

DIOCESE OF ENUGU
CHURCH OF NIGERIA (ANGLICAN COMMUNION)
THE MOTHER'S UNION, WOMEN'S GUILD & GIRLS GUILD
ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF ENUGU



BIENNIAL

ENUGU DIOCESAN MOTHER'S UNION

Conference

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Presented By:

Dr. Mrs RUBY NNEKA IKE

President:

ENUGU DIOCESAN WOMEN ORGANIZATIONS

THEME: "WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF REVIVAL" (PSALM 85:6)

❖ **The Lord Bishop,
The Rt. Rev'd Prof. Samuel
O. Ike, (Bishop of Enugu
Diocese)**

❖ **The Provincial President,
Dr. Mrs Faith C. Eze**

❖ **Diocesan Presidents and
their Representatives**

❖ **Vice Presidents**

❖ **The Clergy and Wives**

❖ **Mothers of Honour and
Bishop's Wife Nominees**

- ❖ **Knights and Ladies,**
- ❖ **Our Legal Advisers,**
- ❖ **Distinguished Delegates,**
- ❖ **Chaplains for the Conference**
- ❖ **All our Guests and well-wishers**
- ❖ **The Press;**

With a heart full of joy and gratitude to God, I honour, worship, and magnify the name of God who was, is, and shall be forever.

**His faithfulness is beyond
the cloud and we honour
Him the King of all creation.**

SONG

**Chineke anyi di nma,
eeh, O di nma
Onye ker'uwaa di nma,
eeh, O di nma.**

Beloved, we welcome, with the love of God, all participants to this great assembly in honour of God. You shall be blessed in Jesus name.

With great joy, I welcome and appreciate my husband, the Chief Shepherd and Patron of our beloved Diocese, The Rt. Rev'd Prof. Samuel O. Ike.

**We commit you ceaselessly
to the unwavering arms of
the Almighty, to uphold you
to the end.**

**May your garment never be
stained and may you end
your race at His feet in Jesus
name, Amen.**

**We welcome our Provincial
President, Dr. Mrs. Faith
Chukwunenye Eze, all
Provincial and Diocesan
Presidents.**

**May God bless you all and
keep you burning until His
return in Jesus name, Amen.**

**Joyfully, we welcome Mama
Province and Mama Enugu
Emeritus, Dr. Mrs Joyce
Chukwuma, whose imprints
in our midst can never be
forgotten soon.**

**Our Diamond Mummy,
Nno Nne,
Chukwu gozie gi.**

**I welcome our Legal Adviser,
Lady Barr. Nnenna Uko, other
Legal luminaries, Coordinator,
Diocesan Ladies of the Knight
of the Good Shepherd,**

**Lady Barr. Mrs. Annie
Enweani, the President,
Diocesan Council of the Knight,
Archdeacons, Canons, and all
the Clergy men here present.**

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Vice Presidents and Venerables' wives.

Thank you for your encouragement and support.

**I joyfully welcome the
Bishop's wife nominees and
friends of Bishop's wife, you
are indeed wonderful.**

**May God bless you for your
sacrifices.**

Our hearty appreciation also goes to those who contributed to the success of this conference, especially the host church, Holy Trinity Church, Awkunanaw;

**the Archdeacon, Ven. Dr.
Chinedu Anyachukwu and his
amiable wife Mrs. Peace
Anyachukwu.**

**I will not forget the Diocesan
Women Executives,**

**Diocesan Central Planning
Committee - ably led by Dr.
Mrs. Chinyere Agbo and
Clergy wives.**

**Your labours will never be in
vain.**

**I also welcome our Diocesan
Women's Chaplains, Rev.
Nathaniel Nnadi and Rev.
Anselem Ejike.**

BRIEF PROFILE OF
VENERABLE DR. TIMOTHY
O. AGBO

Timothy Onyemaechi Agbo
is an Anglican Clergyman of
the Diocese of Enugu.
Born into the family of late
Mr. Uwadiiegwu Paul & Mrs.
Amuche Grace Agbobe Chukwu,

of Obeagu-Uno Awkunanaw
Enugu, he attended the
Community Primary School
and **Union Secondary School
Awkunanaw** for his primary
and post–primary formal
education, respectively.

After a very brief engagement with the old Anambra State Civil Service, he resigned, following a strong inner persuasion and conviction,

**for a call to the full time
Ministry of the Gospel.**

**He joined the old Enugu
Diocese as a Church teacher
in November 1990.**

**To the glory of God, Tim is
happily married to Mrs.**

Nnenna Ann Tim-Agbo.

**They are blessed with godly
children.**

BRIEF PROFILE OF
VEN. DR. DAVISON
OBI UDODI (PH.D.)

The Ven. Dr. Davidson Udodi
is an Anglican Priest of the
charismatic order, a preacher
and a teacher of God's word.
He is happily married to **Mrs.**
Joy Nneka Udodi,

**a renowned Accountant and a
child of God. They are blessed
with four God fearing children.**

**His encounter with the
Lord Jesus, as personal Lord**

**and Saviour, happened on 1st
February, 1986, during his
Secondary School days at
Naraguta Grammar School,
Jos, Plateau State.**

ACTIVITIES OF THE WOMEN

INTRODUCTION

**It is with great joy that we
present the report of the
activities of the **Women
Ministry** of Enugu Diocese.**

**We are really grateful to God
Almighty for yet another year.**

**He has been so kind and
merciful to us. To Him alone
be all the glory forever and
ever in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**We equally want to use this
medium to once again
congratulate our new Bishop
and wife, THE RT. REV'D
PROF. SAMUEL OBIAJULU
and DR. Mrs RUBY N. IKE,**

**for their successful consecration
and enthronement as the
new Bishop and wife of our
great Diocese. May the Lord
continue to bless and guide
you both in Jesus Name. Amen.**

**and enthronement as the
new Bishop and wife of our
great Diocese. May the Lord
continue to bless and guide
you both in Jesus Name.
Amen.**

ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS RE-
DEDICATION
CONVENTION/RETREAT

The Women began the year's activities with re-dedication convention /retreat for all workers from Friday 31st Jan. to Saturday 1st Feb. in our various Archdeaconries.

Then on Sunday 2nd, the re-dedication/thanksgiving service was held for all at the Cathedral Church of the Good Shepherd Independence Layout by the Bishop,

the Rt. Rev. Prof. Samuel Obiajulu Ike and wife. This marked the beginning of the year for the women. We give glory to God for the huge success.

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GIRLS' GUILD WEEK

**The 2024 Girls Guild week
was observed from 26th
August to 1st September, 2024.
The theme was “Call upon me
and I will answer thee”
(Jer.33:3).**

The conference was organized in unit and Archdeaconry levels.

The activities include:

- ❖ exposition on the theme,**
- ❖ bible study on the theme,**

❖ **prayer/mid-week,**

❖ **seminar,**

❖ **practical session, and**

Thanksgiving in our churches.

**We give glory to God for
making it successful.**

CLERGY WIVES' RETREAT

Clergy Wives' retreat was held on 5th October 2024.

Venue was St. Bartholomew's Church, Asata, Enugu.

