday school by 9:00am
* Immediately after service prayer band meets
* Intercessors meets by 9:00pm to 11:00pm

4) COMMITMENT OF MEMBERS

The members of St. Stephen's Church Otuabagi have shown great commitment and zeal to the expansion of God's kingdom in the land. The Lord has placed in our hearts a fire burning to know Him better. The current practice in the church is likening to that of the apostolic era where the burden of one is the burden of all. Kindly permit me to state that:

1. The turn out of members to morning prayers is outstanding.
2. Members are always looking forth to the healing and deliverance session and fasting/prayer days.
3. Friday class has been exceptional. Currently, we have been working on a bible study series titled *Intentional Discipleship".
4. Evangelism:

* Every Saturday few members go on morning calls
* Every day we do reach-out to people.
* We consistently visit the aged members and even those who are not members of the church.

5) CHALLENGES

1. Women Meeting:

The women are committed but are still struggling with their meeting days.

2. Youth:

This unit is yet to function as expected although, youth Sundays are observed since my assumption of duty

6) FINANCIAL REPORT

Summary of Account from December, 2023 to September, 2024.

	No. In Class Register	Communicant		Baptized		Enquiries	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
St John' Onuebum		15	27	21	43		
St. Mark Ayakoro		4	6	14	23	6	5
Clergy / wife	2 & 2						
Church Teacher	1						
Knight/lady	1&1						

CONCLUSION

Since we were posted to this blessed land, the Lord has been faithful in keeping to His promises. We sincerely appreciate this great God who alone is worthy of our praise.

Yours in His Service,

Rev'd B. A. Ibemere

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OTUABI

PREAMBLE: To God be the glory in whom we live, move and have our being in Jesus Mighty Amen.
STAFF STRENGTH: No Diocesan worker still. The Station is administered by the vicar and assisted by Madam Ariwadum Cladius.
MEANS OF GRACE: The teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.
VISITATION: No visitation yet
MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this station consists, mainly, of three families namely: the Newton's family, Ariwadum Claudius's Family and Yilaziba Harold's family.
FINANCE: The main sources of finance in this station are tithe, offerings, thanksgivings and donations.
CONCLUSION: We are most grateful to the Almighty God for His guidance and provisions as well as sustaining the Diocesan and wife, vicar and all the families in this station.

Madam Ariwadum Claudius
Voluntary Helper

2024 SYNOD REPORT, AMOROKENI PARISH

PREAMBLE: Father, let me dedicate this whole year to thee, in whatever worldly state, thy will have me be. Not for sorrow, pain or care, freedom dare I claim, this alone shall be my prayer, “Glorify thy Name”.

INTRODUCTION: On the 7th of April, 2024, I was transferred to Amorokeni Parish as Vicar/Parish Priest to oversee Amorokeni and Otuegila. I thanked the Lord Bishop and wife, the Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, Jp, and Mrs. Margret Obaze for this unthinkable mission work. May God bless your Episcopacy.

WORKERS:

1.	Rev. Barahart CT Tebeda	-	Vicar/Parish Priest
2.	Madam Minah P. James	-	Treasurer, Amorokeni Parish
3.	Bro. Jonah David Afebo	-	Church Helper, Amorokeni Parish
4.	Mr. Erefagha Johnson	-	Church helper, Otuegila Parish
5.	Mrs. Gladys Odoko	-	Treasurer, Otuegila Parish

SPIRITUALITY: These consist of the preceding activities: Morning Prayers, Fasting and Prayer, Sunday Divine Service/Sunday School Class Meetings. However, in both Stations, only just few persons are actually in attendance. We hope to improve next year by His grace.

Below are the numerical strength of the Stations:

Communicants (Amorokeni)	–	13 people
Communicants (Otuegila)	–	3 people
Baptismal (Amorokeni)	–	8 people
Baptismal (Otuegila)	–	4 people
Enquirers (Amorokeni)	–	3 people
Enquirers (Otuegila)	–	2 people

FINANCE: Both Stations have not improved to meet the needs of the Deanery/Diocesan/Parish

HOSTING: The Parish has hosted three Deanery Board Meetings at Otuegila.

VISIT: The Lord Bishop worshiped in Otuegila as a place of choice on the 7th of June, 2024.

DONATIONS: At St. Paul's Otuegila, Hon. Numo Ogbari donated mobile speakers to the Church.

SUPPORT: Mrs. Naomi Joel Ahoada has been supporting the Parish , especially concerning the Women Ministry Parish. She paid the levies for the Wome in the just concluded Women Conference held at the Cathedral Church of. St. Paul, Ogbia Town, and the Prayer Conference held at Otakeme Deanery. We appreciate and pray for her investiture come November 2024 at the Diocese of Niger Delta West.

CHALLENGES: The Parish suffers from the followings:

a. No good transportation at Amorokeni
b. One good vicarage at Amorokeni,
c. No place for Vicar to rest and carry out Pastoral functions at Otuegila.
d. Difficulties in payment of Vicar's monthly stipends

25%: Concerning the new financial policy on salary and remittal to Central office, we are up to date.

CONCLUSION: We thank God Almighty for His grace to enable us experience for another Synod year and also thank the Lord Bishop and wife, and the good people of the parish for their cooperation. To God be the glory. Alua

REV. BARAHART C.T. TEBEDA
Vicar/Parish Priest Amorokeni Parish

OTUOKE DEANERY

OTUOKE DEANERY REPORT

Deanery Information

We extend our deepest gratitude to God for His unwavering love, comfort, and provision, which have sustained the Deanery spiritually and physically. This report provides a concise overview of the key events and achievements within the Deanery and Parish from 2023 to 2024.

Acknowledgements:

We warmly congratulate our newly elected, consecrated, and enthroned Bishop and his wife on their appointment as our Diocesan. Their leadership promises a bright future for our community. We also commend our retired Bishop, the Rt. Rev. James Aye and his wife, Mrs. Ayebaeni Felicia Oruwori, for their selfless contributions to the Diocese's growth since its inception. Furthermore, we appreciate the guidance of our supervising Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Blessing Eyinda, Bishop of Ikwerre, Archbishop of Niger Delta Province, and Dean of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), who navigated the transition seamlessly.

Appreciation: We sincerely thank the clergy and laity for their collective efforts to drive growth and development and achieve targeted objectives within the fiscal year under review. We are more grateful to His Excellency Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan (GCON, GCFR), Her Excellency Dame Patience Jonathan, Sir Prof. Allen A. Agih and Mother Eunice Afeni Jonathan for their unwavering support of the Deanery.

Otuoke Deanery Church Workers

Below are the clergy and Church workers of the Deanery from January 2021:

S/NO	NAME	LOCATION/OFFICE
1.	Ven. Justice G. M. and Mrs Diepreye Ikiogha	Administrator Otuoke
2.	Rev. Canon Joseph and Mrs Bainanam Igoniwari	Vicar, Otuabula Parish Priest
3.	Rev. Azibaodunsi N. and Mrs Edna Inetimi	Vicar, Ewoi Parish Priest
4.	Pastor Felix and Mrs Gladis Agori	Church Teacher St. Bartholomew's Otuaba
5.	Pastor Netebhar Ogiasa	Church Teacher St. Stephen's Otuoke
6.	Pastor Monday and Mrs Janet Ojo	Church Teacher St. Stephen's Otuoke

OTHER DEANERY OFFICIALS

1. L/R Monady Ojo - Secretary
2. Madam Pretty Mac-Moses - Treasurer
3. Evang. (Mrs.) Emmanuela Onuoha - Member
4. Evang. (Mrs.) Charity Apiri - Member
5. L/R (Chief) Keloni - Member

Deanery Harvest Committee: The principal executives constituted in 2023 to stir the harvest include Mr Godwill Ezeke as chairman, Mr Azibabo S. Jonathan as secretary, Mr Etozataziba Bright, and Mr Nayam Itade. The results of their services have been gratifying.

Deanery Christian Men Fellowship: The principal executives were just reconstituted. They include Mr Ariweniobebh Victor Ogiasa as the Chairman, Mr Sopana Joel Thomas as Secretary and Mr Nayam Itade.

Deanery Women Report: See details in the table below.

PROGRAMME	DATE	THEME	VENUE
Prayer Conference	4th March, 2023	Pursue Overtake and recover all (1 Sam. 30:30)	St. James' Church, Otuabula II
	8th June, 2024	Oh Lord, Remember me (Gen. 30:22)	St. Bartholomew's Otuaba
Conference	20th May, 2023	Determination: The Key to fulfilling Divine purpose (Ruth 1:16-18)	St. Stephen's Church Otuoke.
	24th August, 2024	Forgiveness matters (Matt. 6: 14 – 15)	St. Stephen's Church, Ewoi.
Harvest	23rd July, 2023	Sowing Bountifully (2 Cor. 9:6 – 7)	St. Stephen's Church, Ewoi
Celebrating the Anglican women	1st October, 2024	When the Righteous Cry (Ps. 34:17)	When the Righteous Cry (Ps. 34:17)

Our Sorrows: We express our deep condolences to the family of His Excellency Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan (GCON, GCFR) over the transition to the eternal rest of Madam Obebhatein Jonathan (your elder sister), which has left an enormous vacuum to the family and church. May God grant you all the grace to bear the irreparable loss. Amen.

Our Joys We sincerely join all those who had one reason or another to celebrate childbirth (the vicar's wife, Mrs Diepreye J. Ikiogha, Mrs Favour Jonathan and Harmony C. Ide), promotions (Hon. Arionin Digha Vice Chairperson Ogbia LGA, Hon Dr. Promise Ekio etc), achievements, etc. May the good Lord grant you all the grace to do exploits for Him in his vineyard in Jesus' name. Amen.

OTUOKE PARISH
NUMERICAL STRENGTH ANALYSIS

S/N	STATIONS	Clergy	Church Teachers	Inquirers	Lay Readers	Evangelist	Clerks	Number of Regular worshippers	Communicants	Newly Baptised	Newly Confirmed	New Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony	Student Graduation Sentforth
1.	ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OTUOKE	1	2	21	1	2	1	360	170	7	10	6	46

Note: the communicants were confirmed **by** the Most Rev. Dr Blessing Eyinda, Bishop of Ikwerre, Archbishop of Niger Delta Province, and Dean of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) on 13 August 2023

Mission Week:

Otuoke Parish conducted a successful Mission Week in the third quarter of the year, with the Theme: **HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER (ROM. 10:14).** A series of spiritual and community-focused activities characterised the event. The aim was to spread the Gospel, demonstrate God's love, and cater to the community's physical and emotional needs.

Activities:

Market Evangelism at Otuoke Market: A team of dedicated members shared the Good News with traders and shoppers and engaged in meaningful conversations. This outreach effort blessed the traders and the buyers.

Outdoor Evangelism at Otuaba: The team conducted open-air preaching, singing, and testimonies, attracting a sizable crowd in the community.

Outreach to the Sick and Elderly: Parishioners visited the sick and elderly, presenting them with victuals. This act of kindness blessed 20 families.

Church Projects:

We are pleased to report on the progress of three significant projects undertaken by our church, demonstrating our commitment to community development, sustainability, and spiritual growth.

Project 1: Palm Fruits Planting: We embarked on a palm fruit planting project in line with our environmental and economic empowerment goals.

Key highlights include:

- 100 palm seedlings donated by Sir Azibanario E. Jonathan
- Youths mobilised themselves for the planting exercise, showcasing their dedication and teamwork
- Potential long-term benefits: economic empowerment, food security, and environmental sustainability

Project 2: Solar Energy: To enhance our worship experience and reduce energy costs, we invested in solar power installation

- Partnered with Sun King to procure 1400w power for the church auditorium through mortgage buying
- Dedicated on 13 August 2023 by the Most Rev. Dr Blessing Eyinda
- Benefits: reduced energy expenses, reliable power supply, and minimised carbon footprint

Project 3: School Building Project: In collaboration with the school, we are constructing a new six-classroom building to enhance educational facilities:

- Current stage: Decking
- Youths excavated the foundation, demonstrating their commitment

- Well-meaning members donated refreshments, while women served with dedication
- Foundation stone laying ceremony held on 13 August 2023, officiated by the Most Rev. Dr Blessing Eyinda

Challenges and Lessons Learned:
Coordination and logistics ‖ Funding constraints ‖ Importance of collaboration and community engagement.

Two Storey Building Project: Through the mercies of the Lord, the lingering conflict on the two storey building project for hostel has been solved. Owing to this intervention the Parochial Church Committee has charged the building committee to take up the finishing touches to aid the use of the building.

