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2023 1st Half Annual Conferences / Events

Annual Conferences

Bishop Adjei began his first-round of 2023 annual conferences in the 11th Episcopal District and below is the summary report of the conferences held in the first half of the year.

Tanzania Region Annual Conference

The 1st Annual conference for the year 2023 was held 11th-12th March, 2023 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This conference was uniquely significant for the Bishop because it was his 1st annual conference to be held after his election and consecration as the 68th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Delegates were drawn from 11 districts in the region. 110 churches were reported as CME denominations across the region.



Bishop Lawson visit the Primate of Anglican Church of Tanzania.

22 pastors were ordained to the orders of deacon and 21 Pastors to the orders of Elder. Bishop, presented some bags of rice to the orphanage and made

Kenya Region Annual Conference

This conference was a one-day con-

ference held on the 18th March, 2023 at Grace Chapel CME in Nairobi. Guests from USA were Rev. Alfred Harrison and Rev. Claudia Harrison. 1st Lady Rev. Mercy Adjei was as usual with Bishop. Delegates were drawn from 6 Districts of the region. 19 Pastors were ordained to the orders of Deacon and 9 ordained to the orders of Elder. Significant report was received from the President of the Women Missionary Society (WMS), Mrs. Martha Maruru. Bishop blessed the WMS with \$1000.00 to expand the women empowerment program. Some chairs were also presented to some of the churches that bishop visited during the day set for visitation. Since the incumbent Mission Supervisor, John Omondi is now resident in US, Bishop had to appoint a new Mission Supervisor who is in the person of Rev. Dr. Bonface Ohdiambo. Mission Supervisor and Presiding Elders were stipend by the Bishop to continue to expand Christian Meth-

Rwanda Region Annual Conference

The Rwanda Region Annual Conference was held from 24th – 25th March, 2023 at the historic Bishop Teresa Snorton Cathedral in Gisenyi. Delegates were drawn from the 2 districts, Gisenyi and Kigali. Guests to this conference were Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Harrison, Rev. Mercy Ucho from Nigeria and as usual first Lady Mercy Adjei. Representatives from the local government of the Gisenyi vicinity were also present at the conference. Bishop spent time to visit some churches on the 23rd March under the missionary direction of the Mission Supervisor Murengera Ntambara. Bishop and his entourage were given a rousing welcome to the conference grounds with a splendid cultural display by the host church. The conference was opened with concise teachings on the polity and structure of the CME Church. There was the need for delegates to understand the composition and business of the annual conference. Bishop did this through his normal teachings on



Bishop K. Lawson Adjei & First Lady, Rev. Mrs. Mercy Adjei

About our Presiding Prelate

Bishop K. Lawson Adjei is the 68th elected and consecrated bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Until his election, he served as a member of the Judicial Council of the CME Church for 12 years. He was the Mission Supervisor of the Ghana-Togo region of the Church. He also served as Chaplain of the Chris-

tian Methodist Senior High School in Ghana for 32 years. Academically, Bishop K.L. Adjei holds a Post Secondary Diploma in Theology, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Ministry, Masters in Divinity and Doctorate of Theology. Bishop Adjei is married to Rev. Mercy Adjei and they are blessed with two daughters and a son namely Justina, Mary and Emmanuel respectively.

the Book of Discipline of the CME Church. 39 Churches were reported as CME denominations across the Rwanda Region.

Rev. Alfred Harrison preached the ordination sermon titled “Nevertheless call to a Nevertheless Ministry from Luke 5:1-5”. Seven Pastors were ordained to the orders of Deacon and 2 ordained to the orders of Elder. Rev. Mercy Ucho from Nigeria also spoke on missions and evangelism. First Lady Rev. Mercy Adjei delivered songs to the admiration of the conference delegates. Bishop gave a financial donation of \$1000.00 towards the completion of the tiles of the floor of Bishop Snorton Cathedral. The conference adjourned on Sunday April 26th.

Uganda Region Annual Conference

Bishop and First Lady Mercy arrived in Uganda on March 28th and met on arrival by Mission Supervisor

Joseph Wabwire Dungu and proceeded straight to Busia, riding for 6 hours to arrive at destination.

As usual, next day Bishop continues to visit some of the churches within the Busia community under the directives of the Mission Supervisor Dungu. The Churches were mostly in the country side of Busia. Bishop made some financial contributions of \$1,000.00 to Tente CME Church that worship under trees. The contribution was made possible through the offering received from Hill Chapel CME Church in Plano; TX then led by Rev. Clarence Ford. Other churches visited were presented with plastic chairs. Some of the orphanages visited were presented with bags of rice. Bishop as usual opened the conference with teachings on the polity and structure of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. 110 churches were reported as churches in Uganda Region. Reports were also received from Women and Youths ministry of the church. First Lady Rev. Mercy Adjei

preached the ordination sermon titled “Responsibilities of our Calling” rooted from 1 Peter 5:1-4 & 1 Tim. 3:1-10. Fifty-two pastors were ordained to the orders of Deacon. Mission Supervisor Dungu was so impressive with his work that in order to continue his good work of supervision, Bishop purchased a Baja 1.25 Cubic capacity Motor cycle at the cost of \$1,500 to him. Stipends of teachers were also paid by the bishop. Pastors and Mission Supervisor were stipend in order to keep the work of the CME Church growing to the glory of God.

