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*Celebrating 30 years of CCBC and 40 years of
Bishop Francis Sarpong in Ministry.*

EDITOR'S LETTER

WELCOME

Hurray! Your long-awaited Calvary Charismatic Baptist Church Women of Destiny Global Debut Magazine is now out. Glory be to God.

Our debut edition has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth as well as putting you on a springboard on how to navigate you for a resounding success as you balance work, faith, and family.

There are so many life-changing truths, testimonies in this debut edition to refresh you, opportunity to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. As Women of Destiny, we will continue to balance our roles as mothers, rekindle the spirit of the Great Commission which is the pivotal aspect of our lives and reaching out to the less privileged.

As you go through this Magazine, I urge you to look to Jesus Christ alone. For the name of the Lord is the name above all names. "For my word is not cleverly thought up stories, but it is the truth, and it is filled with power and might, and majesty"; says the Lord. Remember that His promises are backed by His name.

Our journey has been supported by a lot of great women of God. To mention some few, these include Rev. Mrs. Cynthia Appiagyei who is my spiritual mother and role model, Rev. Yemisi Ashimolowo my mentor, Mama Francisca Duncan-Williams, ES Adelaide Heward-Mills, Rev. Christie Doe Tetteh, Evangelist Theresa Wairimu, Bishop Margaret Wangiru, Rev. Celia Appiagyei, Minister Cynthia Bond, and many others.

I want to take this opportunity to wish my husband Bishop Francis Sarpong 30th Anniversary of Calvary Charismatic Baptist Church and 40 years in ministry. May the years ahead of you be crowned with favour as you begin to take new territories.

God bless you as you lay hands on this Magazine. There is work to be done; there is a race to run; there is a victory to be won; and we cannot afford to sit on the fence. It is a wakeup call to every WoD to get involved by spreading the Gospel and giving hope to the world. When He is good, He is good, but when He is still good then He is a GOOD, GOOD GOD!

God bless you all. Amen.

Premier Lady Elizabeth Sarpong



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NEVER GIVE UP

Every adversity is a chance for learning and personal growth

by Lady Mrs Mariam Inkoom

The beauty of life is not about avoiding failure or hardship but it is in rising every time we fall. Failure is part of success. Whenever you fall, keep getting up, brush yourself off

and carry on. Never give up, because most of the time, the problem is just a distraction. The distraction itself is not what hurts or hinders our progress. What breaks our focus and delays our progress is our reaction to the distractions that come our way.

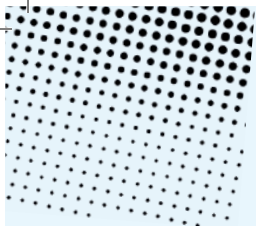
Every setback is an opportunity to learn and grow so do not let them hold you back. When faced with challenges, believe in yourself and all that you are, knowing that there is something inside you, that you serve a God with a power that is greater than any obstacle, that your God is able to do and to complete what He has started in your life!

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by Minister Gloria Ansah

LADY JEHOSHEBA

**A Princess, A Pastor's Wife, A Priestly Woman,
and Biblical Heroine**

Lady Jehosheba, a somewhat lesser-known figure among the notable women in the Bible, stands as a quiet yet courageous First Lady of a Priest. While many biblical heroines like Esther, Deborah, Hannah, Miriam, Ruth, Sarah and others are widely discussed, Lady Jehosheba often remains in the shadows. In this brief biography, we shed light on this brave Pastor's wife, whose spiritual mindset and heroic

actions are worth recognising. The term "*hero*" is defined as someone demonstrating unwavering commitment to their morals, facing obstacles with uncommon courage. As believers, Jesus is our ultimate hero, rescues us and pledges to come back despite the prevailing presence of wickedness. Lady Jehosheba, an ordinary hero in the Bible, becomes extraordinary when we delve into the full story of her "wicked murderous stepmother," Athaliah who was the eldest child of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel.

Jehosheba, a Princess of Judah and the daughter of King Jehoram of Judah, was actually the stepdaughter of Athaliah, the primary wife of her father. She was a half-sister to King Ahaziah of Judah. Her mother held a lower status than Athaliah, who, in turn, was the mother of her half-brother Ahaziah. Lady Jehosheba was married to the influential High Priest Jehoiada, although the Bible doesn't specify if they had children.

After the death of King Ahaziah, Athaliah seized the throne,



massacring all members of the royal house who could challenge her claim (**2 Kings 11:1–3** "And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. ²But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. ³And he was with her hid in the house of the Lord six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land"). Jehosheba's own life was not in danger until she took action. Acting on behalf of future generations, she preserved Joash, her nephew and the rightful heir to the throne, from the massacre orchestrated by Athaliah. Lady Jehosheba, along with her husband Pastor Jehoiada, took Joash to the Temple, away from Athaliah's reach, hiding him for six years until the opportune moment to reveal him—a true act of divine incubation from Lady Jehosheba.

Throughout those six years, Joash was trained and nurtured in the ways of the Temple, thanks to Lady Jehosheba's courage and wisdom. Stepping into her calling, she protected the future rightful King of Judah, emphasising a parallel for us to step into our own callings and protect the vulnerable today.

In the seventh year, Jehoiada and other Priests executed a plan to restore the Davidic line by coronating the seven-year-old Joash. Athaliah, overhearing the people's cheers, entered the Temple to discover her grandson on the throne. She accused treason, leading to her capture and subsequent execution outside

the Temple, marking the end of Athaliah's reign and the beginning of Joash's.

As **2 Kings 11:2** ("¹²But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the King's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain"), notes the city found peace after Athaliah's demise.

Lady Jehosheba's bravery and knowledge in doing what was right saved the Davidic line, making her an **Unsung Heroine** in biblical history. Hallelujah!

QUESTION

If you were in the position of Lady Princess Jehosheba, what actions would you have taken?

"Jesus is our ultimate hero, the one who saves us and promises to return"

YOUR
• moment
IS
COMING
don't give up!



Lady Mrs Marian Inkoom
Barking Branch, UK

The formation of Barking Branch Women of Destiny took place shortly after the establishment of the Barking Branch of CCBC in 2004. Women of Destiny Barking was initiated in March 2005.



Gifty Anderson
Barking Branch WoD President, UK

Barking Branch WoD has achieved and continues to strive for various meaningful initiatives. Our commitment to mentoring the youth, organising informative sessions, participating in community service, and actively contributing to the church community is commendable. Here's a breakdown of our achievements and future plans:

ACHIEVEMENTS

Youth Mentorship: We regularly checking in on and supporting the youth, organising sessions for them to discuss various issues.

Diverse Discussions: Covering a wide range of topics, including marriage, parenting, and health.

Physical Well-being: Conducting "keep fit" sessions during meetings to promote physical health.

Community Service: Organising church clean-ups and collaborating with 'Barking Churches Unite' to provide shelter for the homeless.

Financial Support: Fundraising for a Children's hospice and contributing money.

Spiritual Engagement: Weekly Zoom Prayer Sessions to intercede for the church and its members.

Evangelism and Retreats: Going out for evangelism and organising multiple church retreats.

Leadership Roles: Serving as Elders, Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders, and Prayer Warriors.

Social Bonding: Engaging in social activities such as meals and relaxation time.

FUTURE PLANS

In-Person Meetings: Resuming monthly in-person meetings.