**The retreat featured praise
and worship, exhortation and
intercessory prayers.**

**It was quite a wonderful time
in God's presence.**



CELEBRATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN

**The 2024 Celebration of
Anglican Women was held on
Sunday, 27th October, in our
different churches.**

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S
GOODNESS AND MERCY

**The Diocesan Women Annual
Thanksgiving Service
(Celebration of God's Goodness
and Mercy) took place on
Sunday, 10th November, 2024,
in our various churches.**



WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' GUILD ENROLLMENT

**The 2024 Women's and Girls'
Guild enrollment service
by the Bishop, Rt.Rev'd Prof.
Samuel Obiajulu Ike,
was held on Wednesday,
6th November, 2024,**

**at Ebenezer Anglican Church,
Independence Layout and
Wednesday, 13th November,
2024, at Christ Redemption
Church, W.T.C. Ogui New
Layout.**

**A total of four hundred and
Ninety (490) Women and
Girls were enrolled into the
Women's and Girls' Guild.**

DIOCESAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

**The 2024 Diocesan Women
Christmas party and calendar
unveiling was held on 14th
December, at the Bishop's Court.**

The women came out in their numbers, and we thank the President for taking good care of the women from the diocesan purse.

WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer took place on 7th of March, 2025, with the theme, **"I Made You Wonderfully,"** prepared by the WDP Committee, Cook Islands.
Text: Psalm 139:14.

ALONE WITH GOD

Alone with God is one of the power-packed fasting and prayer retreats of the women of Enugu Diocese.

It takes place twice in a year, first Sunday in Lent, and Advent.

The first quarter was held on 9th March 2025, with the theme, “Revive Thy Work, O! Lord!” (Psalm 85:6).

The women came out en-mass from their different parishes and churches to pray.

Women look forward to this programme because of the testimonies that follow it.

**The venue was Anglican Girls Grammar School,
Awkunanaw, Enugu.**

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary was observed on Monday 25th March, 2025 in our various churches.

2025

MOTHERING SUNDAY

**This year's Mothering
Sunday was celebrated on
30th March 2025, with the
theme, "Oh Lord, Revive Thy
Work in our families"
(Habakkuk 3 v 2).**

There were varieties of activities in our various churches. Women were made to understand the need for revival in their families.

A major highlight was the visit by all the Archdeacons to different schools, hospitals, and motherless Babies Home. It was a resounding success to the glory of God.

EARLY MORNING
EASTER CAROL

**The 2025 early morning
Easter carol was observed on
20th April in our various
church premises, we give God
all the glory for the huge
success.**

BETHEL HOME CONVENT

BACKGROUND

To the glory of God, Bethel Home Convent was planted in September, 2007, through the vision of the vision bearer and the founder; Dr. (Mrs.) J.N. Chukwuma (Diamond Mummy).

The motto of the school is “In God We Trust.”

The story of this citadel of learning is one of ever advancing successes in morals, academics, and other areas of pursuit,

and this has been our driving force and focus.

Bethel Home Convent started with a population of **fifteen (15) students.**

The present population of the students now is one hundred and nine (109) students.

Our former Proprietress; Dr. Mrs. Joyce Chukwuma, before her retirement in January 2024, landscaped the school which added more beauty to the school.

The Valedictory Service of the School for the out-gone 2023/2024 graduands took place on 12th July, 2024, under the leadership of the Supervisory Bishop's wife;

**Barr. (Mrs.) Nneka Onyia,
who read her Farewell and
Valedictory Speech for the
2023/2024 graduands.**

**The former Proprietress; our
beloved Mummy; Dr. (Mrs.)
Joyce Chukwuma was also in
attendance.**

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

The school registered her students for both WASSCE and NECO for the 2023/2024 academic session. The J.S.S. 3 students were also registered,

**for the Basic Education
Certificate Examination (BECE).**

**Our students performed
excellently in their external
examinations and we thank
God for this success.**

The summary of the
result is as follows:

Total % Pass	90.4
Total % Credit and above	88
Total % below Credit	12

VISITATIONS

The members of the school Board, and the members of the Diocesan Education Board paid an 'on-the-spot-check' visit to the school, on 7th May, 2024, and on 21st January, 2025,

**to know the level of our
compliance over our teaching
methods, writing of lesson
notes, teaching of students, and
keeping of the school records,**

**on which they highly
commended the teachers, and
also gave them some advice
on the best approaches to
adopt for effective teaching
and learning experiences.**

**“Mama Nike,” the
Supervisory Bishop’s wife,
Barr. (Mrs.) Nneka Onyia, also
visited the school on 24th
January, 2024, and she was
highly impressed,**

on the level of cleanliness she met in the school on her visit.

She also organized the Women of Enugu Diocese, who visited the students,

**during the last year's
Mothers' Day Celebration.**

**Also, women from Emmanuel
Anglican Church, Achara
Layout, Enugu, and Nara
Archdeaconries of the Diocese**

visited the school with bags of garri, gallons of palm oil, and coolers of cooked rice on 8th March, 2024, in preparation for the forthcoming **Mothering Sunday,**

while the women from All Saints Church, G.R.A, Enugu, visited on the proper day of the **Mothering Sunday; 10th March, 2024.**

The students enjoyed the visits and we appreciated “Mama Nike” and the Women for the visits, and above all, we thank God Almighty who made it to be so.

RENOVATION WORKS

**Upon assumption of office,
the new Proprietress, Dr. Mrs.
Ruby Ike (Mama Enugu),
swung into action by
renovating/repairing some of
the properties in the school,**

which were in bad shape, in the Administrative block, the Hostel, the Kitchen areas, the ICT laboratory etc.

INCREMENT IN STAFF SALARIES

We also brought joy to the hearts of the workers by increasing their salaries, which had been stagnant for over ten (10) years.

**I pray that God will
strengthen and encourage
her for the work of revival
required in the school.**



CHALLENGES AND PLANS FOR PROGRESS

We are having a major challenge in the area of our students' population, which we are trusting God for His timely intervention to bring us more students in Jesus' name, Amen.

**In view of the school's
determination to attain an
enviable height, we still
implore the Diocese and
philanthropists to assist us in
the following areas of need;**

LANGUAGE STUDIO

The school needs other gadgets in addition to her interactive board, so as to make our studio functional.

LIBRARY

We appeal to our friends and well-wishers to donate more books for our library.

SPORTING FACILITIES

The students need Volleyball, Basketball, and Badminton courts in the school, as these facilities will help to develop them in their skills.

COMPUTER SYSTEMS

The school still needs more computer-sets that will be enough with the number of students in a class and during lessons.

SEWING MACHINES

Students are already practising sewing as part of their skill acquisition with the two sewing machines donated to the school,

**by the retired Archbishop,
The Most Rev. Dr. E. O.
Chukwuma (OON).**

**We appeal for donations for
more machines.**

ADVERTISEMENT

(GIRL CHILD EDUCATION)

We appeal to our Anglican members to patronize their school. This is a big challenge to us as Anglicans. The standard of the school is high,

and we are among the best schools with standard, good, and competent teachers.

We should not look down on the school; rather we should encourage the school to grow.

