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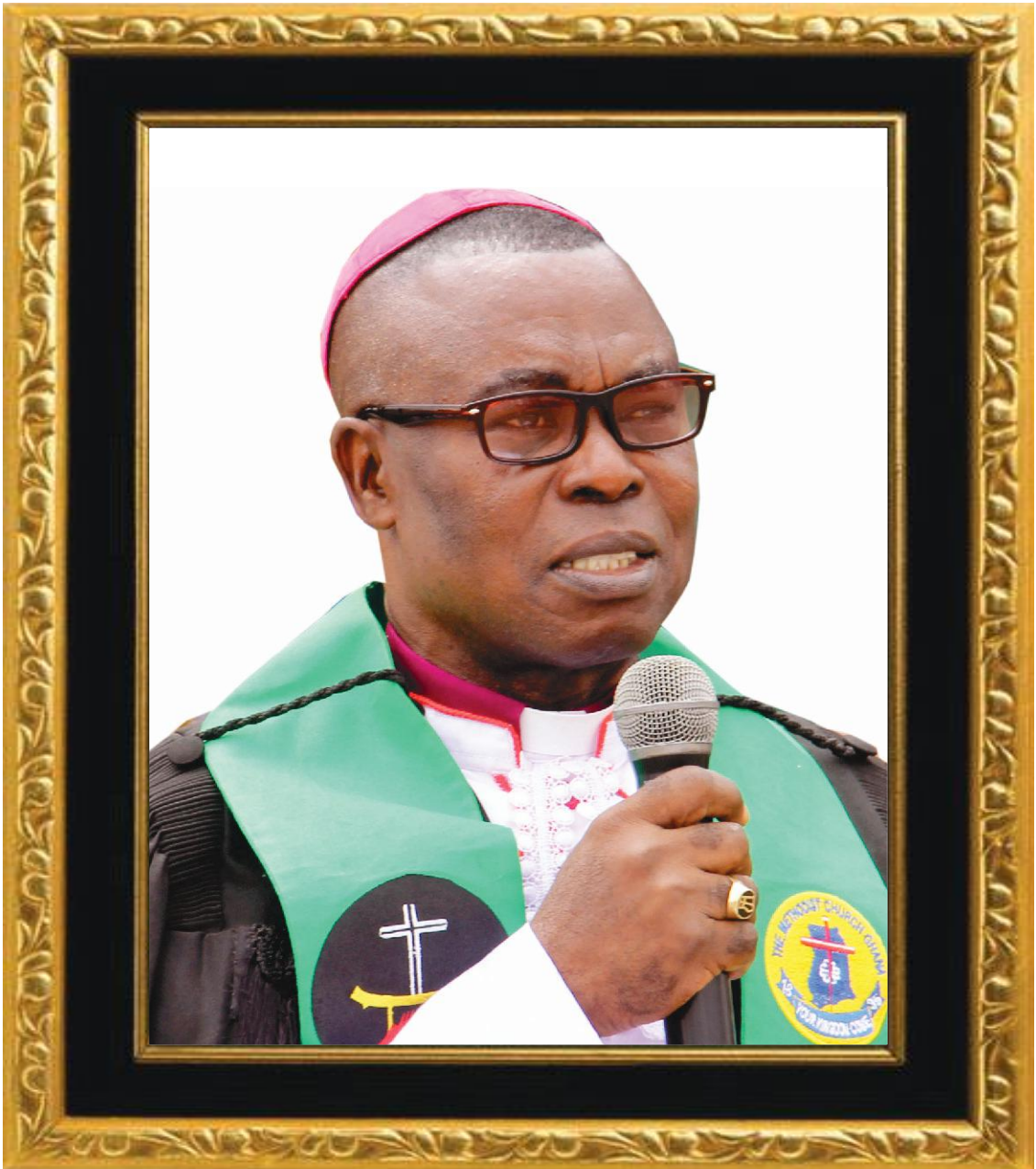
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THE RT. REV. STEPHEN KWAKU OWUSU
Kumasi Diocesan Bishop

**ADDRESS BY THE DIOCESAN BISHOP,
THE RT. REV. STEPHEN KWAKU OWUSU
TO THE 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE
AND 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF GHAMECC - KUMASI DIOCESE**



It is a great honour to write this Goodwill message to the Kumasi Diocese of the Association of Methodist Church Choirs, Ghana. I extend warm greetings from the Executives of the Diocese to the entire membership of the Church Choir. Indeed, you have been our support in the Ministry of the Church. Over the years, you have played your role dutifully and we have been blessed by your soul- inspiring music.

I want to commend the leadership of the Choir especially for the renewed interest in evangelism. I am particular excited about your evangelism programme “The Robe Must Go to Town” which has received extensive recognitions. The programme and its attendant activities has not only strengthened the choir but has awakened the need for other organizations and even the Clergy to put a spring in their evangelism drive. I have been reliably informed that other Dioceses are following suite. Ayekoo! I have always maintained and just as I discussed with you during the Encounter with the Bishop series at Bethel, Kwadaso, I challenge the Choir to take over the Church. If the Choir can inspire worship in the church and drive evangelism, then the Church will be great and strong to achieve her vision and objectives. With our current strategy of doubling our membership and making Christ known in all regions of Ghana and beyond, we shall need the Choir to support us in achieving this objective. I urge you to continue with this evangelism spirit and also strengthen your prayer life in addition to singing.

Let me touch a bit on your theme “Discipleship: Living the Transformed Life in Jesus Christ”. I believe to place this theme in proper perspective I would like to ask if you feel transformed after wearing this robe for quite sometime now. Transformed life in Jesus Christ reveals results. A transformed Chorister will not only sing beautifully but would apply the Words (libretto) of the tunes in practical Christian living.

You cannot be transformed when you champion LGBTQ and the likes. You cannot be transformed when hatred, enviousness, backbiting, whoremongering, adultery, pornography, occultism, lateness and poor attitude to robing is your lifestyle. Remember in Romans 12: 2, Paul stated “Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. My dear

choristers, allow the Word to richly dwell in you and be led by the Holy Spirit. Above all, show love to one another.

I would like to reiterate my utmost message for you during your 16th Biennial and 48th Anniversary and that is to see the choir take over in every facets of church activities; in worship, in evangelism, committing financial resources, taking leadership positions, in discipleship and in transformation. More often than not, the Choir through music have been preaching the Gospel but their lifestyles are very parallel to what they preach through singing. We should be “healthy signposts”.

In conclusion, always remember that the “family of God is the Choir, and God is their audience” (Keith Getty) and this should inspire us to enrich our ministry so that God can enjoy our voices. On this note, I wish you a fruitful deliberation with the hope that this conference will impact the Association, The Diocese and Christian living in general. Congratulations and Thank you.



BRO. DR. CHRISTOPHER LARBIE
Diocesan Lay Chairman

GOODWILL MESSAGE

TO THE 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE AND 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF GHAMECC KUMASI DIOCESE

BY BRO. DR. CHRISTOPHER LARBIE,
THE DIOCESAN LAY CHAIRMAN



I bring you greetings of the Diocesan Executive from the Nana Kwaku Duah I House, K.O, Kumasi and may the peace of the Lord be and rest upon you all.

I am specially delighted to be addressing the 16th Biennial and 48th Anniversary Celebration as Lay Chairman of our Diocese. Join me thank God for His mercies and favour upon me and deeming me fit to serve His church at this time of my life and the life of the Church. Let me also express my appreciation to the Members of the 2022 Synod for the confidence reposed in my person. Thank you. It has already been a year now in office and so far, so very good. May the Name of the Lord be praised. I have indeed warmed up in this high office and our purpose is well defined in the vision of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Stephen Kwaku Owusu, and that of the Diocese. We seek to “Build a Community of Committed Christians for Church Growth”. The vision further lies in the Strategic Plans of our Church dubbed “Agenda for Transformation, Revival and Growth”.

Beloved People called Methodist, we have begun programmes and activities all geared at achieving the desired results of our agenda and strategic goal. These have or will include

1. Organisation of professional groups of Methodists (all professions to be covered)
2. Training of the youth in leadership, career development, entrepreneurship and holy living
3. Mentoring of students at the Junior and Senior High Schools to ensure good grades in their respective examinations.
4. Active fundraising activities to provide decent places of worship for our rural church and bridge the infrastructural gap in the Diocese. This is what we call **The 1Lay 20 Concept** – Each Member Contributing 20 cedis or multiples of 20 cedis to build and complete chapel building for rural communities. The plan includes the use of digital means (MTN Merchant Number **0247549873** and Direct Debit Short code

***737*862#)** and direct appeal for funds from all members towards raising the needed funds. We have adopted strategies such as “**The 1Lay20 Ambassadors**” to educate the entire Diocese on the concept. We are also involving all professions in the Diocese for volunteered construction activities in completion of initiated projects. Let us all contribute to this worthy course to grow our Church.

To achieve these and more to be tabled, I beg for your continued support in prayer, in resources (human and financial) and your participation.

I also want to bring to your attention the tenure of elected lay offices in our Church according to the Church's calendar; beginning 1st October and ending 30th September. This must be applicable to all levels, from Society to Connexion. Elected officers must begin their terms on 1st October and end on 30th September with a three-year tenure.

Let me finally remind you of our theme “Discipleship – Living the Transformed life in Jesus Christ”. Our focus for 2023 is the study of the Book of Romans with emphases on congregational reading of the whole text within the year as well as memorizing key verses. I pray you make it your personal ambition to be transformed, leading the transformed life and helping others to be transformed also. Be that committed Christian to help influence the society we currently live in. Let us be guided with the Methodist Church Ghana Constitutional Provisions on Person and Social Conduct of Members

I congratulate you on your 16th Biennial Conference and 48th Anniversary Celebration. I wish you a spirit-filled deliberation.

God bless us all

Service: To God!!!



THE VERY REV. SAMPSON OBENG ADJEI
Synod Secretary

GOODWILL MESSAGE

BY THE SYNOD SECRETARY, THE VERY REV. SAMPSON OBENG ADJEI

TO THE 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE AND 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF GHAMECC - KUMASI DIOCESE



I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to each and every one of you for participating in this Conference to make it a success. Your musical performances in our various Circuits and Societies have been exceptional and it is evident that you have put a lot of effort and hard work into rehearsing and perfecting your pieces. Your beautiful voices and the harmonious rhythm bring immense joy and inspiration to all of us as we hear from you. Your dedication to serving the Lord through music is truly admirable and I am grateful for all that you do to uplift the spirits of the congregation.

Association of Methodist Church Choirs is recognized by Conference to minister in songs to uplift members spiritually. Regardless of challenges we go through including COVID-19 Pandemic and its devastating effects, you have remained resolute to exercising your gift in praising your Maker.

The conference is under the theme, “Discipleship: Living the Transformed Life in Jesus Christ” - **Romans 12:1-2**. This theme is seeking followers, learners, students of Jesus Christ to live the transformed life. This passage states the call to commitment so clearly, the logic is so compelling, that it must go straight to one's heart.

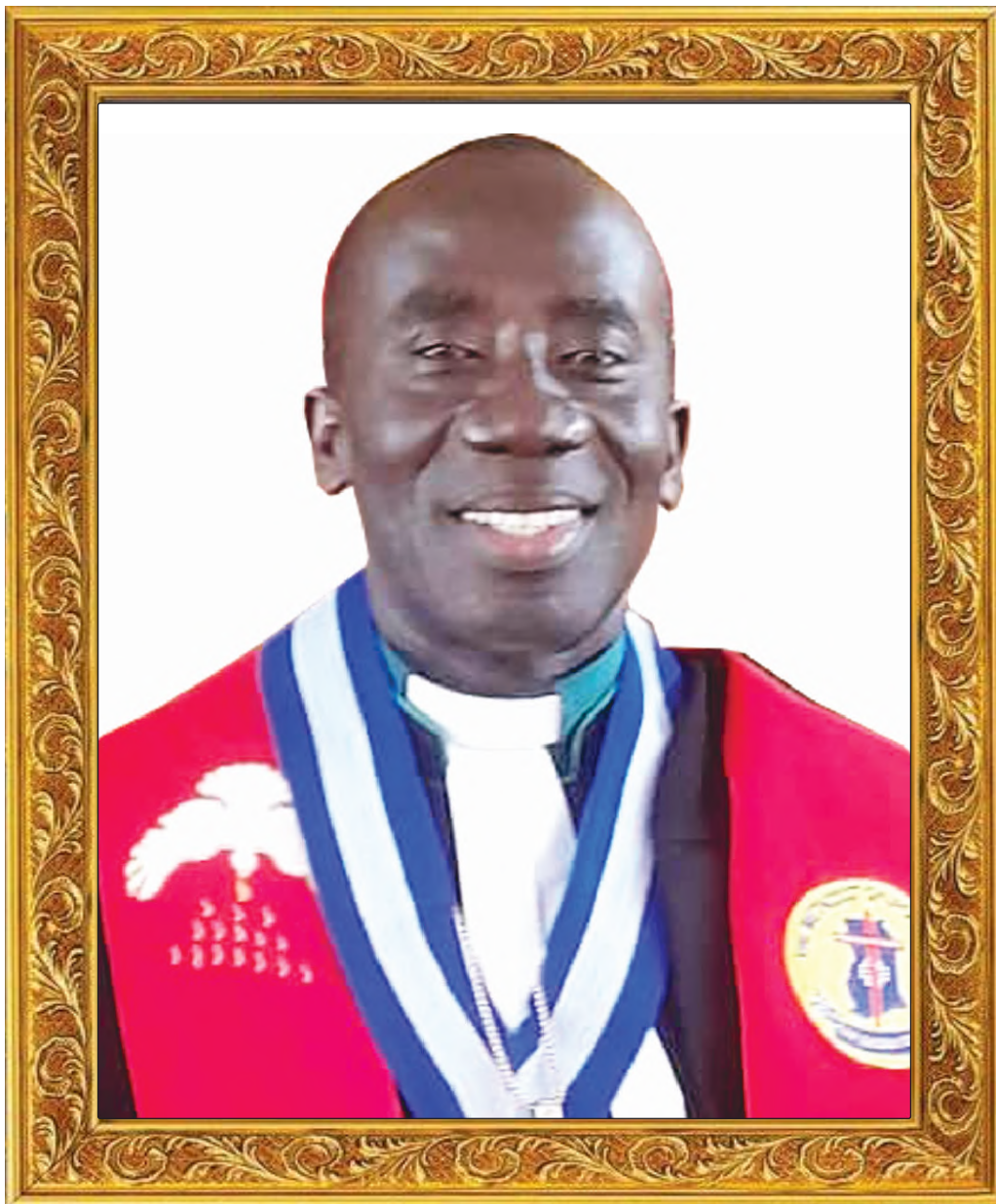
TRANSFORMATION is an inward renewal and reshaping of the mind through which a Christian's inner person is changed into the likeness of Christ. Paul told the Roman believers, “Be transformed by the renewing of your minds” (Rom 12:2). As one's Christian life progresses, the person should gradually notice that his or her thought life is being changed from Christlessness to Christlikeness. A transformed life in Jesus Christ is a committed Christian living.

Let me remind you of the need to be **Obedient** to God, Willing to **serve** Him, cultivate **Self-Discipline**, be **Faithful**, having a **Desire for growth**, **Hope** in the Lord and be **Committed** as well as being a **Model of spiritual virtue**. May I again, request you to know that, your talent and passion for music is a true blessing to our Church and beyond. Keep up the good work and may your voices continue to shine and bring comfort to those who listen.

I hope this message finds you all in the best of health and spirits. As I pray and wish you successful conference, I entreat you to be a Chorister who is committed, resolved to rededicate your life to the course of God's work, acknowledging His mercies through His Son.

Once again, I wish you a successful Conference.

SERVICE – TO GOD.



VERY REV. CHARLES KOJO SANGMOAH
Diocesan Chaplain

GOODWILL MESSAGE

BY THE DIOCESAN CHAPLAIN, VERY REV. CHARLES KOJO SANGMOAH

TO THE 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE AND 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF GHAMECC - KUMASI DIOCESE



The Theme "Discipleship: Living A Transformed Life Through Jesus Christ." The theme has lived with us for the past two years. But it is still active to transform life, because the word of God is new every morning. The choir, as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary next year, I want us to reflect on the sub theme

"THE POWER OF THE TONGUE THROUGH MUSIC TO TRANSFORM LIFE".

The tongue is the small part of the body. The tongue has no bone, but is strong enough to break the heat. It has no chemical weapons but very powerful than any other dynamite explosion. "What a trigger is to a gun, is what our tongue is to our life". How you use your tongue or how others use their tongue against you will either make or break you. The tongue can be positive or destructive depending upon how you use it or others use upon you. "The tongue like a sharp knife kills without drawing blood". BY BUDDA

THE WRONG USE OF THE TONGUE

- Has ruined many marriages.
- By leaders, has brought civil war in many countries.
- Has led to untimely death for many people.
- Has opened doors to demonic affliction and failures for many Christians.
- Has invited unwanted battles into lives.
- Has sent many people to prisons, put many into troubles and finally into hell.

SOME BIBLICAL QUOTATIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TONGUE

- Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. (Psalms 34:13)
- Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble. (Proverbs 21:23)
- Life and death are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruits. (Proverbs 18:21).

THE RIGHTFUL USE OF THE TONGUE.

We as choristers will continue to use our God giving gift, even the tongue through the power of the Holy Spirit;

- To praise our Maker.
- To sing the glories and the goodness of God

- To pray and worship God
- To witness Christ Jesus as the Saviour of the world.

#LET US READ THROUGH M.H.B 1

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
 My great Redeemers praise
 The glories of my God and King
 The triumphs of His grace

VERSE 1: That we will not use our tongue to slander, destroy or damage but rather use our tongue to sing the glories and the goodness of God.

VERSE 2: This reminds us of our big-time program dubbed "The robe must go to town". It really hit the grounds, and touched many souls. And it was through songs, music and hymns.

VERSE 3: We are told in 1 Samuel 16:23 that whenever Saul was tormented by evil Spirit, David will play the harps and sing music into Saul's ears. And the music brings life, health and peace to Saul.

