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End of Year Greetings from the Presiding Prelate, Bishop K. Lawson Adjei

*Grace and Peace to You All in
the Name of Our Lord and Sav-
ior, Jesus Christ!*

As we draw the curtain on another year, I greet you with a heart filled with gratitude, love, and hope. It has been a year of divine grace, unshakable faith, and countless testimonies of God's goodness. Through every challenge and triumph, the Lord has been our ever-present help, and for that, we give Him all the glory.

To the beloved members, clergy, and leaders of the 11th Episcopal District, I honor your unwavering commitment to kingdom service. Your sacrifices, prayers, and dedication have not gone unnoticed. From the pulpit to the pews, you have been the hands and feet of Christ, bringing hope to the hopeless, light to the darkness, and love to the brokenhearted.

To the broader CME Church fraternity worldwide, I celebrate our unity in purpose and our shared mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Despite the trials of this year, we have continued to stand as a beacon of faith, hope, and love in a world that so desperately needs it.

As we prepare to step into a new year, let us do so with hearts filled with expectation. May we embrace every opportunity for growth, every moment for ministry, and every chance to be agents of transformation. Our God is still doing a new thing in our midst, and I believe the best is yet to come!

I encourage you to remain steadfast in prayer, grounded in the Word, and committed to the call of discipleship. Let us continue to support one another, uplift one another, and press forward together in faith.

On behalf of my family and the leadership of the 11th Episcopal District, I wish you a blessed, prosperous, and Spirit-filled New Year. May joy, peace, and divine favor be your portion in 2025 and beyond.

With love, prayers, and abundant blessings,

Bishop Dr. K. Lawson Adjei

Presiding Prelate, 11th Episcopal District
Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church

1st International Worship Service Held in Dallas at the 12th Unity Summit of the CME Church

International Worship Service was held for the first time at the 12th Annual Unity Summit and General Connectional Board meetings of the CME Church in Dallas, TX. It was a day set aside for all to dress in African outfits. In attendance were members of the College of Bishops, General Officers, Judicial Council Members, Connectional Officers and attendees of the Summit. Scriptures were read in English, Swahili and Ibibio. 1st Lady Mercy and Miss Justina led the praise and worship. Prayers were said in English and French. All members of the 11th and 10th Episcopal Districts present at the 2024 Unity Summit were involved in the worship service.



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 Christian Methodist Senior 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.

Bishop Adjei preached the sermon on the theme "Enlarging Our Territory" Indeed, it was a Spirit filled worship service that reflected the cultural way of Africans at worship.

Outstanding CMEs Honored with 'Good Trouble' Awards at 12th Annual Unity Summit in Dallas.

The CME Church at the 12th Annual Unity Summit, Dallas TX for the first time in the history of the Church honored outstanding CMEs from each Episcopal District with Good Trouble Award. These recipients have distinguished themselves in their countries, communities

and church families. The 11th Episcopal District Good Trouble award recipient was Honorable Philemon Bisengimana Buradi of DR Congo. To God be the glory.



Registration Fee: \$150 (+\$50 late fee after Dec. 27th, 2024)
Room Rate: \$149 per night
www.thecmechurch.org/pastors-conference

Ministers Spouses, Widows and Widower Département Elect New Officers at 12th Annual Unity Summit in Dallas

The Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers Department had their annual meeting at the 12th Annual Unity Summit in Dallas TX. Patron Bishop Adjei was in attendance to admonish the members present. New officers for the Department were elected. Reports were received from the Executives and Bishop Adjei commended them for their good stewardship.

Rev. Mary McKinney Report from 12TH ANNUAL UNITY SUMMIT HELD IN DALLAS

International Worship at the Unity Summit was simply awesome. Our 11th Episcopal District Bishop Lawson Adjei blessed us with a powerful message. Delegates beautifully represented their home countries of Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya and Nigeria (10th & 11th E.D.) Rev. Mercy and her daughter Justina led and brought us into the presence of God in song and dance. It was so joyous! It brought to mind many memories of worship in the homeland. Everyone was up on their feet and moving with an African beat. God truly blessed this worship experience.

CME Bishops Worship at North Park CME Church in Dallas.

The CME Bishops who attended the 12th Annual Unity Summit and Connectional Board Meetings held in Dallas, resolved to worship at North Park CME Church in Dallas TX on September 1st, 2024. The College of Bishops with their Spouses, some General Officers & Judicial Council members of the CME Church were all seated in the pew to enjoy the ministration of music and the Word of God from the host pastor. The Pastor in charge of the Church is Rev. Dr. Tilope Eddins. She preached on the theme "God is not Finished Yet".