**We are grateful to God
Almighty for His blessings so
far and we trust and believe
Him for greater
achievements, God being our
helper.**

We appreciate our father in the Lord, Rt. Rev. Prof. Samuel O. Ike (Enugu Diocesan) and his wife, Dr. Mrs Ruby N. Ike, for their devotion towards Education in Enugu Diocese.

**The unalloyed efforts/visits
of the Board members, the
Diocesan Women, are worth
commendable.**

We thank God for them.

The School Chaplain, Rev. Arinze Mkpuru is also appreciated for his roles in the moral aspect of the training of the students.

We equally appreciate the support of the **staff of this school, the **PTA Executives** and the **entire Parents** of this School for their supports towards this school.**

MARKETING UNIT:

The Marketing unit did their best during our last 2023 Mothers Union Conference, held at the Church of Resurrection Power, New Haven Enugu.

The No.1 shop stand was stocked with items like Original Okpei, Original honey, well perfumed liquid soap, Air freshener,

**Mother's Union, Women's
Guild, and Mothers of
Honour's scarves, varieties
of fruits and well-prepared
Local food.**

The **shop of the Women
Organization of Enugu
Diocese at the **Akanu-Ibiam,
International Airport**, is still
functioning but presently
under-going upgrading process.**

The Maternity shop at Good Shepherd Specialist Hospital, by the grace of God is also waxing strong.

To God be the glory.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' GUILD
ALONE WITH GOD

**The Diocesan Girls' Guild
Alone with God was held on
Saturday 3rd May, 2025 at
Emmanuel Anglican Church,
Achara Layout Enugu.**

**The Theme was, “Revive Your
Work in Me, O Lord”
(Habakkuk 3:2).**

**We give God glory for the
success.**

SINGLE LADIES' RETREAT

**Diocesan Single Ladies'
Retreat was held on Saturday
24th May, 2025 at St. Barth's
Anglican Church, Asata Enugu.**

**The Theme was, “My Identity,
My Pride.”**

**It was quite a refreshing time
in God’s presence.**

WIDOW'S CONFERENCE

**The 2025 Archdeaconry
Widow's Conference was held
on 24th May, 2025, in our
various Archdeaconries.**

**Then the thanksgiving on the
25th May, 2025 at Christ
Redemption Church, WTC Ogui.**

**Theme: “For I am the Lord, I
change not” (Malachi 3:6).**

DIOCESAN MATTERS

DIOCESAN
EPISCOPAL EVENTS

**Advent Ordination and
Collation was held on Sunday,
8th Dec., 2024.**

**The following were made
Deacons:**

**1. Rev. Stanley Oluchukwu
Amanfu**

**2. Rev. Chibuokem Kasarachi
Eze**

**3. Rev. Onyekachukwu
Ezechukwu**

**4. Rev. Ezeugwu Vincent
Chukwuemeka**

**5. Rev. Onwurafor Uzochukwu
Ndukaeze**

**6. Rev. Royal-Samuel Chinedu
Udekwe**

The following were ordained

Priests:

- 1. Rev. Chisom Egolum**
- 2. Rev. Ikechukwu Chime
(moved to Oji River
Diocese on secondment)**

The following were collated **Archdeacons:**

- 1. Ven. Dr. O. C. Obiokoye as**
Archdeacon, Investment,
Entrepreneurship and
Social Welfare.

**2. Ven. Prof. Samuel
Uwaezuoke as Archdeacon,
Hospital Chaplaincy.**

**3. Ven. Prof. Chikere
Anusiem as Archdeacon,
Diocesan Hospital Services.**

CONFIRMATIONS DONE SO FAR

S/ N	Archdeaconry	Date	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total
1.	Nara Archdeaconry	11th May, 2025	22	89	111
2.	Cathedral Archdeaconry	8th June, 2025	19	24	43

DEDICATIONS/
FOUNDATION STONE
LAYING/
INAUGURATION

1. Dedication of the Good Shepherd Specialist Hospital Cafeteria - 2nd Dec., 2024.

2. Foundation Stone Laying of Emmanuel Anglican Secondary School Extension – 15th Dec., 2024.

3. Dedication of the Vicarage at Anglican Church of Resurrection Ukwu Agbani - 21st Dec., 2024.

4. Foundation Stone Laying of the Office complex at Church of Resurrection Power, New Haven- 22nd Dec., 2024.

5. Dedication of the **Teen Church Worship Hall** at Christ Redemption Church Ogui – 14th Feb., 2025.

6. Dedication of **Children Worship Centre** at All Souls' Church, Railway Quarters – 22nd Feb., 2025.

**7. Inauguration of Akpugo
Missionary Archdeaconry-1st
March, 2025.**

**8. Foundation Stone Laying of
St. James Anglican Church,
Amechi-Uno -22nd March, 2025.**

**9. Foundation Stone Laying
of the Vicarage of Chapel
of Victory, Federal
Government College,
Enugu - 23rd March, 2025.**

**10. Dedication of the Office
Complex/Charity Store at
Church of Resurrection
Power, New Haven - 27th
April, 2025.**

11. Dedication of **Parsonage** at
His Grace Anglican Church,
Mburumbu Nara – 11th May, 2025.

12. Dedication of **Church building**
at St. Stephen's Anglican Church,
Aji, Ndi Uno Amechi - 17th
May, 2025.

CELEBRATIONS / ANNIVERSARIES

1. Centenary celebration of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church Asata - 1st Dec., 2024.

2. 50th Year Anniversary celebration of Emmanuel Anglican Church, Achara Layout – 15th Dec., 2024.

3. The wedding of Chukwuka Kingsley and Winner Chinemerem, the daughter of Rev'd Canon Dr. Maxwell Onyia - 11th January, 2025.

4. Thanksgiving service of Sir Dan Chukwuka, after God's deliverance from fire disaster on 25th January 2025 - 13th April, 2025.

**5. Wedding of Rev'd Canon
Prof. Uzochukwu Aniebue
and Sis. Joy - 26th April, 2025.**

**6. 25th Year Anniversary of
Church of Resurrection
Power, New Haven- 27th
April, 2025.**

7. Wedding of Rev. Chukwuma Okonkwo & Sis. Uche -3rd May, 2025.

8. Wedding of Jonathan Agbo Jnr. (son of Ven. Dr. JC Agbo) & Sis. Grace - 7th June, 2025.

**9. Wedding of Michael
Chukwuka Oforgu & Sis.
Crystal Nwabugo Aghadi, the
daughter of Ven. Dr. NNPC
Aghadi - 21st June, 2025.**

OTHER DIOCESAN EVENTS

- 1. Advent Diocesan Women
Alone with God - 1st Dec., 2024.**
- 2. Diocesan Christmas Carol-
11th Dec., 2024.**
- 3. Combined Diocesan and
Finance Board - 12th Dec., 2024.**

**4. End of Year Colloquium for
Diocesan Council of Knights -
14th December, 2024.**

**5. End of Year Get-Together for
all clergy & wives, retired
clergy etc. - 18th Dec., 2024.**

- 6.** Diocesan **Re-dedication Service** - 2nd Feb., 2025.
- 7.** Diocesan **Mission Conference** - 14th - 16th Feb., 2025.
- 8.** Diocesan Community **Hymn Singing** - 2nd March, 2025.