Continued Prayer Meetings: Ongoing weekly prayer meetings for intercession.

Community Relevance: Remaining relevant to the community by providing services, like visiting nursing or retirement homes.

Fundraising Event: Planning a charity walk to raise money for a designated charity and promote fitness.

Youth Mentorship: Continuing to mentor assigned youth members.

Retreats and Evangelism: Organising retreats for rejuvenation and regular evangelism activities.

Educational Sessions: Inviting speakers to talk on various topics such as finances and mental health.

Church Plant Support: Assisting in the church plant and supporting the growth of the new/proposed branch.

Global Engagement: Actively participating in global activities, particularly those associated with WoD.



Barking Branch WoD with Bishop and Pastors
London, UK



TESTIMONY

Our beautiful first Premier Lady (Mrs Elizabeth Sarpong) has stood faithfully along the side of Bishop Francis Sarpong. The women ministry knows how much time, energy and love you put in the church, and it is such a blessing to know that we can rely on you. WoD Barking Branch would like to say a big thank you for your hard work and love to the women's ministry.

Barking Branch





Lady Mrs Marian Otoo
Beckton Branch, UK



Establishing our own group is our priority and a lot of progress has been made.



Mary Mangwende
Beckton Branch WoD President, UK

Beckton Branch WoD previously lacked a formal group and used to participate in programs with English Main Branch. However, our primary focus now is establishing our own group, and significant progress has already been achieved despite encountering some challenges with our move to a new place of worship. Nevertheless, we remain confident that Our God will guide us through these challenges.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

We stand together to support one another during both joyful occasions and times of need. We actively engage with the Men's activities within the branch, such as fellowship gatherings, visits to nursing homes, and other branch initiatives. Women play a leading role in culinary tasks and providing refreshments following special services, as depicted in our photographs.

Prior to relocating from our previous place of worship, we initiated monthly prayer sessions focusing on women's issues.

AIMS

- ✓ Establish our group fully to foster ongoing support, encouragement, and empowerment through fellowship.
- ✓ Arrange regular prayer sessions either online or in person, as previously commenced.
- ✓ Lead in organising various programs for the branch, including a yearly fun day out with children and families, showcasing the Women of Destiny's active involvement in community-building initiatives.

TESTIMONY

*Thank you for your love and care to me. **Mama Grace, Beckton***

Beckton Branch WoD
London, UK







Lady Rev. Mrs Doris Agyeman-Duah
Brixton Branch, UK

We are exploring the possibility of hosting a monthly Zoom meeting.



Mrs Salomey Mensah-Harding
Brixton Branch WoD President, UK

The women within our branch played a pivotal role in coordinating a love feast. During this event, we not only invited our loved ones but also extended invitations to those interested in worshipping with us at the branch. It became a day dedicated to worship and praise, coupled with abundant food for everyone to bring home.

FUTURE PLANS

- ✓ We are contemplating the organization of a monthly prayer gathering for our members. During these sessions, all members will convene at one another's homes for fellowship and prayer.
- ✓ Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of hosting a monthly Zoom meeting.

In these virtual gatherings, we aim to delve into topics that are close to our hearts, such as love, relationships, home management, and child-rearing. This day will be dedicated to inviting speakers to share their insights on these subjects.

Brixton Branch WoD
London, UK





Ewuradowa Doughan
Cape Coast Branch WoD President
Ghana

In 2009, a group of women united with the purpose of organising the women at CCBC Cape Coast. Their journey began with collective prayer, studying the word of God, and engaging in shared activities like cooking and occasional meals, even extending their interactions to include their male counterparts.

Over time, they recognised the importance of forming a dedicated women's group within the church, leading to the establishment of the WoD Rehoboth Temple Cape Coast Branch on June 7, 2009, and its inauguration on May 9, 2010. The journey so far has been filled with faithfulness from the Almighty, and they have accomplished much, of which they wish to highlight a few notable achievements.

The Inspiring Journey and Achievements of WoD Rehoboth Temple in Cape Coast, Ghana.

“
***all work and no play
makes Jack a lazy boy***
”

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Acquisition of new skills
- ✓ Soap making
- ✓ Parazone usage
- ✓ Home management
- ✓ Establishment of cell groups
- ✓ Aimed at facilitating online activities
- ✓ Fostering a deeper understanding among members

Jack a lazy boy," these diverse activities aim to foster spiritual growth, community engagement, and overall well-being among our members.

FUTURE PLANS

Our upcoming initiatives include the establishment of quarterly retreats at the church, followed by outreach visits and evangelism. Furthermore, we aim to organise three-day camping conventions annually to sustain the fervor and enthusiasm within the group. Recognising the importance of a balanced approach, we will also arrange field trips for our members. Embracing the wisdom that *"all work and no play makes*



Lady Mrs Krakra Otsin
Rehoboth Temple
Cape Coast Branch, Ghana

Rehoboth Temple WoD
Cape Coast Branch
Ghana





BALANCING WORK, FAITH AND FAMILY

by Lady Mrs Aforo Kakra Henaku Otsin

Life does get busy and sometimes we cannot help but feel overwhelmed. Wherever we turn, there are so many things fighting for our attention. As Christian women, we wear many hats – we are mothers, we are wives, we are spiritual leaders, we are career women. The Bible affirms the extent of our diverse commitments in **1 Corinthians 7:34**. It thus becomes necessary to devise ways to harmonize these roles without losing ourselves.

A good starting point in finding the needed balance is looking to God for strength. It is important to commit every activity, every decision, every responsibility, no matter how big or small into God's hands. Leaning on God through it all has a way of supplying the strength needed for this journey. Cultivating a deep spiritual

connection with the Father and trusting Him as your source is the surest way of finding guidance through the challenges of work and the busyness of family life.

Surrounding oneself with a community of persons who share in our experiences and who can provide useful guidance, encouragement and practical help is essential. Try as we may, there is no denying that we are dependent beings. There are times our strength would fail and times we will just not find the answers to the challenges of life. Finding the right community is thus highly useful.

Setting clear priorities and establishing boundaries in one's relationships is a sure way to reduce the workload, consequently controlling the likelihood of suffering burnouts. Admittedly, there are numerous responsibilities that are incidental to our roles as Christian women but regardless, there are roles that we simply cannot take on due to other equally worthwhile commitments. Being deliberate about choosing our commitments will prove highly beneficial in maintaining the balance we need as Christian women.

Finally, teaching ourselves flexibility and learning to extend



grace to ourselves is important. In the end, we all are just humans. While we may have mastered the art of juggling these responsibilities so well that our delivery seems almost flawless most times, it is impossible to be perfect in every role all the time. Embracing our weaknesses and learning to forgive ourselves for our shortcomings is important.

Balancing work, faith and family may be a complex endeavor but with the right level of intentionality, it is possible to glide through these responsibilities with grace and purpose. After all, God assures us in *Ecclesiastes 3:11* that he makes all things beautiful in His time and what more can we do than trust that he will perfect that which concerns our lives?



***As Christian women,
we wear many hats...***





Lady Mrs Sylvia Otoo
English Main Branch, UK

CCBC English Main WoD branch was formed in February 1994 with the aim of bringing all women between the ages of 30 – 65+ together in ministry.