Bishop Adjei Arrives in Zimbabwe

Bishop Adjei safely arrived in Harare, Zimbabwe on the 17th of October for the Zimbabwe Region Annual Conference. He was met on arrival by the Mission Supervisor, Dr. Ezekiel Zifungo, a respected leader of the Church and country and his assistant Rev. Daison Kuwengwa. After a short caucus meeting at the hotel, the cabinet of bishops agreed to continue the next day with a Communion worship Service. Bishop Adjei thanks God for a safe arrival. He solicited prayers for successful annual conference from CME fraternity and friends which started on the 18th through to 20th of October, 2024. To God be the glory.

2024 Zimbabwe Annual Conference Held

The Zimbabwe Region Annual Conference opened on the 19th of October, 2024 at House of Israel CME located in Kadoma, Mashanaland West of Zimbabwe. A small rural church with a big heart to host an annual conference, they are. It took a two-hour drive on highway to arrive at Kadoma from Harare. Delegates from across the region were present at the conference. Earlier, on the 18th of October, Bishop Adjei had an evening Communion Worship Service with the arriving delegates after his visits to the community, some members, schools and churches within the Kadoma district. The Conference opened on 19th of October with a short devotion led by Mission Supervisor Dr. Ezekiel Zifungo. Bishop in his opening statement to the delegates at the conference tried to tell the story of the CME Church, polity and structure. Mission Supervisor Zifungo gave his overview annual report after which the Missionary President also gave her report. Disciplinary questions were asked to prepare candidates for ordination. Four loyal pastors were ordained to the orders of Elder. Bishop Adjei promised to assist the Women's Missionary Council with a seed fund of \$500.00 for women empowerment programme as part of the church's social responsibility to CME's in Zimbabwe. Bishop presented the latest Book of Discipline and a Book of ritual to Dr. Zifungo. The Conference was

adjourned to Sunday, 20th of October for a thanksgiving worship service. To God alone be the glory.

Bishop Adjei and 1st Lady Mercy Arrives in DR Congo

1st Lady Mercy and Bishop arrived at Goma, DR Congo on the 14th of November 2024, for the 2024 Annual Conference of the regions. They were met on arrival by Mission Supervisor Dr Mugongo, Honorable Philemon, some Presiding Elders and Annual Conference Officers. The Grace of God located them to be taken through protocol formalities before the immigration. Bishop had a brief meeting with his cabinet and the officers of the Annual Conference at the hotel, outlining conference schedules which will begin on the 15th November with Communion Worship Service. Special guests to the conference arrived 15th of November 2024. As usual, Bishop Adjei solicited prayers from CMEs and friends upon his arrival for a successful conference. To God be the glory.

Senior Bishop Reddick and 1st Lady Wynde, General Officers Moore and Spragin Arrives in DR Congo

November 15th, 2024, Senior Bishop LL Reddick III, 1st Lady Wynde, General Officers Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Dr. Sragin landed for the first time in Goma, DR Congo as special guests of the DR Congo Regional Annual Conferences of the CME Church. They were welcomed at the airport by the Presiding Prelate, Bishop Adjei and 1st Lady Mercy together with Mission Supervisor Dr. Mugongo, Lay Council President Honorable Philemon, some members and Pastors of the Church. They were given protocol formalities through the immigration. A contingent of boys and girls scout of the Church mounted a guard of honor for the Senior Bishop together with the brass band at the airport. Indeed, it was such a good feeling to see our sisters and brothers of the church showing such great hospitality to their guests. Some local Radio and TV stations were at the airport to also capture the arrival of the Senior Bishop. Mr. Senior, General Officers and 1st lady, thank you for coming to the Motherland. Indeed, it was an honor to have you all at one of the

regional conferences in the 11th episcopal district of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

2024 DR Congo Regional Annual Conferences Held in Goma.

The 68th Bishop and Presiding Prelate of the 11th Episcopal District, Bishop K. Lawson Adjei opened the 2024 DR Congo Regional Conferences at Bethlehem CME Church in Goma on November 16th. In attendance were the Senior Bishop and Presiding Prelate of the 8th Episcopal District Bishop LL Reddick III, 1st Lady of the CME Church, Lady Wynde, 1st Lady Rev. Mercy Adjei of the 11th Episcopal District, General Officers Rev. Dr. Leon Moore and Rev. Dr. Ore Spragin, Guests from Rwanda Regional Conference: Mission Supervisor Dr. Mugongo, Lay Council President Honorable Philemon Bisengimana, Conference Officers, Pastors of our connection and delegates drawn from the various regions in DR Congo.

The day begun with a short devotion led by Mission Supervisor Mugongo after which the conference was constitutionally organized and opened.

Reports were received from Mission Supervisor Mugongo, Women's Missionary Society President Lay Council President, Youths and Young Adults Council President, Health Department etc. Bishop responded to the reports by commending all the leaders for their good stewardship.