We express gratitude to Sir Azibanario E. Jonathan for his generous donation, our youths for their tireless efforts, Well-meaning members for their support and the Most Rev. Dr Blessing Eyinda for his guidance and dedication.

These projects demonstrate our church's commitment to community development, sustainability, and spiritual growth. We look forward to continued progress and blessings.

General Maintenance:

Church Auditorium Maintenance: We express profound gratitude to His Excellency Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan for sponsoring the maintenance of our church auditorium and His Royal Highness for providing three wall fans.

Vehicle Repair and 100KVA Generator Maintenance: Her Excellency Dame Dr Patience Jonathan generously sponsored the repair of our church vehicle and the maintenance of the 100KVA generator.

These maintenance efforts have significantly enhanced our church facilities' aesthetic appeal, functionality, and efficiency. We appreciate Jonathan's continued support and commitment to our church's growth.

St. Stephen's Schools Report:

We are pleased to present this report, highlighting significant milestones and achievements in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Governing Council Inauguration:

On March 23, 2024, the following distinguished individuals were inaugurated as members of the Governing Council: Prof. Allen A. Agih (Chairman), Ven. Justice G. M. Ikiogha (Executive Secretary), Hon. Tobias James, HRH Miruobebh Dogood Akpufu, Hon. Dr. Promise E. Ekio, Hon. Chief Robert A. Enogha and Dr. Asiam Blessing Ikuru

Inter-House Sports:

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, our school hosted its maiden inter-house sports competition at the Community Secondary School field. Four houses participated, fostering teamwork and healthy competition. We extend heartfelt gratitude to Rt. Rev. & Mrs. James Aye Oruwori (JP), pioneer Bishop and wife of the Diocese of Ogbia, for donating two trophies (silver and gold) to encourage excellence.

Government Approval:

After persistent efforts since 2021, our school received full approval from the Ministry of Education in December 2023. This milestone qualified the school to enrol pupils for the First School Leaving Certificate Examination independently.

First School Leaving Certificate Examination: Our pioneer pupils successfully sat for the joint entrance examination on June 19, 2024. We praise God for their confidence and testimony that the exam was manageable. We pray for outstanding results in Jesus' name, Amen.

Junior Secondary School Commencement:

We are delighted to announce the commencement of Junior Secondary School (JSS 1), marking another significant milestone in our school's growth.

The 2023-2024 academic year has been remarkable, with notable achievements and progress. We thank God for His guidance and blessings. We appreciate the support of Her Excellency Dame Patience Jonathan, Mrs Ayima Lot Jonathan and other stakeholders, including parents, teachers, and well-wishers.

Christian Men Fellowship (CMF) Progress Report 2023-2024

The Christian Men Fellowship at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Otuoke, has played a pivotal role in fostering growth, well-being, and unity among church members.

Key Achievements

1. Women's Day Celebration: CMF honoured 70 women with uniforms (WG Stone White), acknowledging their contributions to the church.
2. Father's Day Celebration: A week-long program, including visits to the elderly with gifts and the Bishop, drama, and prayers, culminated in a buffet. This boosted men's participation in monthly dues payments.
3. Monthly Meetings: CMF adopted a first-Sunday monthly meeting schedule to discuss church matters, strategic planning, and project reviews.
4. Solar Panel Project: Four solar panels (two in 2024) were procured to provide reliable power for St. Stephen's Group of Schools. The process is ongoing.

The C. M. F. provides vital support to the ongoing initiatives for church missions and evangelism activities.

Prospective Projective Plan: Collaborating with the Parochial Church Committee on the school solar project and Palm Fruit Plantation (completion expected in 2025)

Conclusion: Since its inauguration in June 2021, the CMF executives have significantly contributed to the church's development. We look forward to continued growth and project completion in 2025.

2023-2024 Annual Report: St. Stephen's Otuoke Women's Ministry

We thank Almighty God for His faithfulness and guidance throughout the year. This report highlights the activities and achievements of the St. Stephen's Otuoke Women's Ministry.

Meetings and Structure

In 2023, the women's ministry adopted a monthly meeting schedule every Thursday featuring:

Bible study (first week) ‖ Prayer meeting (second week) ‖ MU/WG Rules (third week) ‖ General Meeting (fourth week)

Sweeping Groups

In January 2023, the Vicar's wife, Mrs Diepreye Ikiogha, established six sweeping groups:

Sarah ‖ Ruth ‖ Mary ‖ Mary Magdalene ‖ Dorcas/Tabitha ‖ Lois

These groups contributed significantly to the ministry's projects.

Prayer Conferences

The women's ministry organised two successful prayer conferences:

- 2023: "Work while it is Day" (John 9:4) at St. Bartholomew's Church, Otuaba
- 2024: "Trust in the Lord" (Prov. 3:5) at St. Stephen's Church, Otuoke

Mothering Sunday Celebrations

The women participated in the week-long activities, culminating in a thanksgiving and launching ceremony.

Projects:

- Donated six water drums to St. Stephen's Nursery and Primary School
- Managed a mini-store at St. Stephen's School
- Acquired a canopy for rental purposes

Challenges:

Poor attendance at meetings ‖ Financial constraints

Conclusion: We thank God for His guidance and grace throughout the year. May His name be magnified forever.

Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF) Report 2023-2024

We thank God for His abundant blessings and guidance throughout the year. This report highlights the Anglican Youth Fellowship's activities and achievements during the Synod year.

Youth Activities and Collaborations:

Guided by the National AYF theme, "Stand firm and take action," our youth engaged in various activities, including:

- Regular meetings at parish and station levels

Collaborating with the Archdeacon, Ven. Justice Ikiogha, on projects such as:

- Excavating the school building foundation (2023)
- Planting 100 palm trees for the farm project (2023)

- Hosting Easter breakfast and praise nights (2023 and 2024)
- Organising two online conferences, "THE TALK," featuring renowned guest speakers

Youth Week Celebration:
The "Stand Firm and Take Charge" celebration occurred at St. Stephen's Anglican Church from July 7 to 14, 2024. Inspiring activities and heavy participation from youth and church members marked the week.
Empowerment, Welfare, and Visitation
AYF Otuoke undertook Visitation and empowerment initiatives and Welfare support for members
Bishop Enthronement: Our youth actively welcomed the new bishop, volunteering as ushers during the enthronement service.
Conclusion: We express heartfelt gratitude to our vicar, Ven. Justice Ikiogha and his wife, Mrs. Diepreye Justice Ikiogha, for their support. As we move forward, relying on God's strength, we say, "Praise the Lord."

OUR SORROWS: We express our deep condolences to all those who had one read on or the other to morning, especially the family of Madam Apuega Joseph, Madam Doris Wilfred, Madam Ikiomasi Osain, etc. May God grant them all the grace to bear the irreparable lost in Jesus' name. Amen.
Our Joy: We celebrate new members, graduations, weddings, and deliverances.

CONCLUSION: We give God all the glory for the grace He has given us to sail through these challenging moments. May His eternal name be magnified even as He enables us to stand firm and awake to our responsibilities.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, OTUABA STATION REPORT

We are pleased to present this report, highlighting the accomplishments and milestones achieved by St. Bartholomew's Church, Otuaba, during the period.

SHARED WORSHIP SERVICES: The church successfully maintained a shared worship schedule, accommodating indigenous worshipers and students. This collaborative approach fostered a sense of community, unity, and spiritual growth among all congregants.

STUDENT GRADUATIONS: We celebrate the academic achievements of three students who graduated from school: Sis. Rejoice Iwuji and Sis. Izuchukwu Uju and Sis. Okoye Ginikachukwu. Their dedication and perseverance inspire the entire congregation.

CHALLENGES: Some challenges we face include coordinating worship schedules to meet diverse needs and ensuring ongoing support for students' educational pursuits.

APPRECIATION: We express gratitude to the clergy and church leaders for their guidance, congregants for their active participation and support

Ven. Justice G. M. Ikiogha
Archdeacon

REPORT EWOI PARISH

Introduction: We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for His steadfast love, unity, and peace that have characterised our church community throughout 2024.
Appreciation:
We sincerely appreciate the leadership and guidance of our Bishop, Rt. Rev'd Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, his wife, Mrs. Margaret Obaze, and our Administrator, Ven. Justice G.M. Ikiogha and his wife, Mrs. Diepreye Justice Ikiogha. Their kindness, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our church's vision

have been invaluable.

Unity and Church Growth

Unity remains a cornerstone of our church's values, fostering a clean, healthy, and positive environment. By working together, we build trust, forge lasting friendships, and create an atmosphere that motivates and inspires us to achieve our goals. Love remains the driving force behind our progress.

Recent Programs and Events

Our church has hosted several impactful programs, including:

- Indoor Revival (June 27-29, 2024): "The gate of hell shall not overpower the church" (Matthew 16:18)
- Women's Conference (June 29, 2024): "A well of Water" (John 4:14)
- Women's Revival: "Put your trust in God" (Psalm 37:5)
- Mothering Sunday: "The Honourable Women, A product of the King Palace" (Psalm 45:9,13)
- Father's Day Celebration

Ongoing Projects

We are pleased to report progress on the following initiatives:

1. New Church Building
2. Children's Building (foundation laid)
3. Church Compound Fencing
4. Water Project (in progress)

Welfare: The church demonstrates compassion through a robust welfare program, ensuring timely support for challenged members.

Finance: Following the Ogbia Diocesan policy, our church has consistently contributed 25% of its revenue to the Diocese weekly.

Harvest: When writing this report, Ewoi Parish proposed to hold its annual Harvest event on October 20, 2024, featuring the theme "My Harvest, Your Gift," drawn from (1 Samuel 1:11).

Challenges: Our most significant obstacle is sourcing adequate financial resources to execute these projects.

Chat including those confirmed by the Archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr Blessing Eyindah, in 2023

Inquire	13
Newly Baptised	3
Newly Confirm communicant	5

Our Sorrows: We express our condolence to all those who mourn, especially High Chief George Adumein, who lost his wife, Madam Marigold Ituma, who lost her sister and Madam Charlotte Adumein, who lost her mother. May the Almighty God comfort them all with the guidance of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name, Amen.

Conclusion

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for God's faithfulness and the dedication of our leaders and members. We look forward to continued growth, unity, and service to our community.

Acknowledgement: We thank all members, volunteers, and partners for contributing to our church's mission.

Rev. Azibaodunsi Napoleon Inetimi

Vicar, Ewoi Parish

OTUABULA 2 PARISH REPORT

Preamble: Inspired by Daniel's resolve to remain faithful (Daniel 1:8), we strive to maintain our spiritual integrity and commitment to God.

Administrative Team

Otuabula 2 Parish comprises two stations: St. James Church, Otuabula II, and St. James Church, Otuabula I. Our leadership team includes Rev. Canon Igoniwari Joseph (Parish Priest), Keloni Wilson (Lay Reader), Mr. Nanyam Itade, and Madam Ekenare Isu (Pastors' Warden).

Parish Meetings

Three parish meetings were held at St. James' Church, Otuabula II, and one additional meeting was held at Otuabula I.

Our spiritual growth initiatives include:

Daily Prayer Devotion (Monday-Saturday, 5:00 am-5:30 am) ‖ Mid-Week Fasting and Prayer (Wednesdays) ‖ Friday Communicant Bible Class ‖ Children's Ministry (led by Sister Praise Kemendy) ‖ Sunday School ‖ Monthly Cross-Over Night with prophetic mandates

Women's Ministry: Our women actively participate in all parish activities, aligning with the Diocese of Ogbia's programs.

Projects

Current projects include:

Signpost installation ‖ Western door replacement ‖ Block moulding for Chancel extension

Donations

We appreciate generous donations from:

- Sir Barrister Philip Ogoniba (2.5KVA Generator)
- Mama Mariam Ogoniba (drums, wireless microphones, holy communion vestments)
- Sir Prof. Allen Agih, for the consistent financial support

Our current challenges are:

Transportation difficulties due to fuel scarcity ‖ The difficult terrain navigation at Otuabula 1

Conclusion: We give glory to God, who empowers us to achieve exceedingly above our requests. May His name be praised forever (Ephesians 3:20-21). Amen.

Acknowledgements: We thank our parishioners and donors for their support and commitment.

Rev. Canon Igoniwari Daniel Joseph
Parish Priest

CHAPLAINCIES REPORTS
WOMEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

PREAMBLE: By God's grace, the Diocesan Women carried out the following activities, covering November 2022 to October 2024.

JOINT REDEDICATION: The Diocesan Women's Ministry was fully in attendance with all her representatives in the two Joint Rededication Services held on Sunday 15th January, 2023 at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal II and on Sunday 14th 2024 at St. James Church, Imiringi. To God be the glory.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Two meetings were held, the first meeting took place on Friday 10th February 2023 while the second meeting was held on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at St. Paul's Church, Kolo. Thank God for the full participation of the Parishes and a successful deliberation.