Lady Mrs Emelia Kankam Boateng
English Main Branch WoD President, UK

GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

We pride ourselves on being “the Mother” of WoD. Other branches birthed from English Main, are namely Twi Main Branch, French Service Branch, Beckton Branch, Forest Gate Branch, Barking Branch, Hackney Branch, Swahili Branch, Elephant & Castle Branch (now Brixton), Leyton Branch (Twi & English), CPC and Kent Branch.

We are privileged to have our Premier Lady worship at our branch.

Our Branch boast of a dynamic executive group which consist of a president and eight other leaders to ensure the smooth running of the ministry.

We have successfully held programs over the years that has brought both young and old together. These programs include health awareness week as

well as business talks, successful Mothering Sunday programs over the years, and providing financial support for our children's ministry. The feedback so far is amazing. To foster deeper relationships with our members, each executive has been allocated members who they regularly phone to check on. Our welfare team also visit our new mothers in their homes as well as the bereaved amongst us, to offer emotional support.

We hope to organise a business show which will promote both small and medium businesses within the women's ministry, Secondly, it is our goal to encourage the women to participate more in our local and global programs.

Finally, we hope to visit most elderly homes around the borough. (This is to create more

awareness of the existence of the ministry, and to fulfill our community responsibility).

English Main Branch WoD
London, UK





TESTIMONIES

It has been a tremendous honour to know Premier Lady Elizabeth Sarpong, whom I affectionately refer to as "My Mummy." My initial encounter with her left me astonished at her gentle demeanour, warm embrace, and heartfelt prayers, especially considering I was a new member of the church. Coming from a background where individuals in her esteemed position often maintain distance and follow strict protocols, encountering someone as approachable and compassionate as Lady Sarpong was truly refreshing.

Despite my status as a stranger, Lady Elizabeth Sarpong, with her beautiful and calm demeanour, welcomed me with a genuine smile and a comforting touch on my shoulder. This genuine warmth broke down all barriers, affirming my belief that seeking her mentorship was the right decision. For the first time since attending church, I found a true mother figure outside of my biological mother.

Lady Elizabeth Sarpong exudes a deep presence of God that is palpable to those who love Him. Her brief prayers for me consistently end with a testimony, showcasing her unwavering faith. Observing her interactions with the women in our branch and others, as well as the encouragement she provides to female executives, is truly inspiring. She leads with love, smiles, and supportive nudges, allowing individuals to pursue their plans without public rebuke.

Lady Elizabeth Sarpong, unknowingly, serves as a constant source of correction through the Holy Spirit, demonstrating patience, genuine love, and quiet strength in her dealings with us. Her contentment in her position, coupled with her genuine desire to see others thrive, is truly admirable.

She openly acknowledges and praises positive actions, such as complimenting my appearance, which adds to the delightful and inspiring presence she holds in my life.

Her relationship with her children and grandchild is a testament to her success in the realm of motherhood. The perpetual smiles on their faces in her company reflect her excellence in this role. Lady Elizabeth Sarpong is a perfect embodiment of a mentor and mother, and I am grateful for her willingness to allow God to use her in guiding individuals like me towards a better understanding of Christ.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to "My Mummy" for yielding to God's call and for the impactful work she is doing within the Women of Destiny group. I cherish and appreciate you always, ma'am.

Damilola, English Main

25 years of growth with Women of Destiny (WoD).

I joined WoD 25 years ago, and it has been an incredible journey of spiritual and personal growth. Through WoD I have discovered the power within myself as a woman, and I have been supported and encouraged every step of the way.

WoD has provided a nurturing and empowering environment where I have been able to explore my spirituality, deepen my faith and strengthen my connection with God. The teachings, workshops and retreats have challenged me to grow, to step out of my comfort zone, and to embrace my full potential.

But more than that, WoD has been a community of like-minded women who have become my sisters, my mentors, and my friends. We have walked through life's ups and downs together, supporting and uplifting each other through prayer, fellowship, and love.

I am forever grateful for the impact WoD has had on my life. It has helped me become the woman that I am today – confident, empowered and deeply rooted in my faith. I encourage all ladies over 18 to be part of this incredible journey of growth and transformation with Women of Destiny. Together, we can soar to new heights and fulfill our destinies as women of God.

Minister Lucy Kihara

Our First Lady has been a role model, inspiring me with her kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith. She always displays love and unity, leaving a lasting impression on me that I will always treasure.

Viva

Pastor Mrs Elizabeth Sarpong has a calming aura about her that for me when I talk to her it makes everything feel okay. She is very respectful because even though she's an adult, a mother, the Bishop's wife and a Pastor she treats me with such uttermost respect likewise in her other encounters with the young ones in church. She speaks positivity, power and empowering words into my life always which urges me on to do things that I would've easily backed out to say I can't.

Auntie-Auntie as we fondly call her, is simply a lovely soul. I always tell her something about her just calms me down. And I remember when I lost my mum, she went out of her way to just see a smile on my face again. One beautiful thing I love about her, she defies age and is always pursuing something new in the educational space whilst still taking care of the home and church.

She is a true definition of the Proverb 31 woman. I love her.

Edwina Oppon, Virginia, USA

Trust in the
LORD
*with all thine*
HEART
*& lean
not on*
YOUR OWN
understanding

Proverbs 3:5

CPC WoD Ministers
Prayer Temple, London
UK





Louise Tandoh
CPC Prayer Temple WoD President
London, UK

CPC WoD Main Branch
was established in November 2022.
Age Range: 16 - 40.

The CPC WoD group aspires to deepen our faith through regular prayer gatherings, praise and worship nights and Bible studies.

We are committed to serving our community through outreach programs and volunteering opportunities. We currently hold a 'global give back day' twice a year where we go out and provide essential packs for the homeless. We aim to spread love and compassion in alignment with our branches beliefs of "Mobilising young adults for missions". Additionally, we plan to foster mentorship relationships to support each other's spiritual growth and navigate life's challenges with faith and resilience. We are proud to be apart of a new initiative called 'Bridging the gap' which is aimed at breaking

barriers between the younger and older generations. We hope to form better relationships with the founders and members of WoD to inspire and learn from their life experiences.

TESTIMONY

Premier Lady gave her story and testimony about miscarriage when we were at Barking Road, and at that particular moment I was going through the same issue (this is years ago). I had no children and was very devastated at the time. Her words of encouragement kept me going and waiting and trusting God. I thank God for her life and for allowing God to use her to be a blessing to me. I am grateful.

Minister Angela

“Mobilising
young adults
for missions”

CPC WoD
Prayer Temple, UK





THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD

by Miriam Appiah-Danquah

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ust like the woman with the issue of blood, I had my own issue of blood. You're probably scratching your head or squeezing your face in confusion, wondering "what on earth is this girl talking about?" Let me explain, for 13 years I was riddled with excruciating pain, the kind of pain that paralysed me and caused me to convulse on the floor as though I was possessed by a million demons, my parents and sisters bore witness to the fact that each month I was attacked by an unfathomable pain that I still cannot describe in words.

You've probably guessed by now what caused it and if you haven't, let me help you. My monthly Period.

My journey began at the age of 13, that first period was probably the only one I was spared of pain until my healing 13 years later. On the first day of every cycle, I experienced so much pain in my lower abdomen/uterus area that it warranted a day off from school and if I was unfortunate to be at school or out, I would find embarrassing methods to cope with the pain. Some methods included lying on the floor in public spaces, locking myself in the toilet or walking around with a hot water bottle under my top.