THE TRANSFORMATION

- Many people are transformed and gave their life to Christ, through the power of music. As we reflect and sing M H B 99, stanza 1 and 2 prayerfully
 We feel and realised that;

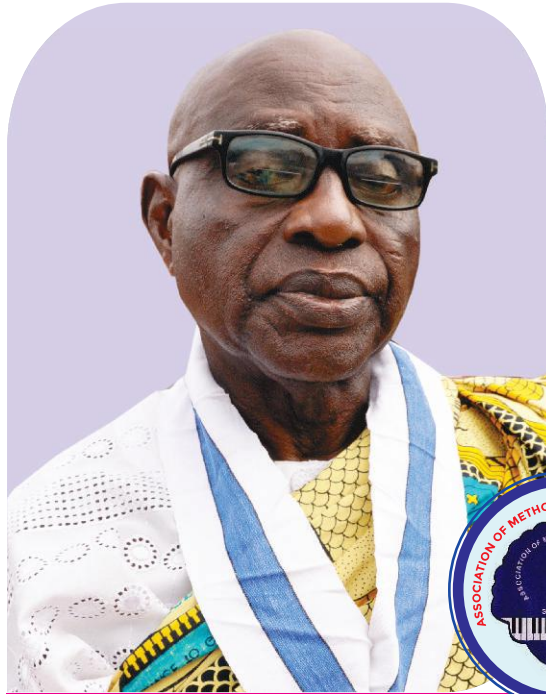
- Wounded Spirit, are made whole.
- Troubled breast, are calm.
- Hungry souls, are satisfied.
- And the name, Jesus gives the weary, rest.
- The Name heals wounds
- And drives away all fears.

CONCLUSION

Mourners and depressed souls rejoice through music. Listening to music reduces stress and blood circulation. Let us continue to use our God-given gifts to transform lives, to win souls for Christ and transform life through the power of music.

SERVICE: TO GOD

OUR CHERISHED PATRONS



Bro. D. D. Amoah



Diocesan Council of Patrons

GOODWILL MESSAGE
FROM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF PATRONS CHAIRMAN
BRO. D. D. AMOAH
TO THE 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE
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The Rt. Rev. Stephen Kwaku Owusu, the Diocesan Bishop, Bro. Dr. Christopher Larbie, the Diocesan Lay Chairman, Very Rev. Charles Kojo Sangmoah, the Diocesan Chaplain GHAMECC, Very Reverend Ministers present, Nananom, Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Conference Delegates, and Brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ; In spite of your heavy schedule, you have made time to attend the 16th Biennial Delegates Conference and 48th Anniversary –CONGRATULATION.

The theme for the Conference is centered on Discipleship: Living the Transformed Live in Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1-2). The ultimate goal for evangelism is to make Disciples for Christ. Choristers Evangelize (telling people the Good News) through Song Ministration (hymns and Classic Music). Converts are then trained and nurtured to become disciples. The process of making Disciples therefore requires hard work, dedication and commitment. Living a transformed life (as Choristers) calls for a life of Sacrifice.

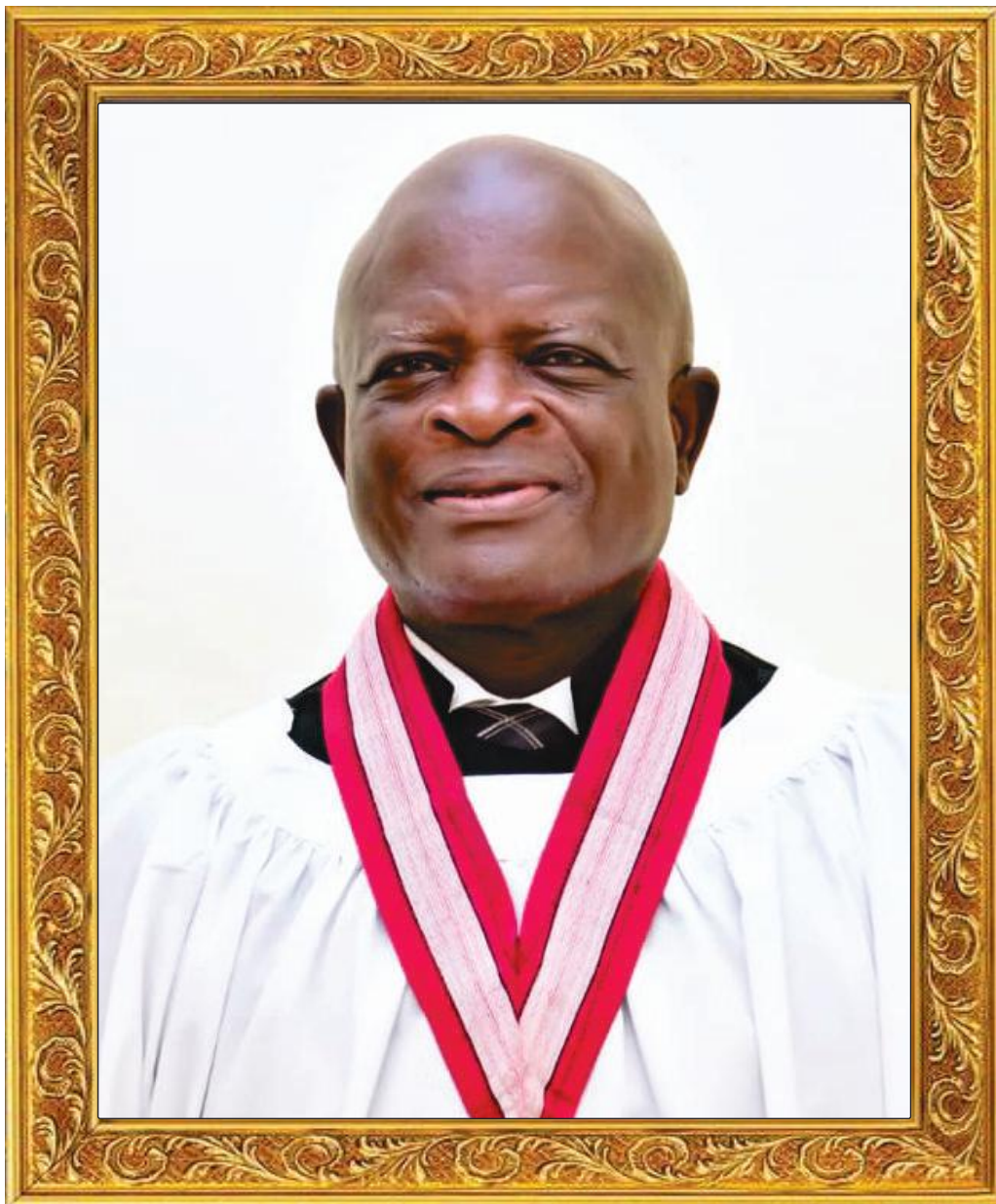
Furthermore, we (as Choristers) are constantly been reminded to live a life worthy of our calling (II Corinthians 5:17 - If anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation, the old is gone, behold the new has come). Living a new life should not be a slogan, but reflect positively in our lives at homes (families/marriages), church and every sphere of life.

Brethren, with the creation of Kumasi North Diocese steadily progressing, there will be a drop in numerical strength of patron serving on the two Diocesan Councils. May I therefore appeal to the Circuit Executives to nominate patrons from the Circuit level to serve on the Diocesan Council of Patrons. To the Diocesan Executives, I would humbly suggest you develop the modalities and make the necessary arrangements to supervise the election of executives for the two dioceses.

Finally, I wish to appeal to all and sundry to be actively involved and contribute your quota to the development and realization of the dream (of having a strong and dedicated GHAMECC) in the two dioceses.

On behalf of the executives, members of the Diocesan Council of Patrons and my behalf, I wish you a fruitful deliberation and a successful conference. God bless you!

SERVICE TO GOD!



BRO. ROBERT PAUL LARYEA
Connexional Chairman

GOODWILL MESSAGE
BY THE CONNEXIONAL CHAIRMAN,
BRO. ROBERT PAUL LARYEA
TO THE 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE
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*"Christ is our Corner-stone,
 On Him alone we build;
 With His true saints alone.
 The courts of heaven are filled:
 On His great love our hope we place
 Of present grace and joys above.
 MHB 702 Verse 1.*

Chairman, The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, Lay Chairman, Synod Secretary, Nananom, Connexional, Diocesan, Circuit and Society Patrons present, fellow choristers, distinguished invited guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Service

Let's thank the Lord Almighty for His wonderful gift of life to our families and our very selves. I welcome you to this Conference in the name of the Most High God. It is my utmost prayer that all of us gathered here shall exhibit a high level of cooperation and participate whole heartedly in all activities to make our dear diocese strong.

As choral evangelists, much is expected of us to live as one people in the spirit of Christian cohesion and connexionalism. Conferences are the period of stocktaking, identifying our short comings, and to develop positive ways to improve upon the work on hand. As I welcome you to this Biennial Conference, it is my hope that the peace of God which passeth all understanding will be with you all.

In working together with a united front, I strongly wish to state that the dented image of GHAMECC has been gracefully redeemed. Be informed that strong financial system controls have been put in place and most of our transactions and sales are done electronically with cashless systems. All transactions are now done through the Diocesan Executive only.

CHURCH'S THEME: LIVING THE TRANSFORMED LIFE LIKE OUR MASTER JESUS CHRIST

Dear Christian friends, I wish to encourage ourselves to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God worthy of emulation. This would enable the congregation to point positive fingers at us, and also beat their chest for us. Let's allow our ways of life to depict the glory of God in all spheres of our performances and renditions. Let us continue to serve to the best of our abilities now, for tomorrow may not be ours.

Living the transformed life in Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1-2) as our theme suggests, is a call on our faithfulness to our Lord. We need to let go of those bad habits, worldly values, and selfish desires that lead us into temptation. And we must replace them with good habits, spend time in prayer, and worship. How do we become spiritually transformed? We need to say no to things that are not in agreement with the Bible by confronting any unhealthy lifestyles that we may have. We must be transformed by the renewing of our mind and be willing to say "no" to those distractions and desires that easily entangle us and draw us away from what is truly important in life, Jesus Christ.

ASSESSMENT OF WORK OF DIOCESES

Some dioceses have lived up to expectations, whilst some are still battling with excuses here and there. Some dioceses have been well noted for their nonperforming attitudes. They are characterized by the "nonpayment of assessment syndrome" Please, backup and live up to task because we are all aware that "...a journey of thousand miles begins with a single step...". Beloved, move into action and stop procrastinating. The Connexional Leadership is ever ready to assist any diocese which will be found to be dormant. The situation will promptly call for rejuvenation.

OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AS LEADERS

In Daniel 6:1-10, we are encouraged to be faithful in all things so that when people plan evil against us they will not succeed. We should note that other people have wished to be in your place and would do anything possible to bring you down. In this regard, I urge you to perfect all the weak parts of your life as a leader; distinguish yourself in all other areas and people would be happy and ready to work with you.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

I wish to remind all Diocesan Council members to be circumspect in nominating candidates to contest for Diocesan Elections. Some aspirants do not pull their weight enough when elected into office thereby becoming regalia officers. Please, I'm humbly urging you to strongly look at persons with good track records and proven performances in previous positions. We don't need occupants, we need workers.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PATRONS (NACOP)

The Connexion is at an advanced stage in the rejuvenation of the Connexional Council of Patrons. We are grateful to God for the lives of those who have held the fort and have supported the choir until today. We also want to thank the new ones for accepting our invitation to be part of the choir through this medium. We need to thank God for this feat. New executives have been appointed and a date would be set to induct them as well as to inaugurate the new ones.

REVIVAL OF MUSIC CLINICS AND METHODIST PRAISE II

To the glory of God, the Connexional Music Directorate in collaboration with other renowned musicians has been able to prepare a detailed syllabus for the revival of the Music clinics, as well as the Methodist Praise 2. It is ready for publication and it will be done soon.

GHAMECC@ 50 (GOLDEN JUBILEE) CELEBRATIONS

The Association has celebrated its 49th year of its existence. This was the wake up call towards preparations for our Golden Jubilee in 2024. The Southern Zone launched the Golden Jubilee celebration at Bethany Methodist Church, Dzorwulu, in the Northern Accra Diocese. It was delightful to see the attendance of The Presiding Bishop, Lay President, Northern Accra Diocesan Bishop, Past Diocesan Bishops, a host of Superintendent Ministers, Circuit Chaplains, National, Diocesan, Circuit, Society Patrons and well-wishers across the connexion. However, preparations are far advanced to replicate the same program in the Northern zone, to be held at Kumasi. I therefore encourage officers at all levels, as well as all cherished choristers to continue to work hard as a team for the celebration. COME!!! Hold hands with me, as we prepare towards our beautiful 50th Anniversary Milestone celebration. As your leader, I can only promise you of a wonderful time come next year.

DISCIPLINE

Brothers and sisters, Service! The watch word and hallmark of every good choir and a chorister is **discipline**. The bible says in Romans 12:2 that "...do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God...". Also, Paul's letter to the church of Corinth in 2 Corinthians 5:17 says "...therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold the new has come...". May I admonish you to do things right in the sight of God. Let's not copy what is not good and are being practiced elsewhere, but the good and acceptable ones. We are well aware that some Circuit and Diocesan officers at the societies are the worst offenders on discipline and hence compromise and look on for others to do same. However, I still have a few words for members who are yet to refrain from those unattractive behaviours which does not speak well of them as Choristers and as Christians. Let us throw away our old things and do the perfect will of God.

ACCOUNTABILITY ISSUES

It has become a constitutional convention, directing all dioceses to streamline all financial transaction issues within the diocesan organization as well as the various Diocesan Lay Councils. Kindly step up your level of controls. Please, prepare to send your books for proper auditing. When we do this everyone, including our own members, would be encouraged to contribute to our finances.

FINANCES

Brethren, we praise the Lord for the revival of the Association to this level. In the last Audit report received from the headquarters, the Church hierarchy lauded the Choir for adopting and putting up prudent and judicious use of funds. Indeed, we are working hard. We pray that these practices would be replicated at all levels. A lot of Dioceses owe substantially at the Connexional level. What are you doing about it? We encourage you to organize programs and activities which would build and unite the choir on one hand and mobilize funds for its sustainability on the other hand. Let us make conscious efforts to pay up our debts to keep the Association running. It is my ardent hope that after this conference you will pay up all your debts owed the Connexion.

CONCLUSION

Chairman, Rt. Rev. Bishop, Lay Chairman, Ministers of the Gospel, distinguished invited guests, fellow choristers; let me use this opportunity to express our profound gratitude to the Church hierarchy, Patrons at all levels, Connexional Council Members, and to all choristers for their support and encouragement over the years. I encourage you to maintain the discipline, patience and comportment you have demonstrated so far. Hold in high esteem and continue to support your leaders whom you have constitutionally elected at the various levels and approach them with clean heart for clarity on any issue of concern.

Remember that, as true Christians, life will never be easy. But Christ from whom all blessings flow, perfecting the saints below, will guide our imperfections; toiling day and night for the sake of His service, and touch us with His loving sympathy. We will rise up and shout one day that indeed, Names and sects and parties have fallen, but Thou, O Christ art all in all.

May the rest of the days be fruitful, memorable and above all, spirit-filled. Do well to strike new acquaintances and partners, rekindle old ones and strike good business deals for the future. Share views and make good use of every opportunity put at your disposal. Enjoy fruitful deliberations and have a beautiful and a successful Conference.

Thanks for your attention. God bless you.

SERVICE: TO GOD



BRO. PROF. SAMUEL NORTEY
Diocesan Chairman

DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE MEMBERS



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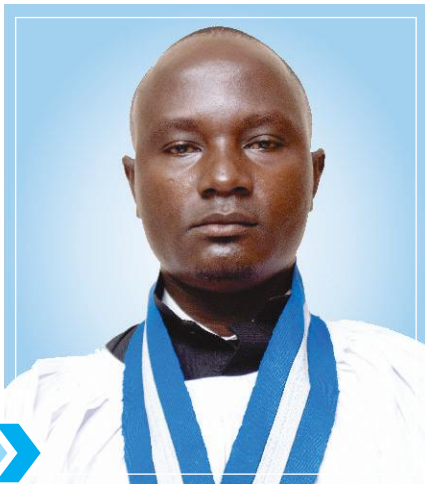
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Diocesan Treasurer



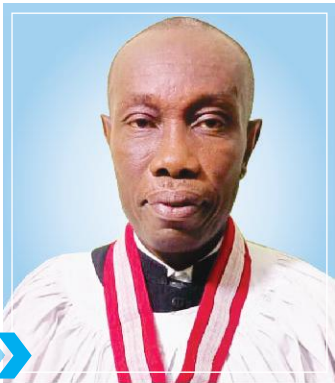
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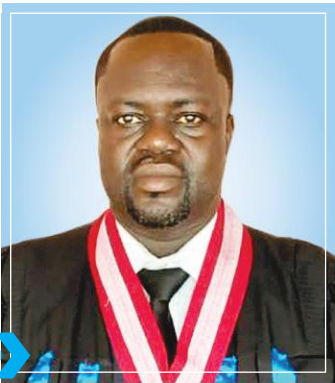
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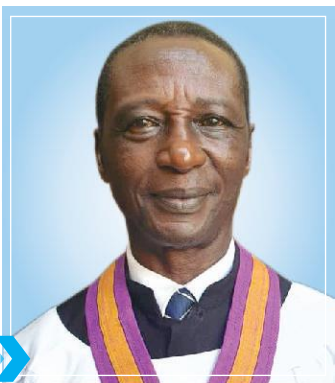
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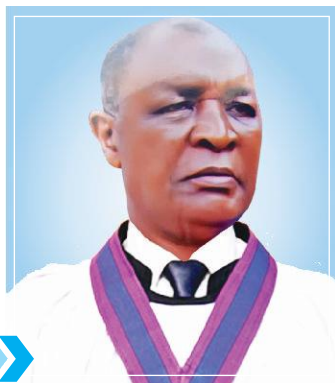
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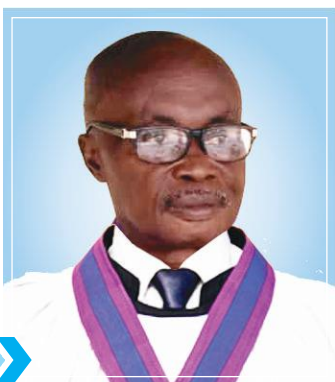
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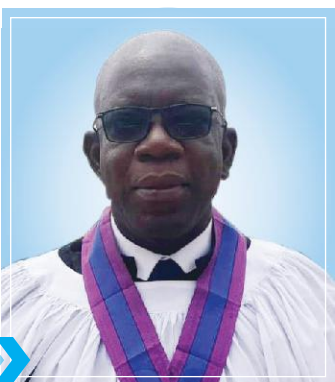
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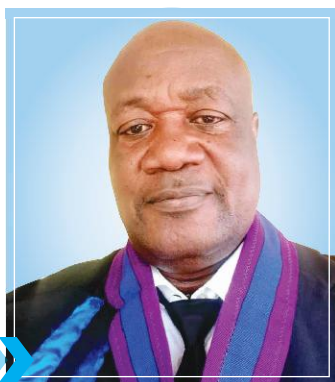
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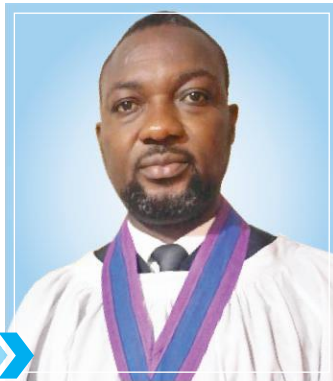
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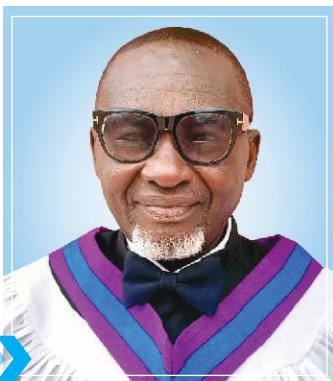
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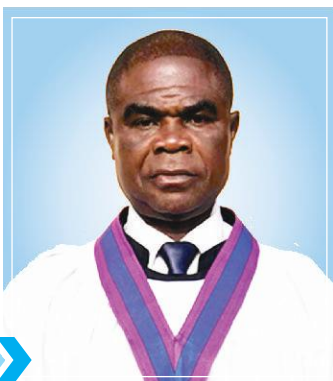
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CONFERENCE TIME TABLE

THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

10:00am – 10:30am	Arrival of Diocesan Officers
11:00am - 1:00pm	Courtesy calls: Supt. Minister, Kumasi Circuit, The Pro-Vice Chancellor & Registrar of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Tech Police Station
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Arrival and Registration of conference delegates
4:00pm – 5:00pm	1st PLENARY SESSION
	Opening prayer etc (10 minutes), Kumasi Supt. Minister Welcome Address (10 minutes) Host Circuit Chairman Welcome Address: Roll call & Courtesies: Diocesan Secretary (10 minutes), Appointment of Conference Officials (10 minutes), Diocesan Chairman's Remarks (10 minutes) Announcement: Diocesan Secretary (10 minutes) Benediction – Diocesan Chaplain.
5:00pm – 6:00pm	SUPPER
6:20pm – 9:00pm	THE ROBE MUST GO TO TOWN / Prayer Session
9:30pm	Officers Meeting / Retire to Bed

FRIDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

4:30am – 5:30am	Hymn Singing & Devotion: Very Rev. Charles Kojo Sangmoah
5:30am – 6:10am	Music Workshop
6:15am – 7:30am	Proceedings of the Previous Conference / Diocesan Secretariat Report / Music Directorate Report
7:45am – 8:30am	Breakfast
8:45am	HOISTING OF CONFERENCE FLAG
9:00am – 12noon	Formal Opening of Conference
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Financial Report / OPEN FORUM
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Circuit Choir rehearsals

5:00pm – 6:00pm
6:00pm – 10:00pm

Supper
KUMASI CIRCUIT PATRONS NIGHT
Officers Meeting / Retire to bed

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

4:30am - 5:00am
5:00am – 6:00am
6:00am – 7:00am
7:00am – 8:00am

Hymn Singing
Memorial Service
Music Workshop
Circuit Choirs' Rehearsals

8:00am – 9:00am

Breakfast

9:00am
10:00PM

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
Officers Evaluation Meeting / Retire to bed

SUNDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

4:30am – 6:00am
6:00am – 6:45am
6:45am – 8:00am

Devotion and Communion Service
Choir Rehearsal
Closing Ceremony & Announcement

8:00am – 9:00am

Breakfast

9:00am – 1:00pm

CHURCH PARADE

2:00PM

LUNCH/DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE

(Yellow Cloth)

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| 1. Hoisting of Conference Flag | Brigade Parade |
| 2. Procession MHB | Host Circuit Choir & Diocesan Choir All
Circuit, Diocesan & National Officers in
Regalia, Diocesan Council of Patrons, All
Dignitaries present, Circuit Ministers,
Diocesan Chaplain, Synod Secretaries,
Diocesan Lay Chairman and Diocesan Bishop |
| 3. Introit | Service to God |
| 4. Opening Hymn | MHB 709 |
| 5. Prayer | |
| 6. Hymn | MHB |
| 7. Bible Reading | |
| 8. Intro. of Guest and Dignitaries | Sis. Eugenia Akonu-Atta |
| 9. Hymn | MHB 400 (Tune Varsity) |
| 10. Op. of Conf. & Keynote Address | Diocesan Bishop |
| 11. Anthem | Diocesan Choir |
| 12. Diocesan Chairman's Address | Bro. Prof. Samuel Nortey |
| 13. Launching of Website/Excellence Fund – | Dignitaries/Diocesan Officers |
| 14. Appeal for Funds | Bro. Dr. John Annan |
| 15. Offertory Massed Choir | |
| 16. Fraternal Greetings | Diocesan Lay Chairman, National Chairman
GHAMECC Regional Minister, Council of
Patrons, Regional Police Commander
Municipal Chief Executive, Chief of Adum,
Representatives from Sister Dioceses' Present,
Representatives Sister Diocesan Org. Present |
| 17. Health Talk (Breast Screening) | Mrs. Theo Jackson and Peace and Love |
| 18. Notices | Diocesan Secretary |
| 19. Chairman's closing Remarks | |
| 20. Vote of Thanks | Sis. Ekuia Segua Adjepong |
| 21. Benediction | Diocesan Bishop |
| 22. Recession | MHB 668 (Tune Morecambe) |

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED BRETHREN

1. Procession MHB 830 (Deerhurst)
2. Introit MHB
3. Call to Worship
4. Opening Hymn MHB 831 (Tune: Mylon)
5. Sentences: Rev. Minister
 - a. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
 - b. We brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.
 - c. I know that my redeemer lives and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, myself and mine eyes shall behold and not another.
 - d. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again. So that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.
6. Bible Reading:
7. **Canticle 46 (Psalm 90)**
 1. Lord, Thou hast / been our / dwelling place: in / all gener- / ations.
 2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the / earth and the / world: even from everlasting to ever- / lasting, Thou art / God.
 3. Thou turnest / man to de- / struction: and sayest, Re- / turn, ye / children of / men.
 4. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday / when it is / past: and / as a / watch in the / night.
 5. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they / are as a / sleep: in the morning they are like / grass which groweth / up.
 6. In the morning it flourisheth, and / groweth / up: in the evening / it is cut down, and / withereth.
 7. For we are consumed / by Thine / anger: and / by Thy / wrath are we / troubled.
 8. Thou hast set our iniqui- / ties be- / fore Thee: our secret / sins in the / light of Thy countenance.
 9. For all our days are passed a- / way in Thy wrath: we spend our / years as a / tale that is / told.

10. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be / fourscore / years: yet is their strength labour and sorrow, for it is soon cut / off and we / fly a- / way.
 11. Who knoweth the / power of Thine / anger: even according to Thy / fear so / is Thy wrath.
 12. So teach us to / number our / days: that we may ap- / ply our / hearts unto / wisdom.
 13. Return, O / LORD, how / long: and let it re- / pent Thou con- / cerning Thy / servants.
 14. O satisfy us early / with thy mercy: that we may re- / joice and be / glad all our / days.
 15. Make us glad according to the days wherein / Thou hast af- / flicted us: and the / years wherein / we have seen / evil.
 16. Let Thy work appear / unto Thy / servants: and Thy / glory / unto their / children.
 17. And let the beauty of the LORD our / God be up- / on us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our / hands es- / tablish Thou it.
Gloria.
8. Call of the Roll:
- Diocesan Secretary:** It has pleased the Almighty God of His great mercy to call to higher service the souls of the following brethren...
9. The Congregation shall stand to observe a minute of silence.
10. Anthem 'And I saw a New Heaven' (F. W. Peace)
11. **Diocesan Chairman:** O God, our strength and our Redeemer, Giver of Life and conqueror of death, grant that every remembrance which turns our hearts from things seen to things unseen, may lead us also upward to Thee, till we, too come to the eternal rest which Thou has prepared for Thy people through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. heavenly
12. **Anthem: IN MEMORIA (Timothy Ansah)**
We bid farewell to one we love,
And now to higher service called
Let not our hearts begin to heave
With sighing, mourning, weeping
But thank the LORD, who gives and takes away.
And trust in HIS all-conquering love.

May we on GOD's great strength rely?
And work like those for whom we cry.
Farewell, farewell, farewell, fare thee well
Our loved ones fare thee well.

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| 11. Message & Prayer for the departed | Diocesan Chaplain |
| 12. Anthem | 'Heaven' by G. R. A. Butler |
| 13. Offertory | Massed Choir |
| 14. Closing Hymn | MHB 832 (2 nd Tune: For all the saints) |
| 15. Benediction | |
| 16. Dead March in Saul | Massed Choir |
| 17. Recession | MHB 896 (Tune: Brynhyfryd) |

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 CHURCH PARADE (9:00am)

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| 1. Processional Hymn, MHB | Host Circuit Choir & Diocesan Choir
All Circuit, Diocesan & National Officers in Regalia,
Diocesan Council of Patrons |
| 2. Introit – | Service to God |
| 3. Call to Worship | Diocesan Chaplain |
| 4. Opening Hymn | MHB ; CAN |
| 5. Intercessory Prayer | i. The Peace of the World and the Nation
ii. The Methodist Church
iii. The Methodist Church Choir
iv. Individual Needs |
| 6. Praises & Adoration | Praises & Worship Team |
| 7. Scripture Readings | 1 st Reading
2 nd Reading |
| 8. Canticle 2 (Te Deum) | Massed Choir
3 rd Reading |
| 9. Hymn | MHB 572 |
| 10. Sermon | Diocesan Bishop |
| 11. Affirmation of Faith | General Congregation |
| 12. Anthem | Massed Choir |
| 13. Introduction of Invited Personalities | Sis. Christina Akyempong |
| 14. Appeal for Funds/Offertory | |
| 15. Announcements | Diocesan Secretary |
| 16. Presentations of Awards | |
| 17. Chairman's Closing Remarks | |
| 18. Vote of Thanks | Sis. Angelina A. B. Okai |
| 19. Closing Hymn | |
| 20. Benediction | Diocesan Bishop |
| 21. Recessional Hymn | |

DIOCESAN CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS TO 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE AND 48TH ANNIVERSARY

1.0 Salutations and Overview

The Distinguished Bishop of Kumasi Diocese, The Rt Rev. Stephen Kwaku Owusu, our Eminent Lay Movement Chairman, Dr. Christopher Larbie, the Efficient Synod Secretary, Very Rev. Samson Obeng Adjei, our Adorable Chaplain, Very Rev. Charles K. Sangmoah, All Reverend Ministers present, Our Ever ready Diocesan Council of Patrons, our resolute Connexional Chairman, Bro. Paul Laryea and our able Connexional Executives, our cherished Chairperson and Invited Guests for the day and finally, the people called Choristers of GHAMECC, SERVICE!!.

It is indeed a great honour to address this beautiful gathering as the Chairman of one of the best Dioceses in the Connexion. I am particularly delighted that I address this gathering during the road to the Connexional 50years of existence. Rt. Bishop, I believe it would be proper to centre this address on the strategic plan of the GHAMECC Kumasi Diocese which lies in the overall strategic plan of our Church dubbed “**Agenda for Transformation, Revival and Growth**”. In this order, we will be able to assess our performance and identify the gaps to work at. Rt. Bishop, the Diocese approved a 5-action of a three-year strategic plan; they are Evangelism, Leadership Training and Development of Musicianship, Social Responsibility, Membership Drive (Growth) and Finances.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLAN ONE - EVANGELISM

2.1 The Robe Must Go to Town

Rt. Bishop, Jesus Christ before leaving this earth gave us a task to go and preach the Gospel in all lands. Since we took office in November 2022, we believed it was time for the Church Choir to take the Gospel to those outside the church and to interact with them in a music-filled and spoken word atmosphere. We thus developed the concept “**The Robe Must Go to Town**”. This activity pushed us to come out of the stalls in the churches to the corners of the streets, preaching the Gospel and providing music for the soul. We have had three of these outreaches at the Diocesan level and though we cannot measure the souls won, we are confident that seeds sown have germinated. Yesterday, we had a spirit-filled time at Tech Junction. God bless us all for coming. Other Circuits including Asuoeyboa, Offinso, Jachie, Atonsu Agogo and Abuakwa have taken to the streets to spread the Gospel too. We are receiving signals of collaborations from radio stations and other institutions who want to join us in this evangelism drive and we welcome all to make this evangelism go beyond our dream. The Scripture Union of Ghana has been remarkable in this drive. They provide us with the tracts free of charge. Take a guess where we will be going on our 4th drive? The brothels... Yes, the brothels, the Ghettos. We will take the

Gospel to the hardest of places. We are very grateful to Very Rev. Dr. Solomon Bruce and Very Rev. Nancy Broni-Appiah.

2.2 Dwene Ho Bio

We continue our evangelism drive by leveraging on technology to learn the word of God. *Dwene Ho Bio* is a daily guide to understanding a chapter or 10-20 verses in the Bible. We believe each day that we must connect to our God through the understanding of His Word. So far, *Dwene Ho Bio* has covered **the Gospel According to Matthew, the Book of Ezra, the Book of Nehemiah, the Gospel according to Mark, the Book of Ruth, The Epistle according to Jude and the Book of Esther** (at the time of sending document to the press). It's been awesome and inspiring that we receive testimonies on how it is reshaping the morning devotion of many Christians. One sure fact about this daily devotion is that, the writer of the devotion is expanding his knowledge of the word of God whilst searching through scriptures and this we also believe that the reader is also learning much and living like Jesus Christ. We hope that within the 3years of our strategic plan, we shall be able to study the whole Bible and come to a great understanding of scriptures.

2.3 Hymns of Our Faith

Rt. Bishop, my administration took over from an organized one led by the Distinguished Bro. Kweku Ahinful Gaisie (Chairman), Bro Kofi Aikins (Secretary) and Bro. Michael Paakwesi Ampomah (Music Director) and their officers. They believed in the spreading of the gospel through inspiring hymns and therefore gathered choristers in the Diocese to sing some hymns of faith. The programme dubbed "Hymns of our Faith" filming and recording took place at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Bantama on Monday 18th April 2022. So, we inherited this programme and worked on it by putting them on pen drives. There are both audio and video versions on the pen drive. It is inspiring and refreshing listening to and yes, it really makes our faith in Christ more grounded. We launched it on 5th March 2023 at Old Tafo Wesley Society. Since then, we have distributed widely for many to grab copies including transport stations so that it could be listened to by passengers who will be travelling. We are hopeful that whilst at this conference, soul inspiring music/hymns are urging and speaking to souls on commercial transport vehicles travelling. We still have copies available at our Conference desks here. Kindly grab a copy.

2.4 Prayer Tower

Rt. Bishop, Invited Guests, in every organization there are some unseen heroes who usually are not appreciated simply because the outputs of their actions are not physically seen. One of such people or groups within our workforce is the Prayer Tower. Immediately after our induction, it became expedient that we intensify our prayer life and network. Together with the Diocesan Evangelist, Bro. Samuel Akwasi Yeboah, we agreed to have a Prayer Tower to pray fervently into our activities. They have been zealous and remained an absolute force for our administration.

The Tower meets at Bantama Saturday mornings for prayers. I appreciate this team and I pause for us to applaud them. We encourage more to join.

3.0 STRATEGIC PLAN TWO – LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Organ/Song Teaching Workshop

One of the challenges of the Diocese is the lack of choirmasters and organists for some societies. This lack of choirmasters and organists more often than not seems to be a challenge at out-metro or distressed societies in some metro societies. For many, the best has been a band player. To address this gap, we inherited an Organ Clinic that trains organists for the church. However, this clinic was also 'sick' because the students or the societies who were supposed to pay just 50cedis a month could not do so as well as the shift system on the part of the learners. Again, the out-metro societies couldn't access this training; as such it became expedient to have an alternative plan. Significantly, there was the need for local content. We believe that if we are able to train someone who resides in the community will be much better than a visitor in terms of offering continual service. We therefore stressed on local content, thus, training someone who lives in that community.

In December 2022, we tried a one-week training and societies were engaged to bring people for training. We provided free training materials and accommodation and supported with feeding of the participants. Accommodation was provided at the Independence Hall, KNUST at no cost to the learner. In all, 54 participants attended the workshop. We do follow-ups online and hopefully will have an in-person training again in December this year.

3.2 Visit to Out Metro Choirs

Rt. Bishop and Invited Guests, there is significantly a lot of work to be done at the out-metro societies. You need to visit them in order to gravitate towards appreciating their challenges. Word of mouth presentation can never give you a true picture. Since we took over in November 2022, we have made 10 visitations to some of these distressed choirs. An observed challenge as mentioned above is lack of choirmasters, organists, funds and personnel to hold key positions. The need to strengthen leadership and have organists and choirmasters becomes imperative. We hope that local content can do the trick by training someone who resides in the town other than sending someone over to help. There is more to be done by this administration to provide more leadership skills to our beloved choristers who are doing a great job of holding together these choirs. It is a small start, just a start. We hope to fill in the gaps and present a more satisfactory report on this next year.

3.3 The Diocesan Choir

The pride of the Diocese has been the inspiring Diocesan Choir led by the virtuoso Directors (Bro. Evans Appiah-Kubi, Bro. Michael Oppong and Sis. Segua Adjepong). The Diocesan

Choir made history by becoming the first Diocesan Choir to perform the Oratorio “Creation” by Joseph Haydn on 9th April 2023 at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Bantama. It was an unforgettable evening when we were dazzled by the awesome talents we possess. Our choir made us pitch tent in heaven. We shook hands with our Creator. The Kumasi Diocesan Choir is in a galaxy of their own. The Choir also participated in the “Connexional Festival of Praise” at Calvary Methodist Church, Amakom and the “GHAMECC @ 50 Northern Sector Launch”. If it is the Kumasi Diocesan Choir then it is a SPIRIT-FILLED performance. We are absolutely proud of you.

4.0 STRATEGIC PLAN THREE – SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 Welfare System

Under the leadership of Bro. S.O Tenkorang (Past Chairman of the Diocese), a welfare scheme was created. The welfare system was a simple no contribution no benefit scheme. Members were to contribute through their circuit coordinators into the Fund. So far, we have had very few contributors to the Welfare Scheme and as at 30th May 2023, we have GHS 2468.14 as cash at bank (Multi Credit), GHS 635.00 as cash on hand and an investment of GHS 68,000.00. The total amount is thus **GHS 71,103.14**. (A full financial report is published in this dossier by the trustees of the scheme).

After the Covid pandemic, the contribution has been dead slow and we need to deliberate on the mode of contribution and benefits. A significant number of the contributors have benefitted from the scheme which covers wedding, demise of spouses, disasters, and sickness. How do we raise interest in members in contributing to the scheme? Can we look at the benefits? These and many other concerns need to be thoroughly discussed at this conference. I want to thank Bro. Alexander Dwomoh Agyemang, Bro. James Owusu and Bro. Michael Otchere Aboagye who have acted as Trustees to the scheme. They have well protected our Fund and we are grateful to them.

