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2023 LAST QUARTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE/EVENTS

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN RETROSPECT

In retrospect, Bishop has successfully held the Kenya Region Annual Conference, Rwanda Region Annual Conference, Burundi Region Annual Conference, Uganda Region Annual Conference, Tanzania Region Annual Conference and the next is Democratic Republic of Congo.

DR CONGO REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT.

Bishop K. Lawson Adjei determined to finish the 2023 annual conferences of the 11th Episcopal District, set the DR Congo Region Annual Conference from October 27th - 29th 2023. DR Congo has four annual conferences but the bishop had to combine the 4 conferences together because of the activities of rebels and the state of instability in the country. Therefore, all the conferences for DR Congo were held in Goma. These brought together delegates from all the conferences to Goma for the conference to be held.

Bishops Arrival In DR Congo.

The Presiding Prelate of the 11th Episcopal District, Bishop K. Lawson Adjei arrived in Goma with 1st Lady Mercy Adjei on October 25th, 2023 to hold the annual conference of the regions. He was met on arrival by the Missions Supervisor, Rev. Dr. Dieudonne Mugongo and Honorable Philemon, who is a member of Parliament. Bishop and his wife were taken through protocol immigration formalities. Soon after the Bishop's arrival while waiting at the executive lounge of the airport, there was a heavy downpour which according to Mission Supervisor Mugongo, it's a signal of blessings the bishop has brought to DR Congo. Their cultural belief is that whenever there is rainfall immediately or after an occasion, it signifies blessings from God

BISHOP'S MISSIONARY VISITS IN GOMA

The Presiding Prelate of the 11th Episcopal District, Bishop K. Lawson

Adjei on Thursday, October 27th, 2023 resolved to do missions by visiting the hospital of the CME Church in Goma, DR Congo.

It's a small hospital that serves the community where it is located and also serve thousands of refugees displaced by the ongoing activities of rebels in the Country. Indeed, I saw some admitted government soldiers who were wounded by rebels at the hospital for treatment. With shortage of drugs at the hospital, Bishop Adjei, together with Mission Supervisor Mugongo, Honorable Philemon who is the Lay Council President, Hospital Administrator and the Pharmacist went to the market with Bishop to purchase medical drugs worth \$1,000.00 and presented to the Hospital to augment treatment of patients who could not afford to pay neither buy drugs prescribed by the doctors. I am told these medicines will save thousands of lives. Thanks to the CME Church especially the 8th Episcopal District for her financial support to the work of missions in the 11th Episcopal district. Bishop's next stop was a school complex under construction with grant of \$250,000.00 from the government of DR Congo to the church. The land on which the school is being built is yet to be purchased by the church. However, the short-leased gives them the go ahead to continue with the construction. The appeal in this regard is to support the purchasing of the land for our children to continue with their education.

Annual Conference Communion Service

Bishop K. Lawson Adjei will always want to prepare for his conference with a special service of prayers. This will serve as a special impetus for successful conference. Indeed, it has worked and therefore will continue unabated. Friday, October 28th, 2023, delegates who were arriving from far and near for the conference converged at Bethlehem CME Church in Goma for communion service. Hence an evening communion service held attracted members of the host church and the delegates. Mission Supervisor Dieudonne Mugongo preached the sermon



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.

Bishop Opens His 1st Session- al Annual Conference of DR Congo.

The 68th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop K. Lawson Adjei opened his 1st Sessional Annual conference of the DR Congo on October, 28th, 2023 at Bethlehem CME Church in Goma. It was 4 Annual Conferences combined together for security reasons. Delegates were drawn from far and near. Some of them when coming were hijacked by rebels after some negotiations, they were released. It took some of the delegates 2 days to arrive in Goma. The conference opened with

a devotion led by Rev. Bahati Jean. Bishop's opening statement was about the CME Polity on how annual conferences operate and how to become a preacher in the CME Church. Reports were received from the Mission Supervisor Dieudonne Mugongo, Women's Missionary Society, Youth and Young Adult Council, Lay Council, Christian Education, Director of Medical Services, Elders, Pastors etc. Significantly, 137 Churches were reported with total membership of 156,238, one medical

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hospital and 171 schools. Special guest of honor to the conference was the Speaker of Parliament of North Kivu Provinces, Rt. Honorable Seninga Robert. He commended the church for playing advocacy roles, educating future leaders of the country, offering medical services to the citizens and above all giving the spiritual food to the citizens.

