



DIOCESE OF EVO
CHURCH OF NIGERIA (ANGLICAN COMMUNION)

RESOLUTIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF EVO, CHURCH OF NIGERIA (ANGLICAN COMMUNION) AT THE END OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE HELD AT EVO DIOCESAN SCHOOLS, OBIO/AKPOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, RIVERS STATE

The Diocese of Evo, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) held the Third Session of its Fifth Synod at three Evo Diocesan Schools – Archdeacon Crowther Memorial Girls School (ACMGS), Elelenwo; Bishop Crowther Memorial Secondary School (BCMSS), Rumuobiokani and Woji Town Word of Faith Group of Schools (WTWoF), Woji from Wednesday 31st July to Sunday, 4th August, 2024 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 held at each of the schools on Saturday, July 20th, 2024, where reports from Churches, Activity Groups and units in the Diocese were discussed.

The theme of the Synod was "Education for National Development and Transformation: The Role of the Family, Church and State" (Deut. 6:4-9; Prov. 22:6 and Ephesians 6:4).

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

1. Based on the investments of the Diocese and quality of education in Evo Diocesan Schools, members of the Diocese are encouraged to send their children/wards to Evo Diocesan Schools.
2. Parents should be active participants in their children's educational journey, and be intentional in providing a conducive nurturing home environment which will help them evolve into responsible citizens.
3. Parents should strive to be IT literate so that they can teach their children and also track the activities of their children on various IT platforms.



4. Members of the Diocesan Community should patronize, and personally go to, the Diocesan Printing Press to negotiate fees for their printing jobs.
5. Churches should stick to the reporting format set by the Diocese for Synod reports to ensure uniformity and avoid violation.
6. Churches should extend their welfare packages to non-members of the church to qualify such welfare activities as corporate social responsibilities.
7. Parish schools should align themselves with the policies of the Diocesan Education Board and the State Government to avoid closure.
8. Churches/Activity Groups who report funds spent should also report how such funds were generated.
9. All Churches/Activity Groups whose reports were rejected should rewrite and represent them to the Diocesan Board through the Secretariat.
10. Churches should refrain from the habit of inviting External Minister/Clergy to minister in any church in the Diocese without the prior notice and approval of the Bishop.
11. The Diocese shall explore the possibility of establishing Diocesan Schools in rural areas of the State as part of its evangelism ministry.
12. Churches should ensure regular Home Fellowship as this will help in the nurturing of members and the growth of the Church.
13. Churches are reminded to endeavour to feed their congregation at least four times a year.
14. Bible Study is a key aspect of Christian walk. Therefore, Churches must devote adequate time to Sunday School every Sunday.
15. The Diocesan Board should properly set up the Justice, Equity and Peace Commission as enshrined in the Diocese of Evo Constitution.
16. Any Traditional Ruler in the Diocese or any Parishioner who patronizes any Shrine (Juju) shall be disciplined in line with the Constitution of the Diocese of Evo.
17. Everyone who aspires for leadership at any level in the Diocese must make him/herself available for training programmes and any other convocations of the Diocese.
18. Henceforth, every Lay Reader rostered to officiate in a Divine Service must compulsorily, with the Vicar/Supervising Priest/Church Teacher, the Choir, the Band and any other person scheduled to carry out any function in the Divine Service, observe at least one hour prayer session on Saturday preceding the service.



19. Membership of the prayer groups is not optional or subject to debate or argument, and that those who persist in their defiance of this directive shall face appropriate sanctions.
20. Clergy and church teachers should always sensitize parishioners to patronize the Diocesan Hospital, Bishop Elenwo Memorial Hospital, and other business outfits of the Diocese.
21. Churches sending candidates for empowerment programmes should not only endorse their forms, but also provide logistic support where needed.
22. Acknowledges and appreciates the several outstanding donations and interventions by individuals, families and groups and prays that God Almighty will reward them for their sacrifices and love.
23. Hosting of Diocesan Activity Groups/Units conferences is the responsibility of the Administrative Blocs or Parish/Station Churches that have been mandated to host such conferences.

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