4.2 Excellence Fund

Rt. Bishop, education is very key to the development of the Choir. When the members are educated, growth is assured. We have witnessed the untimely death of some choristers who were the breadwinners of their families. What happens to the education of the children of our departed choristers? We hear of the struggles some choristers go through in their education or in paying the fees of their children. How can we help? We are aware some do have the funds but the connection to get to their dream choices always become a challenge. This is why the GHAMECC Kumasi Diocesan Excellence Fund is created. As part of our Social Responsibility activities, we want to show love and support to those in distress especially those yearning for education and apprenticeship.

Rt. Bishop, the Excellence Fund will be launched today during the Official Opening of the 16th

Biennial and 48th Anniversary. To sustain the Fund, we shall contribute a percentage of the proceeds of our programme into the Fund. We shall also look out for agencies to contribute to the Fund. Beneficiaries from the Fund shall receive their stipend during the annual Rededication Service which is mostly held in January. We call on everyone to help us establish a strong Excellence Fund towards a brighter future. In my own small way and support from friends, we start this Excellence Fund with an amount of 12,000 Ghana cedis. We need more to willingly donate to this Fund. God bless you for donating to the Fund

5.0 STRATEGIC PLAN FOUR -MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & VISIBILITY

5.1 Junior Choir

Rt. Bishop, we have made efforts towards increasing the membership of the Association. Membership can only be increased if we make the Choir attractive to others. People join organizations because they perceive satisfaction. One sure way of membership drive is through our Junior Choir. They are our future. Our Music Directors, the Junior Choir Coordinator, Bro. Eric Owusu ably supported by the Connexional Coordinator Bro. Joshua Okyere Twum have coordinated the activities very well. We have supported the Junior Choir towards growth by urging them to do more for Christ. One key programme has been our Alders gate Week Celebration where our Hymns of Faith are performed by these Junior Choirs. We see development in voices. We also inaugurated a Junior Choir at Trede Society in the Santasi Circuit on 11th June 2023 and in September we shall inaugurate one in the Ayeduase Circuit. That would take us to 20 Junior Choirs in the Diocese. We also bought into the Connexional plan of graduating these Junior choristers who are 18years and above into the main Church Choir.

At our Diocesan Executive Meetings, we agreed that at least every circuit head must have a Junior Choir by 2024. Letters have been written to the Superintendent Ministers to kindly ensure that the Choirmasters are able to comply. This is one sure way of increasing our membership drive. Come October next month, our Junior Choir Conference will be hosted by Abuakwa Circuit. It is a residential Conference and the choirs are getting ready for a spirit-filled encounter. We have also designed recreational activities to bring fun and foster unity amongst them.

5.2 Church Choir Inauguration

Our membership drive for the Church Choir lies in our various activities largely in the Societies and the Circuits. If a Church Choir does not organize Musical Concerts, Evangelical Programmes, etc, there is no way it will attract new members. Our membership drive can only be sustained when we are active in the church and outside the church. We have made extensive visits to Out-Metro circuits and have discussed at length how to raise choirs in the various societies. We have realized that where there is a choirmaster to teach songs and an organist to play, the choir thrives, otherwise, they struggle and it collapses. In sum, our membership drive is

tied to the training of more musicians especially Choirmasters and organists. Since we took off in November, we have inaugurated a choir at Emmanuel Society Nwamase in the Nsima Circuit.

5.3 Website Launching and Media Team

Rt. Bishop, although technology abounds we have not done well in leveraging technology in keeping statistics and data of our Association. Information flow has not been that perfect. Most times, information from the Connexional or the diocese does not trickle down to the society level as desired. Again, the communities in which we find ourselves are not preview to what we do in and outside the Church.

Rt. Bishop, we have designed and created our own website which has pages of information about our Association and the various activities we carry out. Today, after my address, the Bishop of the Diocese supported by the Lay Chairman, the Synod Secretary, Our Chaplain and Connexional Executives will launch the website. There is an add-on to this website that enables us to keep record of every chorister. I urge all choristers to go online to register. It takes only 3minutes to get it done. I beseech every choirmaster to ensure that every chorister is registered. I want to appreciate and commend the chorister, Bro. Ebo Ocran (Ayigya Circuit) who sponsored the designing of the website. The Secretariat of the Diocese shall manage and update the website accordingly.

With regards to raising a Media Team, we first and foremost need to get the gadgets to facilitate their work. We shall need a DSLR Canon 5D Mark III Camera, a Laptop (a Workstation preferably), Stands and a Drone. This would augment our media work and help promote evangelism. We need support in this regard.

5.4 History and Archives

Rt. Bishop, we still have some of the founding members of the Association with us here in the Kumasi Diocese. Bro. Awotwi Boison, Bro. IK Oboh, Bro. Paul Ofosuhene among others are choristers who played a great deal of role in the early 1970s to form the then Choir Union. It is sad to say that, it is difficult to have records of most of these founding members. Some of these founding members are Bros. K.O Bedu-Addo (Chairman), J.P Quairaing (Vice Chairman), Sam A. Boison (Secretary), I.K Oboh (Assistant Secretary), D.F Ndzeh (Choirmaster/Organist), I.K Boison (Financial Secretary) and Sis. Virginia Turkson (Treasurer). History makes us understand the detailed picture of where we stand today. The toil of our predecessors motivates many to march on. In this light, we gathered these founding members and documented the history of the Association. This took place on 3rd May 2023 at Wesley Cathedral, Adum. A copy of this recording will be uploaded on the website. Though most were well advanced in age and difficult to give exact dates, we believe that it is a good beginning in putting our history intact for future references. We are grateful to Bro. Donald Osei-Akoto and team for a good job.

6.0 STRATEGIC PLAN FIVE - FINANCES & PROJECTS

Rt. Bishop, our finances and projects have been fairly satisfactory. We run on at least adequate financial balances. We try to cut our expenses according to our budget. To the Glory of God, we do not owe and completed payment of 2023 Connexional Assessment in the second month of the year. A significant amount of our finances come from Assessment and fundraising activities during calendar programmes. We are looking at creating a business hub that can sustain our expenditure. The Transport Business of obtaining a bus was ideal however, the proposal of creating a new diocese out of the Kumasi Diocese killed the thought. Perhaps, when we are fully separated, then we can work on this bus project.

We are looking at creating other projects to rake in money to support choir work. The selling of Hymns of our Faith pen drives also provides a bit of income. There is more to do under this action call.

7.0 OTHER NEWS

7.1 Kumasi North Diocese

The Diocesan Officers Committee embraced the creation and introduction of the Kumasi North Diocese starting 1st October 2024. We complied with all the directives from the Bishop's Office and Lay Movement Council and elected new executive officers for the proposed Kumasi North Diocese on 21st January 2023 at Ebenezer Methodist Church, Bantama.

Position	Name	Circuit
1. Chairman	Bro. James Owusu	Bohyen
2. Vice Chairman	Sis. Ekuia Segua Adjepong	Suame
3. Director of Music	Bro. Evans Appiah-Kubi	Bohyen
4. 1 st Deputy Director of Music	Bro. Michael Oppong	Bohyen
5. 2 nd Deputy Director of Music	Bro. Felix Asiedu Anyimah	Asuoyeboa
6. Junior Choir Coordinator	Bro. Handel Karikari Agyeman	Maakro
6. Secretary	Sis. Christiana Acquah-Harrison	Bantama
7. Assistant Secretary	Bro. James Atta Boateng	Kwadaso
8. Treasurer	Sis. Naana Akua Eshun Mensah	Bantama
9. Organizing Secretary	Bro. Eric Eshun	Asuoyeboa
10. Evangelism Coordinator	Bro. Samuel Akwasi Yeboah	Abuakwa

The seat or the cathedral of the Diocese shall be at Ebenezer Methodist Society, Bantama. The following 19 circuits make up the new Diocese; Abuakwa/Asenemaso, Akumadan, Asuoyeboa, Bantama, Bohyen, Essuowin-Mpatuam, Foase, Kwadaso, Maakro, Mankraso, Mpasatia, Nsima, Nyinahin, Offinso, Suame, Tapa, Tetrem and Wioso.

The elected executives are actively involved in whatever we do currently. Especially, the Chairman has been my right-hand man in visiting many of the distressed choirs in the out-metro stations. We are very optimistic that we shall continue to work together in concepts and forge ahead together. We shall have a big farewell PRAISE CONCERT on Sunday 29th September 2024 at 4pm.

7.2 Our Patrons

I cannot complete this address without appreciating the unflinching support from our patrons. They have been everywhere with us. Let us give them huge applauds. We are hoping to add on to the number of our patrons. Through this address, I humbly appeal to the people called Methodists to consider being patrons of the Diocesan Association. The blessings are huge.

7.3 Some Connexional Concerns

Distinguished Guest gathered here, as chairman I receive a lot of concerns from fellow choristers. Some I am able to solve right away on the phone. Some I have to consult my officers and elders and some I have to push to my Boss at the Connexional Level. Since I am able to solve the ones at the Diocesan Level, may I be permitted to just say a few that my able Connexional Chairman can think through and consider. Rt. Bishop, it is all about our National Cloth. Many are of the view that we be allowed to sew long sleeves just as the 40th Anniversary Cloth. The elderly amongst us find it difficult to put on the cloth and the most comfortable is to wear it as shirt. The rapid increase in the cost of the cloth makes it difficult for the youth especially the men to purchase the full piece coupled with their inability to wear it properly. Can this be relooked?

7.4 Commendation

My first commendation goes to the Diocesan Council of Patrons. They are simply a pool of angels. I cannot ask for another group of working officers such as the one I have now. My past chairmen that laid foundation for me especially those that I came into contact with that is late Bro. Isaiah Osei-Minkah, Bro. S. O. Tenkorang, Bro. Kwaku Brogya Boateng (my governor) and last but not the least my prompter and anchor Bro. Kweku Ahinful Gaisie. I have been told I have called for more meetings than any chairman and my meetings are often too long as well. The truth is we have been overly busy and hence such meetings. Nonetheless, there has never been a day my officers failed to attend meetings. Their submissions have been constructive and I think within these 10 months in office, we have achieved good results. My Officers...I bow before you and I salute you. Let us continue to build a stronger Association. We can only do so when we are ONE.

Permit me to mention the following who have followed us everywhere; Professor & Mrs. Jackson, Professor & Mrs Baafour Poku, Dr. & Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Sarah Ofori, etc Since we took over in November, there is not a single programme these families have missed. They do so with huge support from their pockets as well.

I am grateful to Kumasi Circuit for hosting this Conference and the Planning Committee led by my able Vice Chairman, Sis. Elizabeth Frempah. In fact, the entire Planning Committee deserves commendation (kindly refer to their list). Rt. Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen, there is this woman of substance called Esi Kom of Wesley Cathedral and I can only ask for God's blessings on her family. She is always there with us at every all-night meeting to serve us. Sis. Esi Kom, we appreciate you. I cannot end without thanking also my wife and children who most times have to stay late to welcome me back home not to talk about limited time I spend with them.

8.0 CONCLUSION

Rt. Bishop, there is work for us to do. As a teacher, I find expression in the famous remark “there is more room for improvement”. There are many who have not heard of the saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are many who are yearning to listen to our sweet melodious voices to bring healing and satisfaction to them. It is a small start, but a start. Thank you and God bless us all.

BRO. PROF. SAMUEL NORTEY
DIOCESAN CHAIRMAN

DIOCESAN SECRETARIAT REPORT

PREAMBLE

THE God of Abraham praise
 Who reigns enthroned above,
 Ancient of everlasting days,
 And God of love.
 Jehovah ! Great I AM!
 By earth and heaven confessed;
 I bow and bless the sacred name
 For ever blessed. *(MHB 21 vs 1)*

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report gives an account of the Kumasi Diocese from 31st March, 2022 to 30th April, 2023. The report captures the membership, administration, major activities and events undertaken, the challenges, achievements, projections and future plans.

2.0 ADMINISTRATION

2.1 CURRENT OFFICERS

The table below presents the name, position/designation, society/circuit and contact of Diocesan Officers:

No	NAME	POSITION	SOCIETY/CIRCUIT	CONTACT
1	Bro. Prof. Samuel Nortey	Chairman	CTK, Amakom	024484 2286
2	Sis. Elizabeth Frempah	Vice Chairman	Wesley, Old Tafo	020 256 6779
3	Bro. Kweku Gaisie	Imd. Past Chairman	Wesley Cath. Kumasi	024 411 1244
4	Bro. Evans Appiah Kubi	Director of Music	Mt. Olivet, Bohyen	024 342 2695
5	Bro. Michael Oppong	1 st Dep. DOM	Gethsemane, Bohyen	024 497 4493
6	Sis. Ekua Segua Adjepong	2 nd Dep. DOM	Emmanuel, Suame	024 378 8874
7	Bro. Eric Owusu	Junior Choir Gord.	Trinity, Asawasi	024 509 8574
8	Bro. Michael O. Aboagye	Secretary	Calvary, Amakom	020 047 4172
9	Sis. Eugenia Akonu-Atta	Assistant Secretary	Glorious, Estate	020 892 2252

10	Sis. Angelina Okai	Treasurer	Calvary, Amakom	020 850 9745
11	Bro. Mark Owusu Acheaw	Org. Secretary	Wesley Cath. Kumasi	024 366 6554
12	Bro. Samuel Akwasi Yeboah	Evangelism Co-ord.	Emmanuel, Abuakwa	024 366 1432
13	Very Rev. Charles Sangmoah	Diocesan Chaplain	Mt. Horeb, Ahodwo	024 686 5793

2.2 EX-OFFICIO

Bro. Isaac Acquay	1 st Dep. Connexional DOM	Amakom	024 434 5102
Bro. Joshua Twum	Con. Junior Choirs Co-ord	Pankrono	024 424 9466
Bro. Eric Agyemang Badu	Connexional Auditor	Bantama	024 498 5899
Bro. Sam Awotwi -Boison	Past 1 st Nat. Ass. Sec	Kumasi	024 460 3945
Bro. J. Y. G. Gyamerah	Past Nat. Financial Sec.	Amakom	020 822 5864
Bro. I. A.Oboh	Past Chairman	Amakom	024 441 5929
Bro. F. K. Eyeson	Past Chairman	Kwadaso	024 264 3208
Bro. Solomon O. Tenkorang	Past. Chairman	Atonsu	020 813 9826
Bro. Kwaku Brogya Boateng	Past Chairman	Kumasi	024 451 0250
Bro. Stephen Anderson	Imm. Past Vice Chairman	New Tafo	024 463 4571
Bro. Harry Evans Arthur	Past Vice Chairman	Asuoyeboa	024 421 9256
Bro. Patrick Adusei Boateng	Past Vice Chairman	Amakom	027 741 4552
Bro. Michael Ampomah	Imm. Past Dir. of Music	Suame	024 343 9254
Bro. Philip Osei Akoto	Past Dir. of Music	Kumasi	024 486 7393
Bro. John Kwesi Annan	Past 2 nd Dep. DOM	Ayigya	024 485 4109
Bro. Kofi Aikins	Imm. Past Secretary	Asuoyeboa	020 578 8994
Bro. Donald Osei -Akoto	Past Secretary	Amakom	020 554 4200
Bro. Oduro Nyarko Atta Panyin	Past Secretary	Old Tafo	027 664 4113
Bro. Edward Keen Whyte	Past Asst. Secretary	Asawasi	024 384 5724
Bro. Paul Ofosuhene	Past Asst. Secretary	Asuoyeboa	024 301 5083
Bro. Peter Kwadwo Gyasi	Imm. Past Fin. Secretary	Asuoyeboa	050 148 1386
Bro. Isaac Kobina Intsiful	Imm. Past Int. Auditor	Bantama	059 389 8308
Bro. Maxwell Mends	Past Internal Auditor	Asawasi	024 398 8855
Bro. Alex Dwomoh Agyemang	Past Internal Auditor	Maakro	020 816 4655
Bro. Gyambibi	Past Dep. DOM	Bantama	
Sis. Cecilia Afful Appiah	Imm. Past Treasurer	Santasi	050 028 5959
Sis. Rosemond Amoquando	Past Treasurer	Bantama	024 911 9795
Sis. Grace Addo	Past Treasurer	Ayigya	020 822 8368
Sis. Olive Ansah	Past Treasurer	Kumasi	020 113 5434
Sis. Dorcas Praba Oduro	Past Treasurer	Bantama	020 823 7677
Bro. James Owusu	Imm. Past Lay Chaplain	Bohyen	020 812 2566
Bro. Alex Lloyd Djangmah	Past Lay Chaplain	Asawasi	024 310 3405
Bro. Charles Appiah Mends	Past Lay Chaplain	Amakom	023 440 7077

3.0 MEMBERSHIP:

Kumasi Diocese has One hundred and fifty – six (156) inaugurated society choirs from forty (40) Circuit Choirs.

The total membership of the Diocese stands at Three thousand, two hundred and seventy-eight (**3,278**) choristers, consisting one thousand, one hundred and forty-two (**1,142**) males representing 35.0% and two thousand, one hundred and thirty-six (**2,136**) females representing 65.0%. There are also 18 Junior Choirs within the Diocese. The details are indicated in Table1.

There is a slight increase in membership of 74 choristers. We could attribute this to our effort in membership drive and evangelistic activities. Significantly, though most circuits had acceptable variances, there are some circuits that have had significant decline in membership. Ayigya (-79), Suame (-41), Ahinsan (-41), Abuakwa (-12) all in the metro circuits had significant decline in membership.

The following circuits made a comparatively significant increase in membership; Pankrono (+26), Ayeduase (+25), Old Tafo (+22), Nsima (+19), Bohyen (+18), etc. Kindly refer to Figure 1 for a graphical representation.