Senior Bishop LL Reddick assisted Bishop Adjei to ordain 39 pastors to the Orders of Deacon and 7 ordained to the Orders of Elder. The General Secretary of Missions and Evangelism, Rev. Dr. Leon Moore preached the ordination sermon. He urged the ordinands to study and preach the word of God without fear or favor. 1st Lady Mercy sang to the admiration of the audience.

Bishop Adjei in responding to the reports from conference officers, promised to top up the Women's Missionary Council empowerment project with \$500.00. Further pledged to support the hospital with \$1,000.00 for medications and the children's

Department. Appeal for 20 sowing machines were made for Bishop Snorton Vocational School. Bishop Adjei promised to provide 5 sowing machines, Dr. Leon Moore also promised to provide 10 sowing machines, Honorable Philemon also promised to provide 10 sowing machines.

Bishop Adjei also urge the young Pastors to study Theology at the University. He promised to give 6 scholarships to our pastors to study Theology at our maiden University in DR Congo. The conference adjourned to 17th of November, 2024. To God alone be the glory.

Senior Bishop LL Reddick III Preached at The Closing Worship And Thanksgiving Service of DR Congo Regional Conferences Held in Goma.

The 2024 DR Congo Regional Annual Conferences adjourned on November 17th with a thanksgiving service. Presiding over the conference was Bishop K. Lawson Adjei. Guests Bishop to the conference was Senior Bishop LL Reddick III and 1st Lady Wynde, General Officers Rev. Dr. Leon Moore and Rev. Dr. Ore Spragin. The conference brought together Pastors of our connection, Lay leaders, Women's Missionary So-

Dr. Ore Spragin took the congregation on the introductory aspect of the Bold Steps Initiative, helping the delegates to grab the whole visionary concept of the Bold Steps initiative. Senior Bishop Reddick preached the closing sermon on the theme: "Stand Up & Fulfil Your Calling In The Kingdom of God" His text was rooted from 1Samuel 1:1-18. 1st lady Mercy sang once again to the admiration of the audience. Other unfinished business of the conference was taken care of by Bishop Adjei. Honorable Philemon and family presented cash of \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of sowing machines for Bishop

Snorton Vocational School. Gifts were presented by the Women's Missionary Council to 1st Ladies, Wynde, Mercy & Mrs. Mugongo. Character of all Pastors were passed by the Presiding Prelate. Presiding Elders and Pastors were stipends. All other financial commitments made by the Bishop was fulfilled. The conference adjourned with a closing hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Closing prayers were said by Bishop Adjei and Senior Bishop Reddick gave the Benediction. To God alone be the glory.admiration of the audience.

Photo Gallery



Senior Bishop Reddick Speaking at the 2024 DR Congo Annual Conference



1st Lady Mercy ministered songs to the DR Congo Annual conference



General Officer Ore Spragin speaks on Bood Steps Initiative to the 2024 DR Congo Annual Conference



Bishop Adjei addresses the 2024 DR Congo Annual Conference



Gifts presented to 1st Lady Wynde, Mercy, and Mugongo in DR Congo



Choir of Bethlehem CME Church in DR Congo Ministering Songs to the Conference



A section of Pastors and congregation at the DR Congo Annual Conference



Honourable Philemon Bisengimana Buradi of DR Congo was the recipient of Good Trouble award from the 11th Episcopal District



Bishop Adjei was the preacher at the International Worship Service of the 12th Annual Unity Summit in Dallas



1st Lady Mercy and Daughter Justina led Praise and Worship for the International Worship Service of the 2024 12th Unity Summit



Bishop Marvin Frank Thomas Sr. Chair of the 12th Annual Unity Summit in His African outfit during the International Worship Service.



Members of the College of Bishops worship at North Park CME Church in Dallas.



College of Bishops in group picture with all the recipients of Good Trouble Award in Dallas.



Honorable Philemon offering Prayers in French during the International Worship Service in Dallas.



1st Lady Wynde Greeting the 2024 DR Congo Annual Conference in Goma.



Bishop Adjei ordains Elders at Zimbabwe Region Annual Conference.



Bishop Adjei Preached the Communion Service in DR Congo Annual Conference



Boys and Girls Scout Mounted Guard of Honor to Welcome to the Senior Bishop and Spouse to DR Congo



Senior Bishop Reddick and Bishop Adjei Performed the Ordination Rituals at the 2024 DR Congo Annual Conference.



Women's Missionary Society President of DR Congo gives her annual report.



Bishop Adjei presents 2022 Book of Discipline to Mission Supervisor Zifungo of Zimbabwe



Members of the Ministers Spouses, Widows and Widowers during their session at the 12th Annual Unity Summit in Dallas.



Bishop Adjei presents \$500.00 to the President of the Women's Missionary Council for Women Empowerment in DR Congo

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