ITC Philips School of Theology Distinguish Award.

Joseph Wabwire Dungu, Mission Supervisor of Uganda Region was named by Bishop K. Lawson Adjei as the recipient of the Distinguished Award for Ministry of International Theological Training Center, Philips School of Theology in Atlanta. This award is instituted to motivate preachers of the various district to offer their best of services in the Lord that should merit them with an award.

Ecumenical News

Bishop K. Lawson Adjei, while in Tanzania paid a courtesy call on the Archbishop & Primate of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, Bishop Mndolwa to strengthen bilateral relationship between the CME Church and the Anglican church and getting involve with other para-church organization of the Christian Council of Churches in Tanzania. The meeting was very fruitful. The aim of the visit was to introduce the church to other

churches for a better ecumenical relationship and recognition of the CME in Tanzania

Donation to the 11th Episcopal District

The 11th Episcopal District will want to appreciate the 8th ,6th & 1st Episcopal district for their continues help and financial donations to the work of missions in the 11th Episcopal District.

All checks should be made payable to CME Church 11th Episcopal District and addressed to:

Bishop K. Lawson Adjei, 4406 Wandering Way, MD 20748, Maryland.

ACTIVITIES By The Bishop



A cultural display performed by the church to welcome Bishop and his entourage to Rwanda



Bishop presents a motor cycle to Mission Supervisor Dungu to ensure effective mobility.



Bishop donated 4 bags of rice to an orphanage in Tanzania



Bishop Lawson presents \$1000 to Kenya Women Missionary for women empowerment.



Presiding Elders poses with Bishop and 1st Lady Mercy in Kenya.



Bishop Chairing a meeting between Catholic Bishops Conference (CBC), Most Rev. Matthew Gyamfi and the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG). Seated at high table from left to right: Rt. Rev. Dr. Bafo, Presiding Prelate of Methodist Church, Ghana, Rev. Dr. Cyril Fayose, General Secretary of CCG, President of Ghana CBC and Rev. Fr. Anonde Lazarus, General Secretary of the Ghana CBC



Bishop in group picture with the Catholic Bishops and some Member Heads of Christian Council of Ghana.

REPORT ON THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDING PRELATE BISHOP ADJEI KWAME LAWSON OF THE ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF CME CHURCH IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Reported by:
Jean Pierre Munyarukundo BaraTariza.

Overview on the visit

From 7th to 12th October 2022 the Presiding Prelate Bishop Adjei Kwame Lawson and his wife Rev. ADJEI Mercy attended a visit to CME Church in

DR Congo region. On 7 October 2022 they were received at Goma International Airport by the team of preachers made of Rev. Joseph Nsengiyumva Uwitonze, Rev. Jacques Musafiri Kahigiro, and the Presiding Elder of Goma Town Ecclesiastical District Rev. Bahati Musafiri Jean Tite, Rev. Etienne Ndamiye Sebusake, Rev. Hangi Sylvestre, Hon. Deputy Philemon Bisengimana Buradi Sambuka, and the Mission



The next day, the Presiding Prelate Bishop Adjei Kwame Lawson snatched an Executive Committee meeting at Bethlehem local CME Church in Goma city where he was warmly welcome whereby through different requests of the Church, as there were plenty of suggestions, he promised to fundraise money for buying the plot of land in which the headquarter of CME Church DR. Congo will be built. There he recommended a team composed of Mission Supervisor Bishop Dieudonné Mungongo, the president of Women



Societies, Hon. Deputy Philemon Bisengimana Buradi Sambuka and the president of Lay department Jean Pierre Munyarukundo Baratariza to investigate the land that will be bought so as to materialize the idea of the headquarter. On Sunday 9 October 2022, His Excellency Presiding Prelate Bishop Adjei Kwame Lawson with his wife Rev. Adjei Mercy hold a Sunday worship at Bethlehem local CME Church, and the Women Missionary Society being proud of the visit of Rev. Adjei Mercy, they offered her a gift in terms of happiness to have received a visit of the Bishop's wife. On this Sunday, His Excellency Bishop Adjei Kwame Lawson held a preaching in (Thessalo-

nians 5:7; Revelation 3:2). The theme of the preaching was "Be praying instantly without getting interrupted". Next, there were two days of visits to different departments that locally are being achieved by the leadership under the initiatives of DR. Congo Mission Supervisor. Here after are some schools, University, Hospital Center and a local Church visited by the couple of the Presiding Prelate Bishop Adjei Kwame Lawson.