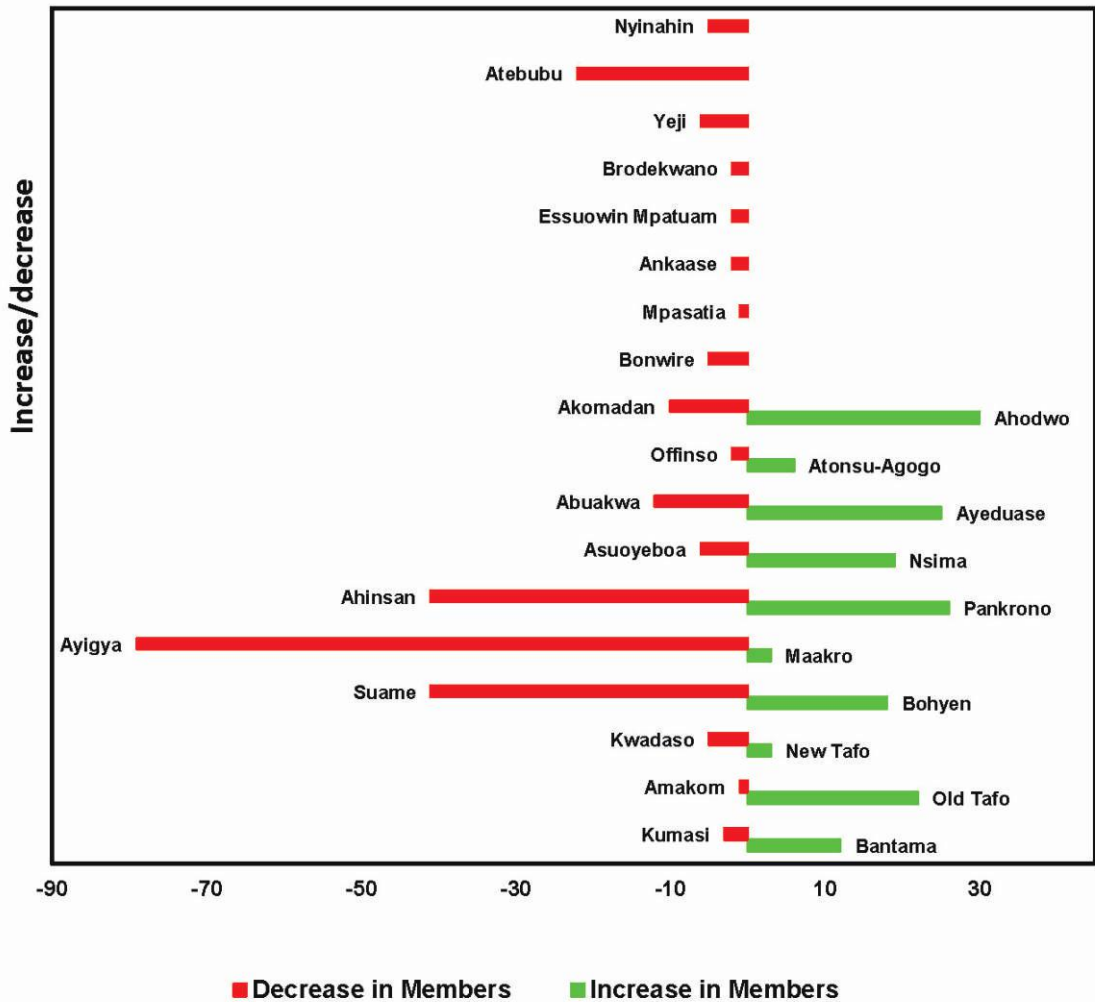
3.1 CHURCH CHOIRS AND NUMERICAL STRENGTH STRATIFIED BY CURRENT AND PREVIOUS YEARS

S/N	CIRCUIT	NO. OF SOCIETY CHOIRS	MALES		FEMALES		NO. OF CHORISTERS(CY)	NO. OF CHORISTERS(PY)
			CY	PY	CY	PY		
1.	Kumasi	6	69	69	120	123	189	192
2.	Asawasi	6	75	77	122	122	199	199
3.	Bantama	5	60	63	124	115	184	172
4.	Amakom	3	60	50	94	105	154	155
5.	Old Tafo	4	58	45	82	73	140	118
6.	New Tafo	4	48	42	74	77	122	119
7.	Kwadaso	5	31	37	76	75	107	112

S/N	CIRCUIT	NO. OF SOCIETY CHOIRS	MALES		FEMALES		NO. OF CHORISTERS(CY)	NO. OF CHORISTERS(PY)
			CY	PY	CY	PY		
8.	Suame	2	24	44	40	61	64	105
9.	Ayigya	10	45	72	95	148	140	219
10.	Ahinsan	5	21	45	64	81	85	126
11.	Asuoeyeboa	4	35	31	39	49	74	80
12.	Bohyen	9	67	72	113	100	190	172
13.	Santasi	7	60	72	95	83	155	155
14.	Maakro	2	22	21	43	41	65	62
15.	Pankrono	6	55	53	106	82	161	135
16.	Abuakwa	8	41	42	109	120	150	162
17.	Nsima	3	22	25	33	40	55	36
18.	Buokrom Estate	2	13	13	25	25	38	38
19.	Ayeduase	3	21	18	62	40	83	58
20.	Atonsu-Agogo	4	52	50	80	77	133	127
21.	Ahodwo	4	28	17	62	43	90	60
22.	Breman	4	38	39	58	57	96	96
23.	Offinso	8	43	45	106	106	149	151
24.	Tetrem							
25.	Akomadan	3	15	19	34	40	49	59
26.	Bonwire	3	15	15	24	29	39	44
27.	Mpasatia	4	19	18	40	42	59	60

S/N	CIRCUIT	NO. OF SOCIETY CHOIRS	MALES		FEMALES		NO. OF CHORISTERS(CY)	NO. OF CHORISTERS(PY)
			CY	PY	CY	PY		
28.	Ankaase	5	24	28	43	41	67	69
29.	Tepa	2	11		17		28	
30.	Mankranso							
31.	Essuowin Mpatuam	4	21	21	52	54	73	75
32.	Brodekwano	2	6	8	22	22	28	30
33.	Wioso	2	7		19		26	
34.	Yeji	2	19	25	30	30	49	55
35.	Foase							
36.	Jachie	1	7		13		20	20
37.	Kuntanase	1	5		10		15	
38.	Atebubu	2		7		15		22
39.	Nyinahin	1	5	4	10	16	15	20
40.	Achiase							
	TOTAL	154 /156	1,142	1,136	2,136	2,118	3,278	3,254

Figure 1: Graphical Representation of Membership



3.2 JUNIOR CHOIRS

Kumasi Diocese has 18 inaugurated and active Junior Choirs.

3.3 DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF PATRONS

The Diocese has a vibrant Council of Patrons who provide support in several ways especially in the areas of funding and insightful suggestions. The Council meets once every month to discuss the welfare issues and support for impending programmes.

4.0 PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

4.1 CHURCH & LAY MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 4.1.1 The Diocesan Secretariat was represented at the Induction Service of the five (5) Diocesan Lay Chairmen including Kumasi Lay Chairman at Wesley Cathedral Methodist Church, Adum – Kumasi on Sunday 30th October, 2022.
- 4.1.2 The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer participated in a One-Day Seminar on the Church's Strategic Plan for the next five (5) years. We were also trained on sustaining effective leadership and raising funds for church's activities. The training took place on 12th November, 2022 at Wharton Chapel, Mbrom.
- 4.1.3 The Diocesan Secretariat, represented the Association in all Lay Movement Executive Council Meetings during the period under review. Circuit reports to Diocesan Secretariat are also indicative of active role of choristers in Society and Circuit Lay Movement activities.
- 4.1.4 2023 Lay Movement Council Week Celebration**
The 2023 “Lay Movement Week” was launched on Sunday, 12th March, 2023, at all societies on the Theme: Discipleship: Living the Transformed Life in Jesus Christ. The Circuits and Societies were tasked to organise the Week-Long programmes from Monday 13th March 2023 to Sunday, 19th March, 2023. Activities included revivals, health talks and singing and quiz competitions amongst organizations. Reports showed successful activities across the Diocese

4.1.5 Annual Synod

The Association was represented at the 2022 & 2023 Diocesan Annual Synods hosted by Kumasi Circuit at Wesley Cathedral, Adum and Ahensan Circuit at Mount Zion respectively. The Diocesan Choir, Officers and the respective circuits' choirs featured wonderfully at the Official Opening and the Thanksgiving. The Rt. Rev. Stephen Kwaku Owusu (Diocesan Bishop) in his keynote address highly commended the Association for their sustained interest in evangelism especially “The Robe Must Go to Town”. He urged us to continue to preach the Gospel.

4.2 CONNEXIONAL INVOLVEMENT

4.2.1 Connexional Council Meetings (C. C. M.)

The Diocese was fully represented at all Connexional Council Meetings formerly, National Executive Committee (N.E.C) held during the period and submitted reports on all activities accordingly.

4.2.2 Connexional Zonal Music Festival

The Kumasi Diocesan Association hosted the maiden Connexional Zonal Music Festival of Zone E on Saturday, 15th October, 2022 at Calvary Methodist Church, Amakom. The Rt. Rev. Aduse Poku (Supt. Kwadaso Circuit) represented the Diocesan Bishop, the Choir Chaplain (Very Rev. Sangmoah) and Ministers in Amakom Circuit graced the occasion as well as our Patrons, the Connexional 1st Deputy Director of Music and the Connexional Secretary. Our Diocesan Choir, the Obuasi Diocesan Choir and the Effiduasi Diocesan Choir performed beautifully. The objective of this music festival was to awaken some of the diocesan choirs that had gone into hibernation after the covid pandemic. At the Connexional meeting in November 2022, Kumasi Diocese was commended for a good organization.

4.2.3 Re-Dedication Service

During the period under review, the Diocesan Association held her annual Re-Dedication Service to renew our commitment to the work of God as choral evangelists.

The 2023 Re-Dedication Service was held on Saturday, 14th January, 2023 at the Wesley Cathedral, Adum on the theme “*Discipleship: Living the Transformed Life in Jesus Christ*” Romans 12:1 – 2. The Rt. Rev. Stephen Kwaku Owusu, the Diocesan Bishop of Kumasi delivered the sermon and Very Rev. Charles Kojo Sangmoah, the Diocesan Choir Chaplain led the service. Very Rev. Nancy Broni Appiah, Rev. James Annan and other Kumasi Circuit Ministers were also present to support the programme.

4.2.4 Connexional Music Workshop

The Kumasi Diocesan Association hosted the Connexional Music Directorate on Friday, 17th March, 2023, for the first workshop of the year at Calvary Methodist Church, Amakom. Our Diocesan Directors fully participated in the workshop. The workshop discussed among other things peer adjudication, Revising our Methodist Praise and how to development professional musicianship. These discussions have been very helpful and have shaped our singing and singing competitions.

4.3 DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES/ PROGRAMMES

4.3.1 Meetings

1. Officers' Meetings

Series of Officers' Meetings including emergency ones were held. The emergency meetings were mainly on handing over procedures, the Diocesan Conference, Connexional Calls and its attendant issues. The regular ones focused on developing ideas for sustainable development of the Association and following our strategic plans news. These meetings were mostly held on Wednesdays between 4:30pm – 9:00pm at Ebenezer Methodist Church, Bantama.

2. Diocesan Executive Committee (DEC) Meetings.

Similarly, we had series of Diocesan Executive Committee (D.E.C) Meetings and this includes emergency ones as well at Wesley Cathedral, Adum – Kumasi to evaluate and discuss issues from Connexional, Diocese, Circuits, Society and the church as a whole. At such meetings, reports from Diocesan Secretariat, Music Directorate and Financial Reports are discussed passionately.

4.3.2 Diocesan Mid-Year Praise (Music Festival)

The Diocese was zoned into three (3) for mid – year praise music festival. The first was zone A held at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Abuakwa on Sunday 26th June, 2022, the second was zone B at Dunwell Methodist Church, Dichemso on 3rd July, 2022. The third was Zone C at Bethel Methodist Church, Ayigya on Sunday 10th July, 2022 and Zone A which is the last zone had theirs on Sunday. The circuits' performance was very encouraging.

4.3.3 Diocesan Mini-Conference

A Mini-Conference was organized at Ebenezer Methodist Church, Pankrono on Saturday 27th August 2023 and a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 28th August, 2022. Some of the major activities observed during the conference were: official opening of conference, election of officers to steer the affairs of the Diocesan Association and Music workshop. Electoral College was constituted supervised by the Lay Ministry and Connexional Officers (Chairman and Secretary) and the following choristers were elected as Diocesan Officers for 3year tenure of office:

Bro. Prof. Samuel Nortey	Chairman
Sis. Elizabeth Frempah	Vice Chairman
Bro. Evans Appiah Kubi	Director of Music
Bro. Michael Oppong	1 st Dep. DOM
Sis. Ekua Segua Adjepong	2 nd Dep. DOM
Bro. Eric Owusu	Junior Choir s Co-ord.
Bro. Michael Otchere Aboagye	Secretary
Sis. Eugenia Akonu -Atta	Assistant Secretary
Sis. Angelina Okai	Treasurer
Bro. Mark Owusu Acheaw	Organizing Secretary
Bro. Samuel Akwasi Yeboah	Evangelism Co -ord.

4.3.4 Kumasi North Elections

Following the creation of the proposed Kumasi North Diocese, an Electoral College was constituted on 21st January, 2023 at Ebenezer Methodist Church, Bantama to elect first Officers of the proposed diocese. Present at the electoral college were representatives from thirteen (13) out of nineteen (19) circuits forming the new Diocese.

The election was under the supervision of the Kumasi Diocesan Lay Chairman, Bro. Dr. Christopher Larbie, Diocesan Lay Movement Council Executives, Diocesan Choir Chaplain, Very Rev. Charles Kojo Sangmoah, the Connexional Secretary of GHAMECC, Sis. Lena Manson, and the Returning Officer, Bro. Kweku Ahinful Gaisie. Also in attendance were some current and past Diocesan Officers as observers. The elected officers are as follows:

Bro. James Owusu	Chairman
Sis. Ekuia Segua Adjepong	Vice Chairman
Bro. Evan s Appiah Kubi	Director of Music
Bro. Michael Oppong	1 st Deputy Director of Music
Bro. Felix Asi edu Anyimah	2 nd Deputy Director of Music
Bro. Handel Karikari Agyemang	Junior Choirs Co-ordinator
Sis. Christiana Acquah Harrison	Secretary
Bro. James Atta Boateng	Assistant Secretary
Bro. Eric Eshun	Organizing Secretary
Sis. Naana Ekuia Eshun	Treasurer
Bro. Samuel Akwasi Yeboah	Evangelism Co -ordinator

4.3.5 Other Programmes

1. Valedictory Songs of Praise

The Kumasi Diocesan Choir in conjunction with Pankrono Circuit organized a valedictory Songs of Praise in honour of the outgoing Diocesan Chaplain, Very Rev Emmanuel Kwesi Arhin who was ending his service as Ordained Minister and the Diocesan Chaplain for Kumasi GHAMECC. The programme was held at Ebenezer Methodist Church, Pankrono on Friday 9th September, 2022.

2. Induction Service

The elected Diocesan Officers were inducted into office at the Christ The King Methodist Church, Asokwa in the Amakom Circuit on 13th November, 2022.

The service was officiated by the Kumasi Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Stephen Kwaku Owusu and Diocesan Lay Chairman, Bro. Dr. Christopher Larbie, assisted by the Connexional Secretary, Sister Lena Manson, Connexional 1st Deputy Director of Music, Bro. Isaac Acquay and Connexional Junior Choirs Co-ordinator, Bro. Joshua Okyere Twum. The Chaplain who was engaged with another responsibility elsewhere on that day was later inducted on 11th December 2022 at Mt. Horeb Methodist Church, Ahodwo.

3. **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

The 2022 GHAMECC Kumasi Diocesan Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Service was held in the various Zones on Sunday 11th December, 2022 at 5.00pm. Maakro hosted Choirs in Zone 'A', Pankrono for Zone 'B', Ahensan for Zone 'C' and Nsima for Zone 'D'. Assigned Diocesan Officers were present at the various zones to join in the yuletide celebrations and also moderate the activities. The readings were shared amongst the various circuit officers and the host circuit chaplain gave the Christmas message. Attendance was good on the part of choristers across the various zones and the performance was seasonal with appropriate libretto and tunes. We need to work on improving the attendance of the congregation. More often than not, it is all choristers' affair.

A week after, 18th December 2022, the Diocesan Choir featured in the Connexional/Diocesan Carol Service hosted by Wesley Cathedral, Adum. This was a morning service and was captured and shown on WTV.

4. **Junior Choir Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

The Junior Choirs had their Festival of Nine Lessons and Carol Service on Saturday, 17th December, 2022 at Calvary Methodist Church, Atimatim. All the 18 Junior Choirs performed very well to the admiration of the invited guests. Mostly at the organ were teenagers however the conducting roles were done by adults. This is something we need to encourage and also get these teenagers and young ones to take up teaching songs and conducting roles.

5. **Hosting the Northern Accra Diocesan Choir**

The Kumasi Diocesan Choir Association hosted the Northern Accra Diocesan Choir Association from Friday, 3rd March to Monday, 6th March, 2023. Activities held during the visit were our Evangelism programme "The Robe Must Go To Town" at Kejetia, visit to the Manhyia Museum, Festival of Praise at Bethel Society, Kwadaso, Sunday Divine Service at Wesley Cathedral, Adum, Launching of Hymns of Our Faith at Wesley, Tafo and Conviviality: Cooking and Fun Games at the Wesley College of Education.

6. **'Hymns of Our Faith' Launch**

As part of the programme lined-up for the year, the Diocese were able to launch an album dubbed “Hymns of our Faith” at Wesley Methodist Chapel, Tafo in the Old Tafo Circuit on the 5th March, 2023. The album has both video and MP3 versions of our cherished hymns. Majority of the hymns were in the Akan language. It was a mass rendition of hymns by choristers within the Diocese.

7. **Diocesan Choir performs 'Creation' by Joseph Haydn**

Kumasi Diocesan Choir staged a programme dubbed “**Creation (Oratorio by J. Haydn)**” concert by which no Diocesan Choir in the Connexion have been able to perform. The Diocesan Choir performed the entire Creation (Oratorio) on the Easter Sunday, 9th April, 2023 at Ebenezer Methodist Church, Bantama.

4.4 **Evangelism & Outreach Activities:**

The Kumasi GHAMECC has embarked on two massive evangelism and outreach programmes. Namely

4.4.1 **Online Evangelism:** this is done at the last Saturday of every month where a poster is designed and choristers in the diocese are encouraged to share these flyers on their social handles (Whatsapp, Instagram, Facebook, Telegram, etc)

We also shared devotional messages to help Christians to reflect on Jesus during the Lenten period. We share daily devotion messages dubbed “**DWENE HO BIO**” to uplift the spiritual well-being of the choristers and fellow Christians.

4.4.2 **The Robe Must Go to Town:**

Choristers in the Diocese met at the Regional Headquarters of Ghana Post premises to use singing of hymns and Word of God to evangelize to the public on 24th December, 2022. This maiden edition had over 250 choristers singing seasonal Christmas melodies as well as “highlifes”. Tracts from Scripture Union were used to facilitate the street evangelism process. Pedestrians, sellers and buyers were seen to be enjoying the moment and dancing to the tunes. Very Rev. Solomon Bruce, Very Rev. Charles Sangmoah, Very Rev Broni and Rev. Samuel Bentum Arthur took stage to preach the word.

The second edition had over 300 choristers including Northern Accra Diocesan Choir at the Kumasi City Market, Kejetia premises to use singing of hymns and spoken Word to evangelize as well as “highlifes” to the public on 4th March, 2023. Tracts from Scripture Union were used to facilitate the street evangelism process. Traders, sellers

and buyers were seen to be enjoying the moment and dancing to the tunes. Very Rev. Sampson Obeng Adjei, the Synod Secretary, Very Rev. Solomon Bruce, Rev. James Annan, took stage to preach the word. In attendance was the Diocesan Lay Movement Vice Chairman.