- 9.** Diocesan Clergy **Ash Wednesday** service -5th March, 2025.
- 10.** Diocesan **PCC Retreat** - 8th March, 2025.
- 11.** Lenten Diocesan Women **Alone with God** -9th March, 2025.

**12. Great Commission
Movement-facilitated, Clergy
Retreat on Church planting
and One-On-One Evangelism
11th - 12th March, 2025.**

**13. Diocesan Men Alone with
God - 16th March, 2025.**

**14. Colloquium/Election of the
Knights of the Good
Shepherd - 29th March, 2025.**

**15. Anglican Communion
Brigade One Day Workshop -
5th April, 2025.**

**16. Licensing of Lay Readers of
Enugu Diocese - 26th April, 2025.**

**17. Anglican Diocese of Enugu
Security Network Workshop -
25th - 26th April, 2025.**

18. Diocesan Music Council Easter Cantata - 27th April, 2025.

19. Diocesan Peoples' Warden Retreat - 3rd May, 2025.

20. Diocesan Music Council Liturgical Music Workshop - 21st June, 2025.

OUR JOYS

AWARDS OF DEGREES:

- 1. Dr. Mrs Chinyere Agbo – Ph.D. (Entrepreneurship Studies, ESUT).**
- 2. Rev. Dr. Victor Nvene – Ph.D. (Public Health, College of Medicine, UNEC).**

**3. Rev. Dr. Felix Ononiwu -
Ph.D. (Church History,
Department of Religion &
Human Relations – Nnamdi
Azikiwe University, Awka).**

4. Rev. Paul Edeani – Masters in Applied Theology (Bethel Theological College, Enugu).

5. Rev. Johnson S. Ogenyi – Masters in Sociology of Religion, St. Paul's Theological College, Awka

NEW BIRTHS:

- 1. Rev. & Mrs Emmanuel Obasi**
New-born baby boy.
- 2. Rev. & Mrs Ernest Mba –**
New-born baby girl.

**3. Rev. & Mrs Onyedikachi
Lebeze - New-born baby girl.**

**4. Rev. & Mrs Joshua
Nwankwo –
New-born baby girl.**

SOME OF
OUR SORROWS

1. Burial of Chief Erasmus Mba,
the father of Rev. Ernest
Mba – 2nd Nov., 2024.

2. Burial of Late Dr. Mrs Nwogo
Aghadi, wife of Ven. Dr.
NNPC Aghadi - 6th Dec., 2024.

- 3. Burial of Late Rev. Canon
Bennett Ndie - 4th Feb., 2025.**
- 4. Burial of Lady Ngozika
Ezechukwu, the visioner of the
Zeraphath Women Ministry of
the Cathedral - 8th Feb., 2025.**

5. Death of Dame Dr. Gail
Osakwe – on 21st February,
2025.

6. Burial of Sir Ernest Iloebuani
Umeonye, on 14th March,
2025.

7. Burial of Evang. Mrs Philomena Oby Ogbuefi, mother-in-law to Rev. Canon Dr. Fidelis Nwaiwu - 21st March, 2025.

8. Burial of Elder Innocent Ugwuanyi, father of Rev. Canon Joel Ugwuanyi - 3rd April, 2025.

**9. Burial of Ezinne Obochi Eze,
the mother-in-law to Rev.
Canon Elochukwu Okechukwu -
16th April, 2025.**

**10. Death of Sir Dr. Samuel
Akabuogu, on 23rd April, 2025.**

11. Burial of **Mr. Emmanuel Uche**,
the Church Teacher serving at
Emmanuel Church Uzamagu,
Akpugo - 6th May, 2025.

12. Burial of Ezinne Dorothy
Ezinwa, **mother of Ven. Ben.**
Ezinwa – 9th May, 2025.

**13. Burial of Late Elder Benedict
Nnadiugwu, the father-in-law
to Canon Dr. Chijioke Udeh,
the Education Secretary of
the Diocese - 16th May, 2025.**

14. Burial of Ezinne Comfort
Aneke, the mother-in-
law to Rev. Jude Uzoma
– 23rd May, 2025.

**15. Burial of Late Mrs.
Evelyn Agu, mother of
our Synod Secretary,
Rev. Canon Ifeanyi Agu
PhD - 29th May, 2025.**

16. The death of the **one month old baby** of Rev. and Mrs Prince Agba.

17. The death of **Mr. Gabriel Ali**, the Sexton of St. Paul's Church Chinatown.

18.The Burial of of **Rev.**

**Robinson Aniatu, on the 4th
of July, 2025.**

PROVINCE OF ENUGU NEWS

**Provincial Council and
Mothers' Union Executive
Meetings were hosted at St.
Peter's Cathedral Church Ameka,**

**Diocese of Ikwo, Ebonyi State,
from 4th - 5th February, 2025,
with the theme, “**Shall He
Find Faith on the Earth**”
(Luke 18:8^b).**

2025 JOINT COUNCIL
OF PROVINCES
AND MOTHERS' UNION
EXECUTIVE MEETING
EAST OF THE NIGER

The meeting took place at St. Michael's Anglican Church, Rumumasi, Evo Diocese, from 15th - 16th February, 2025, at Port-Harcourt, Rivers State.

**The theme of the Conference
was, “Kept by His Mercy”
(Lamentation 3:22)**

2025 BISHOPS AND WIVES'
RETREAT:

**The 2025 Annual Bishops and
Wives' Discipleship Retreat
was held from Tuesday 7th –
10th January, 2025,**

**at Sharon House, Episcopal
Road, Onitsha, Diocese on
the Niger.**

**The theme was “Mentoring in
Discipleship: Barnabas Examples.”**

ELECTIONS, PRESENTATION
OF ARCHBISHOPS AND
CONSECRATION
OF BISHOPS:

BISHOPS :

SN	NAME	DIOCESE
1	Rt. Rev. Matthew Tamunotan Ogaze	Ogbia
2	Rt. Rev. Dr. Ikechukwu Michael Egbunonu	Oji River
3	Rt. Rev. Owen Amos Ukafia	Uyo

SN	NAME	DIOCESE
4	Rt. Rev. Nuhu Yohana	Katsina
5	Rt. Rev. Prof. Samuel O. Ike	Enugu
6	Rt. Rev. Dr. Ephraim Gongden	Jos
7	Rt. Rev. Dr. John Obinali	Okigwe

SN	NAME	DIOCESE
8	Rt. Rev. Titus Alkali	Wusasa
9	Rt. Rev. Godwin Odubena	Ijebu North
10	Rt. Rev. Benard Hanson	Ahoada
11	Rt. Rev. Samuel Ifeyemi	Osun North

ARCHBISHOPS :

SN	NAME	PROVINCE
1	The Most Rev'd Isreal Amoo	Kwara
2	The Most Rev'd Dr. Sosthenes Eze	Enugu
3	The Most Rev'd Williams O. Aladekugbe	Ibadan

SN	NAME	PROVINCE
4	The Most Rev'd Alexander Ibezim	Niger
5	The Most Rev'd Isaac Nwaobia	Aba

CHURCH OF NIGERIA MATTERS:

DIVCCON 2024 held at Abuja
from Nov. 11-15, 2024.