PRAYER CONFERENCES: The Diocesan Women through the Prayer and Spirituality Unit held two programmes. The first conference was held on Friday 24th -Sunday 26th February 2023 at St. Stephen's Church, Otuoke while the second conference took place on Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th May, 2024 at St. Mark's Church, Otakeme. The themes for both programmes were “Pursue, Overtake and Recover all” (1 Sam. 30:8) and “Trust in the Lord” (Prov. 3:5).

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM PROGRAMS: The Diocesan Women through the Action and Outreach Unit organized the following programmes:

a. **MARRIAGE SEMINAR:** This programme was organized as part of the 2023 Mothering Sunday activities on Friday 17th March 2023. The theme was "Woman: God's Signet ring" (Haggai 2:3) and at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal ll played a host.
b. **WOMEN ON MISSION /CRUSADE:** This was held on Friday 14th – Sunday 16th at St. John's Church, Otuabi. The theme was "Escape for thy life" (Genesis 19:17).
c. **OUTREACH FOR SINGLE LADIES AND YOUNG GIRLS**: It was held on Friday 8th March, 2024 at St. Andrew's Church, Emeyal I. The theme was "The Honourable Woman: A Product of the King's Palace" (Ps. 45:9).
d. **PAD A GIRL CRUSADE:** It took place on 27th July, 2024 at St. Matthew's Church, Akepilai.

HARVEST: The Diocesan Women were able to celebrate two Harvests within the period under review. The first one was held on Sunday 21st May 2023 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Ogbia Town and the second one was organized on Sunday 5th May, 2024 at St. Mark's Church, Otakeme. The participation of the Parishes was quite commendable. Alua.

CELEBRATING THE ANGLICAN WOMAN: This is an annual Programme and it is always done in every 1st of October. The 2023 edition was held at St. Paul Cathedral, Ogbia Town and the 2024 edition was organized at Archdeaconries level. As usual, all the proceeds realized were sent to the Church of Nigeria. Thank you all for your cooperation.

CONFERENCE: The 2024 Diocesan Conference was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Ogbia Town from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September The theme was "Obedience to God'sWill" (1st John 2:5-6).

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES/ THANKSGIVING: The 2022 End of Year Activities and Thanksgiving service was done at St. John's Church, Onuebum from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th December.

LAUNCHING: In the bid to source for money, the Diocesan Women had a Launching on Sunday 10th December, 2023 at St. Stephen's Church, Otuoke. Thanks be to God for the outcome.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: Two meetings were held on Friday 25th November, 2022 and Friday 7th June 2024, 2024 at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal ll and St. Michael's Church, Oloibiri respectively.

INVESTMENT: The 2023 investment in small-scale businesses (palm oil and ogbonor) was quite good and it really supported the Women's Ministry when there were financial needs but this year 2024 we could not invest due to lack of fund.

SPONSORSHIP: The sponsorship of the Indigent Children in the Secondary School is still ongoing. So far, one of them has concluded her SSCE -Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations (WACE/NECO) and we are now left with two children. May God grant them success in this pursuit in Jesus' name. amen.

HIGHER MEETINGS: The Diocesan Women has not failed in her representations at higher meetings (Provincial and Church of Nigeria). May God's name be praised.

CONCLUSION: To God be the glory for the great things He has done.

Mrs. B. S. Koru
Women Worker,
Diocese of Ogbia.

REPORT OF 2024 COUNCIL OF KNIGHTS, DIOCESE OF OGBIA TO THE SYNOD HOLDING AT ST MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH, OKODI, THURSDAY 7TH – SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 2024

Introduction

The Council of Knights of the Diocese of Ogbia dates back to 2010 when the pioneer Bishop of the Diocese, Rt Rev James Aye Oruwori JP (rtd) performed the maiden investiture of Knights and Ladies into the Order of St. Paul. Before his retirement in 2023, the Bishop performed three investitures; the first in 2010, second in 2015 and the last one in 2022. The Executive members that currently pilot the affairs of the Council are:

1. Sir Abel Opuene - President
2. Sir Damini Allison-Oguru (JP) - Vice President
3. Sir Allen A. Agih - Secretary
4. Dame Abai Seibofa - Treasurer

5. Sir Donald Ase - Provost
6. Sir Daufa A. Ikobho - Medical Adviser

Chaplain

After the consecration and enthronement of Rt Rev Tamunotari M. Obaze JP, who was formerly the Chaplain of the Council, as the second Bishop of the Diocese, Ven. M. E. Abrakasa was appointed as the new Chaplain of the Council.

Standing Committee Members

To effectively run the affairs of the Council, members were elected into different standing committees. These committees as reported in previous reports still exist. They are Dorcas, James and Peter's Missions respectively.

Evangelism/ Outreach

The Council meetings with rural churches still continue as part of the evangelical/ outreach programme. This is done on monthly basis as Council holds her meetings at different parishes in the Diocese. The approach has impacted positively in the various Churches. The Council considers these activities very important and always encourage all members to attend. Through this approach, the Council has been able to cover all the nooks and cranny of the Diocese evangelizing and reaching out to the rural people.

Send-forth, Consecration/ Enthronement of Bishops

The Council of Knights was actively involved in the send-forth ceremony organized for the retired Bishop. Similarly, the Council participated actively during the Consecration and Enthronement of the new Bishop. Council members have continued to provide the much-needed support to the new Bishop of the Diocese.

New Investiture

The pioneer Bishop performed his last investiture on Sunday 18th December, 2022 at St James' Anglican Church, Imiringi. However, in one of the monthly meetings of Council, the need to investiture new members was discussed. Accordingly, the Diocesan is working with Council members to investiture new members in the future.

Review of Council Constitution and Bye-Laws

Council has successfully reviewed the existing Constitution and the Bye-Laws. The new Constitution and Bye-Laws became effective on 14th January, 2024. This is a significant milestone for the Council.

Investment

Council has concluded plans to invest in two critical business areas. The businesses identified are:

a. Garri processing business
b. Snail farming

Other business ideas have been conceived by Council which will be embarked upon in the future.

Outstanding Council Projects

Some outstanding projects already identified for execution by the Council are:

a. Vehicle for Cathedral Church
b. Vehicle for Council operation
c. Interlocking of Cathedral Church premises
d. Roofing of Church building at Otuagenegu (Funds have been provided but awaiting the Church to meet agreed condition to be able to access the funds).

Transition to Glory

Council lost one of her gallant members in 2022. He was Sir Sydney F. Ogidi. He has since been buried.

Conclusion

In spite of the number, Council has been performing her duties diligently. Thus, Council believes that if the number is increased, more will be achieved to develop the Diocese. Presently, Council has continued to embark on its evangelical mission with passion and dedication in line with the word as recorded in Colossians 3: 23, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not for men”.

Sir Abel Opuene
President

Sir Allen A. Agih
Secretary

HEALING AND DELIVERANCE CHAPLAINCY

Preamble

God is working His purpose out as year succeed to year. Even in our church the gates of hell through sickness cannot prevail any longer, by the grace of God.

PROGRAM: The year under re view this chaplaincy have held two major Diocesan Healing and Deliverance services at St Stephen's Otuoke and St. Luke's Emeyal 2 in the last and present quarters respectively with the theme; He is the healer and By His stripes we are healed (Mark 4: & Isaiah 53:4-6). To the glory of God.

OBSERVATION: The awareness for the priestly office on anointing the sick is gaining more recovering and the Sacrament is to be celebrated in divine service both at the Diocesan level, Archdeaconry, Deanery, even to station level to bringing healing ministry to the people. We also notice that some clergy are not attending to this Diocesan directive without permission or notices of their absent in these events.

CONCLUSION. We use this platform to thank the Lord Bishop for creating this and encouraging us with his presence in the programs. Also the chaplain prayer & spirituality Rev Paul A. Ibulu for your prayer partnership, Rev Can. B.N.Olu, Bro Luck Daddy Francis, and others for availing yourself and services in this ministry, thank you.

Finally, just as the Lord Bishop has directed, all church workers both clergy and lay are enjoined to be part of this any time it appears in the quarterly bishop's engagement. The Clergy are to replicate the same activity at the various levels of the church in order to administer healing and deliverance anointing to the sick with prayers (James 5: 13-18) so as to assure the souls of Christ that there is a remedy to their sicknesses in the Church, through the means of grace, both by the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Anointing the Sick.

Thank you, and God bless.

Rev Can. Aaron Dumaro Mondebo
Chaplain H/D.

2024 DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL(DSSC) REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

All glory and honour go to God Almighty who made us to see another SYNOD year. On behalf of the Sunday School Council, I felicitate with His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze and his Wife Mrs. Margaret Obaze, wishing you a wonderful SYNOD. We also welcome all other SYNOD participants to this annual event.

DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY STRUCTURE:

The structure of the Sunday School Council is listed as follows:

1. The Chaplain – the Representative of the Bishop on Diocesan Sunday School matters,
2. Chairman
3. Vice-Chairman
4. Secretary
5. Assistant Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Bible Study Coordinator
8. Prayer Coordinator
9. Children Coordinator

Unfortunately, all the persons elected to these positions had withdrawn from their duties except the Chaplain, Chairman and Secretary.

The Sunday School Council also have their Executives at the Units (Archdeaconries and Deanery) levels but they are no longer functional.

2024 DSSC REPORT

1. 1st Bi-Annual Diocesan Sunday School General Meeting: was held at St. Luke's Church Emeyal

2. The Meeting was held unsuccessfully with a very poor attendance. A total of five (5) persons including the Chaplain – Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho and the Chairman – Pst. Ogiasa Nitebhar were in attendance. This meeting would have usher in another set of elected officials of the Diocesan Sunday School but the quorum was not formed for such to take place. Hence, the elections were shifted till then next meeting of the Council.

2. **Sunday School Teachers' Training/Workshop in all Churches**: This programme did not hold due to an emergency Board Meeting that was scheduled on the said date.
3. **DSSC Revival Week**: That was scheduled to hold from 5th to 11, August, 2024 did not also hold for similar reasons as no. 2.
4. **DSSC Bible Study Conference** was scheduled to hold from September 13th to 15th, 2024, but it was kept in view due to too many activities in the bishop's engagement within the period.
5. **2nd Bi-Annual General Meeting**: This has been approved by the Bishop to hold on the 30th of November, 2024. We want to use this medium to call on all Sunday School Council Officials, Head of Administrative Units, Clergymen, Sunday School Teachers and intended Teachers to attend.

CONCLUSION:
The Sunday School in our Diocese is no longer effective due to lack of interest and apathy to the Chaplaincy. Let us once again embrace and build up this important ministry that God has put in our charge collectively with zeal and commitment for the spiritual growth of our Diocese.
May the Almighty God grant us grace to build His Church in Jesus name, Amen.

Pst. Ogiasa Nitebhar – *Chairman DSSC*
Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho - *Chaplain*

A.Y.F SYNOD REPORT

PROTOCOLS
GREETINGS/ APPRECIATION
We are grateful to God for his infinite love, grace, faithfulness and mercy towards the fellowship. We also appreciate the Bishop of this great Diocese, His Lordship Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obazi, for his spiritual leadership, guidance, support and mentorship.
We express our heartfelt appreciation to our Chaplain, Rev. Canon Benjamin Enoya, and immediate past Chaplain, Ven. James E. Koru, for their fatherly love and support which has made a significant impact in our lives.
We extend our appreciation to all clergymen and wives, past and present Diocesan Officers, Unit and Parish Executives as well as all members of this great Fellowship; your labour and sacrifices in God's vineyard can never be in vain.
To all Unit heads and A.Y.F members, we are grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing our work together.
PROGRAMMES / EVENTS HOSTED AND ATTENDED AFTER THE LAST AGM OF 2022 THROUGH 2023/2024.
1. Series of Diocesan Executive Meetings.
2. Diocesan Harvest held on the 10th of July, 2023 at St. James Anglican Church, Imiringi.
3. Condolence visit to HRH Miruobebh Dogood Akpufu on the 1st of February, 2024.
4. Joshua Generation International Youth Conference at Moshood Abiola, National Stadium, Abuja (FCT) from 8th-13th April, 2024
5. Provincial Enlarge Executive Council Meeting at The Cathedral Church of St. Mattia,s Oromoko/ Egwi/ Umuangagu from 26th - 27th of April, 2024
6. A friendly football match with Niger Delta West Diocese held on the 12th of May, 2024 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Otuokpoti.
7. National Annual General Meeting (AGM)/ Election held from the 24th-26th of May, 2024, at Diocese of Nnewi North. In attendance were: Bro. Francis Lucky Daddy, Bro. Nitabai S. Thomas, Bro. Voice Enogha

and Bro. Russells Enogha
8. Familiarization visit/brief meeting with His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obazi, on the 28th of June, 2024, at Bishop's Court, OgbiaTown. In attendance were, Bro. Francis Lucky Daddy, Bro. Daniel Imofo, Bro. James Dokubo.
9. Diocesan Annual General Meeting held from the 2nd through 4th of August, 2024, at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Akipelai, with the theme, 'Stand Firm and Take Action' (1 cor. 15:58)
10. Provincial AGM/ Election tagged; "Rebirth" was held from the 18th-20th of October, 2024. at St. John's Anglican Church, Bishop Johnson Street, Port Harcourt, Niger Delta Diocese, with the THEME: Arise and Build (Neh. 2:20)

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

1. Diocesan Harvest and Reunion slated to hold from the 16th through 18th of November, 2024 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Otuoke

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We give thanks to God Almighty who made this Programme a great success. We also appreciate the Chaplain, the host Archdeaconry, Unit heads and all A.Y.F members, especially those who made out time to attend the programme.