4.4.3 Keyboard Skills and Song Teaching Workshop

As part of the strategic plan to train more organists and choirmasters for the diocese especially those in the distressed and out-metro societies, there was a 5day intensive keyboard skills training and song teaching workshop. Participants were accommodated at Independence Hall, KNUST from 12th - 16th December 2022. Participants were practically taken through the basics of learning the keyboard and could at least identify the musical notes on the score including their corresponding counts. The participants are now being assisted virtually for their keyboard practices. This initiative will augment the Music Clinic that was earlier being run on Saturdays.

4.5 Societies & Circuits

4.5.1 Inauguration

The Kumasi Diocese were able to inaugurate two (2) Choirs within the period under review. Mt Olivet Church Choir (Ampayoo) in the Ahodwo Circuit on Sunday, 21st August, 2022 and Emmanuel Methodist Church Choir, Nwamase in the Nsima Circuit on Sunday, 19th February, 2023 respectively. Both Services were officiated by the Superintendent Ministers Very Rev. Charles Sangmoah and Very Rev. Badu Botah, and assisted by the Diocesan Chairmen, Bro. Prof. Samuel Nortey, Bro. Kweku A. Gaisie (Immediate Past Chairman) and other Diocesan and Circuit Officers.

4.5.2 Visitations

There was the need for periodic visitations to some of the Circuits in the Diocese that are distressed and facing numerous challenges. Secretariat resolved to embark on massive visitation to these circuits to open up a dialogue on the way forward.

Some of the circuits visited were Brodekwano, Mankranso, Wioso, Ankaase, Tapa, Akomadan, Offinso and Kuntanase.

Series of visitations have been scheduled to cover all the distress circuits before 31st December, 2023. Also, some few Metro circuits would be visited to address some of their challenges.

4.6 Fraternal Relations /Other Organisational Activities

The Diocesan Secretariat honoured all invitations received from our sister organizations and dioceses within the period.

Organization/Diocese	Event	Date	Venue
Diocesan Christ Little Band	Diocesan Conference	17 th September, 2022	Christian Village, Santasi
Men's Fellowship	Annual General Meeting		Bethel, Ayigya
Diocesan NUMSB	Induction of Diocesan Officers	20 th November, 2022	Jachie
GHAMECC, Tarkwa Diocese	Induction of Diocesan Officers	22 nd January, 2023	Wesley, Dunkwa - on-Offin
GHAMECC, Effiduasi Diocese	Induction of Diocesan Officers	12 th February, 2023	Wesley, Sekyere
Boys & Girls Brigade	Induction of Connexional Officers	19 th February, 2023	Calvary, Amakom
Girls' Fellowship	Diocesan Conference	21 st April, 2023	KNUST

4.6 Donations

1. Mr. Ernest Owusu Appiah, CEO of E. O. Appiah Ventures purchased a PSR SX900 Keyboard and a Combo to the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church Choir, Ampayoo in the Ahodwo Circuit.
2. An amount of Five Hundred Cedis (GH¢500.00) was received from a member of Kumasi Circuit (undisclosed personality) to support the Diocesan Choir.
3. Sister Elizabeth Frempah, the Vice Chairman of the Kumasi Diocese donated an electronic keyboard and Combo worth Twenty-Nine Thousand Cedis (GH¢29,000) to the Wesley Methodist Church Choir, Old Tafo.

5.0 LIFE EVENTS

5.1 Weddings

Within the period under review, the Diocese had thirty (30) choristers marriage solemnized.

5.2 Births

To the glory of God, over the past year we recorded Forty-one (41) births among choristers in the various circuits across the Diocese.

5.3 Deaths

During the period under review, twenty-nine (29) brethren were called into eternity. At the Diocesan level were Bro. Isaiah Osei-Minkah Snr. the Past Diocesan Chairman, Bro. Bright Ampofo, the Past Diocesan Auditor & Financial Secretary and Bro. John Yeboah, the Past Diocesan Financial Secretary. Kumasi GHAMECC was duly represented at the final funeral rites of these brethren. May their souls rest in perfect peace.

NAME	CIRCUIT	SOCIETY
Bro. Isaiah Osei -Minkah Snr.	Bohyen	Gethsemane, Bohyen
Bro. Bright Ampofo	Tetrem	Ahenkro
Bro. John Yeboah	Kwadaso	Trinity
Sis. Christiana Boakye	Kumasi	Wesley Cathedral
Sis. Peggy Gyamfuah Owusu	Kumasi	Wesley Cathedral
Bro. John Kwaku Duah	Kumasi	Wesley Cathedral
Sis. Eva Mensah Cole	Kumasi	Wesley Cathedral (Patron)
Bro. Daniel Opoku Berko	Asawasi	Good Shepherd, Kenyase
Sis. Elizabeth A. Agyei	Asawasi	Good Shepherd, Kenyase
Sis Comfort Darkwah	Bantama	Ebenezer, Bantama
Bro. Samuel Opoku	Amakom	Christ The King, Asokwa
Sis. Josephine A. A mponsah Sarpong	Kwadaso	Trinity
Sis. Sussana Korankye	Kwadaso	Bethel
Bro. Okyere Boansi	Suame	Emmanuel
Bro. Eric Kofi Aikins	Ahinsan	Kaase
Bro. Martha Aggrey	Ahinsan	Gyinyase
Bro. Ebenezer Gyamfi Boakye	Ahinsan	Gyinyase

Sis. Alice Opoku	Ahinsan	Sewua
Sis. Janet Fosuaah	Ahinsan	Sewua
Sis. Georgina Afram	Bohyen	Gethsemane, Bohyen
Bro Bismark O Gyabaah	Santasi	St. James, Atasemanso
Sis. Theresa Nti	Pankrono	Meduma
Bro. Opoku Agyemang	Pankrono	Adwumakase
Sis. Mary Sekyere	Pankrono	Ebenezer, Pankrono
Sis. Grace Onwuna	Ayeduae	Ayeduae
Sis. Sabina Agyei	Ayeduae	Kotei
Bro. Charles Addo	Breman	Ebenezer, Breman

CIRCUIT REPORTS

1. From various discussions, it is observed that most circuits did not discuss their reports at their Council Meetings before submitting to the Diocesan Secretariat
2. Most Secretaries are not keeping a journal of activities within and outside their circuits and this becomes a challenge when they have to provide important details
3. There are inconsistencies on reporting on the numerical strength of the circuits.

S/N	CIRCUIT	CF	CT	RT	NC	IM	JC	EV	IG	AW	WS
1	Kumasi	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X
2	Asawasi	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X
3	Bantama	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
4	Amakom	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
5	Old Tafo	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
6	New Tafo	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
7	Kwadaso	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X
8	Suame	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X
9	Ayigya	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X

10	Ahinsan	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X
11	Asuoyebo	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	X
12	Bohyen	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
13	Santasi	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
14	Maakro	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
15	Pankrono	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
16	Abuakwa	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X
17	Nsima	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X
18	Buokrom Estate	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	Ayeduae	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
20	Atonsu Agogo	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
21	Ahodwo	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
22	Breman	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23	Offinso	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	Tetrem	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25	Akomadan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	Bonwire	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27	Mpasatia	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X
28	Ankaase	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X
29	Tepa	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
30	Mankranso	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	Essuowin Mpatuam	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
32	Brodekwan	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X
33	Wioso	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
34	Yeji	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
35	Foase	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
36	Jachie	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X
37	Kuntanase	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
38	Atebubu	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
39	Nyinahim	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
40	Achiase	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

KEYS

CF = Conference

CT = Concert

RT = Retreat

NC = New Choir

IM = Increase Membership

JC = Junior Choir

EV = Evangelism

IG = Income Generation

AW = Awards

WS = Workshop

Kumasi

1. Kumasi Circuit have two (2) Junior Choirs with the membership of ninety-five (95) choristers made up of thirty-five (35) boys and sixty (60) girls.
2. The circuit had its Easter concert dubbed **“Christ our Hope in Victory”** on Sunday 10th April, 2022 at St. George's Church, Adum.
3. Kumasi Circuit Mini Conference at Freeman Methodist Church, Mbrom, Kumasi on Saturday 20/08/22 and Thanksgiving on Sunday 21/08/22.
4. Twenty-two (22) Junior Choristers were enrolled into the Cathedral Choir on Sunday 22nd May 2022.
5. Wesley Cathedral Junior Choir and De-graft Memorial Methodist Church Junior Choir had a joint Christmas programme dubbed **“Joyous Carols”** at Wesley Cathedral, Adum, Kumasi on Friday 2nd December, 2022.

Asawasi

- v Asawasi Circuit have one (1) Junior Choir with the membership of ninety-five (95) choristers made up of thirty-five (35) boys and sixty (60) girls.
- v Held their 20th Biennial Circuit Conference and 41st Anniversary at Akurem in July 2023.
- v They plan to form a formidable circuit choir that will be vibrant within the circuit and the Diocese

Bantama

1. Bantama Circuit has one (1) Junior Choir with the membership of forty (40) choristers made up of twenty-two (22) boys and eighteen (18) girls.
2. Held their 12th Biennial Circuit Conference and 46th Anniversary from 19th – 21st August, 2022 at Good Shepherd Methodist Church, South Suntreso.
3. Three (3) societies held anniversaries within the period.
4. A One-Day retreat was organized to renew members' faith and strength in the Lord.
5. They plan to nurture choirs in Dakodwam and Akyeremade societies.

Amakom

1. Amakom Circuit has one (1) Junior Choir at Amakom Society
2. Held their 15th Biennial Conference and 32nd Anniversary at the Calvary Methodist Church, Amakom from 27th – 29th May, 2022.
3. The circuit plan to identify individuals with the potential of playing organ and assist in nurturing their talent to help the church and the work of God.
4. Organized a musical concert to evangelize to people and to raise funds dubbed To Gid and Country and I Believe in Christ
5. Organized a Retreat to build strong spiritual connection with God

Old Tafo

1. Old Tafo Circuit have three (3) Junior Choirs with the membership of one hundred and two (102) choristers made up of thirty-five (35) boys and sixty-seven (67) girls.
2. The Circuit held her 11th Biennial Conference and 35th Anniversary Celebration from Friday, 24th – Sunday, 26th June 2022 at Atimatim.
3. Hosted 2022 Kumasi Diocesan Junior Choirs Carol Service on Saturday 17th December 2022 at Atimatim
4. They have plans to organize a Night of Hymns with Circuit Patrons.

New Tafo

1. Embarked on periodic visitations to both patrons and choristers, who are invalid.
2. Held her 5th Biennial Conference and 26th Anniversary, at Freeman Society, Tafo Nhyiaeso, from Friday, 28th to Sunday, 30th April, 2023.
3. Strategize to make the Junior Choir more attractive and appealing to the Sunday School children.
4. The Circuit plans to nurse a choir at Mt. Olives Methodist Church, Ash Town within the coming year 2024.

Kwadaso

1. Held their Biennial Circuit Conference from 15th to 17th July 2022 at Freeman Methodist Church, Kwadaso North.
2. The Circuit had re-dedication service on 17th January 2023, at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Agric-Nzima to bring members together and renew their covenant with God.
3. Rolling out a Circuit Welfare Scheme to benefit members of the Association.
4. They plan to inaugurate two nursery Junior Choirs.
5. They plan to nurture a choir at Wesley society, Ohwimase.

Suame

1. Organized a special concert budded 'Asomdwe' Concert at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Suame on 10th April, 2022
2. They embarked on rotational exchange programme with Maakro and Breaman to solicit funds to pay their 2023 assessment.
3. To organize a conference.
4. They plan to establish and inaugurate two choirs within the circuit

Ayigya

1. The circuit went on an outreach programme to proclaim the gospel to the people of Nyinahin Adupri in February, 2023.
2. Established junior choirs in most of the societies.

3. Established choirs at Anwomaso High Tension and Okyerekrom.
4. Supported weaker societies to raise funds to run their choirs.
5. They plan to buy photocopier machine to help generate funds for the circuit.

Ahinsan

1. Organized circuit Festival of Nine Lessons & Carol service at Ahinsan.
2. Establish at least two (2) junior choirs at Esereso and Sewua.

Asuoyeboa

1. The circuit organized a Night of Awards for past Circuit Officers and Council of Patrons on 27th November, 2022 at Gethsemane Society.
2. They plan to increase its membership through programmes to build a vibrant Circuit and Junior choirs.
3. They plan to establish formidable choirs in Asuoyeboa North and Pokukrom respectively.
4. The circuit visited GHAMSU, at AAMUSTED after losing most of their instruments for worship through fire outbreak and supported their fund-Raising held on the 26th March, 2023.

Bohyen

- v Four (4) choir celebrated their anniversaries.
- v They plan to increase membership particularly the youth above age 15 into the choir
- v Plans of organizing society rounds to raise funds to pay assessments and other levies

Santasi

1. Organized their 10th Biennial Conference and 14th Anniversary from 20th to 22nd May, 2022 at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Kotwi.
2. Recorded and launched their maiden CD and pen drive album on 30th October 2022.
3. They plan to organize frequent sing songs to raise funds and promote cordial relationships among societies.
4. To establish new choirs at Nkoranza Methodist Church and Adjamasu Methodist Church.

Maakro

1. Fully participated in camp meeting organized by the church at Asuogya.
2. Establish junior choir at Gethsemane society, Afrancho
3. Establish choirs in some societies like Aboahia and Asuogya
4. They plan to organize songs of praise to raise funds.

Pankrono

1. Organized their 6th Biennial Conference and 12th Anniversary from 29th to 31st July, 2022 at Mount Olivet Methodist Church, Ahwiaa.
2. The Circuit in collaboration with the Diocese organized musical concert in honour of Very Rev. Emmanuel Kwesi Arhin on 9th September, 2022 at Pankrono.
3. Organized a One-Day retreat for leaders on 25th January, 2023 at Meduma.
4. Special Easter Concert on 2nd April, 2023 at the Good Shepherd Methodist, Fawoade.
5. They plan to establish Junior choirs in all the societies in the circuit.

Abuakwa

1. Held Circuit conference and conducted elections in September, 2022 at Atwima Agogo
2. Organized Festival of Nine Lessons and Carol service at Abuakwa on 17th December, 2022.
3. Nursing three (3) Junior Choirs in the circuit at Atwima Koforidua, Maakro and Agogo.

Nsima

1. Organized joint Festival of Praise with Circuit Singing Band to propagate the gospel and deepen their relationship.
2. Inaugurated Emmanuel Society Choir, Nwamase, on the 19th February 2023.
3. Played a major in the Circuit Prophet Convention held at Aburaso.
4. Established a choir at Charles Wesley Methodist Church which will be inaugurated soon.
5. Had their Conference on 9th July, 2023.

Buokrom Estate

1. Establish new choirs in the following societies; Jubilee South Africa, Duase, Duase Newsite and Bosore.
2. Organize series of musical concert to propagate the gospel to the lost ones.

Ayeduase

1. Organized Festival of Nine Lessons and Carol service on the 23rd December, 2022 at the Grace Methodist Church, Deduako.
2. Held Special Easter Concert in collaboration with GHAMSU Choir, KNUST and University Choir KNUST at the Mount Olivet Methodist Church, Ayeduase on the 9th April 2023.
3. Nursing a Church Choir at Kokoben and Junior Choir at Mount Zion Church, Kotei,

hope inaugurate both choirs in September and December, 2023.

4. To organize a Biennial Circuit Conference in July, 2023 at Appiadu

Atonsu Agogo

1. Organized two (2) Pre-Easter Concerts on the 10th April, 2022 and 2nd April, 2023 at Mount Sinai Methodist Church.
2. Organized Circuit Retreat on 15th November, 2022, at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Atonsu-Agogo to educate members on how to manage their finances and also how to spend prudently.
3. Held Carol Service on the 17th of December, 2022 at Chirapatre Methodist Church.
4. Conducted workshop for all secretaries, their assistants and financial secretaries on how to write reports.

Ahodwo

1. Inaugurated Mt. Olivet Church Choir, Ampayoo on Sunday, 21st August, 2022
2. Organized songs of praise in every quarter to raise funds for the Association.
3. To establish Junior Choir at Daban

Breman

1. Organized a programme dubbed “Unity Praise” with the Suame and Maakro on February 5, 2023 at Breman.
2. To organize their maiden circuit conference in 2024

Offinso

1. Organized a mini conference to elect new officers to the affairs of the circuit at Wesley Methodist Church Asamankama on Saturday 24th September, 2022 to Sunday, 25th September, 2022.
2. Held festival of nine lessons and carols at Bethel Methodist Church, Agyeimpra on Saturday 18th December 2022.
 1. Quarterly retreats will be organized to attract new members and uplift the spiritual well-being of the choristers.
 2. Planned to organize the robe must go to town on 7th October 2023.

Tetrem

No Report

Akomadan

No Report

Bonwire

No Report

Mpasatia

1. Rekindle the societies in the circuit and raise funds through songs of praise
2. To inaugurate two society choirs at Nkawie New Site and Sepaase
3. Had meeting with the Council of Patrons to discuss issues in the circuit.

Ankaase

1. Held her 11th Biennial Conference and 16th Anniversary at Wesley Methodist Church, Mpobi.
2. Organized festival of nine lessons and carols service on Sunday 8th January, 2023 at Mpobi
3. organized songs of praise in all societies to raise funds in support of the payment of Diocesan Assessment.
4. Visited all societies and made some donations to the aged choristers.
5. Increase membership by nurturing two (2) choirs in the circuit that is Aduman and Ejuratia.

Tepa

1. Organized festival of nine lessons and carols in collaboration with the church on 24th December, 2022 at Tepa.
2. Establish Council of Patrons to support the association
3. To organize a circuit conference in the year 2024.

Mankranso

No Report

Essuowin Mpatuam

1. Team up with the Reverend Ministers to hire an organist or organize organ clinic for the societies.
2. Charge the circuit music directorate to start grooming the younger ones to have interest in the choir in order to form the junior choir.
3. Organizes orientation program for all executives on their duties to be executed in their terms of office.

Brodekwno

1. Maiden Circuit conference was held from 22nd to 23rd April, 2023 at Brodekwno.
2. Establish choirs at Amakom, Ankaase and Dompaa.

