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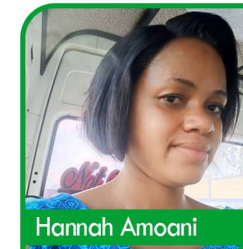
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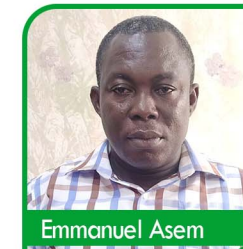
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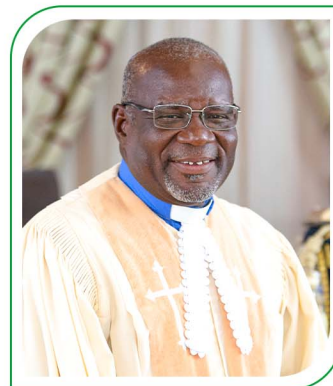
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BRIEF HISTORY

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana was established in 1828 by the Basel Mission Society (BMS). This was upon a request by the then Danish Governor at the Christiansburg Castle, Osu, Christian Von Richelieu, for them to bring the Gospel to the Gold Coast.

The first four missionaries arrived in the country on December 18, 1828. Three of them; Gotlieb Holzwarth, Johannes Schmidt and Karl F. Sabach however, died by August 1829. Johannes Henke, the sole survivor, also died in 1831.

In March 1832, three more missionaries; Andreas Riis, Peter Jaeger and Christian Friedrich Heinze, a medical doctor from Saxony, arrived in the country. Dr. Heinze was to study the greatest risk to survival of western missionaries tropical diseases — and make recommendations for preventive measures. Incidentally, he was the first of his team to die, followed by Jaeger.

Due to the unfavourable tropical weather, Riis became ill and was treated by a local herbalist. After recovery, he moved to Akropong on the Akuapem ridge where the weather was considerably friendlier. Riis, who showed dexterity in building, was welcomed by then Okuapehene, Nana Addo Dankwa I. This was in 1835.

Two more missionaries, Johannes Murdter and Andreas Stanger and Wolters, arrived in November 1837 to help Riis. Stanger died within a month and Murdter in 1838. This brought the death toll to eight within ten years.

Worried about this spate of deaths, Nana Addo Dankwa asked Riis whether he knew of any black people who were interested in Christianity and could read the Bible.

Riis managed to bring in six families from the Moravian Church. This proved successful and cleared the notion that the Gospel was only meant for the white man.

Riis' settlement at Akropong and the arrival of the Moravians opened more avenues for evangelism at Abokobi, Anum, Adum (Kumasi), Begoro, Kwahu and Krobo.

By 1918, the Church was known as the Basel Mission, but had to be renamed the Scottish Mission. This was due to the Scottish taking over from the Germans who had to leave the country because of World War 1.

The Church was renamed Presbyterian Church of the Gold Coast at the Abetifi Synod in 1926. When Ghana gained independence in 1957, the Church became the Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG).

Currently, the PCG can boast of twentyone Presbyteries in Ghana, and abroad; Ga, Asante, Akuapem, Kwahu, Dangme Tongu, Volta, Central, Western and Sekyere. Others are Northern, Akyem Abuakwa, West Akyem,

Asante Akyem, West Brong, Brong Ahafo, Upper and Sefwi, Asante South, North America/ Australia, Ga West and Europe. There are numerous Districts, Congregations and Preaching Points with about a million in membership.

MISSION

To uphold the centrality of the Word of God and through the enablement of the Holy Spirit pursue a Holistic Ministry so as to bring all of creation to glorify God;

- i. Mobilizing the entire Church for prayer.
- ii. Improving growth through evangelism and nurture.
- iii. Attaining self-sufficiency through effective resource mobilization.
- iv. Promoting socio-economic development through advocacy and effective delivery of social service.
- v. Upholding the reformed tradition.
- vi. Cherishing partnership with the worldwide body of Christ.

VISION

To be a Christ-Centered, Self Sustaining and Growing Church.

CORE VALUES

The following shall constitute the core values of the Church and these values shall not be compromised by any individuals in the pursuit of their ambitions.

These values are:

- i. Godly Leadership
- ii. Mentoring and Discipleship
- iii. Discipline
- iv. Sound Moral Principles
- v. Integrity
- vi. Skills Development
- vii. Hard work
- viii. Humility
- ix. Unity and
- x. Upholding Democratic Principles

ORDER OF SERVICE

27TH NOVEMBER, 2022

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|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Call to Worship | - | Rev. Samuel Tetteh Quaye |
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| 8. Scripture Reading | - | 40th Anniversary Committee Members |
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| 11. Hymn of Trust | - | PH 333 (1-2) |
| 12. Song | - | Women's Fellowship |
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| 15. Introduction of Invited Guest | - | Mrs. Vida Tetteh |
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| 22. Introduction of Dignitaries | - | Session Clerk |
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| 30. Recessional Hymn | - | PH 311 |



HISTORY OF CHARIS CONGREGATION CHILDREN SERVICE

As the church was established at Fadama school. The elders saw the need to set up a Sunday school popularly known as a children's service under a tree as the members came along with their wards. The Children's Service as it currently exists in the church was initiated by presbyter Mr Edward Okyere Kwakye (Wofa Eddie). Some devoted women took charge of the children's service: Mama Angba, Mrs Adelaide and Mrs Morgan.

The children's service was held under the tree at Fadama school till the church got its permanent place of worship. Mr Manasseh Agyapong and uncle Akwasi took over the children's service.