The Programme was held from the 2nd through 4th of August 2024 at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Akipelai, with the theme, "Stand firm and take Action (1 cor. 25:58)". The three days Programme was well loaded with messages on spiritual growth, business, relationship and health talks. A General Council Meeting was held on Saturday, 3rd of August, 2024, where vital issues were raised and discussed. The Programme ended with a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday.

For a while the Oloibiri Archdeaconry have not been responding to matters of the A.Y.F which was the major reason for choosing this Unit as the venue of the Programme. We are grateful to God that through this Programme, we were able to set-up a new Executive Council which has been effective till date. We pray that the zeal to serve God will continue to burn in their hearts.

GOOD NEWS/ CONGRATULATIONS

The goodness of God in our lives has been evident in diverse ways ranging from marriages/ weddings, child birth, admission to higher institutions, graduation, job opportunities, appointments, journey mercies, etc. We are grateful specifically for the following:

** Marriage / wedding Ceremony of Pastor Obubelenyo Thank God & Sis. Gilo Fortune, Sis. Mine-era Amakiri & Bro. Justice Jonah Eteli.
** Child birth of Sis. Tina Agorodi, Sis. Martha Omiloli and Bro. Ifeanyi Duru
** Graduation of Bro. Enogha Voice Giredaguo, Sis. Mine-era Amakiri, Sis. Melody Ipagamo, Sis. Azibayam Jonah Eteli, etc...
** NYSC posting of Bro. Voice Enogha
** Appointment of Bro. Nitabai S. Thomas as Supervisory councilor of Finance and Revenue, Ogbia LGA

SORROW/ CONDOLENCES

We commiserate with all A.Y.F members who lost their loved ones to the cold hands of death and those who were involved in one painful situation or the other.

Our condolences goes to Sis. Melody Ipagamo, Sis. Perpetual Peter, Bro. Ebibo Amakiri, Bro. Dean Ogoniba, Hon. Miruobebh Akpufu and others not mentioned here.

SOURCES OF INCOME

1. Harvest
2. Quota payment
3. Roll call
4. Freewill Donations
5. Canopy investment
6. Unit levy

CHALLENGES/ LIMITATIONS

1. Lack of finance is one of the major challenges the fellowship is currently facing which is primarily

caused by the high unemployment rate among our youths.
It is on this note, we humbly plead with the Diocese for financial assistance through a subvention fund to support the needs and entire administration of the A.Y.F
2. Another significant challenge our fellowship faces is the ineffectiveness of some Diocesan officials and poor response of A Y.F members to meetings and Programmes.
3. Relocation of our youths to other states and cities in search of greener pastures is also a challenge. While this can be beneficial it also poses a challenge for the fellowship as we witness the departure of dedicated members. A Y.F members are therefore advised to
4. The response of units to payment of quota is very low and it has led to an accumulation of debts at the provincial and national level.

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8. Dickson Oguma	Prayer Secretary	0907 327 2861
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11. Sis. Bester Obaguo	Welfare Coordinator	0805 859 9050
12. Sis. Bisi Okhawere	Sisters forum cord. 1	0708 823 4581
13. Enogha Delight	Sisters Forum cord. 2	0812 855 3743
14. Bro. Ogoniba Dean	Youth star cord. 1	0901 956 1678
15. Sis. Jonah Eteli Azibayam	Youth star cord. 2	0901 783 4380
16. Bro. Stephen Biate	Auditor	0806 078 4150

CONCLUSION

To God be the glory for His countless blessings and faithfulness. We are honored to participate in this year's Synod, and we acknowledge this privilege with heartfelt gratitude.
As we move forward, we remain committed to deepening our faith, building each other up and sharing the love of Christ. May our efforts be a testament to God's power and grace and may we always remember that our youth is a time to seek, serve and shine for His glory. We pray that the peace of the Lord be upon each of us as we discuss and deliberate on matters vital to the growth of our beloved diocese.
Fellowship.....In Christ Jesus!

SIGNED:

SIS. FAVOUR G. IPAGAMO
DIOCESAN A.Y.F SECRETARY

BRO. FRANCIS LUCKY DADDY
DIOCESAN A.Y.F PRESIDENT

REV. CANON BENJAMIN ENOYA
A.Y.F CHAPLAIN

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Preamble: The Diocesan Christian Men's Fellowship (DCMF) expresses her gratitude to God Almighty who in His infinite mercy empowered us with His grace to serve in His vine yard throughout the Synod Year. With utmost humility we felicitate with the Archbishop and Dean, Church of Nigeria, His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Blessing C. Enyindah DSSRS, JP for his outstanding performances in the Church, especially as at the time he was with us as the supervisory Bishop of our Diocese. We are also thanking God for the success of the Collation and Enthronement of our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, your support and encouragement to the CMF activities is superlative. May the Almighty God bless us richly in Jesus Name, Amen.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Three General Meetings were held within the period reviewed. On the 16th December, 2023, a General Meeting was held, during which elections of DCMF Executives to Pilot the affairs of the fellowship took place at St. Luke's Emeyal II. The second general meeting was held on the 17th August, 2024 at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal II. The third General Meeting was held on the 5th of October, 2024 at St. Stephen's Church, Otuoke. The DCMF also held an Exco's Meeting with all Administrative Heads with the Lord Bishop on the 4th of October, 2024 at St. Paul's Kolo.

2024 DIOCESAN JOINT REDEDICATION: The Diocesan Men were well represented in this year's rededication service, held on the 21st January, 2024. The DCMF Executives were also inaugurated at the rededication service to the glory of God.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: This year's Father's Day celebration was a weeklong programme that commenced with series of activities across the Diocese at Stations Level with The Theme: “Remove Not the Ancient Landmark, which thy fathers have set”. Text: Prov. 22:28. It started on Monday 10th June and ended on Sunday, 16th June, 2024, with a Thanksgiving Service.

HIGHER MEETINGS: The DCMF was represented in this year's Provincial General Meeting and Retreat held from the 11th to 12th October, 2024 at Calabar.

OTHER PROGRAMMES OF DCMF: Programmes Scheduled for the remaining part of the year are:

1. DCMF Elections for all Archdeaconries' and Deaneries, is scheduled to hold on the 25th of October, 2024, at Administrative Headquarters.
2. DCMF One Day Conference, is also scheduled to hold on the 16th of November, 2024.

CONCLUSION: There is a wake-up call for all men in the Diocese to actively get involved in the DCMF activities, irrespective of the Church's unit any man belongs to. We thank to our Chaplain, Rev. Can. Temple T. Ugiri and pray earnestly that the Lord should bless us all in Jesus Name. Amen.

CMF! The Men CMF!! For Christ CMF!!! Men for Christ.

Sir Azibaizoloman A.S Biate
DCMF President

Pst. Ojo Monday
DCMF Secretary

DIOCESAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY CHAPLAINCY REPORT PRESENTED AT THE 3RD SESSION OF THE 4TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF OGBIA AT ST. MATHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH, OKODI BETWEEN THURSDAY, 7TH - SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2024

INTRODUCTION

To the Glory of God and the edification of the Church, the Prayer and Spirituality Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Ogbia is active and conscious of her essential responsibilities. The reappointed Diocesan Chaplain is Rev'd Paul Azibanizoloman Ibulu who took over from Rev'd Benjamin Ayebanoa Ibemere.

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES

The members of the Chaplaincy were rededicated during the Joint Diocesan Rededication Service presided over by our then Supervising Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Blessing Chinyere Enyindah (JP), Dean, Church of Nigeria, Archbishop of Niger Delta Province and Bishop of Ikwerre Diocese. This service took place at St. James Anglican Church, Imiringi on Sunday, 21st January, 2024 with the theme: "At a Time like this" (Esther 4:14).

The Chaplaincy organizes various prayer programmes for the success of Diocesan Events especially, the election of a new Bishop after the retirement of the Pioneer Bishop, the Rt. Rev. James Aye Oruwori (JP) and his Wife, Mrs. Ayebaene Felicia Oruwori (JP). By God's mercies, a new Bishop has been elected (08/02/2024), consecrated (19/03/2024) and enthroned on Thursday, 21st March, 2024 at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Ogbia Town. The new Bishop is the Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP) while his Wife is Mrs. Margaret Esereghi Obaze.

The Prayer and Spirituality Chaplaincy partnered with the Diocesan Healing and Deliverance Chaplaincy (which has Rev'd Canon Aaron Dumaro Mondebo as Chaplain) to organize a Diocesan Healing and Deliverance Service with the theme: "I am the LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26) on Saturday, 20th July, 2024 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Otuoke as well as on Saturday, 12th October, 2024 at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal 2 with the theme: "By His Stripes, we are Healed" (Isaiah 53: 3-5).

In a related development, the Prayer and Spirituality Chaplaincy also partnered with the Diocesan Choir and Band Chaplaincy (which has Rev'd Benjamin Ayebanoa Ibemere as Chaplain) to organize a Diocesan Praise Day on Saturday, 31st August, 2024 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Otuokpoti.

The Prayer and Spirituality Chaplaincy is earnestly praying for the success of the 3rd Session of the 4th Synod of the Diocese at St. Mathias Anglican Church, Okodi (Onuebum Archdeaconry) coming up on Thursday, 7th - Sunday, 10th November, 2024.

CONCLUSION
By God's providential benevolence, the Prayer and Spirituality Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Ogbia will continue to rise up to her responsibilities at Diocesan level, Provincial level and National level generating indelible footprints to the glory of Yahweh as well as the pragmatic furtherance of the Gospel in times like these till the second coming of Christ Jesus (Parousia).

Thank you, Jesus, for great is Your faithfulness.

Rev'd Paul A. Ibulu
Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Chaplain, Diocese of Ogbia

REPORT OF OGBIA DIOCESAN TRAINING INSTITUTE (ODTI) PRESENTED AT THE 3RD SESSION OF THE 4TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF OGBIA THURSDAY 7Th - SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2024

The Ogbia Diocesan Training Institute (ODTI) with the Motto: "Noble Service to God & Humanity's Transformation" established by the Diocese of Ogbia (Anglican Communion) and formally inaugurated by The Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze (JP) on Friday, 24th May, 2024 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Otuoke has a mission to holistically train, equip and certify men and women in the knowledge of God's word, sound faith, balanced spirituality and character formation for pragmatic service to God, edification of the Church as well as profitable empowerment to mankind and harmonious living in the society.

The vision of the Institute include:
To raise competent, functional and godly leaders who will generate indelible footprints that are acceptable in the sight of God in times like these.

To inculcate Christian virtues and produce ministers who are versed in the methodological, theoretical and practical development of ministerial formation for efficient ministry and sound faith while upholding the place of strategic prayer and the integrity of the Bible as the word of God in a pluralist society.

To create opportunities for wider exposure, in-depth understanding and critical appreciation of Christian studies with emphases that are relevant to society and contemporary issues.

To train, through organized partnerships and collaborations, proactive change agents in strategic transformations such as professional managers and entrepreneurs on businesses start-ups, management capacity building, leadership skills who will put service above self and employ more efficient and economic ways of getting things done but free from fraudulent and corrupt practices.

