Diocese of Evo (Anglican Communion)

PRESS RELEASE

DIOCESE OF EVO WINDS UP 4-DAY POST-VESTRY LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Diocese of Evo, Anglican Communion, has concluded a four-day post-vestry leadership training programme as the Bishop, Rt. Rev. Innocent Uchechukwu Ordu, DSSRS, JP charged participants to be productive and efficient in their respective leadership roles within their Churches and beyond.

The training, which was held at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Rumuobiokani Deanery, commenced with a Holy Communion service on Sunday, 29 March 2026, and continued with daily Bible studies and plenary sessions from Monday, 30 March to Wednesday, 1st April, 2026. The programme was held under the theme **'Productivity in Leadership'**, with texts taken from Luke 13:6–9 and John 15:1–20.

The intensive post-vestry leadership training is an annual programme organized by the Diocese of Evo to equip newly appointed leaders selected from vestry meetings across the churches in the diocese, in a bid to chart a new course across various levels of leadership.

This year's edition featured several inspirational and motivational courses, meticulously designed to build, strengthen, and sustain leadership dynamics across the diocesan community, while also making deliberate efforts to address longstanding leadership gaps observed over the years.

These courses were facilitated by distinguished resource persons who are widely regarded as authorities in their respective fields.

Prominent among them was Rev. Dr. Basil Ibeh of the Global School of Productivity, who, as the Chief Speaker, delivered insightful expositions on various productivity sub-topics, equipping participants with the principles and fundamentals of effective and efficient leadership.

Other key sessions included **Leadership Capacity, Courage and Character** by Sir Henry Imoni; **Biblical Principles Guiding Church Leadership** by Rev. Canon Ugochukwu Nwahaghi; and **Leadership That Multiplies** by Ven. Emmanuel Anyasado.

A notable session on **Understanding the Church** as Leaders and The Reward for Faithful Leadership was delivered by the Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Innocent U. Ordu, who also presided over the programme.

In his closing address on the final day, the Bishop charged participants to build on the knowledge acquired and to grow their respective churches using these principles for the overall development of the diocese.

He reiterated the need for leaders to be selfless, exemplary, and proactive, while shunning all forms of indolence, egocentrism, and imperious tendencies.

A cross-section of participants who spoke to the Diocesan Media expressed deep satisfaction with the programme and affirmed their commitment to being proactive, altruistic, and effective in their various leadership roles.

They also expressed profound appreciation to the Bishop of the Diocese of Evo, Rt. Rev. Innocent Ordu, and the resource persons for the depth of knowledge imparted during the training.

The four-day leadership training programme recorded over 1,000 participants drawn from Churches across the Diocese, including Clergy, Church teachers, Knights, Lay readers, and other elected and appointed officials of the Diocese of Evo.

Signed:

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