Wioso

1. To increase the membership of the choristers in the circuit.
2. To conduct elections of new officers to steer the affairs of the circuit.
3. Organize their maiden circuit conference in 2024

Yeji

No Report

Foase

No Report

Jachie

1. Organized Easter Concert at Freeman Methodist on Sunday 9th April, 2023.
2. Visited patients at the St. Michael Hospital at Pramso and made donations of Toiletries (soaps and tissues).
3. To increase membership through Evangelism
4. Plan to establish choirs in some of the societies in the circuit.
4. To organize circuit conference and more programmes in 2024

Kuntanase

No Report

Atebubu

No Report

Nyinahin

No Report

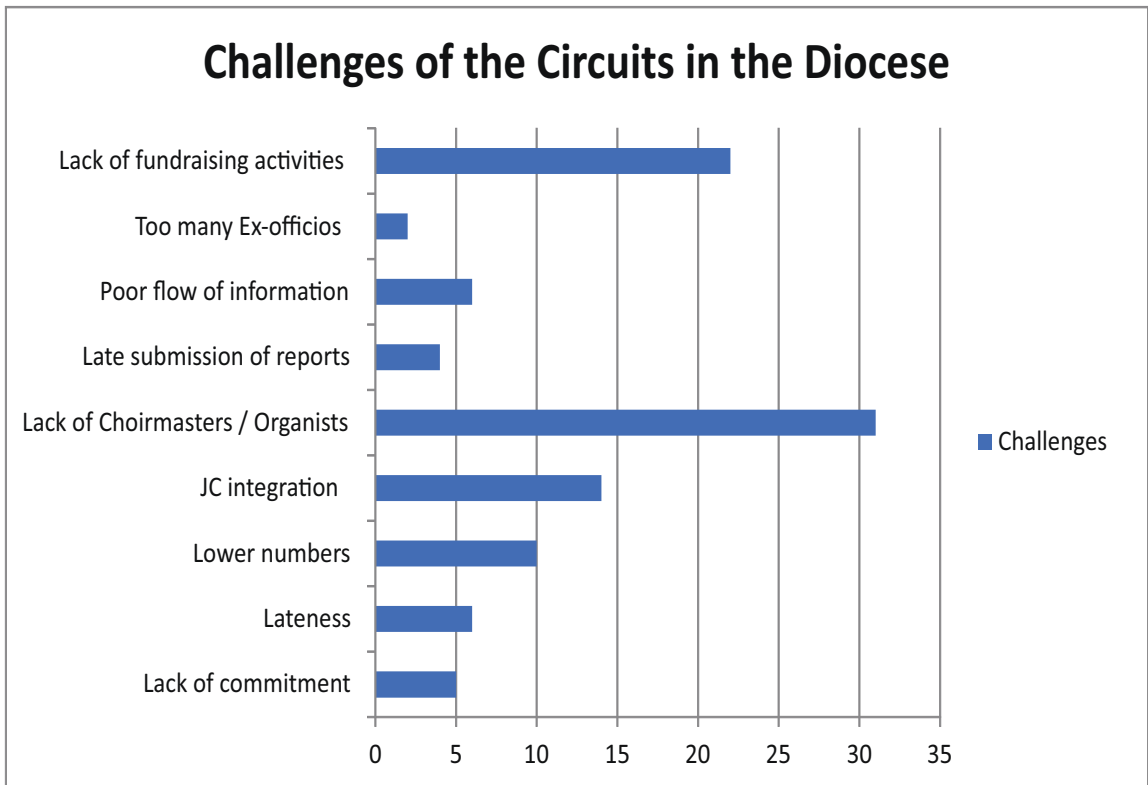
Achiase

No Report

6.0 KEY CHALLENGES

1. Apathy and lack of commitment towards choir programmes.
2. Lateness to choir practice and programmes
3. Low numerical strengths in some societies which affects voice production.
4. Refusal of old members of Junior choristers to be graduated to the church choirs.
5. Lack of Choirmasters/Organists and Directors of Music.
6. Late submission of reports to authorities of various levels.
7. Poor flow of communication

8. Lots of regalia officers which sometimes becomes a burden
9. Difficulties in payment of full assessment.



7.0 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 5-day Intensive Camping Workshop on Keyboard Skills and Song Teaching at the Independence Hall, KNUST. 83 participants from the various circuits in the Diocese
2. “The Robe Must Go to Town” which had over 250 choristers singing for 2 and half hours to evangelize the people of Kumasi.
3. The creation of “Dwene Ho Bio” a daily devotional guide to studying the Bible
4. The Diocese was able to launch an album dubbed “Hymns of Our Faith” and this is available on pen drives for sale
5. The Diocesan Association was able to host the Northern Accra Diocesan Choir Association to deepen our friendship and create a fertile ground for more collaborations.
6. The Kumasi Diocesan Choir staged all songs in Joseph Haydn's Oratorio “CREATION” on 9th April, 2023. Per our records, it is the first to be performed by a Diocesan Choir

7. We have embarked on visitations to our distressed Circuits within the diocese to have dialouges on developmental issues
8. Sharing of The WORD using online platforms.
9. We were able to inaugurate two (2) Choirs within the period that is Mt Olivet Church Choir, Ampayoo in the Ahodwo Circuit and Emmanuel Methodist Church Choir, Nwamase in the Nsima Circuit.

8.0 PROJECTIONS / FUTURE PLANS

1. Website Hosting and launching of “Excellence Fund” for the Diocese
2. To repeat Joseph Haydn's Oratorio “CREATION” at the National Theatre in Accra for the southern zone
3. Intensify visitations to out-stationed Circuit Association.
4. To host and organize GHAMECC @ 50 launch for the Northern zone.
5. To inaugurate four (4) choirs in the next year.
6. The 16th Biennial Diocesan Delegates Conference to be hosted by Kumasi Circuit from 7th to 10th September, 2023 at KNUST. All activities will be at Business School Auditorium C and accommodated at Independence Hall of Residence.

9.0 APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Almighty God for His blessings, guidance, directions, healing, protection and His travel mercies as we journeyed across the length and breadth of the diocese.

We would like to express our profound gratitude to the Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Stephen Kwaku Owusu, the Diocesan Lay Chairman, Dr. Christopher Larbie, Very Rev. Sampson Obeng Adjei, Synod Secretary for their unflinching support to the Kumasi Diocesan GHAMECC.

We are also grateful to the Diocesan Chaplain, Very Rev. Charles Kojo Sangmoah, the Immediate Past Diocesan Chaplain, Very Rev. Emmanuel Kwesi Arhin, Very Rev. Dr. Solomon Bruce and the entire circuit chaplaincy for their guidance and counselling.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Diocesan and the various Circuit Council of Patrons for their wonderful support and fatherly pieces of advice which has brought the Association this far.

Again, we want to express our profound gratitude to various Superintendent Ministers and Reverend Ministers for their immense support and contributions to the church choirs, circuit and the Junior Choirs under their jurisdiction and beyond. Like Oliver

**REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN MUSIC DIRECTORATE
TO THE 16TH BIENNIAL DELEGATES' CONFERENCE
AND 48TH ANNIVERSARY @ KNUST - 2023.
1ST APRIL, 2022 - 30TH APRIL 2023**

PREAMBLE

*Go, labour on; 'tis not for nought,
Thy earthly loss is heavenly gain:
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not;
The Master praises; what are men? (M.H.B. 589 vs2)*

1.0: INTRODUCTION

This report is a detailed account of the work of the Diocesan Directorate of Music from October, 2022 to August 2023. It also gives an account of the challenges identified during the period under review, the way forward and the future plans.

All too soon another conference is here with us after the one-day Mini conference at Pankrono Methodist Church in August, 2022 where we were given the opportunity to come and serve our noble Association. Let us cease this opportunity to thank God for His majestic glory, guidance and strength.

2.1– MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Directorate attended and participated fully in all the Connexional music Workshops for all Directors and their Deputies in the period under review. The resource person was Professor Josuah Amoah (Legon). He took us through several topics, like directing choral repertoires, effective concert planning, proper accompaniment, etc.

At the diocesan level, series of workshops were held. They were centered on effective rehearsal techniques, basic adjudication skills, diocesan Performance Assessment songs, etc. The resource person was bro. Isaac Acquay (1st Deputy D.O.M – Connexional). Our past directors Bro. Stephen Anderson and bro Michael Ampomah were also in attendance to support.

NB: GHAMECC SINGING COMPETITIONS

In summary, concerning the future of singing competition at the Connexional level, it has been agreed at the Connexional Council Meeting to suspend the “peer adjudication” system and adopt “5-member panel jury”. Members of the panel could

be past Connexional Directors or any competent musicians within the Association or in the church.

2.2 - MUSIC TRAINING (LOCAL CONTENT)

Through the help and initiative of our Diocesan Chairman Brother Professor Samuel Nortey and the entire executives, we were able to organize One-Week Intensive Residential Training on organ playing, song teaching, general musicianship at KNUST – Independence Hall from 12th – 16th December, 2022. The patronage and the entire exercise was really massive. We had over eighty (80) participants within the Diocese and some even, outside Kumasi Diocese. We are grateful to all especially, Prof Nortey, Madam Frempa, Bro. Gaisie, Very Rev Sangmoah, and brother directors' Acquay, Josuah, Ameyaw, Leonard (Bremang), Sefah (Jachie), Handle, etc. for their support.

2.3 - UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE MUSIC / ORGAN CLINIC

During the year under review, we use to have five (5) centers for the music clinic; Ayigya, Bantama, Suame, Pankrono and Wesley Cathedral with over fifty (50) students. Unfortunately, almost all the centers are currently not functioning due to several factors. The major challenge was funding or financial constraints especially those who were being sponsored by the churches. We will therefore plead with brother chairman, the entire executives and members of conference to review this program at this conference and come out with a communique.

3.0 - DIOCESAN CHOIR UPDATE

Diocesan choir meets on Monday evenings at K.O. Mbrom (Bishop's conference hall). The numerical strength of the choir currently stands at fifty-six (56) choristers consisting of twenty-seven (27) males and twenty-nine (29) females. The breakdown is as follows: Sopranos = 18, Altos = 9, Tenors = 12 and Basses = 13. The choir is under the following visionary and competent Directors of Music; Bro. Evans Appiah-Kubi (D.O.M), Bro Michael Oppong (1st D.D.O.M), Sis. Ekua Segua Agyapong (2nd D.D.O.M), Bro. Eric Owusu (Junior choir Coordinator) Paa Kwasi Ampomah (I. P. D. O. M) and Bro. David Wilson (Principal Org.).

3.1 - ATTENDANCE TO OTHER FUNCTIONS – DIOCESAN SINGERS

- * Synod (61st & 62nd) Official Opening at Wesley Cathedral - Adum (May, 2022) and Mt. Zion – Ahinsan (May 2023) respectively.
- * Trinity Theological Seminary 80th Anniversary concert at the Ebenezer Methodist Church – Bantama on 2nd May, 2022.
- * Burial service of Madam Mary Adwubi (The mother of Rt. Rev Stephen Kwaku Owusu – Diocesan Bishop of Kumasi) at Offinso- Kokote on Friday, 13th May, 2022.

- * Pre – Concert and Launching of 50th Anniversary as Connexional Singing Band Union, at Dunwell Meth. – New Tafo – Kumasi on 11th June, 2022.
- * Diocesan Mini Conference thanksgiving at Pankrono Methodist in August, 2022.
- * Valedictory service for our past Diocesan Chaplain Very Rev. Emmanuel K. Arhin on 9th September, 2022 at Pankrono Methodist.
- * Induction of Diocesan Lay Chairman Dr. Christopher Larbi and other Lay Chairman (Northern Zone) at Wesley Cathedral – Adum on 30th October, 2022.
- * Induction of Kumasi Diocesan Officers at Christ The King- Asokwa, under Amakom Circuit on 13th November, 2022.
- * Wesleyan TV Connexional and Diocesan Lay Movement Carol service at Wesley Cathedral on 18th December, 2022.
- * Live Performance @ Angel Choral Hour (Angel FM – 96.1) on 4th April, 2023.
- * Live performance @ Church Bells (Kessben TV/FM – 93.3) on 4th April, 2023.

4.0 - MID – YEAR PRAISE

This programme was introduced by the Music Directorate to revive the circuit choirs (after the Covid), raise funds to support the work of the Association and most importantly thank the Almighty God for bringing us to the middle of the year. Circuit choirs were grouped into three Zones due to the size of the Diocese. The 2022 version took place at Abuakwa (26th June), New Tafo (4th June), and Ayigya (11th July) respectively. We are grateful to all the circuits for their involvement and performance.

5.0 - CONNEXIONAL ZONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The directorate in collaboration with the planning committee hosted the Connexional music festival on zonal bases (zone E) at Calvary Methodist Church, Amakom on 15th October, 2022. The following Diocesan Choirs were in attendance Effiduase, Obuasi and the host Kumasi diocesan choir. Kumasi Diocesan Band, Calvary society choir and Asawase Degraft Junior choir were also guests groups on the day. Connexional Officers present were Sis. Lena Mason, Bro. Isaac Aquaey, Bro. Josuah O. Twum and other past officers.

6.0 - DIOCESAN CAROL SERVICE

The 2022 diocesan carol service was organized on zonal bases (4 – zones) for circuits on the 11th December, 2022. The program took place on; Zone 'A' – Maakro, Zone 'B' – Pankrono, Zone 'C' – Ahinsan, Zone 'D' – Nzima respectively. The program was not bad but we believe there is more room for improvement come 2023. The major challenges were lateness and to some extent low attendance due to the clash of program with the singing band. Officers have taken steps to ensure it does not happen again.

7.0 - THE ROBE MUST GO TO TOWN

The music directorate played very instrumental role in the evangelism programme 'The Robe Must Go to Town' which was organized on the 24th December, 2022 (Post Office – Adum) and 4th March, 2023 (Kejetia Market) respectively. Songs selection, stage setup, renditions, and what have you were very admirable. Though the attendance was not what we expected, we still commend those who availed themselves to be used as a vessel for evangelism.

8.0 - LAUNCHING OF HYMNS OF OUR FAITH

The Directorate in collaboration with the planning committee saw to the Launching of our maiden mass recording which took place at Wesley Meth. – Old Tafo on 5th March, 2023. Attendance of DEC Members and choristers were not encouraging though, the programme was a success. The following circuit choirs, Old Tafo, Bremang, Pankrono, Maakro, and New Tafo were in attendance. We will commend the Northern Accra Diocesan Choir for their immense contribution and support on that day.

9.0 - EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Exchange program helps to foster unity among members and it serves as a platform where we can learn from each other. In view of that the Northern Accra Diocesan Choir and their executives paid a courtesy visit to Kumasi Diocese from 3rd – 6th March, 2023. Both choirs had a wonderful time with regards to socialization. There was '*praise concert*' to thank God and also entertain ourselves on Saturday 4th March, 2023 at Bethel Methodist – Kwadaso. The following groups performed on the day were, Diocesan choirs; Kumasi and Northern Accra, Circuit choirs; Kwadaso, Bohyen, Suame, Santasi, and Nzima. The Kumasi Diocesan Singing Band were also in attendance and we are grateful to all especially Synod Secretary V.Rev Sampson O Adjei and Superintendent Minister of Kwadaso Rt. Rev. Hayford Adusie-Poku for gracing the occasion.

10.0 – ORATORIO (CREATION)

The Oratorio journey started around November, 2021 during the previous administration led by Bro. Gaisie. The directorate met and came up with this idea to help keep the singers busy since there were no Connexional activities. The current administration led by bro. Professor Nortey charged the directorate to continue and finish the project. High sense of hard work and team spirit exhibited by the current directorate yielded the fruit of success and the dream of Oratorio (Creation) performance on the 9th April, 2023 at Ebenezer Methodist Chapel – Bantama.

NB: *It will interest you to know that, the Kumasi diocesan choir has made a record of being the first diocesan choir to stage an oratorio concert in Ghana. The team is proud and thank God for this great achievement.*

10.1 - PERFORMERS (STAGE)

The oratorio was performed by fifty-eight (58) wonderful choristers. Fifty (50) singers, five (5) organists, two (2) conductors and one (1) coordinator

- * Singers: Soprano – (16), Alto – (10), Tenor – (12), Bass – (12).
- * Soloists: Soprano – (Judith, Esther, Anima), Alto – (Segua), Tenor – (Evans, Francis, Philip), Bass – (Albert)
- * Organists: David (Leader), Jacob, Adom, Barima, and Kwaku.
- * Conductors: Evans Appiah bohyeba (Part 1 & 3) and Paa Kwesi (Part 2)
- * Coordinator: Michael Oppong.

11.0 - DISCIPLESHIP

As part of creating awareness to the general public on the oratorio and also evangelizing through songs, the diocesan choir took opportunity to visit Kessben TV/ FM (morning) and Angel FM (evening) respectively for the first time on 2nd April, 2023 to give renditions, shared the Gospel and granted interviews. We are grateful to our Diocesan Chairman, Secretary, and bro. James Owusu for accompanying the choir.

12.0 - PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The ultimate function of Assessment is to improve singing and choral abilities at the local levels. It is therefore our duty as Diocesan Directors of Music to select appropriate music for assessments that would serve some functional ends. Based on past records, availability of technical personnel, the strength of the circuits and other factors, there has been categorization of circuit choirs into three groups (i. e. A1, A2, B).

12.1 - GROUPINGS

Group A1 = Bohyen, Ayigyia, Suame, Kumasi, Atonsu Agogo, Amakom, Santasi, Asuoyeboah, Bantama, Kwadaso, Old Tafo, New Tafo.

Group A2 = Pankrono, Asawase, Abuakwa, Ayeduase, Nzima, Maakro, Ahinsan, Buokrom Estate, Ahodwo, Bremang, Offinso

Group B = Bonwire, Mpasatia, Ankaase, Jaachi, Foase, Tetrem, Yeji...

12.2 – SONGS

The Directorate released the Assessment songs for the conference on the 14th January, 2023, after the rededication service at Wesley Cathedral, Adum – Kumasi.

<i>GROUPS</i>	<i>HYMN</i>	<i>CANTICLE</i>	<i>ANTHEM</i>	<i>UNSEEN</i>
A1	MHB 648	Chant # 35	Okon' Y3 Nyame Ko By J. E Nelson	C.M. with Modulation
A2	MHB 548	Chant # 34	Hyira Hen By Isaac Acquay	C.M. with Modulation
B	MHB 115	The Lord's Prayer	Ayeyi Dwom By Sam Asare Bediako	C.M. no Modulation

12.3 - MODALITIES OR GUIDELINES FOR 2023 CONFERENCE (KNUST)

- * Performance Assessment comes off on Friday (Group *A2*) and Saturday (Group *B* & *A1*) during conference.
- * Balloting shall be done at the conference hall where the Assessment shall take place after Lunch both Friday and Saturday.
- * The number of performers on stage shall NOT be more than 30(Group *B*), 35(Group *A2*) and 40(Group *A1*) respectively, including conductors.
- * All Circuit Directors of music MUST ensure that their singers are seated or around the premises before the specified time for the assessment.
- * Procession shall start at a place specified by the Diocesan Directorate of Music.
- * Intricate procession and elaborate stage formation is discouraged. (Not more than 4mins)
- * All Choirs shall presents their own organist or accompanist. Where a Circuit fails to bring an organist, the Diocesan Directorate shall make a standby organist available.
- * All organist must be in *full black and white* robes likewise the performers.
- * Accompaniment: (Hymn, Chant) ... unaccompaniment/ Intro: (Procession, Hymn: *A1-V.2, A2-V3, Anthem*) for both groups.
- * Order of performance: Procession, Hymn, Chant/The Lord's Prayer, Anthem and Unseen
- * After performing the compulsory songs the leader/conductor shall, select any of the unseen pieces provided for all the groups.
- * Three (3) member panel shall be employed for the assessment in each group.
- * Declaration if any, for all groups shall be done on Sunday during church service presentations.
- * The use of the baton shall be optional.
- * Circuit Directors are advised to use their own members and avoid intruders or

foreigners, or people outside Kumasi Diocese. Circuits would be penalized (withdrawn) for flouting this rule.