Training requirements for now (Still being formulated)

Admission shall be open to any candidate who has the under listed requirements:
A baptized and/or communicating communicant who is found to be of good moral behaviour, disciplined and outstanding in Christian virtues,
Who is a holder of 'O' level certificate (WAEC, NECO and GCE or its equivalent) and above,
Must provide a letter of recommendation from his/her Parish Priest/Vicar,
Provide brief information about him/herself (profile) alongside with academic, professional and Christian credentials,
Provide two (2) recent passports,
Come for training with Bible, Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Constitution of the Diocese of Ogbia and effective writing materials,
Must be loyal and willingly submit to the codes and conducts guiding the operations and smooth running of the institute.

INSTITUTE'S ANTHEM

1. God's Providential Benevolence:
Ogbia Diocesan Training Institute;
Raising Competent and Godly Generations,
Noble Service to our God;
Humanity's Transformation,
Faith in God, our Magna Carta.

2. Light for freedom, illumination:
Knowledge to be meek and faithful;
Pour Your Spirit to LOVE You and Nations,
Patient Fighters for the TRUTH;
Hallelujah! We pray and praise THEE,
Grant us WISDOM to WALK with THEE. Amen!

TONIC SOLFA FOR ODTI ANTHEM

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Pioneer Graduands of Ogbia Diocesan Training Institute (ODTI) are: 1. **Amos Churchill,** 2. **Ogoli Ibu Jackson**, 3. **Apiri Dressman**, 4**. Aaron Kopu**, 5. **Egberi Ekomini Patrick**, 6. **Abere Azibanye Richard**, 7**. Ojo Monday John**, 8. **Ogiasa Nitebhar Lot**, 9. **Apaga Alfred** 10. **Onu Friday**

These graduands were properly trained for three months (May to July) by experienced and qualified facilitators including: The Bishop, Ven. Justice G. M. Ikiogha, Rev'd Canon Aaron Dumaro Mondebo and Rev'd Paul Azibanizoloman Ibulu and they were given **Certificate for Ministry and Church Management** by the Institute on Friday, 26th July, 2024 and the training temporary center (St. Stephen's Church, Otuoke) while their commissioning service as **Church Teachers** was held at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal 2 on Sunday, 18th August, 2024.

Arrangements are on ground for the Institute to organize an annual programme called, Rev. (King) George Igabu Amangala's Memorial Lecture with Post Humus Awards to ordained and lay Church Workers (indigenes and non indigenes) who have meritoriously and sacrificially served and humanity in Anglican Church in Ogbia Land and have departed from the Church Militant to joined the Church Triumphant in order to rest peacefully in the bosom of the Lord.

With the help God and the ceaseless pragmatic support of the Bishop as well as the goodwill of the entire Diocese, we promise to generate indelible footprints and make the Diocese of Ogbia proud to the glory of Yahweh.

Thanks.

Ven. James E. Koru
Rector, ODTI

Rev'd Paul A. Ibulu
Registrar, ODTI

REPORT OF ANGLICAN CHILDREN MINISTRY

PREAMBLE
We ascribe greatness to our Father and King, the Most High God.

PROGRAMMES HELD/ATTENDED
The theme for 2024 is "Infant Jesus, our Perfect Example" Luke 2:52. Programmes held/attended include:

S/N	PROGRAMME	VENUE	DATE
1.	4th Diocesan ACM Conference	St. Peter's Church, Opume Parish, Oloibiri Archdeaconry.	Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd June, 2024.
2.	ACM Teachers' Meeting		Sunday 2nd June, 2024.
3.	ACM Teachers' Retreat/ Meeting	St. Andrew's Church, Emeyal 1, Kolo Parish, Emeyal Archdeaconry.	Saturday 24th February, 2024.
4.	16th Provincial ACM Conference	Cathedral Church of All Saints, Diocese of Uyo.	Thursday 18th – Sunday 21st July, 2024.
5.	Provincial Enlarged Executive Council Meeting	Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Diocese of Calabar.	Friday, 24th November, 2023.
6.	ACM National Train the Trainers' (TTT)	Province of Niger Delta (Diocese of Calabar – held at Federal Government Girls' College (FGGC), Calabar).	Sunday 25th – Thursday 29th August, 2024.
7.	39th ACM Annual National Teachers' Conference		Thursday 29th August – Sunday 1st September, 2024.
10.	National Executive Council (NEC) Meeting		Saturday 31st August, 2024.

Below is the result of the quiz competition held during the Diocesan conference:

Diocese of Ogbia		Province of Niger Delta		Church of Nigeria	
Position	**Administrative Unit**	**Position**	**Diocese**	**Position**	**Province**
Ist	Otuoke/Emeyal	1st	Evo	1st	Enugu
3rd	Cathedral/Oloibiri	2nd	Niger Delta	2nd	Bendel
5th	Otakeme	3rd	Uyo	3rd	Kaduna

· 2025 Theme: Feed my lamb – Jn. 21:15
Books of Study: Old Testament: Deuteronomy Chapters 1–12, New Testament: John Chapters 11–21
Anglicanism: Catechism; Numbers 42-80, Provinces of Bendel, Jos and Ondo.
Venue: Province of Bendel (Diocese of Ika)
Date of Train the Trainer: Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Date of Conference: Thursday 4th – Sunday 7th September 2025

Conclusion
We thank God Almighty for His faithfulness upon our lives. We also appreciate our Diocesan, Rt. Rev. Tamunotari M. Obaze for his encouragement, our Chaplain, Rev. Canon Benjamin T. Enoya for his unflinching support, and Dame Grace T. Fiepere (of Niger Delta West Diocese) for her financial support as well as Archdeacons and Priests that contribute their Parish resources for the success of the programmes of the ACM Ministry. May the good Lord reward you all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Zakana, Marie E. (Dr.)
Coordinator

Okorita, Ibierele (Mrs.)
Secretary

DIOCESAN MISSION AND EVANGELISM REPORT

INTRODUCTION: This report focuses on the 2024 Mission schedule and the prospective programmes for 2025. However, at the time of reporting, only one has been implemented, and we are waiting for the implementation of the second proposed programme.

DIOCESAN MISSION WEEK: The Diocesan Mission Week was detailed to be observed in all stations, with the theme "How shall they hear without a Preacher" (Rom. 10:14). Below is the outline of activities observed during the mission week.

S/NO	DAY	ACTIVITIES
1.	Monday	Prayer Meeting for Rural Missions
2.	Tuesday	Visitation to the Aged
3.	Wednesday	Visitation to the Sick
4.	Thursday	School/Market Evangelism
5.	Saturday	Outdoor Evangelism

PROPOSED PROGRAMME

The Diocesan Mission and Evangelism has scheduled another program for this year in the Emeyal Archdeaconry. It will feature a Crusade and a Free Medical Outreach at Otuasega from November 22nd to 23rd, 2024, with the theme: "He sent His Word" (Psalm 107:20).

THE IKIOGHA MISSION

In partnership with the Diocesan Mission and Evangelism, it has taken a significant step toward enhancing the Diocese's digital presence by securing a 10-year domain name and web hosting services. This initiative is designed to create a comprehensive online archive, ensuring the preservation and accessibility of vital Diocesan information, resources, and activities. Through this platform, the Diocese aims to improve communication, increase visibility, and provide easy access to historical records, mission updates, and other essential documents, further strengthening the Diocese's outreach and engagement in the digital age. The site details is https://www.anglicandioceseofogbia.com

PROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR 2025

1. Quarterly Outreach to targeted units.

S/NO	MISSION LOCATION	QUARTER
1.	Cathedral	First Quarter
2.	Oloibiri	Second Quarter
3.	Onuebum	Third Quarter
4.	Otakeme	Fourth Quarter

2. Similarly, we propose the second week of every Month as Diocesan Mission week at Station Level. By this, we wish to crave the indulgence of the Synod to approve a session of the Synod report to capture details of activities as a way of feedback.

Ven. Justice G. M. Ikiogha
Chaplain Diocesan Mission and Evangelism

PRECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2023, HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, OGBIA TOWN

DECISONS FOR RATIFICATION.

1. OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF A SUPERVISING BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE: His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Blessing C. Enyindah, presented himself as the Supervising Bishop of the Ogbia consequent upon the retirement of the former Bishop, Rt. Rev. James Aye. Oruwori, on the 28th of February, 2023, on health grounds.

Responding on behalf of the Board, the Chairman of the Diocesan Clergy Association, Ven. T.M. Obaze, thanked his Grace and thereafter moved a motion for the acceptance and adoption of the Supervising Bishop's Inaugural Remarks as a working Document for the administration of the Diocese during the transition period, and was seconded by the Chancellor, Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa.

2. APPOITMENT OF CONSECRETION AND ENTHRONEMENT COMMITTEE: The Meeting then formed and inaugurated a Bishop's Consecration and Enthronement Committee as follows:

a.	Sir Prof. Allen Agih	Chairman
b.	Sir Kopiam Adike	Vice Chairman
c.	Ven. Michael Ekimiebi Abrakasa	Secretary
d.	Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa.	Bishop's Rep
e.	Rev. Paul Ibulu	
f.	Bro. Tony Joshua	
g.	Sir. A.E Jonathan	
h.	Chief I.I Afagha	
i.	Hon. Chief Robert Enogha Ayalla	
j.	Mrs. Asela Esu	
k.	Dame Dr. Nateinyin Joy Akporehwe	
l.	Dame Eneni Adire	
m.	Mrs. Bisi Okhawere	
n.	Ven. T.M. Obaze	
o.	Ven. John koru	
p.	Ven. Dr. H. D. Eli	
q.	Ven. Justice Ikiogha	
r.	Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho	

The following were the terms of Reference for the Committee:

a. To make and conclude plans for the Consecration Service of a new bishop when elected for the Diocese (vestments, logistics, entertainment etc.)
b. To make and conclude plans for the enthronement of the incoming bishop (service program, protocol list, publicity etc.
c. Determine and prepare an adequate accommodation for the in-coming Bishop
d. To procure a means of transportation for the in-coming Bishop
e. Prepare a budget for approval by the Diocesan Board
f. Co-opt other persons as the Committee deems necessary
g. Source for fund to drive the approved budget, and finally,
h. To report to the Diocesan Board on Thursday, 6th April, 2023.

The above Diocesan Board Decisions are now hereby presented to the Third Session of the Fourth Synod for Consideration and Ratification

PRECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF SATURDAY, 27TH MAY, 2023, HELD AT THE ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, OLOIBIRI.

DECISON FOR RATIFICATION.

A. RECOVERY OF 2020 SYNOD DEBTS: The Board was informed by the Diocesan Treasurer, Pastor Omele S. Godgift, that all attempts to recover the said debts had failed. The Board, therefore, decided to write off the debts, except the debtors were touched by God to redeem their debts voluntarily. The Board further decided that Synod debtors should be constantly reminded within the first three months after the Synod, after which the Diocese should stop calling them concerning their Debts.

B. THE REVIEW OF THE DIOCESAN CONSTITUTION: The Chancellor, Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa, informed the Board that the Diocesan Constitution had been reviewed but that the Church of Nigeria was demanding for the Deed of Relinquishment which was written but not signed by the concerned parties during the creation of our Diocese. The Board decided that the Registrar of the Church of Nigeria should be contacted for advice on the matter.

C. BISHOP'S COURT LAND OWNERSHIP DISPUTE: The Chancellor, Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa, reported that the Matter was still at the Supreme Court but that efforts had been made to settle the matter with the family out of court, and that the family had agreed for the Diocese to pay them the sum of #13, 000, 000.00. However, the Diocese had not paid a kobo. The Board decided that concerted efforts should be made to raise the money to pay the family so the matter would be settled amicably outside the Courts.

D. FENCING OF THE LAND DONATED BY THE LORD BISHOP TO THE DIOCESE: The Committee assigned to do the work reported as follows, that;

1. The Church should discontinue the development of the land donated to the Diocese by the Bishop, Rt. Rev. James A. Oruwori, JP, to avoid litigation and further loss of fund
2. The Bishop should be appealed to approach the so-called Landlord, and if possible, request for an alternate piece of land.

Consequent upon the above, the Board agreed to discontinue with the development of the land and directed the Committee to give account of all the receipts, expenditures and the balance of monies utilized on the project by the Committee, and report to the Board.

E. STATUS OF 2023 SYNOD: The Host, Onuebum Archdeaconry, requested for the date of the Synod to be shifted from 8th – 11 June, 2023, to the Month of August.

After an exhaustive discussion on the matter, the Board agreed to shift the Synod to 23rd – 27th of August, 2023.

F. USE OF OGBIA LANGUAGE IN THE DIOCESAN SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS: The Board was informed that the Diocese had a policy that one Sunday of the month should be dedicated for the use of the Ogbia Language in our Church services. The Board agreed that the policy should be obeyed by all the churches.