Prayers were said for him and the government. He highly commended the bishop for coming to lift up the image of CME Church in DR Congo. First Lady Mercy preached the ordination sermon. She encouraged the ordinands to put their houses in order. 29 pastors were ordained to the orders of Deacon and 11 ordained to the orders of Elder.

Bishop presented 4 sowing machines to Bishop Snorton Vocational School to augment women empowerment by learning skills to become self-sufficient and reliant. Furthermore, Bishop presented a motorcycle to one of the assistant Mission Supervisors in DR Congo who works at a very deprived, remote area with acute poverty and little means of transportation. Hence to keep him working effectively to grow our churches, Bishop Adjei had to perform this gesture. Indeed, the people were blessed with the presence of the bishop. I can say that the Lord has used me to fortify the gains made by my predecessors, lifted

Bishop Adjourned DR Congo Conferences

The Presiding Prelate of the 11th Episcopal District, Bishop K. Lawson Adjei closes the DR Congo Regional Conferences with an explosive worship Service at Bethlehem CME Church in Goma on the October 29th 2023. Ironically, delegates were still arriving as rebels kept chasing them to collect their monies on their way to the conference.

A presiding Elder arrived today without any money on him. Songs were rendered from all the musical groups that were present. 1st Lady Mercy was presented with a piece of cloth from the Women's Missionary Council. Bishop received financial donation of \$500.00 from the Speaker of Parliament for his return ticket. Bishop gave the money to the Women's Missionary Council to support the micro finance project that was ongoing. The speaker of Parliament also blessed the church with 100 bags of cement for any church project. Passing of character was done after which certificates of appointment were presented.

Appointment for 2023-2024 was read by the Bishop. Mission Supervisor, four Assistant Mission Supervisors, 26 Presiding Elders, Conference Officers were all stipend by the Bishop to go back and work under the banner of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The conference adjourned till next year. Who else could have done this? Only God. To him alone be the glory.

2023 Unity Summit & Connectional Board Meeting

The 2023 Unity Summit & Connectional Board Meeting was held from August 20th- 25th 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The host was the 4th Episcopal District whose Presiding Prelate is Bishop Kenneth Wayne Carter. Members of the Board for the 11th Episcopal District both resident in USA and Africa were fully represented. Seasonal preachers and speakers were invited to the summit. Opening and presiding over the Connectional Board meeting was the Senior Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick III.

All active Bishops of the church were present. Service of the Holy Communion was held. Bishop Sylvester Williams, Presiding Prelate of the 3rd Episcopal District preached the sermon. Bishop K. Lawson Adjei read the Testament reading from Matthew 26:31-35; 69-75. The next Unity Summit of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will be held from September 1-6, 2024 in Dallas. The host Episcopal District is the 8th. Senior Bishop LL Reddick is the Presiding Prelate.

BISHOP ADJEI HONORED BY THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CME CHURCH

Bishop K. Lawson Adjei was honored by the Judicial Council of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in recognition, honor, and appreciation for twelve years of distinguished service as Justice to the Judicial Council of the CME Church.

11th Episcopal district members present congratulated the Bishop and took a group picture with him. Indeed, it was a surprise gift from the Council to the Bishop. Bishop Lawson deeply appreciated the gift and thanked all members of the Judicial Council for the gesture.

APPRECIATION:

The Eleventh Episcopal District will sincerely want to thank the Eight and sixth Episcopal District for their continues help and support to the missionary outreach of the 11th Episcopal District. It is a clear demonstration of the fact that the church is connected. We continue to appeal to all members of the CME Church to continue to give support to missions outside the walls of the United States of America.