If I was at home, I would run the hottest bath and sleep in it for hours to find relief, as soon as the water turned cold the pain returned with vengeance. Sleeping was a myth, I often tried to keep the pain to myself, but it would become so unbearable that I would be heard crying hysterically.


I lost count of the number of times I called the ambulance; they would often come and administer the strongest of pain killers or take me to the hospital. That's how bad the pain was and /or how good my demonstration of how painful it was.

The annoying part of the pain was at times it would just disappear

and if you'd never seen a painful episode, you'd have thought I made it all up.

The last time this happened I had called an ambulance at University - I got a telling off by the ambulance staff, who asserted like a cross teacher "you do not call the ambulance for Period pain". I felt so silly and promised that I would never call an ambulance again.

The final public embarrassment before my healing was on the London Underground. As I neared the gates, I could feel an episode coming on, I called my dad and asked him to speak to the TFL staff. I could barely get my words out but as an observer of my episode's dad knew what was up and so asked the TFL staff to get me somewhere to lie down, thankfully this station had a sick room. I can't remember how I made it across the station to the room but remember a policewoman trying to speak to me. I couldn't even tell her my name but motioned into my bag to check my ID. The poor lady tried to cheer me up, but the pain wasn't allowing for any joy. She called an ambulance to no avail, she then dragged me to the clinic across the road, which unfortunately

A woman with dark, curly hair is holding a bright yellow cloth over her eyes, smiling. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with trees and a clear blue sky.

**“
you do not call the
ambulance for
Period pain
”**

was closed. She ended up calling a colleague in a police van and took me to the closest hospital, she alerted the staff that my case was an emergency. I was given strong painkillers and of course by the time the doctor saw me there was no sign of an episode. In true doctor form he mocked me for being escorted to the hospital by a policewoman for period pains. I felt so humiliated.

I could give countless instances of having to cope with this pain but I'm sure you get my drift.

I became so closely acquainted with physical pain, this led to emotional pain, I began to ask God why? why me? What had I done so wrong to experience such torment. He never answered me, or so I thought. Well, if He did, I couldn't hear or see because I was too occupied attending my monthly 'pity party'. Party sounds fun so I will call it a 'commiseration gathering' attended by myself of course and other guests like pity, sorrow, fear, doubt, shame, anger, grief. I'm sure I've missed a few other participants, probably best forgotten as I don't hang out with them anymore. It was me and them for 13 years, a slight relief was that we only spent day 1 of every cycle together. If I could get through 24-ish hours of this gathering, I knew I'd be ok on the other end. I dare not think or even try to count how many days I attended these gatherings.

It took me 13 years to take a stand and decide I had enough – I forgot to mention that of course over the years I took a million pain killers, and I received more prayers than I could count – I'm sure God Himself had enough (JOKE!)

What I realised in hindsight was that I lacked faith and didn't

believe God could or even wanted to heal me, He'd 'allowed' this for so long so one more prayer wasn't going to do anything. If I am brutally honest, I held a grudge against Him, how can you receive good things from someone you don't like or trust? Doesn't really work, does it?

I accepted my plight and couldn't be bothered to fight it – I tricked myself into thinking I could cope with this for the rest of my life, after all it was only one day. It felt easier to accept it than to trust God for healing.

One Sunday at church we were asked to write down our issues on a paper, and it was nailed to a cross replica, using **Colossians 2:14** as a basis. I thought it wouldn't harm me to believe one last time. I said to God "I'm ready for this to be gone", I chose to believe God's promises of healing that day as we prayed. I wanted to make sure it was real so waited for 3 cycles to test that I had been healed. Lo and behold **I WAS HEALED!!**

13 YEARS OF PAIN OVER!!! (I write this with joyful tears in my eyes)

I have never experienced such pain ever since. I still don't fully know why I went through all that but do know that no pain is ever wasted. I have met women who have also had their fair share of issues with their cycle, my experience allows me to empathise with them, encourage them and travail on their behalf.

I have since then learned that the blood of Jesus already works on my behalf so when the devil tries to afflict me with other related sickness, I have to activate the blood by praying the scriptures to remind God of His word – few of these are: **Jeremiah 17:14, Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24, Exodus 15:26.**

The depth of pain I had has been replaced with Joy, you can almost always find me smiling or laughing. God has given me beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; **Isaiah 61:3.**

I now have a healthy cycle and actually look forward to it, it serves as a reminder that my body is working and reminds me of the miracle of no pain. I can live my life as normal and even go to the gym!

Even when I doubted Him, God's Grace and Mercy covered me - I'll never take this healing for granted. I have experienced God truly as a miracle worker, Jehovah Rapha (My God who Heals).

It wasn't until 2020 during covid lockdown that I was on a walk with a friend that I remembered the Woman with the issue of Blood. Refer to **Luke 8:43-48** to read the full story.

Regardless of what the specific blood issue was, the fact that it's mentioned in the Bible indicated to me that women's issues matter to God. Allow me to take this a step further – our gynaecological, hormonal, reproductive issues matter to God.

How often do we pray about these issues? We tend to accept them as part of being a woman! It doesn't have to be the case regardless of the doctor's report and the length of time of affliction - you can also be healed!!

I'm sure the woman was willing to give up as she had spent all her wages on doctors and medication, taking the step to see Jesus would have been the last straw – she took the plunge in faith and received her healing.

Likewise, I want to encourage you today take a brave step in faith, reach out and touch the hem of his garment, in your doing so I pray that you hear God say *“Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace”* Luke 8:48.

Luke 8:43-48

⁴³ And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, ⁴⁴ Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? ⁴⁶ And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. ⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸ And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.



**Lo and behold
I WAS HEALED!!**





Lady Mrs Vida Ofori-Boahebe

In tribute to her cherished late husband, who dedicated his service as the
Pastor of Eternity Temple Branch in Adenta, Ghana

***Women of Destiny - CCBC Eternity Temple
was inaugurated in the year 2008.***



Madam Mama Akosua Gyamfiuah
Eternity Temple Branch WoD President,
Adenta, Ghana

WOMEN OF DESTINY'S VISION

God used women of destiny to bring glory to His name by one-on-one visitations to women in our environs with the great commission. An enduring spirit filled women to grow His flocks, likewise to brighten our homes as Christians.

ACTIVITIES WORTH MENTIONING

The church's curtains and carpet was provided by the Women of Destiny to beautify the house of God.

- ✓ During the era of COVID-19 presentation of uncooked food was shared to the community.
- ✓ Women of Destiny, Eternity Temple of CCBC also made a donation of clothing, food, drinks, confectioneries, toiletries to Echoing Hills an orphanage at Madina. Again we did not forget about the great commission after merry making with the children.

- ✓ We organised a mammoth musical concert five years ago to climax our annual anniversary and brought together all churches in our vicinity under one umbrella to worship our King of Kings. This was in fulfilment with the word of God which says *"That they may all be one"* John 17:31 KJV.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

- ✓ The Women's Ministry of Calvary Charismatic Baptist Church, Eternity Temple, Adenta, Accra Branch, envisions establishing an orphanage to provide essential care and support for the underprivileged within the church and the broader community.