G. BISHOP'S RETIREMENT ENTILEMENTS: The Board agreed to honour the retired Bishop with a befitting Send-off on the 6th of August, 2024 at the Cathedral.

The Board further, by vote, agreed to give the retired Bishop a cash gift of Ten Million (#10, 000,000.00) Naira only, during the Send-off. In addition, the Board finally agreed to pay the Bishop his last basic salary as his monthly allowances, starting from the month of March 2023, while his staff, i.e. a driver and one other personnel staff he might engage, should be in the pay roll of the Diocese.

The Ten Million Naira Retirement Welfare Packet was then added to the N57, 000, 000.00 Naira budget for the Consecration and Enthronement, which was shared as follows:

1.	Donations from Government and targeted dignitaries:	#58, 000.00
2.	Cathedral	#570, 000.00
3.	Archdeaconries	#950, 000.00
4.	Deaneries	#570, 000.00
5.	Council of Knights	#1,710, 000.00
6.	Women Ministry	#1, 140, 000.00
7.	CMF	#570,000.00
8.	A.Y.F	#285, 000.00
9.	Bishop's Nominees	#285, 000.00

The Supervising Bishop and Chairman of the Board, his Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Blessing C. Enyindah, called for a goodwill donation from the Board members and the sum of One Million Forty-Two Thousand (#1, 042, 000.00) were pledged in the Meeting.

The above Diocesan Board Decisions are now hereby presented to the Third Session of the Fourth Synod for Consideration and Ratification.

PRECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, 22ND JULY, 2023 HELD AT THE ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EMEYAL 2

DECISION FOR RATIFICATION.

1. **REPORT OF THE CONSECRATION AND ENTHRONEMENT COMMITTEE**. The Chairman, Sir Prof. Allen A. Agih, reported that the Committee met with the former President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, who appealed that a fund-raising item should be built into the Send-Off program of the Former Lord Bishop for the purpose of getting a house for the retired Lord Bishop, and that the Committee was making concerted efforts to meet with the Governor and other government officials over the Send-off.
   The Meeting thanked the Committee for their work and agreed that the fund-raising item should be built into the Send-Off program.

The above Diocesan Board Decisions is now hereby presented to the Third Session of the Fourth Synod for Consideration and Ratification

PRECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, 30TH JULY, 2023 HELD AT THE ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EMEYAL 2

DECISONS FOR RATIFICATION.

1. REPORT BY THE CONSECRETION AND ENTHRONEMENT COMMITTEE ON THE SEND-OFF OF THE RETIRED BISHOP: The Chairman of the Committee, Sir Prof. Allen Agih, presented a budget of N11, 345.000.00 only for the former Bishop's Send-Off. The Meeting presided over by the Supervising Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Blessing C. Enyindah, approved the presented budget, in addition to the Ten Million (N10, 000.000.00) Naira only already approved as Welfare Package for the retired Bishop.

The above Diocesan Board Decision is now hereby presented to the Third Session of the Fourth Synod for Consideration and Ratification

PRECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF SATURDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2023 HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ONUEBUM

DECISONS FOR RATIFICATION.

a. SENDOFF/CONSECRATION AND ENTHRONEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:
The Chairman of the Committee, Sir Prof. Allen Agih, reported that the Send-Off of the retired Bishop has been done successfully and further presented a Financial Report as follows:

i. Receipts: N12,763,995.00
ii. Disbursement: N11,400,500.00
iii. Refund: N91,800.00

Sir. Prof. Agih thanked the Chairman of the Board, His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Blessing C. Enyindah, and all those who made the Send-off of the retired Bishop possible. He further also thanked the Board for the opportunity given the Committee Members to serve. He finally recommended that the Board should write letters of appreciation to some of our Benefactors who made the Send-off possible. The Committee then

promised to concentrate on the Consecration and Enthronement of the new Bishop when elected.
Ven. Justice Ikiogha then moved a motion for the acceptance of the Report for discussion and was seconded by Mr. Monday Ojo.

b. RECOVERY OF 2022 SYNOD DEBTS: Ven. Michael E. Abrakasa, the Clerical Synod Secretary, informed the Board that the Chairman of the 2022 Local Organizing Committee, Sir Chief Donald Ase, had requested him to write letters of reminders to some persons who made pledges during the Synod, adding that the request was actually made by HRH A. J. Turner, who made the pledges on behalf of most of those who pledged.
Reacting, the Board decided that the reminder letters should be written to all those who made pledges in the last Synod and after that nobody should go after them again.

c. REPAIRS/SALE OF BISHOP LAND CRUISER: The Board decided that the vehicle should be taken for repairs in a workshop recommended by the Supervising Bishop.

d. COLLECTIONS AND PAYMENTS OF CHURCH OF NIGERIA PUBLICATIONS/ST. MATTHIAS/ PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL /COVENANT SUNDAY, ETC.: The Diocesan Treasurer reported that the Diocese has paid for the 2024 Church of Nigeria Publications, while the CSS also reported that the Diocese was owing Church of Nigeria Advent Collections for 2017, 2019 and 2020, and St. Matthias Collection for 2017.
Consequent upon the above, the Board decided and requested the Diocesan Treasurer to trace the records and pay every collection not yet remitted to the Church of Nigeria, in order to stop the Diocese to be seen as a debtor in the CON Financial Report every year. The Chairman also informed the Board that 17TH September, 2023**,** was set aside for the Provincial Education Levy Collection in all stations in the Province, and directed all stations and Parishes that had not observed it to take the Collections on Sunday, 24th September, 2023**,** and remit collections to the Province via the Central Office.

e. 2023 DIOCESAN HARVEST: It was decided that the Diocesan Harvest should be held on the 3rd of December, 2023**,** at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal 2. The Board further empowered the 2022 Harvest Committee Members to also plan and execute the 2023 Harvest.
The Committee was thereafter mandated to work out the details of the Harvest concerning the Archdeaconries and Deaneries financial involvement.

f. STATUS OF THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT: Ven. Justice Ikiogha, on behalf of the Chairman, informed the Board that the Committee was still brainstorming on the way forward and that nothing practical had been done on the matter.
The Board then advised the Committee that for it to demonstrate seriousness and commitment, temporary structures in the Cathedral should be employed to start the school for the 2023/2024 Academic Session, adding that if the Committee were to wait for the appropriate structures to be in place before commencing the school projects, it would end up as an exercise in futility.

g. STATUS OF THE 2023 SYNOD: The Board was informed that a Supervising Bishop cannot hold a Synod but that everybody should be prepared because if a Bishop was elected and enthroned within the year, he might call for a Synod, even if it is a One-Day Synod.
It was also decided that in order to raise fund if the Synod did not hold, half of the statutory Registration and levies of the Archdeaconries, Deaneries Parishes and other arms of the Church in the Diocese should be paid as Harvest contributions.

The above Diocesan Board Decisions is now hereby presented to the Third Session of the Fourth Synod for Consideration and Ratification

PRECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 2024 HELD AT ST. JAME'S CHURCH, IMIRINGI

DECISONS FOR RATIFICATION.

a. **DIOCESAN EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Chairman, Sir Prof. Allen Agih, presented a formal Report concerning the requirements for the registration of the Co-operative Society, as follows:

i. Name of the Co-operative Society

ii. List of members (minimum should be 10 members) indicating the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions.

iii. Application for registration, and with,

iv. Thirty thousand Naira (#30,000) only.

Thereafter, Ven. T.M. Obaze, moved a motion for the discussion of the Report and was seconded by Pst. Godgift S. Omele. After an in-depth discussion, the Board asked the Committee; to suggest a name for the Co-operative Society, design a membership form, compile the list of potential members and further work out how much each member would contribute monthly, and present same to the Board in the next Meeting

b. MARRIAGE COMMITTEE REPORT: The Chairman of the Committee, Rev. Can. T. T Ugiri, presented a comprehensive Report. Thereafter, Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho moved a motion for the discussion of the Report and was seconded by Sir Damini Allison-Oguru.

After a serious discussion on the matter, the Board unanimously agreed that a Medical Test should be done a week before every Solemnization of Holy Matrimony, and that one of the tests should be on Hepatitis B.

Furthermore, the Board agreed that the Marriage Register should be provided by the Church, and that payments of Cassock and Choirs fees/levies should be done away with, and left at the discretion of the celebrants.

Thereafter, Ven. James E. Koru moved a motion for the adoption of the Report, and was seconded by Sir Damini Allison -Oguru

c. STATUS OF THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT: The Chairman, Sir Prof. Allen A. Agih, presented a Comprehensive written Report with the following recommendations for consideration by the Board:

i. A determination of the academic Level of the School, e.g.; Nursery, primary, Secondary, etc.
ii. Location of the School
iii. Likely Commencement date of Academic Activities
iv. The Constitution of School Management Board, etc.

Thereafter, Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho moved a motion for the discussion of the Report and was seconded by Sir Fred Ademe.

After an exhaustive deliberation, the Board unanimously appointed Sir Damini Allison -Oguru as the Educational Advisor/Board Chairman. Other Management Board members include the Statutory members stated in the Diocesan Constitution.

The Committee was then inaugurated and was asked to work with the Report presented by Sir Prof. Allen A. Agih, and then report back at the next Board Meeting.

d. 2023 DIOCESAN CMF CONFERENCE REPORT: The Chaplain, Rev. Can. T.T Ugiri, presented a written Report on the CMF Conference, held at St. Luke's Church, Emeyal 2, on Saturday, 16th December, 2023, with the theme: "Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion" (Isaiah 52:1). He further stated that a new Executive Council was elected as follows:

1. Sir Biate A.A Stephen - Chairman
2. Sir Engr. Kopiam - Vice Chairman
3. L/R Ojo Monday - Secretary
4. Mr. Okhaware Dinabo - Treasurer
5. Mr. Aruaman Ekereke - Assist. Secretary

6. Mr. Oyedo Okilo - Fin. Secretary
7. Mr. Biate A. Wilson - PRO
8. Evang. Ibu Jackson - Prayer Coordinator
9. Mr. Onos Edio - Welfare 1
10. Mr. Gideon Koru - Welfare 2
11. Sir Raphael Alegbeni - Provost

e. ELECTION FOR BISHOP ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The following persons were elected:

1. Barr. Mrs Betty I. Abrakasa - Chairman
2. Rev. Paul Ibulu
3. Rev. Moses Azibaola
4. Rev. Barahart Tebeda
5. Rev. Ibemere Benjamin
6. Sir Prof. Allen A. Agih
7. Sir Engr. Kopiam Adike
8. Sir Damnit Allison-Oguru
9. Dame Justina Ekenabhar
10. Mrs Baya Alagoa

The above Diocesan Board Decisions are now hereby presented to the Third Session of the Fourth Synod for Consideration and Ratification

PRECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF 3RD MARCH, 2024 HELD AT THE ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EMEYAL 2

DECISONS FOR RATIFICATION.

1. CONSECRETION AND ENTHRONEMENT OF THE NEW BISHOP'S ELECT; The Chairman of the Committee presented a budget of Sixty-Seven Million (N67, 000.000.00) Naira only, stating that the Thirteen Million budget for the renovation of the Bishop's court was also built into the bigger budget. That, the Budget has been divided to the various Administrative Units of the Diocese as levies and that the sum of N14, 172, 545 had already been realized.

The Meeting, presided over by the Supervising Bishop, the Most Rev Dr. Blessing C. Enyindah, thanked the Committee for the good work done and charged all chaplaincies, Archdeaconries, Deaneries and other arms of the Church owing the Diocese to pay up their levies. The Chairman further solicited for goodwill donations from the members.

The Meeting also directed that the Bishop's damaged vehicle should be repaired for use by the new Bishop and approved the sum of Two Million (#2, 000,000.00) Naira for its repairs.

The Chairman of the Board expressed dissatisfaction with the amount realized and encouraged all and sundry to go all out to source for fund in order to have a successful and smooth transition.

In response, the Chairman of the Committee informed the Board that his Committee had agreed to meet every Sunday until the Consecration and Enthronement was done. He requested the Board to make it easy for his Committee to access funds when the need arose and finally pledged to take full responsibility for the funding of the Enthronement Service Programme booklet and the entire cost of Publicity for the Enthronement.

Reacting, his Grace, the Most Rev Dr. Blessing C. Enyindah, on behalf of the Board, immensely thanked Sir Prof. Allen Agih for his benevolence and commitment. He further appealed to all Administrative Units Heads and chaplaincy groups to offset at least half of their financial obligations within the week to enable the Committee commence work on the Enthronement. He finally mandated the Diocesan Treasurer to release, with ease, every approved fund for the work of the Committee without delay.