1. UNIVERSITÉ ÉVANGÉLIQUE DE LA DÉCENCE EN AFRIQUE (UEDA)

Université Évangélique de la Décence en Afrique (UEDA) is a high educational Institution created by the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in DR Congo. In this academic year, UEDA has 40 students in theology faculty. Next academic year, UEDA will open other department such as Psychology and Education

Sciences and Medicines.



2. KYEZYE PRIMARY AND MBULA SECONDARY SCHOOL

At Kyezye Primary School as well as at Mbula Secondary school, Bishop Adjei Kwame Lawson visited pupils whereby pupils learn in the classrooms without cement.



3. CENTRE DE L'ÉDUCATION FORMELLE DÉNOMMÉ SENIOR BISHOP REDDICK LAWRENCE

Sr. Bishop Reddick Lawrence Center of formal Education

is a school plot that accommodates twenty-nine classrooms for 4 schools which are the following: -Nahori Primary School of 9 teachers; -Kambize Primary School of 7 teachers; -Efeso 2 Primary School of 9 teachers; -Kisima Secondary School of 28 teachers As challenges, there is inadequacy of classrooms since the Center would have 53 classrooms and 4 administrative offices according to the norms of applied pedagogy. Let us mention that all the classrooms of this Center of education of SENIOR BISHOP REDDICK have no cement. One simple method across which we proceed to overcome the challenge related to inadequacy of classrooms, Nahori and Efeso 2 operate in afternoon vacancy while Kisima and Kambize operate in before noon vacancy. So, the durable

solution would be the construction 53 classes if there can be any support.



4. CENTRE D'ÉDUCATION FORMELLE ET NON FORMELLE BISHOP KENNETH W. CARTER

This Center is denominated Bishop Kenneth W. Carter in which there is Stella Carter Primary School, Ahadi Secondary School and Program for Illiteracy Children beyond the School Age (PICSA). -Stella Carter Primary school operates with 14 teachers, 1 vice principal and 1 Headmaster. -Ahadi secondary school operates with 24 teachers, 1 head-teacher and 1 principal (headmaster). -PICSA operates with three levels of learning and it is ruled by 3 monitors and 1 trainer.

-The Bishop Kenneth W. Carter Center needs to be rehabilitated in construction of 27 classrooms and fundraising support for the trainers and monitors of PICSA where the expectation for this school to be reconstructed, the eyes is contemplating Bishop Kenneth W. Carter.



5. CENTRE DE L'ÉDUCATION FORMELLE ET NON FORMELLE DÉNOMMÉ BISHOP THERESA JEFFERSON SNORTON

This Center of education plot is a component of three school structures in which are:

-EPLA MISERICORDE that means mercy primary school of 589 pupils among them 290 boys and 299 girls in 12 classrooms. This school operates since 2016 in renting classrooms whereby the local CME Church pays \$25 yet the government of D R. Congo pays the salaries of teachers. The challenge of this school is to buy this land so as it belongs the own property where the owner of the land is purchasing it at \$55 000.



-INSTITUT LA MISERICORDE as a secondary school of 163 pupils.

-Vocational Training Center denominated Bishop Theresa Jefferson Snorton Center dealing with sewing machine activities. At this stage, His Excellency Presiding Prelate tBishop Adjei Kwame Lawson had been sensitive in regard to the Sewing Vocational Training Center by granting a sewing machine at immediate time.

6. INSTITUT SALEMI SECONDARY AND SILOE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is a CME secondary school that was visited on Tuesday 11 October 2022. At these schools as well as he said in other previously visited, His Excellency Presiding Prelate Bishop Adjei Kwame Lawson had exhorted the pupils to obey the teachers and consider seriously their education, because the future of great people depends on the education. At SILOE Primary school, His Excellency Presiding Prelate Bishop Adjei Kwame Lawson, as being impacted by the bad conditions of the classrooms of the school, he granted a contribution of \$300 as a support to buy sheet irons for the school. Simultaneously, Honourable Deputy Philémon Bisengimana Buradi Sambuka granted 30 triplex to the same school.



7. CME RUSAYU HEALTH CENTER



10. SALUGABA SECONDARY SCHOOL



8.Karambi CME Church local Church.



11. Saint jean primary school



9.WALUGABA PRIMARY SCHOOL.



Saint jean primary school pupils happy to be visited by Bishop ADJEI KWAME LAWSON



Bishop presenting \$1000.00 to Mission Supervisor Ntambara to complete the floor tiles of Bishop Snorton Cathedral in Gisenyi Rwanda.



Bishop and 1st Lady Mercy in a group picture with pastors ordained to the orders of Deacon at the 2023 Uganda Region Annual Conference



Bishop celebrating the Holy Communion with host Church and delegates on the evening of the conference for the 1st time in many years in Uganda.



Bishop in a group picture with Bishop Marvin Thomas, Women Missionary Society and Members of Trinity CME Church, Memphis, TN after his message as guest speaker of the Missionary Day Celebrations.