**Lady Vida and Auntie Akos making a
presentation to Echoing Hills Orphanage**

Eternity Temple Branch
Adenta, Ghana









© Lady Mrs Vida Ofori-Boahebe
Inspires 2024

PRAISE HIM!

"When praises goes up, His blessings comes down. If you worry so much the enemy becomes so happy and takes advantage of your weaknesses and make you more miserable. When the pain gets deep, go deeper in prayer because as you raise your voice in prayer and praise, God gets closer to you and when God gets closer to you, the enemy and his agents distances themselves from you. So many things happen in the spiritual world which you have no idea how much they affect the soul in the physical but when you invite God closer through prayer and praise, He vindicates you and guides you through to your destiny.

May God protect you from what you cannot see in Jesus' Name. HAVE A PRAISE SUNDAY!"

INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 11:28-30



Lady Rev. Mrs Ebi Mensah
Forest Gate Branch, UK

Forest Gate Branch WoD aims to continue, mentoring women and young girls to attend spiritual retreats, and raise awareness on health matters and general mental health and well-being.



Ms Mary Annang
Forest Gate Branch WoD President, UK

In May 2005, the inception of Woman of Destiny Forest Gate Branch marked a milestone in spiritual growth under the guidance of Prophet Stephen and Pastor Ebi Mensah.

The Marriage and Prayer Summit (MAPS), gained senior leadership acknowledgment.

MAPs gained a focus on strengthening marital bonds and family-oriented discussions. It thrived in integrating female members into marital life and expanding families.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Acknowledgment by senior leadership, Prophet Stephen and Pastor Ebi Mensah, through the Marriage And Prayer Summit (MAPS).

- ✓ Strengthening marital bonds through the dissemination of biblical teachings.

- ✓ Continuation of family-oriented discussion services covering various topics aimed at fortifying households.
- ✓ Successful integration of several female members into marital life, contributing to family expansion.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

Sustained mentorship and education initiatives targeting women and young girls, focusing on life skills and spiritual development.

- ✓ Implementation of a spiritual retreat program within the current year.
- ✓ Establishment of platforms to raise awareness on general health-related matters.

TESTIMONY

One and Only Premier Lady has provided immersible upliftment for my family and I through our most challenging time when we lost our 6 months pregnancy after a long wait. Thank you Mummy. Your support and encouragement cannot be forgotten in a hurry. God bless you always.

Anonymous



Forest Gate Branch WoD
London, UK



As a ministry, we strongly believe in building, teaching and imparting knowledge to the younger generations.



Minister Mrs Joyce Maselino
Hackney Branch WoD President, UK

In Breakthrough Temple (Hackney Branch) we have in place the President of WoD, the Secretary, the Treasurer and Organising/Welfare Secretary, the same model as the Global Executive. The Senior Pastor Prophet Albert Agyei-Twum, the President of CCBC Global and Prophet Nana Bonsu make sure that everything is run properly as per the constitution of WoD. New Executive members were installed last year for a 2 year term of office.

For several years the Women's ministry has been taking over the church service every third Sunday of the month. It started as a Bible Study, discussing influential characters like Ruth, Esther and Naomi and quickly expanded into informative workshops allowing women to discuss issues like the importance of breast cancer screening, smear checks and other health issues. We have brought in health professionals to check blood pressure, height,

and weight, and discuss nutrition and wellbeing. Our parenting workshops have been very successful. Parents have had the opportunity to share their experiences and discuss how they raise their children at home, enforce discipline, and most importantly how they have been teaching them the Word of God. This has not only benefited the women but the whole church.

Our women's workshops continue to expand. Sunday, 18 February 2024 we invited one of our special First Ladies who has been a teacher for many years. She talked to us about education, how it affects our children and tips on how we can set them up for success. She let us know that children are a blessing from God, and we should invest in them, take them to good schools and help them to succeed. We thoroughly enjoyed the talk and the discussion that followed.

We also have a number of Outreach plans in the pipeline.

We are hoping to visit homes for the elderly. We tried to connect with some institutions in the community last year but faced setbacks due to their Covid restrictions. We are planning to approach institutions outside London with the hope of being more successful. The elderly are sometimes forgotten in society so we are excited to engage with them and even to do their hair when we visit. Above all, it is our heart's desire to share the work of God and bring them into salvation.

A couple of young adults have joined the church and we are encouraging them in all aspects of ministry so that they can lead services specifically. In the future we plan to hold different workshops like cooking, how to sew and mend clothes and other areas that will equip our young ones with essential skills for life.

The WoD are also planning a special retreat in the next couple of months.



Lady Mrs Augustina Agyei-Twum
Hackney Branch, UK

It will be both an exciting and refreshing time outside of London for all the hardworking women and mothers to finally relax and bond. We are exploring a number of options but are deeply considering a luxurious spa retreat – a special time with the Lord.

We have a welfare system which is also deeply woven in our family church practicing and looking after the needy in church and elsewhere. We call and pray for one another especially those who are not in church for whatever reason.

In all God has been good to us and we hope the Lord will continue to help us as we serve Him as Women of Destiny.

THIS IS MY TESTIMONY ABOUT PREMIERE LADY

Premiere Lady Elizabeth Sarpong has been such a great support to me and my family from the very first moment I entered Calvary Charismatic Baptist Church. She is so humble and has the kindest of hearts. She is also a woman of great strength and courage, like mount Zion, she is immovable and unshakable.

I have benefited from her help, support, guidance in many diverse ways and I am eternally grateful. The Lord continue to bless her immensely and all nations will call her blessed. Amen.

“

The elderly are sometimes forgotten in society

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**Hackney Branch WoD
London, UK**



Minister Gloria Ansah is offering her expertise and services in providing creative advice, support, and workshops to all CCBC Departments.

If you're interested in tapping into her knowledge or availing of her workshops, you can reach out to her for further information or to discuss your needs.

Whether you're seeking guidance in artistic endeavors, brainstorming creative ideas, or need assistance with creative projects, she can offer valuable insights and support.





Lady Rev. Mrs Gifty Osei-Wusu
Kumasi Patasi Branch, Ghana

The TRIO Sisterhood System fellowship amongst themselves, share, create and support, also where and when necessary they refer issues to main sisterhood. It's creating fun.

Patasi is currently implementing the **TRIO SISTERHOOD SYSTEM**, which consists of subgroups of three members each. Each member is tasked with evangelizing and bringing out at least one soul, while the trio as a whole also aims to bring in one soul collectively. The TRIO groups engage in fellowship, sharing, creation, and support. Additionally, they refer any necessary issues to the main sisterhood, creating a sense of enjoyment.

The **AREA LEADERS** play a crucial role in effective monitoring and checks, ensuring the active participation of the majority of sisters.

There is high anticipation at the global level for common yearly programs.

However, a challenge exists as some programs designed to make individuals self-supporting can be burdensome.



Kumasi Patasi Branch WoD
Ghana

Aiming to commence monthly online Prayer Meeting to build ourselves up in our most Holy Faith for the work ahead.



Ms Mawuena Adimado
Kent Branch WoD President, UK

A few of CCBC members who live in Kent started a weekly house prayer meeting which run for about a year and out of which the Kent Branch - Victory Temple was launched in August 2019 followed by the birthing of the WoD Victory Temple Kent Branch in October 2020 with the aim of not only reaching women in the "uttermost part" of the Garden of England with the gospel but also empowering them as well as children and young adults in maximising their potentials and becoming who God has called them to be.