The above Diocesan Board Decisions is now hereby presented to the Third Session of the Fourth Synod for Consideration and Ratification

PECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF SATURDAY, 25TH MAY, 2024 HELD AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH, OTAKEME

DECISONS FOR RATIFICATION.

a. **DIOCESAN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**: The Board approved the setting up of a Co-operative scheme with the name "Diocese of Ogbia Co-operative Society" and nominated and appointed the following persons as the Management Team:

1. Sir Abel Opuene, Chairman,
2. Dame Prof. Joy N. Akporewhe, Vice Chairman,
3. Ven. Emmanuel Ikobho, Secretary
4. Sir Prof. Allen A. Agih
5. Chief J.J Agorodi
6. Mr. Aruaman Ekereke
7. Pst. Felix Agori
8. Mrs A. Obele
9. Rev. Dallas Abarah
10. Barr. Kimsebi Orudiakumo.

The Management Team was then mandated to register the scheme with the CAC and commence operations as it deems appropriate.

b. DIOCESAN SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT:

The Board appointed and directed the Chairman of the Diocesan Educational Board, Sir Damini Allison Oguru, to work with other members of the Committee and strategize to start the School, using the old Bishop's court and the Cathedral Vicarage, as take-off facilities.

c.. REVIEW OF DIOCESAN CONSTITUTION/ UPGRADE OF CAC CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION: The Board was informed by the Chancellor that the Diocesan Constitution was yet to be reviewed because of the absence of the Deed of Relinquishment. The Board therefore decided that all efforts should bd made to locate or sign another Deed.

The Chancellor further informed the Board that the Diocese cannot continue to rely on the old CAC Certificate of Incorporation, because the members of the Board of Trustees had been changed. She therefore, suggested that the Board should look into the need to get a new Certificate of Incorporation from CAC. This position was accepted by the Board and the legal party of the Diocese was mandated to apply for a new Certificate of Incorporation with CAC.

d. **FENCING OF THE LAND DONATED BY THE RETIRED LORD BISHOP TO THE DIOCESE:** The Lord Bishop and Chairman of Board informed the Board that he had received a delegation from NDDC office requesting to use the said land for a Water Project. After an in-depth discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that an official document or statement be made that the land is donated to NDDC to be used for a Water Project for the benefit of the people of Ogbia Town.

Thereafter, Rev. Can. Aaron D. Mondebo formally moved a motion that the land should be donated to NDDC for a Water project and was seconded by Chief J. J Agorodi.

e. 25% FINACIAL PAYMENT POLICY: The Lord Bishop and Chairman of the Board explained to the members the myriad of financial difficulties the Diocese was experiencing. He informed the Board that he had held a Meeting with the Clergies and Treasurers of various Parishes and Administrative Units and they agreed that starting on the 1st of June, 2024, all Stations should remit 25% of any of their proceeds to the Diocese, while 75% was to be retained by the Stations.

Thereafter, Rev. Can. T.T Ugiri, moved a motion that from 1st of June, 2024, let the operating system of quota payment be dissolved and the payment of 25% of all proceeds to the Diocesan Central Office be adopted as a working Financial Policy of the Diocese and was seconded by Mr. Timipre Ngonamondi, after which the Board unanimously agreed.

e. OGBIA DIOCESAN TRAINING INSTITUTE: The Board was informed of the inauguration of a Diocesan

Training Institute on the 24th of May, 2024, to train Diocesan workers it was further stated that the Institute would carry out her operations from Otuoke. The Meeting was further informed that in August 2024, there would be an Ordination Service of Diaconate and Priesthood Candidates, and that the registration for the first batch of students for the Training Institute would be free of charge while subsequent registrations would not be free of charge. He therefore encouraged and advised members to seize the available opportunity.

g. 2024 SYNOD: The Chairman of the Board informed the Meeting, as agreed by the Synod Central Planning Committee, that the 2024 Diocesan Synod has been re-scheduled to hold from 7th - 10th of November, 2024, at St. Matthias Church, Okodi. He also stated that the Motion Mover and Motion Seconder were Ven. Justice Ikiogha and Sir BOF Amangoli respectively, and that the Feeding levy had been reviewed to One million Two Hundred Thousand (#1,200,000) Naira only, which was a 20% increase from the 2022 Synod. The Meeting then directed the Clerical Synod Secretary to officially write a letter to inform Okodi Community of a novelty football match between their Youths and our Youths.

The above Diocesan Board Decisions are now hereby presented to the Third Session of the Fourth Synod for Consideration and Ratification

PECIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING OF SATURDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 HELD AT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, OGBIA TOWN.

DECISONS FOR RATIFICATION

OLD EMEYAL PARISH LAND DISPUTE OF AGUDAMA: The Meeting observed that the matter had lingered for too long without solution, and therefore decided that if by the next Diocesan Board Meeting, the matter is not resolved the Diocese would take over the land and take care if the problem.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: The Meeting was informed that the Chairman of the Diocesan School Management Board, Sir. Damini A. Allison-Oguru voluntarily resign his app ointment as the Chairman of the Board on health grounds. The Board, thereafter, accepted his resignation. And appointed Dame Prof. Joy N. Akporehwe as the Chairman.

NEW CATHEDRAL BUILDING: The Board decided that instead of scouting for a virgin land to build a new Cathedral, and with all the attendant cost implications, the Building Committee should direct their focus on the expanse of land in the Od Cathedral area.

25% FINANCIAL POLICY: The Board was informed that the new policy had commenced with effect from 1st of June, 2024, and charged the Clergymen to take full responsibility for the remittance of the correct percentage to the Diocesan coffers.

OGBIA DIOCESE TRAINING INSTITUTE(ODTI): The Board was informed that a Diocesan Training Institute has been inaugurated in the Diocese and that the institute would operate in the meantime in Otuoke Church facilities, with Ven. James Koru as the Rector, while Rev Paul Ibulu as the Registrar.

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN HONOUR OF DESERVING AND WORTHY SERVANTS THAT HADJOIN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: The Board agreed that the Diocese should hold a Memorial Service for some devout and committed kingdom soldiers who had joined the Church Triumphant. The Board further agreed that the Memorial Service should be held before the end of the year.

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THE ORDER OF THE SYNOD THANKSGIVING SERVICE SLATED FOR SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2024 BY 9AM PROMPT.

1. Processional; Hymn: A&MR 271(God is working his purpose out), SS&S 306 (There shall be showers of blessings)
2. Marching in the Colours
3. The Preparation: The Rt. Rev. Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, JP.
4. The Act of Penitence –Decalogue
5. The Collects
6. The Ministry of the Word;
   a. OT: Exod. 24:12-18- by Chancellor, Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa
   b. Psalm: 63
   c. Epistle: Heb. 10:19-25 – Rev. Benjamin A. Ibemere
   d. Gradual Hymn: SS&S 307 (God is here, and that to bless us)
   e. Gospel: Matt. 18:81-20- Rev Can Joseph Igoniwari
7. Hymn before Sermon: A&MR 362(Revive thy Work, O Lord)
8. Sermon- Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon
9. Anthem by the Choir
10. Nicene Creed
11. Notices
12. Hymn for Church Offering, General Thanksgiving & Tithes- SS&S 873(Blessed Assurance, Great is thy faithfulness& SS&S 877 (Standing in the promises of Christ my King)
13. Intercessory Prayer - Peace
14. Hymns for Offertory: SS&S 904 (There is not a Friend like the lowly Jesus), SS&S 319 (What a friend we have in Jesus) & ARMR 344 (Hark my Soul it is the Lord)
15. Eucharistic Prayer 1
16. Distribution of Eucharistic Elements: SS&S 38 (I am so glad that our father in heaven), Jesus keeps me near thy cross; How Great thy Art; it pays to serve Jesus
17. Thanksgiving
    a. Diocesan Synod Thanksgiving
18. Closing Prayers/ Benediction: - His Lordship, the Rt. Rev Tamunotari Matthew Obaze, JP
19. Diocesan Anthem and National Anthem.
20. Marching out the Colours
21. Processing Out: SS& 642, 23 & 902 (When we walk with the lord, to God be the glory & My Hope is built on Nothing less.

1. **PROCESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 271**

A&M 271

1. God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

2. From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
Give ear to me, ye continents, ye Isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

3. What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

4. March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth may shine throughout the world.
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

5. All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea

SS&S 306

1. There shall be showers of blessing
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing
Sent from the saviour above,

Chorus,
Showers of blessings,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.

2. There shall be showers of blessing
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valley,
Sound of abundance of rain.

3. There shall be showers of blessings:
Send them upon us O Lord!
Grant to us now a refreshing:
Come, and now honour thy word:

4. There shall be showers of blessings:
Oh that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call!

2. **MARCHING IN THE COLOURS WITH QUICK MARCH**
3. **THE PREPARATION – THE RT. REV. JAMES AYE. ORUWORI (JP)**

President: There is great gain in Godliness with contentment.
President: I will bless the Lord at all times.
All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
President: O magnify the Lord with me,
All: And let us exalt his name together.
President: This is the day which the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

COLLECT FOR PURITY:

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All: Glory be to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father. We worship You, we give You thanks we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

4. **THE ACT OF PENITENCE - DECALOGUE**

President: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: If you love me, Keep my commandments; (*Jn. 14:15*) happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it. (*Lk. 11:28*) Hear then these commandments which God has given to His people, and take them to heart.

I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me (*Exod. 20:2,3*). You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength (*Deut. 6.4,5; Mt. 22:37*).

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: You shall not make for yourself any idol (*Exod. 20:4*). God is Spirit, and those who worship Him. must worship in spirit and in truth (*Jn. 4:24*).

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God (*Exod. 20:7*). You shall worship Him with awe and reverence (*Heb. 12:28*).

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: Remember the Lord's Day and keep it holy (*Exod. 20:8*) Christ is risen from the dead (*1 Cor. 15:20*): set your minds on things that are above not on things that are on earth (*Col. 3:2*)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: Honour your father and mother (*Exod. 20:12*) Live as servants of God; honour all people; love the brotherhood (*1 Pet. 2:16b, 17a*).

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: You shall not commit murder (*Exod. 20:13*). Be reconciled to your neighbour (*Rom. 12:10a*), overcome evil with good (*Rom. 12:21*).

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: You shall not commit adultery (*Exod. 20:14*). Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (*1 Cor. 6:19*).

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: You shall not steal (*Exod. 20:15*). Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need (*Deut. 15:11*)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: You shall not be a false witness (*Exod. 20:16*). Let every one speak the truth, (*Zech. 8:16; Eph. 4:25*).

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

President: You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour (*Exod 20:17*). Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive (*Acts 20:35b*). Love your neighbour as yourself (*Lk. 10:27b*), for love is the fulfilling of the law. (*Rom. 13:10b*).

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Your laws in our hearts, we pray You.

The President may say:

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our Advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Or One or more these Sentences

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to Him: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (*Mt. 11:28*).

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but

have eternal life. (*Jn 3:16*).
Hear what St. Paul says: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (*1 Tim. 1:15*)
Hear also what St. John says: If any one sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins (*1 Jn. 2:1*)
A Brief pause
President: Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people; meekly kneeling upon our knees.
All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and against our neighbours, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have not sufficiently walked according to the mind of Christ. We have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your name. Amen.
President: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.
5. THE COLLECTS – TRINITY 22
President: **The Lord be with you**
All: And also, with you
President: **Let us pray.**
Let your merciful ears, Lord God, be open to the prayers of Your people, and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as will please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

6. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

a. O.T: – Exod. 24: 12-18 by the Diocesan Chancellor, Barr. Mrs. Enenimiete Betty Abrakasa
At the end, the reader shall say: 'This is the word of the Lord'.
All: Thanks be to God.

b. PSALM 63
Glory be to the Father and to the/Son: and to the/ Holy/ Spirit: As it was in the beginning * is now and ever / shall / be: world without end. / A-/ men.
c. EPISTLE: Hebrew 10: 19-25 by Rev. Benjamin A. Ibemere
At the end, the reader shall say: 'This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.
d. GRADUAL HYMN: SS&S 307
GOD IS HERE, AND THAT TO BLESS US

1. God is here, and that to bless us
With the spirit quickening power;
See the cloud already bending
Waits to drop the grateful shower;

Chorus:
Let it come O Lord we pray thee!
Let the show'r of blessings fall;
We are waiting, we are waiting;
Oh revive the hearts of all:

2. God is here we feel his presence
In his consecrated place;
But we need the soul refreshing
Of his free unbounded grace.

3 God is here! Oh, then believing,
Bring to him our one desire,
That his love may have been kindled,
Till its flame each heart inspire.