- * Coordinators for the Group B may be allowed to conduct or perform with them.
- * There shall be no recession after the performance.

13.0- VISITATION

The Directorate visited almost all the Metro Circuits and some outside metro circuits within the Diocese to assist them in their preparation towards the diocesan conference, Performance Assessment, organizing workshops and adjudicating, and other functions. Administratively, we visited some circuits during their council meetings to assist and give directions in the interest of the Association. It will also interest you to know that the Diocesan Music Directorate assisted in the inauguration of Ampayoo Church choir (Ahodwo) and Nwamase Church Choir (Nzima Circuit) respectively. We are grateful to the various circuit executives and all the societies for their support.

14.0– JUNIOR CHOIR

14.1- CAROL SERVICE

The Junior Choir Carol Service for 2022 was organized on Saturday 17th December, 2022 at Atimatim Methodist under Old Tafo circuit. About sixteen Junior Choirs attended the programme to perform a given hymn, Anthem and danceable. In attendance were Sup. Minister of Old Tafo, other Ministers, Diocesan Officers being led by the Vice Chair and some Tafo circuit officers.

14.2– CARETAKERS MEETING

During the period under review, several meetings and workshops were organized for Junior choir caretakers and coordinators to take them through tonic sol-fa reading, basic rudiments of music, effective rehearsal techniques, planning of activities and how to manage the Junior choir. We are grateful to the administration and all our resource persons for their support during such meetings.

14.3– FUN GAMES

'All work and no play...' that was why the Directorate in collaboration with the administration organized fun games for all the Junior Choirs within the Kumasi Diocese at Wesley College of Education Park on 4th August, 2022. The attendance was very massive and the choristers really enjoyed themselves to the fullest. We are grateful to officers, organizers and especially Director Michael for their involvement in making this programme a success.

14.4 – REGISTRATION

The Connexional administration wanted to have a data base for our Junior Choirs. In view of this, Diocesan Junior choir coordinators were tasked to ensure this exercise is being executed. Some of the societies complied with this directive but unfortunately, other caretakers could not assist us with their data for onward transfer. We will commend Atimatim Junior choir for their quick response and encourage those who have not yet submitted to do so.

14.5 – ACTIVITIES AHEAD

Arrangements are far advanced in organizing the following programmes for the Junior Choirs within the diocese to make them active and become more developed. These include;

- i. ALDERSGATE/ Hymns of our Faith on 27th May, 2023 at Asawase Circuit.
- ii. Diocesan Junior Choir Conference on 20th – 22nd October, 2023 at Abuakwa Circuit.

15.0 - BEREAVEMENT

During the period under review, we reported the demise of our brother Bismark Oheneba Gyabaa (1st Deputy Director of Music) Santasi circuit who was a chorister at St. James Methodist Church, Atasemanso. The Diocesan Music Directorate and the administration joined the Santasi circuit choir during the Candle light programme and the burial. May the good Lord grant him eternal rest.

16.0 - CHALLENGES

- * Music workshops at the Diocesan and Circuit levels are not encouraging. This is because most circuit directors, deputies, Choirmasters and Organist do not avail themselves for these developmental sessions.
- * Lack of commitment or apathy of some members towards the Choir.
- * Clash of programs with other sister organizations especially singing Band, which affects our attendance and our finances.
- * Dwindling in terms of membership of most Choirs due to transfers, postings, re-settlement, Inter- church and Inter- organizational competitions etc.
- * Inadequate incentives to motivate most Choirmasters and Directors.

17.0 - RECOMMENDATIONS

- * To continue organizing workshops (Zonal base) and seminars for our Circuit Directors, Deputies, Choirmasters and Organists to raise their standard in terms of Choir directing and management.
- * To continue and extend our visitations (by involving other circuit Directors) to the less distressed and outside metro circuits to help revive them.

- * To also plan and take the Diocesan Choir on exchange programme with our brothers and sisters from the Northern Accra Diocese.
- * To use the Diocesan Choir for evangelism through Radio, Television and other social media platforms.
- * To present a very strong and vibrant Diocesan Choir for Tarkwa 2024 Connexional conference.
- * To stage another Oratorio (Creation) concert in Accra or Sunyani by the end of 2023.
- * To start preparations towards another Oratorio concert come 2024.
- * To ensure smooth transition process of the Kumasi Diocese and the In-coming Kumasi North Diocese.

18.0 - CONCLUSION

As the Church and the Association continues to grow, we are challenged as to how to intensify education and training program to get more musicians and technical men to sustain the work in the Diocese and our respective societies. I will humbly plead with Conference to make a resolution to the church on how to revamp the human resource from the society level to the Diocesan level else, the Diocese will struggle to get competent musicians to sustain what our predecessors started in few years ahead.

The Diocesan Music Directorate took office with deep sense of humility and purpose. The team has, thankfully, enjoyed tremendous support from the clergy, officers (past and current), past Diocesan Directors of Music, some Circuit Directors and a host of veterans, who together has made us achieve some modest successes. Finally, we are grateful to the Almighty God for his strength, protection, wisdom, guidance and how far He has brought us.

Long Live Association of Methodist Church Choirs!!!

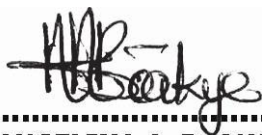
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BRO. EVANS APPIAH–KUBI (Gen. Bohye)
Diocesan Director of Music – Kumasi
(On behalf of the Diocesan Music Directorate)

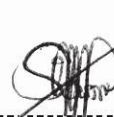
THE METHODIST CHURCH GHANA			
ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST CHURCH CHOIRS-KUMASI DIOCESE			
<u>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1/4/2022 TO 31/03/2023</u>			
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Balance B/F	Note		
GCB Current A/C		10,350.77	
GCB Savings A/C		6,498.29	
Cash		16,228.10	33,077.16
RECEIPTS			
Assessment	1	44,020.00	
Rededication Service		18,458.00	
Sale of National Cloth	2	111,000.00	
Funerals		1,300.00	
Induction Service		11,838.00	
Hymns of our Faith		23,206.50	
Conference		26,402.40	
Special Appeal		710.00	
Mid Year Praise - 1		16,977.00	
Sale of T Shirts	2	8,000.00	
Soft Loan		68,850.00	
Donation		500.00	
Diocesan Choir Cloth		925.00	
DEC Meeting		1,148.60	
Junior Choir Carol Service		3,192.00	
Diocesan Chaplain Farewell		2,100.00	
Nat. Music Exps Refunded		6,586.00	
National music Festival		5,779.80	
Other Income		1,470.00	
Zonal Carols		8,134.30	
Investment (Donwell Insurance)		77.83	
Interest on Savings		180.33	360,855.76
			393,932.92
PAYMENTS			
Connexional/ Ghamecc Cloth	2	105,500.00	
Connexional Assessment		18,084.00	
Nat. Music Exps to be reimbursed		6,586.00	
National Music Festival		2,430.00	
Mid year Praise		2,155.00	

Rededication Service		6,965.00	
DEC Meeting		8,426.60	
General Expenses		3,924.00	
Diocesan Conference		24,955.40	
Music Directorate/Dio Choir		4,580.00	
Connexional Council Meeting Expenses		3,150.00	
Transportation Expenses		11,634.00	
Funeral Expenses		5,890.00	
Donations		12,915.00	
Synod Expenses		1,850.00	
Lay Movement		1,450.00	
Officers Meeting		3,691.00	
Secretariate Expenses		2,098.00	
Non Metro Choirs Visits		2,150.00	
T Shirts	2	12,900.00	
Induction Service		5,450.00	
Hymns of our Faith		18,662.00	
Loan Repayment		68,850.00	
Interest on Loan		1,000.00	
Momo Cost		448.95	
Northern Accra Diocese Visit		4,380.00	
Junior Choir		5,314.00	
Council of patrons		246.00	
The Robe Must go to Town		4,980.00	
Workshops & Seminars		2,400.00	
Bank Charges		178.00	353,242.95
Balance C/F			40,689.97
SUMMARY			
Current A/C			2,350.77
Savings A/C			15,432.09
Cash			22,907.11
			40,689.97

THE METHODIST CHURCH GHANA				
ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST CHURCH CHOIRS				
KUMASI DIOCESE				
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2023.				
ASSETS	Note	Gh¢	Gh¢	
<u>Non Current Assets:</u>				
Organ				1,822.10
Projectors				1,258.80
Trophies				665.00
Regalia/ Medallions				275.50
Total Non Current Assets				4,021.40
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Stock (T Shirts)	2	5,698.00		
Assessment Receivable	1	27,740.00		
Bank		17,782.86		
Cash		22,907.11		74,127.97
Total Assets				78,149.37
Financed by:				
Equity:				
Accumulated Fund				37,459.40
Add surplus				40,689.97
Total Equity				78,149.37



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ANGELINA A. B. OKAI
(DIOCESAN FINANCIAL SECRETARY)



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BRO. PROFESSOR SAMUEL NORREY
(DIOCESAN CHAIRMAN)



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MR. KWABENA MENSAH POKU- KARIKARI
DIOCESAN AUDITOR

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1 ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1/4/2022 TO 31/3/2023

	ASSESSMENT FOR THE	ASSESSMENT IN ARREARS	TOTAL ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT PAID	ASSESSMENT OUTSTANDIN
	Gh¢	Gh¢	Gh¢	Gh¢	Gh¢
Kumasi	3,000.00	0	3,000.00	2,700.00	300.00
Asawasi	3,000.00	0	3,000.00	1,850.00	1,150.00
Bantama	1,980.00	0	1,980.00	1,480.00	500.00
Amakom	1,500.00	0	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Old Tafo	1,500.00	0	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
New Tafo	2,000.00	500	2,500.00	500.00	2,000.00
Kwadaso	2,500.00	1000	3,500.00	2,250.00	1,250.00
Suame	3,000.00	0	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Ayigya	1,800.00	1,200.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Ahinsan	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	500.00
Asuoyebo	2,250.00	-100.00	2,150.00	1,025.00	1,125.00
Bohyen	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Santasi	2,250.00	1,350.00	3,600.00	2,480.00	1,120.00
Maakro	1,750.00	170.00	1,920.00	1,920.00	-
Pankrono	2,250.00	150.00	2,400.00	1,275.00	1,125.00
Nsima	1,750.00	1,250.00	3,000.00	1,250.00	1,750.00
Buokrom Est.	1,750.00		1,750.00	875.00	875.00
Ayeduae	2,000.00	800.00	2,800.00	1,800.00	1,000.00
Abuakwa	2,000.00	1,250.00	3,250.00	2,750.00	500.00
Atonsu – A.	2,500.00	-250.00	2,250.00	1,750.00	500.00
Ahodwo	1,630.00	690.00	2,320.00	1,550.00	770.00
Breman	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Offinso	1,750.00	700.00	2,450.00	2,000.00	450.00
Tetrem	380.00	350.00	730.00	-	730.00
Akomadan	380.00	350.00	730.00	-	730.00
Bonwire	1,000.00	450.00	1,450.00	-	1,450.00
Mpasatia	1,000.00	700.00	1,700.00	1,200.00	500.00
Ankaase	1,000.00	700.00	1,700.00	1,000.00	700.00
Mankraso	1,000.00	550.00	1,550.00	400.00	1,150.00

	Brodekwanano	380.00	0.00	380.00	-	380.00
	Wiowso	380.00	230.00	610.00	-	610.00
	Yeji	250.00	175.00	560.00	560.00	-
	Foase	500.00	280.00	780.00	-	780.00
	Tepa	500.00	340.00	840.00	-	840.00
	Kuntanase	380.00	230.00	610.00	-	610.00
	Atebubu	250.00	180.00	430.00	-	430.00
	Nyinahin1	380.00	130.00	510.00	-	510.00
	Essuonwin M.	250.00	200.00	450.00	450.00	-
	Achiase	250.00	180.00	430.00	305.00	125.00
	Jachie	250.00	180.00	430.00	150.00	280.00
	TOTAL	57,690.00	13,935.00	71,760.00	44,020.00	27,740.00

2 TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1/4/2022 TO 31/3/2023

	GHAMECC CLOTH		T SHIRTS	
	Ghc		Ghc	
Opening Balance	0.00		0.00	
Add Purchases	105,500.00		12,470.00	
COGAS	105,500.00		12,470.00	
Less Closing Stock	0.00		5,698.00	
Cost of Goods Sold	105,500.00		6,772.00	
Sales	111,000.00		8,000.00	
Profit on Sales	5,500.00		1,228.00	

NOTE: Total T Shirts cost of Ghc 12,900 includes Ghc 430.00 understated from 1st Quarter

GHAMECC WELFARE SCHEME – KUMASI DIOCESERECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNTS FROM 16TH AUGUST 2022 TO 30TH MAY 2023BALANCE B/F

1. Cash at Bank	2,886.10	
2. Cash on Hand	240.00	
3. Total Investment	<u>61,400.00</u>	64,526.10

RECEIPTS

1. Dues	1,415.00	
2. Payment Books	30.00	
3. Total Investment	<u>7,653.97</u>	<u>9,098.97</u>
		73,625.07

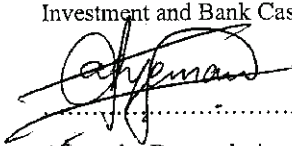
PAYMENTS


1. Donations	2,000.00	
2. Bank Charges	46.93	
3. Cheque Book (3)	45.00	
4. T&T	<u>430.00</u>	<u>2,521.93</u>
		<u>71,103.14</u>


SUMMARY

Cash at Bank	2,468.14
Cash on Hand	635.00
Investment	<u>68,000.00</u>
	<u>71,103.14</u>

Investment and Bank Cash – All lodging at Multi Credit Savings and Loans Limited.


 Alexander Dwomoh-Agyemang
 (Welfare Financial Secretary)


 James Owusu
 (Welfare Co-ordinator)


 Isaac Kobina Ntseful
 Audited by:
 01-46-23

VESTRY PRAYERS

It is quite essential for all choristers of all categories to observe the vestry prayers at all times. Such moments usher in the spirit that has to dwell upon whatever service we have to render during the period. We always use this to call upon the Lord to lead, guide and sanctify our endeavours to glorify His Holy Name. Amen.

All choristers are to be advised to memorize the Vestry Prayers.

Precentor: Let us remember that we are in the sight and presence of God. [The Choir shall sing a hymn]

Choir:

- (a) Almighty and Loving Father, Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we praise and magnify Thy Holy Name for choosing us to win souls for Thy service through Thy wonderful gift of voice, music, and song. We surrender ourselves to Thy service and dedicate all our talents to Thee. Be gracious unto us, O Lord, and help us to lead a disciplined life in thought, in word and in deed. To the honour and glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.
- (b) Almighty Father, strong to save, we commit to Thy mercy and care the Ministers and congregation of this Methodist Church. Endue them with fortitude of mind and spirit to lead the congregation in truth, selfless love and service, inner peace, and contentment. Amen.

[Choristers to put on their surplices and jabots]

Precentor: The Lord is in His Holy Temple.

Choir: Cleanse me, O Lord, and keep me pure, that I may be numbered amongst those happy ones who, clothed in white, stand before Thy Throne and serve Thee day and night in Thy Temple in heaven. Amen.

[Before going to the stalls]

Precentor: Present us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works began, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name and finally by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Precentor: O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

Precentor: O Lord, purify our hearts.

Choir: That we may worthily magnify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers after service and before disrobing

Choir: Grant, O Lord, that what we have heard with our ears and sung with our lips, we may believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

CONNEXIONAL CHOIR ANTHEM

by E. C. Bilson Snr

1. **SERVICE to God!**
We'll sing with heart and voice,
Sing of His praise,
Aloud in all the earth.

Together let us sing to God,
Whose goodness faileth never,
We'll sing and praise the Lord:
For ever more.

2. **SERVICE to God!**
We'll sing His Love forever,
Sing to His Power,
And Glorify His Name.

3. **SERVICE to God!**

We'll serve the Lord with gladness,
Sing unto Him,
Exalt and bless His Name.

4. **SERVICE to God!**
To Him be glory given,
Sing to the Lord,
Whom heav'n and earth adore.

CHURCH ANTHEM

ENGLISH

I serve the Church
With all my mind and strength
Wherein Thy honour dwells
To glorify Thy name.

*With a right goodwill
And a right good heart
I will serve the Church.*

FANTE

Mɔsom Asɔr n'
Medze m'adwen M'ahoodzen
Wɔ bea W'oenyimyam hyeren
Eyi wo dzin ayew.

*Medze ɔpɛpa
Na akoma pa
Mɔsom Asɔr n'*

TWI

Mɛsom Asɔre
Me de m'adwen m'ahoodzen
Wɔ bea a w'anuonyam hyeren
Ayi wo din ayɛ.

*Mede ɔpɛ pa n
Na akoma pa
Mɛsom Asɔre*

WEARING OF CHOIR CLOTH AND ROBES

1. BLACK AND WHITE ROBE

- a. Normal church service
- b. Re-dedication service
- c. Burial service
- d. Memorial service at conferences
- e. Singing competitions at conferences

f. Inauguration of choirs

- g. Induction of choir officers
- h. Covenant service

2. CEREMONIAL ROBE

- a. 25th December when it falls on Sunday
- b. Synod Official Opening and Thanksgiving Sunday
- c. Induction Services of Ministers
- d. Easter Sunday
- e. 1st Sunday of the month/Communion Service Sunday
- f. Wedding of a chorister (on request)

3. YELLOW CLOTH

- a. Re-dedication Sunday
- b. Palm Sunday
- c. Connexional Conference Sunday (by Non-Conference choristers at various societies)
- d. Diocesan/Circuit Conference Sunday
- e. Choir Anniversary
- f. Chorister's wedding (on request)
- g. 25th December when it does not fall on Sunday

4. GHAMECC @ 40 CLOTH

- a. Performance at conferences
- b. Chorister's wedding (on request)
- c. Music concert by the Diocese, Circuit and Society

On Connexional Conference Sundays, all delegates at the conference venue shall wear the choir robes. The choir cloth would be worn by all other choristers in the Connexion who are not at the conference to signify that conference is ongoing elsewhere in the Connexion. The choir must give the Church leadership prior notice before the use of the choir cloth.

However, the CHURCH CLOTH takes precedence over the choir cloth when the Society, Circuit or the Diocese decides to use the CHURCH CLOTH even on a Sunday that the choir is expected to wear the choir cloth.

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