Unfortunately due to some circumstances we have not achieved as much as we desired to.

We, however had a successful branch level Mother's Day celebration in 2023 and alongside, secured a place for children's Sunday School organised and led by 2 of our ladies every Sunday.

The young ones are being "trained in the way they should go" in that

they are engaged in Bible reading and ministration of songs before the Word of God is delivered. The confidence this has built in them is unwavering and admirable. This will go a long way to boost their abilities in every department of their lives.

FUTURE PLANS

- ✓ Blessed to be having a Lady Preacher to grace our Mothering Sunday celebration.
- ✓ Planning a fun day out in summer.
- ✓ To pay regular visits to the elderly in Homes and be a blessing unto them both spiritually and physically.

It is our prayer that more doors are opened unto us in the months ahead to take new territories and fulfill the Great Commission.

TO THE PREMIER LADY

I thank God for your life Premier Lady, Rev. Elizabeth Sarpong and for your accomplishments as well as your unwavering faith which has been an inspiration to many. Standing beside your husband, our Papa, Bishop Francis Sarpong all these years to fulfil God's mandate upon his life, is a testament in itself. You have an inner strength that speaks volumes and are an example to the body of Christ.

On this special day, I would like to thank you for your support during my Single Launch in 2017 which went well to the glory of God.

May the Lord continue to increase the gifts He has bestowed upon you and grant you many more years to come; years filled with joy, peace, prosperity, divine health, favour and an amazing blessing that exceeds your expectations.

You are loved and appreciated.

Happy Mother's Day.



Lady Mrs Sarah Cornelius
Kent Branch, UK

Kent Branch WoD
Surrey, UK







Lady Mrs Anita Sarpong
Leyton English Branch, UK

*Leyton Branch has a diverse culture,
we organise international and cultural
day once a year.*



Michelle Brown
Leyton English Branch WoD President, UK

Leyton English Women of Diversity (WoD) comprise women from various ethnic backgrounds, including Caribbean, Jamaican, Nigerian, Ghanaian, and British, with English as the common language. Throughout the past decades, CCBC Leyton has fostered fellowship through various activities.

We host coffee mornings on Saturdays, where the ladies gather to discuss topics such as marriage, parenting teenagers, and various Bible subjects. Creating a relaxed atmosphere with snacks, we encourage everyone, including visitors, to share their opinions.

A regular event is our prayer walk around the Leyton area, where we collectively pray for the well-being of our community and those who may feel spiritually lost.

Visits to the homeless shelter are occasional, with women bringing

food items for donation to a local food bank in Waltham Forest. Additionally, we allocate specific days for all ladies in the church to cook for our local homeless centre.

WoD previously organised film nights every three months, inviting all church members and visitors to attend. The evenings were filled with snacks, creating a joyful environment for fellowship.

Recognising Leyton's diverse culture, we annually organise an International and Cultural Day to celebrate and embrace our community's diversity.

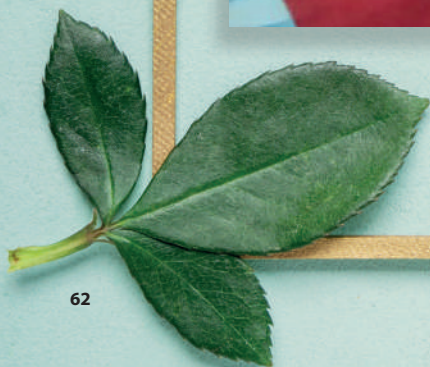
During Healthcare Checks Day, healthcare professionals are invited to assess the health and well-being of women, extending the invitation to both church members and the general public.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

Looking ahead, Leyton English WoD aims to spread the message of Christ by actively participating in more evangelism within our local community.



Leyton English Branch WoD
London, UK







Lady Mrs Mama Brago Donyina
Leyton Twi Branch, UK

The Leyton Twi Branch was established in May 2015 where the leadership was formed and follow global WoD constitution respectively.



Lady Mrs Mama Brago Donyina
Leyton Twi Branch WoD President, UK

Since 2020, we have been meeting once a week online to pray for the church and individuals and we continue to do so. We invite professionals amongst us to enlighten us about physical and mental well-being, menopause, keeping our homes clean and cooking sessions. Every member has the opportunity to lead prayers and share the word of God to strengthen our spiritual lives.

During the pandemic, the leadership dropped food stuffs at members' door steps and we also help the needy amongst us financially and spiritually. We support each other in diverse ways.

We organise and contribute money for social outings e.g. going out for dinner, spa & afternoon tea and party in the park/exercise.

On mothering Sundays we invite guest preacher to share the word of God with us.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Conducting a weekly prayer session every Tuesday from 8pm – 9 pm.
- ✓ Organising social outings for members.
- ✓ Establishing a strong and reliable support system.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

- ✓ Engaging in community evangelism to reach out to the local area.
- ✓ Planning an away retreat for members to foster deeper connections.
- ✓ Arranging educational workshops with professionals, such as Nurse Specialists and Financial Experts, to

provide valuable insights and knowledge.

- ✓ We plan to proceed with our regular online prayer gatherings, and we will also extend invitations to guest preachers.

Leyton Twi Branch WoD
London, UK



The fruit
of the spirit
is love,
joy and peace.

— GALATIANS 5:22

Premier Lady Elizabeth Sarpong, is the wife of Bishop Francis Sarpong, the General Overseer of CCBC worldwide. She is blessed with four young adults and three teenagers, two of whom are adopted and two adorable grandchildren. The Premier Lady became a Christian at a very tender age of fifteen, through the guidance and tutelage of Bishop Francis Sarpong. He led a singing ministry by name Agape Incorporated which met in a school opposite her home. He led her to Christ and later were joined in holy matrimony.

Premier Lady is a staunch Christian and her favourite bible verse is *Psalms 119:11 "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you"*. She is a living epitome of this verse, which is reflected in her day-to-day life.

As Premier Lady of CCBC she takes an active role in the affairs of the Ministry by supporting her betterhalf and taking on leading roles in various departments.

As Head of WoD she is committed to fostering spiritual growth by encouraging women to be steadfast, unmovable in doing the work of God. She has taken a leadership role by organising meetings, retreats and bible studies as well as preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ at women's events. She is a guidance and counsellor, empowering women.

Balancing her roles as a mother and Premier Lady, she exemplifies grace and dedication within her household, prioritizing family time while ensuring her husband's pastoral duties remain uninterrupted for the congregation's benefit.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Premier Lady Elizabeth spearheads WoD's impactful community outreach efforts, including visits to the aged, care homes/hospitals in the local vicinity to fellowship with them and to share God's love.

She also carry out Evangelism in public areas, sharing the great commission and inviting people to fellowship with Calvary a bible based church.

BRIDGING THE GAP

An initiative between two generations (our young adults and older women) to forge ties and be able to learn from each other is her passion.

PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

There comes a time in our lives when you need one particular person who is a counsellor to pour down your heart to. Someone who is tight-lipped, have a listening ear and works with professionalism and humility. I have known this lady for over twenty-five years and still counting.