**This all important conference
has added great spiritual values
to its delegates or participants
yearly to the glory of God.**

**ANNUAL BISHOPS AND
WIVES' RETREAT** of the
Church of Nigeria (Anglican
Communion) was held at the
Sharon House, Diocese on
the Niger, from Tuesday, 7th,

**to Saturday, 11th January,
2025.**

**It was a time of wonderful
spiritual rejuvenation for all
the participants.**

2024 CHURCH OF NIGERIA
STANDING COMMITTEE / MOTHERS
UNION EXECUTIVE MEETING:

**This was hosted by Diocese of
Nike at the St. Andrew's
Basilica, Hill View Trans-Ekulu,**

**Enugu, from 17th – 20th Sept,
2024, with the theme, “The
Lord Who Heals: Perfect
Healing of the People and
Nation”. We congratulate the
Bishop of Nike Diocese,**

**the Rt. Rev'd Dr. Onyeka
Onyia, his wife, Barr. Nneka
Onyia, and the entire Diocese
for hosting the Standing
Committee.**

ELECTION/PRESENTATION OF
ARCHBISHOPS:

**The Archbishop of the Province
of the Niger, **The Most Rev'd
Dr. Alexander Ibezim,** and the
Archbishop, of the Province**

**of Aba, The Most Rev'd Isaac
Nwaobia** were re-elected
for the second term of five
years each, at the Annual
Bishops and Wives Retreat,
of the Church of Nigeria

**(Anglican Communion), held
from 7th – 11th Jan., 2025, at
the Sharon House, Episcopal
House Drive, Ozalla Hill,
Onitsha, Anambra State.**

They were presented,

**on Tuesday, 18th Feb., 2025,
at St. Cyprian's Church,
Hospital Road, Port Harcourt,
Diocese of Niger Delta, during
the Standing Committee of
the Church of Nigeria.**

THE STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE
CHURCH OF NIGERIA
(ANGLICAN COMMUNION)

**This was held from
Monday 17th to Friday 21st Feb.,
2025 at St. Cyprians' Anglican
Church, Port Harcourt, Diocese
of Niger Delta, Rivers State,**

**with the theme: “The Bond of
Peace: The Care of the Life
and Ministry of the Church”
(Ephesians 4:3).**

**It was very successful to the
glory of God.**

DEATH OF BISHOPS & BISHOPS' WIVES:

**We commiserate with the
following families:**

**Archbishop Michael Akinyemi
(Retired Bishop of Akoko), and
Archbishop Akinde, (Retired
Bishop Lagos Mainland),**

**over the death of their wives,
respectively, Late Mrs
Aderoju Akinyemi, and Late
Mama Akinde.**

THE JOSHUA
GENERATION
INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH
CONFERENCE (JGIYC)

**The 2025 Youth Conference
was held at Moshood Abiola
Stadium, Abuja, from Monday,
28th April to Saturday, 3rd May,
2025, with the theme,
“Ambassadors for Christ.”**

**We praise God for travelling
mercies granted our youths,
130 of whom participated in
this Conference from our
Diocese.**

**We appreciate the support
of individuals and churches
who made the trip less
burdensome.**

STATE OF THE NATION

(NIGERIA)

**On May 29th 2025, Nigeria's
democracy, since the start of
the 4th Republic, turned one
score and 6 years!**

**Nevertheless, some Nigerians
have recently argued that,**

**there has been, if any,
minimal gain of democracy in
Nigeria.**

**While the argument as to
the correctness or wrongness
of fuel subsidy removal,**

and floating of the Naira seem to have reduced, the President should be reminded of the dangers of breaking a coconut on a man's head, in order to

**feed him with a piece of the
same coconut, especially
after a record borrowing of
\$6.45 billion (about 10.1
Trillion Naira) between May
2023 and September 2024.**

It is necessary to remind the President that time is speeding away, and carrying with it, the hope he promise renew.

The resurgence of insecurity, worsening food crises,

and **standard of living** of most Nigerians, as well as accusations of **nepotism** (as was prevalent in the Buhari administration), continues to dominate national discourse.

**The President has however,
made sweeping promises,
assuring Nigerians in his 2025
New Year message, that their
sacrifices, *“will not be in vain
even in the months ahead.”***

Whether those words can be taken to the bank is another matter entirely.

In the interim, Nigerians continue to yearn for electoral reforms, improved security and the total overhaul of the 1999 constitution, as possible legacies the government can leave.

EDUCATION & YOUTH RESTIVENESS:

**The President deserves
commendation on his **Student
Loan Scheme**, which according
to the Presidency, has seen
600,000 students receive **over
104billion Naira**.**

This is a welcomed development, especially if it is able to continuously target the indigent students, for whom it was meant.

However, we must not forget,

that a staggering **10.2million**
children of primary school age
and **8.1million children** of
secondary school age are still
out of school and are a time
bomb waiting to explode.

To detonate this bomb, every state government must ensure that a reasonable percentage of its budget is channeled to education without diversion into private pockets,

or the belly of snakes as was reported in 2018.

The government should prioritize the needs of the youths, who for the most part, are demanding for good governance.

**Their voices should be heard
and government has to engage
in continuous dialogue with
them, since any attempt at
stifling their voices will only
lead to a less desirable result,**

**as with the recent, youth-led
30-Day-Rant-Challenge.**

**In addition, every effort should
be made to reduce the number
of unemployed youths as this
will aid in reducing restiveness.**

**The losses of the 2020 “#End
SARS” protest are still fresh in
the minds of Nigerians.**

STATE OF THE NATION

(ENUGU STATE)

We commend the unparalleled effort of the Enugu State government in the areas of infrastructural development, security, and education!

With the signing of the **N971 billion 2025 budget** into law, out of which capital expenditure represents **86%**, and education receiving **33%**,

Governor Peter Mbah has demonstrated his intention to revolutionize the entire landscape of Enugu State. The bill to amend the 2004 Landlord and Tenant Law,

**The bill to amend the 2004
Landlord and Tenant Law, in
the House of Assembly has
also not gone unnoticed.
As this, when signed into law,**

will help alleviate the burden on tenants who struggle with excessive charges, such as, legal fees, agency fees, caution fees and caretaker's commission.

Earlier in the year, **President Bola Tinubu** was here to inaugurate key projects within the state, including 30 “**Smart Green Schools**”,

**rural road rehabilitations,
urban road renewals,
and the deployment of 150
patrol vehicles, equipped
with advanced AI-embedded
surveillance technology.**

Unfortunately, despite these strides, there has been recurring reports of killings in **Uzo-Uwani (LGA), Enugu State, as insurgents, reportedly herdsmen,**

**have unleashed attacks on
the agrarian communities. This
is, therefore, imploring the
governor, to make greater effort,**

**in securing the length and
breadth of Enugu State, and
leave a legacy of**

SECURED ENUGU STATE!

