

**DIOCESE OF EVO
CHURCH OF NIGERIA
(ANGLICAN COMMUNION)**

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF EVO, CHURCH OF NIGERIA
(ANGLICAN COMMUNION) AT THE END OF THE SECOND SESSION OF
THE FIFTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE HELD AT ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN
CHURCH, ORO-IGWE DISTRICT, OBIO, RIVERS STATE**

The Diocese of Evo, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) held the Second Session of its Fifth Synod at St. Philip's Anglican Church, Oro-Igwe District, Obio, Rivers State, from Wednesday, 2nd to Sunday, 6th August, 2023, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Innocent U. Ordu, JP, DSSRS, Bishop, Diocese of Evo and President of Synod, with his wife, Mrs. Chinyere Ordu, JP, FCAI, President of the Mothers' Union, Women's Guild, Sisters Forum and Girls' Guild.

The Synod was preceded by a one-day Synod spread across the churches in Oro-Igwe/Eliogbolo Archdeaconry on Saturday, 29th July, 2023, where reports from Churches, activity groups and units in the Diocese, were discussed.

The theme of the Synod was "Jesus: Unique in All the World" (Phil. 2:5-11).

At the end of the session, Synod resolved as follows:

1. The burial of any deceased member of the Diocese shall henceforth take place within and not later than a period of 90 days as stipulated in the Constitution of the Church. Priests are to ensure that in fixing the funeral date of a deceased member, no already-determined major programme of the local Church or Diocese suffers. Bereaved families should also desist from smuggling in refreshments during Service of Songs whether in the Church or in their private residences.
2. Every Church or Station of the Diocese shall compulsorily take an offering at every Sunday service of the whole congregation and week day thanksgiving services by individuals, families, groups/organisations respectively, to support special ministries, missions of the Diocese, and other needs of the province or National Church.
3. All Churches in the Diocese shall observe at least four (4) Sundays of the year, including Mothering Sundays and Father's Days, as Refreshment Sundays to also physically refresh the congregation in addition to the spiritual refreshment. Members of the local Church can also volunteer to sponsor this programme.

4. The pervasive humongous debts by churches to the Diocese is unacceptable. Affected Churches should take immediate steps to offset their indebtedness before 30th October, 2023.
5. There shall be an annual youth Synod and all youth-related arms of the Diocese should compulsorily constitute the members of the Diocesan Youth Synod.
6. Members of the Diocese shall step in to relieve the Diocese of the many burdens she is presently carrying through donations and sponsorship.
7. Every member of the Diocese is mandatorily required to belong to a Prayer Group in his/her local Church and actively participate in all activities of the Prayer Group.
8. All Prayer Groups in the Diocese should note the ministries assigned to them and strive to meet the challenges of their ministerial offices.
9. The Bishop and clergy should observe annual vacations to enable them give attention to their health. Churches should regularly send and sponsor their willing and available youths to be trained at the Diocesan ICT Youth Empowerment Centre.
10. All churches in the Diocese shall henceforth ensure their participation in the Diocesan Singing Competition. Any choirmaster who fails to meet his obligation shall be disciplined.
11. Members of the Diocese should use their God-given Talents and Resources to serve God in their Local Churches and the Diocese,

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Clerical Synod Secretary

Sir Barr. Nlerum Amadi
Chancellor

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