She is such a pleasant and go-to-person you can rely on. There is no dulling when we are together. Quite a remarkable lady who fears the Lord, intelligent and always ready to learn. Beautiful inside out with her calm demeanor there is no way one would resist her counsel.

It is amazing how she was able to learn how to play the guitar within a twinkle of an eye! I call her my Royal Lady. Premier Lady Rev. Elizabeth Sarpong, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain. Amen

Lady Vee, Accra

I don't seem to remember my first encounter with our Premier Lady

Elizabeth. However, for as long as I can remember, she has always spoken goodness over my life. Since teenage my years she has always welcomed me with opened arms, willing to spend one on one time in assisting me to become the best version of myself. With everyone she graces her caring, loving, gentle nature shines through. I appreciate and love you so much! You have always been there to share my milestones and I will forever appreciate the time, talks, efforts, prayers and laughter we have spent together. May God continue to bless you in Jesus' name" by;

Madlynn Opoku (Vice of Women's Ministry CPC) -Global Outreach

WoD extends its impact globally, participating in medical outreach programs and community support initiatives in places like Ghana. These efforts demonstrates the ministry's commitment to addressing broader societal needs beyond its local context.

Vibrant and lively WoD operates in Victory Temple, Grace Temple, Destiny Temple, Prayer Temple and Eternity Temple in Ghana.

WoD made a visit to the Centre for the Elderly in Koforidua, the Eastern Region of Ghana where a medical team attended to the residents. A total of thirty-four aged including medical practitioners were present. Blood pressure testing and sugar level tests were administered by the nurses to those present. Eye Specialist prescribed medicated glasses as well as advising them. Pain killers and anti-worm tablets were also given out by the medical personnels with instructions on how to take their prescriptions. A donation was made by WoD, CCBC London to the aged.

Premier Lady
Rev. Mrs Elizabeth Sarpong
WoD Global



CHALLENGES BRIDGING THE CULTURAL GAP BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS

Most of the mothers in the church are immigrants with now western born children. This comes with different cultural experiences and opinions. It is important to help the two generations get a better understanding of themselves to foster unity, tolerance and balance in the homes and at church.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPING MORE YOUNG ADULTS INTO ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLES.

It would be great if I could visit more of the branches within the year but even when I am unable to do so, we have such a great leadership who assures quality service for the Ministry.

ACHIEVEMENTS

As part of the vision of the church, there is a vibrant women's department across all the branches. More female young adults are actively involved in the

church events and feel comfortable to share their ideas with ease.

Over the years WoD have been privileged to have the following guest speakers; Pastor Cynthia Appiagyei and Pastor Yemisi Ashimolowo both my mentors and spiritual mothers. Celia Apeagyei is one of the top ten most influential black Christian women in the UK. Dr. Christy Doe-Tetteh, Mama Francisca Duncan-Williams, ES Adelaide Heward-Mills and many wonderful Anointed Women of God.

On a very personal note, within 30 years of CCBC by God's grace, I have acquired quality knowledge, worked and raised a beautiful and Godly family. My greatest pride is seeing all members of my household actively involved in the duties of the church; with leadership roles earned by merit and not association. This achievement is most crucial because as women we must embrace and respect the

assignment God has entrusted us mothers to nurture lives and guide them into their divine destiny as well as purpose on earth. "(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)"

1 Timothy 3:5 NIV. Again, I mark this achievement as important to also encourage the young women starting a new family amidst finding their footing in the job market and for some juggling school, work and family at the same time - it is doable **Matthew 19:26 says; With God all things are possible.** Amen



*She is also a woman
of great strength and
courage, like Mount Zion*



with
GOD
all things
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possible

Matthew 19:26

WoD expands its influence worldwide by participating in medical outreach programs and community support initiatives, notably in places like Ghana. These endeavors underscore the ministry's dedication to addressing broader societal needs beyond its local context. The dynamic and spirited WoD operates within Victory Temple, Grace Temple, Destiny Temple, Prayer Temple, and Eternity Team in Ghana.

During a visit to the Centre for the Elderly in Koforidua, Ghana, WoD provided medical assistance to the residents. A total of 34 people, including medical practitioners, were present. Nurses conducted blood pressure and sugar level tests, while the Eye Specialist prescribed glasses and offered advice. The Doctor distributed painkillers and anti-worm tablets, with instructions to take as prescribed or seek help from relatives. WoD, CCBC London, also made a donation.

Challenges include bridging the cultural gap between generations, as many mothers in the church are immigrants with Western-born children. This situation brings diverse cultural experiences and opinions, emphasising the need to foster understanding, unity, tolerance, and balance in homes and the church. The ministry also focuses on training and developing more young adults for active leadership roles.

While it would be ideal to visit more branches within the year, the ministry boasts a strong leadership team that ensures quality service even in the absence of physical visits.

As part of the church's vision, a vibrant women's department operates across all branches. More female young adults actively participate in church events, feeling comfortable sharing their ideas without fear. Over the years, WoD has been honored to host distinguished guest speakers, including Pastor Cynthia Appiagyei, Pastor Yemisi Ashimolowo, Celia Apeagyei, Dr. Christy Doe-Tetteh, Mama Francisca Duncan-Williams, ES Adelaide Heward-Mills, and other influential women of God.

On a personal note, within 30 years of CCBC, the speaker acknowledges God's grace in achieving education, career, and raising a family. The greatest pride lies in seeing all family members actively engaged in church activities, earning leadership roles based on merit. This achievement is crucial, emphasising the importance of women embracing and respecting their role as mothers to nurture and guide lives into their divine destiny. Quoting *1 Timothy 3:5 NIV*, the speaker encourages other women, emphasising that managing family responsibilities alongside education and work is possible with God's help, citing *Matthew 19:26*.



***But Jesus beheld them,
and said unto them, With
men this is impossible;
but with God all things
are possible.***





Bishop Francis, Premier Lady & Archbishop Duncan-Williams
at CFC/Bishop@60 Celebration

i currently serving as the Global President of WoD and married to Prophet Stephen, the head Pastor of CCBC Forest Gate Branch, I am blessed with two beautiful children. I describe myself as dynamic, caring, kind, approachable, and, above all, God-fearing. My journey with CCBC began 28 years ago when I joined as a Psalmist. Over the years, I have played various roles within the Praise and Worship team, including serving as a Praise and Worship leader and Assistant Music Director.

Ordained as a Pastor by Bishop Francis Sarpong, I am dedicated not only to my spiritual duties but also to my profession as a Psychotherapist and a recording Gospel Artist whose music has touched many lives within the body of Christ.

Taking on the role of WoD President brings a sense of humility, acknowledging the broader scope of responsibilities beyond the local assembly to include a diverse range of members within the Church Community. Working with individuals at different levels in the church, I have gained valuable management experience, ensuring effective implementation of tasks and reflecting on the wonderful experiences gained throughout this journey.

Under my leadership, the mission of WoD is to assist women in developing a deeper understanding and relationship with God and others through Worship, Fellowship, and training, embracing all cultures positively. Guided by the wisdom found in **1 Peter 3:1**, the ministry emphasises humility, graciousness, love, and a servant spirit as keys to victory and rising in importance.