THEME

WE ARE ON
THE THRESHOLD
OF REVIVAL

[PSALM 85:6]

**By the great mercy of God,
through the Holy Spirit, we
have been running with this
theme in the Diocese.**

**We shall explore this theme in
Eight (8) segments. They are:**

- 1. BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE THEME.**
- 2. WHAT IS REVIVAL AND DEFINITION?**
- 3. WHAT IS NOT NECESSARILY REVIVAL?**

- 4. WHEN SHOULD REVIVAL BE DESIRED?**
- 5. CONDITIONS TO MEET FOR US TO HAVE REVIVAL.**
- 6. WAVES OF REVIVAL IN HISTORY AND IN OUR GENERATION.**

7. WE CAN HAVE REVIVALS.

**8. IMPLICATION OF THE THEME
FOR OUR WOMEN AND
THE DIOCESE.**

1

BRIEF
BACKGROUND
OF THE THEME.

After a period of sin and repentance, the author of Psalm 85 asks the Lord to show mercy to his people. He asked God to turn away His anger from the nation,

**and restore their land. He
longed for God's salvation and
to see faithfulness springing
up from the ground and
righteousness filling the sky.**

The Northern kingdom of Israel was taken into Assyrian captivity in 722/21 BC, and the Southern kingdom in 586 BC.

A remnant of all 12 Tribes of Israel returned to the promised land when Cyrus of Persia allowed the initial group of captives to return in 586 BC.

**Because of their apostasy,
Israel had been taken away
into captivity. Because of their
repentance while in bondage,
they were allowed to return.**

The Psalm had turned to prayer when the initial captives returned, they were met with opposition. The opposition was so much,

**that they ceased rebuilding
the walls of Jerusalem.**

**However, through the grace
of God, they were allowed to
return (Ezra Chapter 4:1–end).**

The general opinion is that this Psalm 85 was written after the return of the Jews out of their captivity in Babylon,

**when they still remained,
under some measure of God's
displeasure, which they here
pray for the removal of.**

The “Church” here was in a deluge, above were clouds, before were waves, everything was dark and dismal.

The Psalmist closed with hope that God will answer the petition to deliver them from the trouble they were experiencing in the rebuilding.

**The condition for receiving
God's blessing was that they
turn not again to the folly of
going after other gods
(Psalm 85:6).**

**When God's mercy and truth
unite for the benefit of man,
and man lives in
righteousness and peace, the
result is the restoration of joy
among the people of God.**

God's **purpose for revival is multi-faceted, encompassing spiritual renewal, repentance, and a deeper walk with Him;**

**ultimately leading to a
transformation of individual
and society, impacting the
world with the message of
God's grace.**

The petitions are against sin and wrath (vs. 4) and for mercy and grace (vs. 7).

The pleas are from former favours (vs. 1-3) and present distresses (vs. 5, 6).

**In this Psalm, we can find
assistance / urgency in our
prayers to God, both for
His Church in general, our
Diocese in particular, and for
our land Nigeria as a whole.**

**The church here, in affliction
and distress by God's
direction, is making her
supplications to God. The
people of God, in a very low,**

**beggarly and weak condition
are here taught how to
address themselves to God.
So ready is God to hear and
answer the prayers of His people,**

**that by His Spirit, in the word,
and in the heart, He incites
their petitions and puts
words in their mouths.**

**For Revival to happen again,
God's people are to pray for
the forgiveness of the iniquity,
confessing same (vs. 2),**

for the taking away of
righteous anger and wrath
(vs. 3), and to *“Turn us, O
God of our salvation, and
cause Thine anger towards us
to cease”* (vs. 4).

**They are to pray for the
manifestation of God's good
will to them; *"Show us Thy
mercy O Lord, and grant us
Thy Salvation"* (vs. 7).**

For Revival **to breakout,**
God's people are to eagerly
and relentlessly express their
desire, ***"Wilt Thou not revive
us again, that Thy people may
rejoice in Thee?"*** **(vs. 6).**

**God had granted the children
of Israel some reviving in
their bondage, in captivity
(Ezra 9:8).**

Their return out of Babylon,

was as life from dead (**Ezekiel
37:11**).

*“Revive, therefore, Thy work
in the midst of the years”
(Habakkuk 3:2).*

From **vs. 8 -13** we are assured that the Lord will *speak peace* to His people **(vs. 8)**; His *salvation*, help, deliverance, answer, is near them,

that fear Him **(vs. 9)**; *mercy*
and truth will meet together
in our time, while
righteousness and peace
become inseparable **(vs. 10)**;

truth shall spring from the
earth – all of us, while
righteousness from God will
look down and beckon from
heaven, as well as go before,

**and set us in the way of
God's steps, delight, walk and
living (11, 13).**

***“Yea, the Lord shall give in
return that which is good ...***

**that the glory of the Lord
may dwell in our lives, church,
Diocese, and land” (12, 9).**

2

WHAT IS REVIVAL?
AND DEFINITIONS.

**Revival is a time, season,
period of fresh visitation of
God on a person/individual,
people/group, church,
community or nation,**

**with the outpouring of His
Spirit, and attendant
manifestations of His
presence, power and glory.**

This is born out of genuine earnestness and sincerity of worship, prayer and hunger for God – for more of Him, His righteousness and resultant holy living.

**It is marked with conversion
of souls (in turning to the Lord
in repentance); demonstration
of signs and wonders –**

**with healing of individuals,
relationships – one to one –
in families and with others,
as well as the community,
and in the nation.**

**It also boils over to over flow
of love, joy, peace, economic
prosperity, progress and
godliness.**

a) In the healing of communities is the case of **Almolonga, a 19,000 populated community in **Guatemala**, in the 1970s to 2000s.**

**In the suburb, where there
were over 30 club houses
before; with the wave of
revival sweeping through, all
the clubs closed.**

**More than 30 churches
sprang up and 4 jails in the
community closed.**

**The police had no jobs as
they no more carried guns,**

only whistles, to control traffic. The **crops grew stupendously** and there was palpable joy, humility and peace all over the town.

b) The Welsh Revival of 1904
served as a good replica of
revival across the nation.
In the Welsh Revival,
*“suddenly like an
unexpected tornado”,*

**the Spirit of God swept over
the land.**

**The churches were crowded
so that multitudes were
unable to get in.**

Meeting lasted from 10am in the morning until 12 midnight. Three different services were held each day. Confessions of awful, hideous sins,

**were heard on every side.
Those who selfishly wasted
their money on alcohol
suddenly became a great joy
and support to their families.**

**Bars and movie houses
closed. The theatre had to
leave for want of patronage.
Former prostitutes started
holding bible studies,**

**mules in the coal mines
refused to work, being
unused to kindness.**

**In 5 weeks - 20,000 people
joined the churches.**

c) Quoting David Dickson (1583 – 1662), in the impact of Revival on the society. *“Revival is a special outpouring of God’s blessings, when His people,*

*are spiritually renewed and
many others are converted.”*

**Thus the fire of revival spreads
beyond its point of origin,
impacting the environment,
others, and the society at large.**

**d) According to 1 Kings 18 vs
18 -19, 30 – 40,**

**Revival is a period of
turning from sin, with
repentance from dead idols,**

and repairing of the altar
of **wholehearted worship** to
the Lord.

It is a **season of relentless
prayers**, that results in a great
rain of God's intervention.

**The heavens gave rain and
the earth brought forth her
fruit (1 Kings 18:45).**

**The showers came and
everything started growing
again.**

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

To revive, simply means to –

➤ **Raise up** to life, (Hosea 6:2, 11, 12), (Habakkuk 3:2)

➤ **Restore,** raise to life, live again

➤ Raise, **resurrect**, resuscitate
from dying to what ought to be.