4 Saviour grant the prayer we offer,
While in simple faith we bow;
From the windows of the mercy
Pour us out a blessing now.

d. Gospel: Matthew 18: 18-20 by Rev. Canon Justice Igoniwari
*(*Congregation stands and faces the reader)

THE Gospel when it is announced
All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At the end, the reader shall say:
This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Praise to Christ our Lord.

7. HYMN BEFORE SERMON: A&MR 362 (REVIVE THY WORK, O LORD)

1. REVIVE Thy work, O Lord!
Thy mighty arm makes bare;
Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
And make Thy people hear.

2. REVIVE Thy work, O Lord!
Disturb this sleep of death;
Quicken the smouldering embers now
By Thine Almighty breath.

3. REVIVE Thy work, O Lord!
Create soul-thirst for Thee;
And hungering for the Bread of Life
O may our spirits be.

4. REVIVE Thy work, O Lord!
Exalt Thy precious name;
And by the Holy Ghost our love_
For Thee and Thine inflame.

5. REVIVE Thy work, O Lord!
Give Pentecostal showers;
The glory shall be all Thine own,
The blessing, Lord, be ours.

8. SERMON – Rt. Rev. Victor Ebipade Okporu, the Lord Bishop of Diocese of Western Izon
9. ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR
10. NICENE CREED
All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father Through Him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate: He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified; He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

4. NOTICES
5. HYMNS FOR CHURCH OFFERING; SS&S 873, GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS & SS&S 877
SS&S 873, BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh what a fore taste of glory divine
Hair of salvation, purchase of God
Born of the spirit, washed in his blood

Chorus;
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
This is my story, this is my son

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture burst on my sight
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of tongues

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour, am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Great is your faithfulness (DC)
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hands hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

3. Pardon for sin and peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

SS&S 877, STANDING ON THE PROMISES.

1.Standing on the promises of Christ my king
Thro' eternal ages let his praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus;
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my saviour
Standing, standing, I am standing on the promises of God.

2.Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living word of God, I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

3.Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect present cleansing in the blood for me
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free
Standing on the promises of God.

4.Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the spirit's sword
Standing on the promises of God.

5.Standing on the promises I cannot fail
Listening every moment to the spirit's call
Resting in my Saviour as my All in all
Standing on the promises of God.

1. INTERCESSORY PRAYER-PEACE

President: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord have mercy.
President: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's holy Church, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord have mercy.
President: For our bishops and other ministers (especially *Henry our Primate, Blessing*, our Archbishop, and. James our Bishop) that with a good heart and a pure conscience they may accomplish their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord have mercy.
President: For the rulers of our country and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord have mercy.
President: For the poor, the hungry, orphans and widows, and them that suffer persecution, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord have mercy.
President: **For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellences of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord.**
All: Lord have mercy.

President: **That, with all His servants who have served Him here and are now at rest, we may enter into fullness of His unending joy, let us pray to the Lord.**
All: Lord have mercy.
All: Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we pray You to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT
THE PEACE *(All Stand)*
President: **Christ is our peace.**
He has reconciled us to God;
in one body by the cross.
We meet in His name and share His peace,
He then says,
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also, with you.
President: **Let us offer one another a sign of peace.**

2. HYMNS FOR OFFERTORY: SS&S 904, 319 & A&M 344
SS&S 904 - THERE IS NO OTHER FRIEND LIKE THE LONELY JESUS

1. There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus
No, not one! no, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases,
No, not one! no, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There' not a friend like the lowly Jesus
No, not one! no, not one!

2. No friend like Him is so high and holy
No, not one! no, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly
No, not one! no, not one!

3. There's not an hour that He is not near us
No, not one! no, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us
No, not one! no, not one!

4. Did ever saint find this Friend forsake him?
No, not one! no, not one!
Or sinner find that He would not take him?
No, not one! no, not one!

5. Was e'er a gift like the Saviour given?
No, not one! no, not one!
Will He refuse us a home in heaven?
No, not one! no, not one!

SS&S 319, WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1. What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and grief to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh what needless pains we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

2. Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

3 Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumber'd with a load of care
Precious Saviour, still our refuge
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He"ll take and shield thee
Thou will find a solace there.

A&MR 344, HARK MY SOUL IT IS THE LORD

i. Hark my soul! It is the Lord
Tis the Saviour, here His word
Jesus speaks, and speaks to the
Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me

ii. I delivered thee when bound
And, when wounded, heal thy wound
Sought thee wandering, set the right
Turned thy darkness into light

iii. Can a woman's tender care
Cease towards the child she bear
Yes she may forgetful be
Yet will I remember thee

iv. Mine is an unchanging love
Higher than the heights above
Deeper than the depths beneath
Free and faithful, strong as death.

v. Thou shall see my glory soon
When thy work of grace is done
Partner of my throne shalt be
Say poor sinner lov'st thou me

vi. Lord, it is my chief complaint
That my love is weak and faint
Yet I love thee, and adore
O for grace to love thee more.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*At the offering of the Bread***.**

President: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation through Your goodness we have this bread to offer which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

All: Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

At the offering of the Wine.

President: **Blessed are You Lord, God of all creation through Your goodness we have this wine to offer fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.**

All: Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

*Then the President takes the offering in his hands and says with the people***.**

All: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours. All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.

15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

President**: The Lord be with you.**

All: And also, with you.

President**: Lift up your hearts.**

All: We lift them to the Lord.

***President*: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

President: It is indeed right; it is our duty and joy at all times and in all places to give You thanks and praise, Holy Father, heavenly King, Almighty and eternal God through Jesus Christ Your only Son our Lord, For He is Your living Word; through Him You have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in Your own image. Through Him You have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving Him to be born as man and to die upon the cross; You raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to Your right hand on high, Through Him You have sent upon us Your Holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for Your own possession.

And now we give thanks because you have revealed your glory and of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, three persons equal in majesty and undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God to be worshipped and adored. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and saying.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

President: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

All: Hosanna in the highest.

(The congregation may kneel)

*(The President continues***)**

President: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and as we follow His example and obey His command, grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us His Body and Blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me,”

In the same way, after supper, He took the cup and gave You thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me".

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

President: Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember His offering of Himself made once for all upon the cross; and proclaim His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, As we look for His coming in glory, We celebrate with this bread and this cup His one perfect sacrifice.

President continues

Accept through Him, our great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise: and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of Your divine Majesty, renew us by Your Spirit, inspire us with Your love, and unite us in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit with all who stand before You in earth and heaven. We worship You, Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be Yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

President: **The bread which we break, is it not the communion of body of Christ.**
President: **The cup which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ.**
All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we share in one Bread.

AGNUS DEI

President: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.**
All: Have mercy on us
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All: Grant us peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (All Kneeling)

All: We do not presume to come to Your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table But You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood; that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

2. DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS

Before the distribution, the President says:

President: **Holy things to Holy people,**
If any is holy, let him come;
If any is not, let him repent.
All: There is one holy, One Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father, blessed forever. Amen

The President and people receive the communion. At the distribution the minister says to each communicant.

The body of Christ keeps you in eternal life
The blood of Christ keeps you in eternal life

OR

The Body of Christ
The Blood of Christ

The communicant replies each time Amen and then receives.

HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS SS&S 38(I AM SO GLAD THAT OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN); HGP 83 (NEAR THE CROSS), HOW GREAT THOU ART; IT PAYS TO SERVE JESUS;

SS&S 38 --I AM SO GLAD THAT OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

1. I am so glad that our father in heaven
Tells of his love in the book he has given
Wonderful things in the bible I see
This is the dearest that Jesus loves me

I am so glad that Jesus loves me
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me
I am so glad that Jesus loves me
Jesus loves even me

2. Tho' I forget him and wonder away
Still he doth love me whenever I stray
Back to his dear loving arms do I flee
When I remember that Jesus loves me

3. Oh if there's only one song I can sing
When in his beauty I see the great king
This shall my song in eternity be
Oh what a wonder that Jesus loves me

4. Jesus loves me and I know I love him
Love brought him down my poor soul to redeem
Yes it was love made him die on the tree
Oh I am certain that Jesus loves me

5. If one should ask of me how can I tell
Glory to Jesus I know very well
God's Holy Spirit with mine doth agree
Constantly witnessing Jesus loves me

6. In this assurance I find sweetest rest
Trusting in Jesus I know I am blest
Satan, dismayed, from my soul now doth flee
When I just tell him that Jesus loves me

NEAR THE CROSS – HGP 83

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream
Flow from Calvary's Mountain

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me.

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

3. And when I think that God his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

4. And when Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home; what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art!

NNHS 402 – IT PAYS TO SERVE JESUS

1. It pays to serve Je-sus, I speak from my heart;
He'll al-ways be with us if we do our part;
There's naught in this wide world can pleas-ure af-ford,
There's peace and con-tent-ment in serv-ing the Lord.

I love Him far bet-ter than in days of yore,
I'll serve Him more tru-ly than ev-er be-fore;
I'll do as He bids me what-ev-er the cost,
I'll be a true sol-dier, I'll die at my post.

2. And oft when I'm temp-ted to turn from my track,
I think of my Saviour, - my mind wanders back
To the place where they nail'd Him on Calvary's Tree
I hear a voice saying: I suffer'd for thee.

3. A place I remember where I was set free,
Twas where I found par-don a hea-ven to me
There Je-sus spoke sweet-ly to my wea-ry soul,
My sins were for-giv-en, He made my heart whole

4. How rich is the bless-ing the world can-not give,
I'm sat-isfied ful-ly for Je-sus to live,
Tho' friends may for-sake me and tri-als a-rise
I'm trust-ing in Je-sus, His love nev-er dies.

5. There's no one like Je-sus can cheer me to-day
His love and His kind-ness can ne'er fade a-way
In win-ter, in sum-mer, in sun-shine and rain
His love and af-fection are al-ways the same.

6. Will you have this bless-ing that Je-sus be-stows?
A free, full sal-va-tion for sin's bit-ter throes,
O come to the Sa-vior, to Cal-vary's tree!
The foun-tain is o-pen'd, is flow-ing for thee.

AFTER COMMUNION

President***: I tell you: whatever you prohibit on earth is prohibited in heaven, and whatever you allow on earth is allowed in heaven.***

President**: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,**

All: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Either or both of the follow prayers or other suitable prayer is said.

President: **Father of all, we give You thanks and praise, that when we were still far off You met us in Your Son and brought us home, Dying and living he declared Your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's Body, live His risen life. We who drink His cup, bring life to others; We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us. So, we and Your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise Your name: through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

All: Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

1. THANKSGIVING: THE BAND
   - **a. GENERAL THANKSGIVING/TITHE**
   - **b. DIOCESAN SYNOD THANKSGIVING; ARCHDEACONRY BY ARCHDEACONRY**

2. CLOSING PRAYERS/BENEDICTION - HIS LORDSHIP, THE RT. REV. TAMUNOTARI

MATTHEW OBAZE

President**: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.**

All: Amen.

3. DIOCESAN ANTHEM

4. MARCHING OUT THE COLOURS WITH QUICK MARCH

5. RECESSIONAL HYMN –SS&S 23 & MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

SS&S 23 (TO GOD BE THE GLORY)

1. To God be the glory—great things He hath done!So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,Let the earth hear His voice!Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,Let the people rejoice!O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

2. Perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!To ev'ry believer the promise of God;The vilest offender who truly believes,That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;But purer, and higher, and greater will beOur wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

1 My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device or creed;
I trust the ever living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain:
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.

2 Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

3 My heart is leaning on the Word,
The living Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's Name,
Salvation through His blood.

4 My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.

DIOCESE OF OGBIA
EMEYAL ARCHDEACONRY

A FELICITATION WITH OUR OWN BROTHER, FRIEND AND FATHER IN GOD ON HIS MAIDEN EPISCOPAL PRESIDENCY OF DIOCESAN SYNOD:
THE RT.REV'D MATTHEW TAMUNOTARI OBAZE,
LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF OGBIA.

His Lordship, The Rt. Rev'd Matthew Tamunotari and Mrs. Magaret Obaze, we the entire members of Emeyal Archdeaconry, are hereby expressing our hearts of ELATION on your well deserved Diocesan episcopacy as Bishop and wife of Ogbia and your maiden Synod.

Our Lord Bishop, you have been a humble servant of God to a fault. We therefore pray that the upliftment of the Lord should be outrightly demonstrated in you and your Bishopric, granting you the prowess to lead a successful Synod year in Jesus Name. Amen.

Ven. Dr.and Mrs. H.D. Eli
Archdeacon and Wife.

Rev'd Can. Tamaraye Benjamin Enoya
Secretary