Collaborating with my vice, Mrs Marian Inkoom, the headship, and branch Presidents, my team and I have successfully organized various WoD activities, including coordinating affairs at branch levels, representing WoD before the Executive Committee of CCBC, presiding over committee elections, ensuring the well-being of individual members, fostering integration, and proposing yearly themes aligned with CCBC's overarching theme.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Successful WoD convention.
- ✓ Visiting the old people's home with gifts.
- ✓ Outreach by the ladies.
- ✓ Introduction of WoD cloth for Ministry.
- ✓ Events on Health and Insurance.
- ✓ Visiting remote/distant members with a token from WoD.

FUTURE PLANS FOR WoD

- ✓ Mentor young ladies to prepare them for leadership (**Titus 2:4&5**).
- ✓ Encourage spiritual growth through an atmosphere of excitement and fun.
- ✓ Highlight the significance of holiness and the word of God.
- ✓ Outreach to win souls for the Kingdom of God.
- ✓ Create awareness of prayer and study of the word of God.
- ✓ Promote open discussions on mental health issues.
- ✓ Continue to work with CCBC international branches.

In conclusion, I express immense gratitude to Bishop Francis, Premier Lady Rev. Elizabeth Sarpong, the headship, and the supportive church community for their extraordinary support and ongoing cooperation.

God bless you all for your cooperation.

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I describe myself as dynamic, caring, kind, approachable, and, above all, God-fearing.
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Lady Rev. Mrs Ebi Mensah
WoD President, Global



Mrs Josephine Kabosha
WoD Secretary, Global



HOMECOMING

The Homecoming event celebrating the 30th Anniversary of CCBC occurred on Sunday, 28 January 2024, and it was a joyful occasion in the presence of God.

The Women of Destiny were honored to initiate the ceremony, led by the Premier Lady. The service garnered a significant turnout, with attendees from various branches, including both visitors and members. The WoD Leadership Team, along with women from all branches, proudly displayed their new uniforms during the event.

Presentations were given by Children's Ministry, Young Adults as well as a clip showing St. Francis Orphanage in Ghana and all the work that has been done so far. Music ministrations were provided by Shekinah and CPI.

The anniversary cake was cut by Bishop and Premier Lady together with founding members of the church and refreshments were served afterwards.

Everyone had a blessed time, full of Godly cheer!

WoD GLOBAL

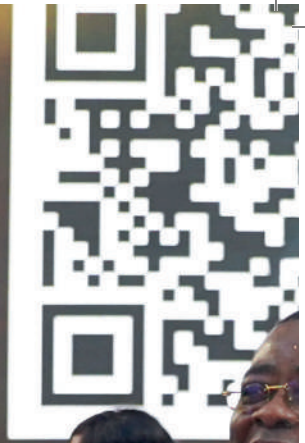
WoD is a group of women that seeks to develop each other, spread the Word and fellowship.

The following activities were carried out:

- ✓ Monthly Prayer Sessions held every other month on the last Monday. Prayers are led by members from respective branches.
- ✓ Mother's Day Convention - the convention was held from 16 -18 March, guest speaker was international renowned Episcopal Sister (ES) Adelaide Howard-Mills of Ghana.
- ✓ Visit to Summerdale Court, Newham - held on 20 June, this was an opportunity to share the Word and God's love with members in the community.
- ✓ Home Visits by the Welfare team are held to housebound/hospital members.
- ✓ Wellbeing meeting held on 26 August 2023. In attendance was guest speaker Mr Leonard Amoah from Access Financial Services who gave an informative talk on life insurance. This was followed with an exercise session.
- ✓ Evangelism held on 2 December at Poplar market.

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YEARS OF CCBC YEARS IN MINISTRY

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You have shown us mercy















Lady Mrs Faith Robert Johnson
Swahili Service Branch, UK

Our plans include initiating evangelistic efforts, such as engaging in street outreach to share the message of Christ with people.



Mrs Vickie Matondo
Swahili Service Branch WoD President, UK

We have been teaching children scriptures that they recite every Sunday. Additionally, we prepare tea and snacks for the entire church after the service, and once a month, we come together to cook and share a meal.

We're excited about the inclusion of two new young mothers, and we intend to welcome them into the Women's group in the near future.

FUTURE PLANS

We aim to organise more meetings to strategise on involving every woman in our community.

TESTIMONY

Our trendy Premier Lady, her merry heart makes a cheerful countenance. Her humility attracts and makes you follow and listen.

Aunt, Aunt – you talk and make Women of Destiny walk the walk. Your integrity has kept the ladies united.

A Mother, a great wife and you are a kind to emulate. Be immensely Blessed.

Evelyn Karamagi,
Swahili



Swahili Service Branch WoD
London, UK



Lady Rev. Mrs Agnes Asuming
Twi Service Branch, UK

Our WoD Drama Group, delivering impactful performances inspired by the Word of God and life experiences to bring blessings to the church.



Mrs Iris Naa Dei Osae-Nyarko
Twi Service Branch WoD President, UK

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Successful Monthly WoD Meetings
- ✓ Establishment of the Amazing Grace Dancers, captivating audiences with their performances at various events
- ✓ A dedicated welfare team providing care for the vulnerable members within our community
- ✓ Utilizing the expertise of professionals among us for educational sessions on health, parenting, home management, and finances
- ✓ Recognition and appreciation of Pastors' wives on Mother's Day

FUTURE PLANS

- ✓ To persist in the unwavering work of spreading God's message
- ✓ Aiming for a 10% increase in membership by encouraging all female members of the church to join WoD
- ✓ Seeking patrons to support the Twi Service WoD
- ✓ Consistent support for global WoD events
- ✓ Initiating programs to assist members in times of need

The Amazing Grace Dancers London, UK







Summary of the visit of the Missions
Director Rev. Adom Bamfi and the medical team from Koforidua Clinic
Friday, 19 January 2024 to Centre for Calvary Charismatic Baptist
Elderly at Koforidua.

Attendance: **34**

Time: **11.30am – 3pm**

Staff: **5**



MEDICAL TEAM

Doctors: **2**

Nurses: **2**

Sessions: **2**

Medical Clinic: **Main Hall**

Eye Clinic: **Summer Hut**





The doctor conducted blood pressure and sugar level tests for everyone, and a nurse checked their weights. Subsequently, each individual received attention from an eye specialist who prescribed glasses and provided advice.

Following the consultations, the Medical Director distributed medicines. Each person received paracetamol, painkillers, and anti-worm tablets.

In concluding the session, Dr. Ayim emphasised the importance of taking the prescribed medicines as directed and encouraged everyone to take good care of themselves. If there were any uncertainties,

individuals were advised to seek help from their relatives at home. Rev. Antwi, on behalf of the center, expressed gratitude to the medical team and specifically thanked Rev. Adom Bamfi for his exceptional assistance and support. He expressed hope for similar support in the future. Appreciation was also extended to the Women of Destiny, CCBC London, whose sponsorship greatly contributed to the success of the event. Rev. Andrew concluded the meeting with a prayer.

PRAY

Sometimes the only way to surrender is to pray. You are sometimes faced with intense pressure from the world that makes you feel like throwing in the towel, but listen my beloved, just at the moment you feel like given up God sends the answers. Keep on fighting hard and don't give up. Continue to walk courageously to the top, keep on doing your best, God sees it all and He is going to give you a remedy to your situations. May God give you the courage to keep on going no matter how tough your situations may appear to be and grant you a permanent solution in Jesus' Name.

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