➤ Quicken a **spiritual awakening**,
raising to truly live in God's
sight daily, habitually,

**our true potentials as
Christians, demonstrating His
mercies, goodness and
power.**

3

WHAT IS NOT
NECESSARILY
REVIVAL?

Revival is not necessarily:

a) Special programmes organized by Church, tagged as Revival services or **Revival Weekend** - it may include, but goes beyond these.

Revival is not necessarily:

b) Crusades with banners characterized by loud and expressive expressions of faith, such as shouting, singing, and testifying.

Revival is not necessarily:

c) Brought about mechanically just by **man's methodical plan**: It is not about the latest church growth plan or book.

**It is not a great marketing
strategy or advertising
gimmick developed by the
church.**

**Neither about the
systematically packaged
programmes products
organized to be maximally
flawless.**

Revival is not necessarily:

**d) Not powerful worship
music rented,
commercialized gospel
singer.**

Revival is not necessarily:

e) About profound and great sermons (the Welsh Revival of 1904 had very little of sermon preaching).

Revival is not necessarily:

f) Miraculous wonders
(many of which, in our
times, may be faked).

Revival is not necessarily:

g) Even about having **large congregations**, who are no different in character from the market throng.

4

WHEN IS
REVIVAL NEEDED?

We need/should desire Revival:

a) When complacency, lethargy and lukewarmness set in our personal lives and walk with God, and in the body of Christ / the Church.

We need/should desire Revival:

b) When we are growing more to love the world and the pleasures of the world.

We need/should desire Revival:

c) When we seem to become **contented** with just where we are, who we are, with no burning desire,

to be “*transformed into the same image of the Lord from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord*”

(2 Corinthians 3:18).

**Nor do we seek and hunger
to “*grow in grace and
knowledge of the Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ*”**

(2 Peter 3:18).

**Neither do we yearn anymore
like Paul, “that I may know
Him and the power of His
resurrection”**

(Philippians 3:10),

**not to talk of “*growing in
measure to more of His
stature of the fullness of Christ*”**

(Christlikeness)

(Ephesians 4:13)

We need/should desire Revival:

**d) When we are going to do
real battle with sin in our
lives and when our land is
going to be healed.**

We need/should desire Revival:

**e) When we seem to become
careless with God in our
words, attitude, lifestyle,
worship and in His awesome
holiness and standard.**

We need/should desire Revival:

f) When we as a Church have so many programmes and activities/groups to belong to, yet with little or minimal spiritual and societal impact.

**We like Baal prophets,
seemingly make so much “noise”
(1 Kings 18:26 – 29).**

We need/should desire Revival:

g) When **immorality, loose and debased perverted lifestyles and sin run rampant and become the order of the day,**

same sex relationships are
permissible now and the
LGBTQ community is gaining
attention and patronage;
the **Revisionist agenda** is rife,

and breathing well; the new normal of **nudity/bare-it-all** has dominated the fashion world and is thriving in the churches.

We need/should desire Revival:

h) When sex scandals
involving, but not limited
to men of God, are
everyday news now.
Members of the church,

**public and private servants,
university lecturers, our
higher institutions, have all
become more lecherous.**

Prostitution, incest, and adultery
are now legalized overtly and
covertly in many nations as
means of transaction in public
and private organizations.

We need/should desire Revival:

- i)** When the word of God – its reading, study, and meditation become **lukewarm, ritualistic**, as if just reading a textbook.

We need/should desire Revival:

j) When we become increasingly earthly, worldly minded, and conforming, seeking to be accepted by the society,

and we depict **carnality in all
aspects of our living, rather
than being heavenly focused,
spirit-guided, and directed,**

**and the Spirit and presence
of God seems increasingly
afar even up to various
churches.**

We need/should desire Revival:

k) When passion for soul winning wanes and missionary efforts grow feeble, far and in between.

We need/should desire Revival:

I) Finally, when **hardship
and suffering of any and
every nature become the
order of the day in any life,**

group, church, society or nation, and **intense persecution** hits the church and the believers as currently in Nigeria.

4

WHEN DOES
REVIVAL COME?

Revival is a sovereign act of God that wakens people from spiritual slumber, calling them to repentance, faith and renewed obedience.

**Revival addresses and counters
spiritual decline, bringing
people back to closer relationship
with God with intense desire
and hunger in prayers, and
transparent holy living.**

The two kinds or means to promote, desire to experience revival, according to **Charles Finney**, are the one to **influence men** and the other to **influence God**.

**a) Prayer to move God –
not that God's mind is
changed by prayer or that
His disposition or
character is changed,**

**but prayer produces such a
change in us as renders it
consistent for God to
intervene.**

b) By God's visitation in the outpour of the Spirit.

➤ **Revival comes about when there is an intense longing, and a readiness to **pay the price,****

**and meet the conditions
for it; with a readiness to
submit to the Holy Spirit
dealings and directives
fully.**

➤ **The hallmark of every revival is the **breaking down of the heart** before God, with deep humility and a forsaking of sin.**

**The hearts longing to
experience God's presence;
and the hearts cry to
worship in spirit and in
truth.**

➤ **Roberts Liardon, the author of *God's Generals*, deposes that from many stories of revivals, **personal revivals** usually led to church and national revivals.**

**It usually begins with a
complete trust in the Lord,
a profound reverence for God,
and a determination to
overcome the social ills each
revivalists saw in his generation.**

**These revivalists
transformed lives in such a
way that led to the
transformation of
communities and nations.**

5

CONDITIONS TO MEET
FOR US TO HAVE
REVIVAL.

The 3Rs of REVIVAL:

**Revival comes, blossoms,
bursts out when the 3Rs of
Revival have been met.**

1. Repentance from every known sin, compromise, habit, weight and action that turns away God's presence, and keeps us from turning wholly to the Lord,

**in holiness, is a veritable
herald of revival.**

Psalm 66:18 – *“If I regard
iniquity in my heart, the Lord
will not hear me”.*

Psalm 139:23-24 – *“Search me,
Oh God and know my heart;
try me, and know my thought.
And see if there be any wicked
way in me, and lead me in the
way everlasting”* (KJV).

**This is about Repentance
without reservation – owning
up to our sins – overt and
covert – with sincere
confession of every secret sin,**

**wrong dealings, hypocritical
worship, and sycophancy.**

**It is about unfeigned,
unpretentious and whole
hearted turning to the Lord.**

2. Renewed obedience to the word of God:

**Deliberate creation of
the opportunity and time
for and the reverence to
the word of God,**

**reading intentionally,
meditatively and expectantly,
is a precursor to revival.**

Ezra 7:10 – *“For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel”.*
(NIV)

Isaiah 66:2^b – *“But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at my word”. (NKJV)*

Isaiah 57:15 – *“For this is what the high and lofty One says, He who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and lofty place,*

***but also with him who is
contrite and lowly in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the
lowly and to revive the heart
of the contrite”.***

Acts 6:7 – *“And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of priests were obedient to the faith.”* **(KJV)**

Acts 12:24 – *“But the word of God grew and multiplied.”*

**When in constant heart
attitude of seeking God,
asking Him to reveal sin,**

**and choosing to put
ourselves and attitude
completely under the
influence of God's word.**

**For change, when, we, in
humility, **repent** and declare
our **dependency on God** –
humbled, guided, contrite,
broken, ready to be set aright**

– in the light of the word of God – in Renewed obedience to God's word, **God cannot Resist.** He will look, see: we will attract His presence and intervention in Revival!

