

PASTORAL LETTER

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The Peace and blessing of God be with all of you. Amen

2022: A NEW YEAR

The Lord has been gracious and gifted us another New Year 2022. This is an opportunity for all of us as a Church to thank Him and bless His holy name. It is also to ask for more grace to continue with our mission to His glory.

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2022 CHURCH THEME

The Church theme for the year 2022; *“Discipleship: Living the Transformed Life in Jesus Christ”* has been launched in the Wesley Methodist Society, Nsawam, in the Koforidua Diocese. The teaching materials and theme songs have been made available to all Methodists, so together, we can work towards a successful year. Every member of the Church must avail themselves to the teachings and live by them for social transformation.

written out plan for the revival and growth of The Methodist Church Ghana.

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COVID-19 AND CHURCH SERVICES

I appreciate all our members and leaders throughout the Connexion for adhering to the safety protocols for COVID-19. I also congratulate all who have gone for the Covid-19 Vaccine. I urge all and sundry to avail themselves to be vaccinated for Ghana to achieve the herd immunity target.

THE USE OF PICTURES ON BANNERS AND FLYERS

I wish to remind all Methodist Ministers and Church workers that the ban on the use of pictures on banners, posters and flyers is still in place. Many continue to flout the policy causing great embarrassment to the hierarchy of the Church. No more excuses would be entertained from this year. Methodist Media Teams at all levels must take note of this policy.

Let us bear in mind that COVID-19 is still with us, and we must not take anything for granted. In view of the continued spread of the virus, I appeal to all that **CHURCH SERVICES** and programmes must **NOT** go beyond two (2) hours maximum. Ministers and Lay Leaders must ensure that shorter order of services are used at all levels, Let us all follow this directive to help fight this pandemic.

INVITATION TO PROPHETS, SEERS AND EVANGELISTS

I wish to draw your attention to the constitutional provision SO. 306 (2-3) that Methodists do not allow men and women of other faiths not in communion with The Methodist Church into our pulpits. Lately, Church workers are inviting all manner of Prophets, Seers, Non-Methodist Evangelists into our pulpits causing a lot of havoc to our members and the Societies. Let us all check this phenomenon creeping into the Methodist fold and stop it.

PRAYERS FOR APEATSE COMMUNITY

Let us join other faithfuls to pray for the Chiefs, elders and people of the Apeatse Community in the Tarkwa Diocese and Bogoso Circuit who had their township raised down in an explosion caused by a vehicle carrying mining explosives.

As The Methodist Church Ghana prepares to support in kind and cash, let us pray for the Apeatse Support Fund Community and all stakeholders as they also plan to rebuild the community.

CONCLUSION

I pray for a faithful year at all levels of the Church, as we together live a transformed life in Jesus Christ.

THE AGENDA FOR REVIVAL AND GROWTH

The new Strategic Plan for the Methodist Church themed; *“Agenda for Revival and Growth”* (2022 – 2028) has been made operational at the beginning of the year. All members must own this well

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