Bishop K. Lawson Adjei displays the plaque of honor received from the Judicial Council of the CME Church

Bishop's New Year Message

We give God the glory for bringing us to another year. His grace has given us the power, wisdom and understanding to serve the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. While we admit that it has not been easy with some of our churches and membership in some parts of the 11th Episcopal District, we cannot stop saying thanks to the Almighty God for what he has done in 2023.

Bishop has travelled length and breadth of the 11th Episcopal District to hold his Annual Conferences. Outstanding reports that were received from some of our church leadership deserve some sort of highest commendations. Thanks for making it happened within the 11th district by our own means of indigenous leadership as Africans. It is my humbly appeal to our numerous church membership to continue holding on to our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only one who can carry all our burdens and give us rest.

Let us continue to fix our eyes on him for Jesus never fails. The year 2024 in my opinion, promises to be a year of God enlarging our territories in the 11th episcopal district. It might not be the same way of God, dealings with us but his love for us promises to be equal and this gives us the justification for holding on to him.

God bless us all and I wish each and everyone of our church membership Merry Christmas and Prosperous Happy New Year.



Bishops seated at the 2023 Connectional Board meeting in New Orleans



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The College of Bishops of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.



Bishop Adjei welcomes the Speaker of Parliament of DR Congo to the Goma Region Annual Conference



Bishop Adjei in exchange of pleasantries with President of the Republic of Ghana when Executive Council of the Christian Council called on Him at the seat of Government.



Bishop Adjei present medical drugs worth \$1000 to the CME hospital in DR Congo.



Bishop and 1st Lady Mercy present medical drugs to CME hospital in DR Congo.



School facility under construction with a grant of \$250,000.00 from the Government of DR Congo



Brass Band performing during the ordination service.



Congregation during the 2023 Annual Conference in DR Congo.



1st Lady Mercy received a piece of cloth as a gift from the Women's Missionary Council.



Bishop Adjei addresses the DR Congo Annual Conferences



Honorable Philemon, who is the Lay Council President of the DR Congo Annual conferences



Bishop Adjei and 1st Lady Mercy at Bethlehem CME Church in DR Congo



Certificate of Appointment Presented to the Lay Council President



Bishop Adjei presents \$500.00 to the Women's Missionary Council for Women Empowerment.



Bishop and 1st Lady Mercy in a group picture with some Conference Officers.



Bishop in a group picture with Pastors after the Sunday Worship Service at Bethlehem CME Church.



Bishop in a group picture with delegates who attended the 2023 Unity Summit and Connectional



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Bishop and 1st Lady Mercy are welcome with Brass Band escorts to the Bethlehem CME Church for evening worship.



Church youth choir performing during the evening worship.



Bishop Adjei led in the celebrations of the Holy Communion at Bethlehem CME Church in Goma, DR Congo.



Mission Supervisor Mugongo Preaching during the Communion Service in Goma.



Women's Missionary Society President presented her report to the Annual Conference



Bishop Adjei presents 4 sowing machines to Bishop Snorton Vocational School in Goma.



Speaker of Parliament addressing the DR Congo Regional Conference Session at Bethlehem CME Church.



Bishop Adjet presents a motorcycle to one of the Assistant Mission Supervisors in DR Congo



Bishop in a group picture with Speaker of Parliament, Mission Supervisor Mugongo, Honourable Philemon, etc. after the conference business session.



Prayers for the Speaker and Government of the Republic of DR Congo.



1st Lady Mercy rendered a solo at the Conference



Bishop seated to receive a report from the officers of the conference.



Delegates seated at the conference.



Pastors admitted on trial for ordination to the orders of Deacon



Bishop performs the ordination of candidates who were qualified to be ordained.



Candidates for ordination to the orders of Elder



Ordained Elders displaying their certificates of ordination in a group picture with Bishop Adjet



Choir performing during the ordination service.