3. The 3rd R is Relentless,
Intense, Earnest Heartfelt
prayers.
This is deep, burdened
intercession,

**with a deep realization
that only the Spirit of God
can do it. It is about agonizing
in prayers and not
organization of man.**

**Herein is the manner of
praying, as in our text. Here is
captured the Expectant
Believing Unrelenting
Intercessory Prayer of faith
of Daniel in Daniel 9:1–6, 17–22.**

**The effectual fervent prayers
of faith of right man – as in
James 5:16-18, will surely
avail much.**

Here is engaging in Relentless Prayer that ushers in the sound of abundance of rain – great rain and showers of revival (1 Kings 18:42-44).

7

WE CAN HAVE
REVIVALS.

**Having seen God's
interventions through ages
and eras in response to the
burning desire of His children,**

**it is clear that we can have
the same wave of revivals in
our time, family, church,
community and nation, if
only we are similarly hungry,**

**and thirst for the outpouring
of God's Spirit again in
relentless prayers, born out
of renewed obedience to
the word of God and
transparent holy living.**

**We yearn for a re-enactment
of the 1st Century (Acts of the
Apostles) Christianity, clothed
with the life of godliness and
consequent presence, power
and glory of God.**

8

IMPLICATIONS OF THE THEME FOR OUR WOMEN AND THE DIOCESE

Revival has profound implications for individuals and families. It can lead to personal transformation, increased spiritual awareness, and strengthened family bonds.

1.) Individual

Implications

a. Personal Transformation:

Revival often involves a profound change of heart, leading individuals to seek God with a renewed passion,

1.) Individual
Implications
**and to make positive changes
in their lives.**

b. Spiritual Awareness:

**People may experience a
heightened sense of sin,**

1.) Individual Implications

**and their need for God's grace,
leading to repentance and a
desire for a closer relationship
with Him.**

c. Joy and Fulfillment:

Revival can bring greater joy and fulfillment in one's personal life and work, as individuals find their purpose in serving God and others.

d. Increased Compassion and Outreach: A deeper understanding of one's own sinfulness can lead to a greater awareness of the needs of others and a desire to share the gospel.

2.) Family Implications

a. Strengthened Bonds:

Revival can strengthen family relationship as individuals are led to seek God together and to live according to His word

b. Positive changes in Family Life: Families may experience positive changes as individuals are transformed, and learn to prioritize their relationships with God and each other.

c. Discipline and Guidance:

Families can model biblical principles and provide loving guidance to their children, helping them develop a strong faith.

d. Addressing Conflict and Healing: Revival can provide an opportunity for families to address past hurts, reconcile differences and experience healing and restoration.

e. Passage of Faith: Revival can play a crucial role in transmitting faith and values to future generations, ensuring that the love of God is passed down through the family.

3.) Implications for the Church

Revival in the Church implies a significant **spiritual awakening that can lead to increased spiritual life,**

**renewed commitment to
Christ, and a deeper
understanding of God's Word.
It often involves a renewed
sense of God's presence,**

leading to more **effective**
witnessing and outreach to
the world.

Revival equally draws us back
to a close, **intimate**
relationship with the Lord.

**Revival involves a heartfelt
return to God, and His
Commandments, fostering a
sense of repentance and
renewed dedication to His work.**

It also **strengthens** the church's mission, by inspiring individuals to share their faith and **impact** their communities.

4.) Implications for the Community:

A spiritual revival in Almolonga, a town in Guatemala, led to profound social and economic **transformation**, as it has historically done.

The transformation was attributed to increased faith and devotion, impacting various aspects of the community, including agricultural, health,

social, spiritual, and
relationships. This started
from **1974 – 1975** when
the Pastor God used to
begin the revival move,
Pastor Moriano Riscajche,

**The community once known
for idolatry, drunkness, poverty,
and spouse abuse, became
known for **prosperity** and
blessings at the hand of God.**

**Where there were once
more than 30 bars, there are
now over 30 churches.**

**Almolonga is now known as
the “Valley of Miracles,”**

**and the people now ship
vegetables of amazing size
and quality all around the
world.**

5.) Implications for the Nation:

Revival within a nation can have far reaching implications, potentially leading to positive societal change, including increased unity,

**a renewed sense of purpose,
and spiritual transformation.
The above implications
aligned with the scriptures in
2 Chronicles 7:14 *“If my people,***

who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land”.

It can also address issues like decline in morality, apathy and spiritual stagnation.

❖ **Spiritual Renewal:** Revival often involves individuals experiencing a profound change in their relationship with God, leading to increased faith, prayer, and devotion.

❖ Increased Morality and Ethical Behaviour:

As people turn to God, there can be a decrease in sinful habits and an increase in ethical behaviour, potentially,

leading to a more just and equitable society.

❖ Social Unity:

Revival can foster a sense of unity among believers and even non-believers,

**as they work together to
address common problems
and promote positive change
in their communities.**

❖ **Economic Growth:**

Revival can also have a positive impact on the economy as people become more focused on hard work,

**ethical business practices,
and investing in their
communities.**

❖ Renewed Purpose and Hope:
**Revival can provide
individuals with a renewed**

**with a renewed sense of
purpose and hope,
motivating them to make a
positive impact on the world
around them.**

CHARGE/ CONCLUSION

**The benefits of revival are
enormous, therefore,
greater than these
we can do and achieve under
God because we are surely,**

**on the threshold of revival
and reforms. The choice to
be revived brings blessings
to the individual, family,
community, church and nation.**

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Stanza 1

**Thy Kingdom
come, O God!
Thy rule,
O Christ, begin;**

**Break with
Thine iron rod
The tyrannies
of sin.**

Stanza 2

**Where is thy
reign of peace
And purity
and love?**

**When shall all
hatred cease,
As in the
realms above?**

Stanza 3

**When comes the
promised time
That war
shall be no more,**

**And lust,
oppression, crime
Shall flee
thy face before?**

Stanza 4

**We pray Thee,
Lord, arise,
And come in
Thy great might;**

**Revive our
longing eyes,
Which languish
for Thy sight.**

Stanza 5

**Men scorn Thy
sacred name,
And wolves
devour Thy fold;**

**By many deeds
of shame,
We learn that
love grows cold.**

Stanza 6

**O'er heathen
lands afar
Thick darkness
broodeth yet:**

**Arise, O
morning star,
Arise, and
never set!**

AMEN

**May God endue us with
refreshing Revival showers
and a hunger for the
bread of life, so that we
may rejoice in Him,**

**and His glory will fill our
Diocese and our land, in
Jesus name, Amen.**

Your Sister in Revival labours,

**DR. MRS
RUBY NNEKA IKE**
PRESIDENT
MOTHERS' UNION
WOMEN'S GUILD
GIRLS' GUILD

