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SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

DIOCESE OF ABUJA, CHURCH OF NIGERIA (ANGLICAN COMMUNION) RESOLUTIONS MADE AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH SYNOD

The Diocese of Abuja, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) at the Second Session of the Eleventh Synod which held from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th May, 2021 at the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Life Camp, Gwarinpa, Abuja, presided over by the Bishop of the Diocese of Abuja and Primate of All Nigeria, The Most Revd. Henry C. Ndukuba, MA, BD, MA (ED.), after extensive deliberations resolved as follows—

1. MISSION AUDIT

WHEREAS Synod notes the import of mission and evangelism in God's vineyard among the faithful and the unbelievers and the necessity for audit reports are to be submitted to the Synod, Diocesan Board, Cathedral Standing Committee and the PCCs.

NOTING that the essence of the reports is a means of assessment of mission work across the Diocese.

RECOMMENDS that such audit on mission work should henceforth become an agenda item at the quarterly meetings of the CSC, PCCs, the Diocesan Board and the Synod.

RESOLVED that mission audit be:

- a) Quarterly agenda item for deliberations at all Diocesan level meetings;
- b) Contained in reports submitted to Synod annually for purpose of review, planning and development.

2. VIRTUAL EVANGELISM/OUTREACHES

WHEREAS Synod notes that the “the new normal” global circumstances confronting the world, the importance of virtual evangelism/outreaches in mission work in this present time of social distancing has become the norm as a means of growth.

RECOMMENDS that virtual outreaches become, henceforth, a regular component of the Diocese of Abuja evangelism/outreaches.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Director of Communication will, through the development of a Programme of Training, undertake capacity training of Priests in preparation for the new mode of evangelism and outreach;
- b) Quarterly virtual outreaches be mounted by Churches, Deaneries, and Archdeaconries; and
- c) New converts from such outreaches be encouraged to worship in Anglican Churches closest to them.

3. RURAL LAND ACQUISITION MODEL

WHEREAS Synod notes the incessant request for land acquisition from most of the rural Churches with a view to taking the word of God to all the nooks and crannies of the FCT, Abuja.

NOTING the current framework by the Diocese on aggressive evangelism,

RECOMMENDS the use of Land Acquisition Promoters as a model for expansion as follows –

- a) The use of Promoters - from the local Church seeking the land acquisition and from the Diocese to prospect, advice and facilitate land procurement at all levels on behalf of the Diocese.
- b) To ensure the requisite buy-in that is relative to the Church and will facilitate the actualisation support at the Diocesan level.

RESOLVED that

- a) Land documentation on all lands acquired at the urban, sub-urban and rural locations should be processed to ensure that legal titles are secured in all circumstances;
- b) The constitution of a Land Acquisition Committee which would include a land acquisition intelligent unit at the Diocesan level to coordinate land acquisition and proper documentation in the Diocese;
- c) The use of land acquisition promoters be encouraged as a model for home-grown rural mission expansion.

4. COVID-19 PANDEMIC/RE-SURGENCY

WHEREAS Synod notes –

- a) The second wave of the COVID pandemic across the globe;
- b) The commencement of the administration of the vaccine to all and sundry to curb the wave of the spread.

URGES that –

- a) The level of advocacy by all the health related agencies at both the Federal and States levels should be sustained in all the nooks and crannies of the land;
- b) All parishioners who have not taken the vaccine are encouraged to do so at the earliest while those who have taken the first dose should endeavor to take the second dose;
- c) Parishioners should disregard all the negative skepticism attached to the vaccine that it will transmit the anti-Christ's 666 number to people. The vaccine is safe and people are encouraged to take it in Government approved Centres.
- d) That all the Churches should sustain the maintenance of the COVID-19 protocols to effectively stem the spread when we fellowship as followers of Christ.

5. PROVISION OF QUALITY EDUCATION AT THE DIOCESAN LEVEL

WHEREAS Synod notes the importance of quality education in the development of the Church and society and the contributions of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) to our educational institutions.

RESOLVED that

- a) Quality teaching staff should be recruited into the various Diocesan Educational Institutions and ensure that the salaries and allowances of staff are commiserate;
- b) A functional Education Management Secretariat be established to coordinate educational activities across the Diocese.

6. SECURITY

WHEREAS Synod commends the Churches and their local security machineries put in place to secure the lives of members when we gather and the properties of the Diocese in the midst of threat to national security.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Churches and members do not relent in their effort in this all important matter;
- b) Churches should activate effectively, the security committees at their local levels;
- c) Churches without existing local security committees should endeavor to constitute them without further delay and may seek for advice from the Crowther Chariots Management on the way forward;
- d) Members are encouraged to patronize the Diocesan Crowther Chariots Limited for the provision of the security at their homes, offices, schools, markets and the farms among other places.

7. APPROVAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD TO EXECUTE RESOLVED

- that the Resolutions made at the Second Session of the Eleventh Synod be approved in principle; and
- that the President of Synod should execute the Resolutions on its behalf.

MOTION for acceptance of the resolutions **was moved by The Venerable Ephraim Akanya** and **supported by Mrs. Esther O. Aniegboka.**

DATED this 16th day of May May, 2021



The Most Revd Henry C. Ndukuba
Primate and Bishop of Abuja and President of Synod



Venerable Joshua Lambert
Synod Secretary