

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

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF EVO (ANGLICAN COMMUNION),
CHURCH OF NIGERIA AT THE END OF ITS THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRD
SYNOD HELD AT CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ELELENWO, EVO SOUTH
EAST ARCHDEACONRY, OBIO, PORT HARCOURT**

The Diocese of Evo, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), held its 5-day Third Session of the Third Synod at Church of the Holy Spirit, Elelenwo, Evo South East Archdeaconry from Wednesday, 1st to Sunday, 5th August, 2018.

The theme of the Synod was “Towards Wholesome Church Growth: Lessons from the Early Church”. (Acts 2:41-47).

At the end of the session, the Synod resolves that:

1. Church leaders should avoid mundane distractions that impede on their leadership potentials and concentrate on prayer and the word of God in order to grow the church.
2. Discipleship and mentoring should be employed as viable instruments of shepherding God’s children to the actualisation of Christian hope of life after death.
3. Team work should be seen as a sound and cherished attitude that promotes wholesome and effective evangelistic achievement.
4. The clergy and worship officials should be sober, reflective and concentrate on making the worship life of the church lively and meaningful in order to retain old and attract new members.
5. Altar calls after sermons are necessary and effective means of bringing the straying sheep back to the fold of Christ’s bosom and should be practiced in all churches by those who take our pulpits to deliver the word of God.
6. The Priests must apply for and receive episcopal approval before releasing the pulpit and teaching platforms of the church to any guest preacher whether an Anglican coming from outside the Diocese or from another denomination.
7. The Diocesan faithful should not allow party affiliations to break the bond of spiritual brotherhood in the church.

8. Priests in the Diocese should refrain from incomplete and false reporting of the activities carried out during the synod year.
9. The Clergy should replicate training and seminars they attend at the Diocesan level in their local churches.
10. All professionals in the Diocese should endeavor to make their skills and experience available in the service of God in the Diocese.
11. All parish-owned schools should operate under the standard set by the state government and render monthly report to their respective church councils.
12. All churches in the Diocese of Evo should make the payment of staff salaries and other entitlements a priority, and mother churches should continue to support their baby churches until they are able to stand on their own.
13. All tiers of the Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) must respect the structure and not run parallel leadership where bloc presidents do not obey the Diocesan executive.
14. Prayer and fasting meetings, periodic vigils and meaningful intercessory prayer sessions during Matins and Eucharistic services be immediately revived in all churches, with the clergy offering leadership.
15. All churches should establish a centre of entrepreneurship as a means of ensuring a wholesome growth of the church as inclusive growth is the greatest need of the church.
16. All churches should ensure that Adult Sunday School Classes are held for at least one hour within the church service.
17. The Adult Sunday, Discipleship, Literature and Publications Ministry (ASSDLPM) should revise the current preparatory manual for confirmation candidates, develop another manual for adult baptism preparatory classes.
18. All publications concerning induction of members into the Christian Men's Fellowship, the Women and Girls' Ministries, Lay Readers and Fortnightly Home Fellowship Meetings are to be ready for use from the first quarter of 2019.
19. With effect from January 2019, all churches should ensure that Home Fellowship meetings hold on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. The clergy and church teachers shall be held responsible if the directive is not obeyed.
20. All presently existing Prayer Groups of the Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF), the Mothers' Union/Women's Guild (MU/WG) and Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF) in all churches in the Diocese shall stand dissolved at the end of 2018 to make room for new groups that will be constituted by January, 2019.

21. Henceforth, members of this Diocese who get offers of knighthood from outside without the knowledge and approval of the Diocesan should no longer seek or expect to be recognised at any level of the activities of the Council of Knights in the Diocese of Eyo and in their local churches.

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