Later, Mr Ayim Amoako, Mrs Elizabeth Ayim Amoako, Mr Seth Twum Ampofo, Madam Gloria Konadu, Mrs Pauling Agyapong, Mr Jeff Owusu, Mr Eric Tuffour Adarkwah, Mama Ruth Ato, Mrs Juliana Dankawah (late).

We practice fully the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana such as child baptism, and graduation. We also partake in the district and presbytery programmes such as children's camping, games and evangelism, moderator's essay competition, bible quiz competition and music festivals. Mrs Doris Korankye, Mrs Georgette Asiedu Asantewaa and Mrs Felicia Oduro-Offeh also join the teachers to serve the children's ministry.

Currently, these are the teachers handling at Charis Children's ministry, New Fadama:

1. Mrs Paulina Agyapong (President)
2. Mrs Felicia Oduro-Offeh (secretary)
3. Mr Derick Adjei Acheampong
4. Mrs Angela Acheampong
5. Mr Martinson Aboah
6. Mrs Anna Gyamfua Anokye
7. Mr Evans Appiah Kubi
8. Mrs Okraku Esther
9. Mad Haggai Pomaah
10. Miss Angela Yeboah

Our total number is 220 children, made up of 95 boys and 125 girls. God has been faithful to us since the establishment of Charis children's Service we have one loss of a children's member.

We work in hand with the Presbyterian of Ghana almanac where we have annual activities such as Children's Day and parent's Day where we worshipped with the mother church. Also, flower Sunday and children's harvest are celebrated by the children at their usual place of worship.

Children's party is held annually and with the support of church members who celebrate their birthday parties with the children, our patrons Mama Morgan Kwapong and Mama Asante (grandma).

HISTORY OF CHARIS CONGREGATION JUNIOR YOUTH

Children and youth are important components of every Church that has a vision of growing.

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana, New Fadama at its inception and operations had the children and some youth being part of the process. Though the then established church had no ministry tailored for the children and youth between the ages of 12 and 18, there were subtle ways through which the church ministered to these little ones.

The leadership of the church within the period 1987 and 1989 organized some young men and women in the church to assist the youth who fall within the Junior youth bracket to get them to know Christ.

Mr. Moses Adjokatse, (now a Reverend minister), Mr. Robert Kyere, and others dedicated themselves to the training of the junior youth members. Later Mrs. Ama Antwi Baako and some individuals also joined the leadership to train the JY members.

During these periods both the JY and Children service worshipped under the trees in front of the classroom blocks of the Abeka Cluster of Schools where the adult service was held. The visibility of the JY services and the dedication of the leaders saw a rise in the numbers that attended JY services.

Given this, the Session in consultation with the Kaneshie District JY leadership organized an inaugural ceremony in April 1990 to officially admit both the JY and Children service to be part of the inaugurated groups in the church.

During the 10th anniversary of the church in 1992, the junior youth membership had skyrocketed and needed to have a better place of worship to keep the members. This rise in numbers propelled the Session to request additional classrooms to augment the one being used for adult service. The JY and the children's service used this classroom also as their worship place.

After the 10th anniversary, the church appealed for more leaders to support the hard-working leaders and to ensure a good member-leadership ratio. The following young members of the church also became leaders: Brother Kofi Angba, Sister Linda Oparebea, and Sister Maggie Asianowaa. Later on, Brothers Gideon Okyere (now a Reverend minister of the church) and Emmanuel Okyere (now a catechist) joined to become leaders.

Currently, the membership of the JY is a little over one hundred. We are proud as a church of the gallant men and women the Junior Youth Fellowship has produced over the years.

Our current leadership includes Mr. Eric Kojo Gyedu, Mr. Stephen Bani-Kwakye, Mr. Ebenezer Asare, Mr. Charles K. Ababio, Mr. Collins Osei Bonsu, Madam Joyce Somuah, Mrs. Joycelyn Oduraa Gyedu, Miss. Augustina Acheampong, and Mrs. Ruth Obiyaa Bani-Kwakye.

We are indebted to God for the immeasurable blessings and favour upon the lives of J.Y members, leaders, and the entire Church. Happy 40th Anniversary!



HISTORY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA, CHARIS CONGREGATION

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Charis Congregation, New Fadama was founded by the Kaneshie PCG Bible Study and Prayer Group on the 18th of July 1982. The BSPG team that founded the now Charis congregation was led by Mr. Daniel Nyarko, now a minister of the PCG, Messrs. Emmanuel Owusu-Asare, Joseph Osei-Bonsu, Owusu Agyemang, Opoku Minta, Ms. Leticia Omari, and Ms. Grace Ohenewa. They scouted the Fadama community for a number of people who were willing to give their lives to Christ and to form part of the intended preaching post.

After some months of scouting and evangelizing to get both Presbyterian and non-Presbyterians to constitute the new congregation, some members were won and the preaching point had its services held in two classrooms at Abeka 1&2 Middle School. It was the first church planted in New Fadama.

Before the first service, the team of young Christians from Kaneshie Presby held open-air crusades, house-to-house visitations, and dawn broadcasting in and around the New Fadama area to propagate the gospel. These activities yielded results, and six adults and six children formed the first congregants of the church.

The Church grew from a total of 12 with time to a larger number. The founding members of the congregations included: Mrs. Vida Afrifa, Mrs. Salome Keteku Kwakye, Mrs. Comfort Eyerson, (deceased) Mrs. Grace Danso, Mrs. Comfort Benefo-Darkwa, Mad. Margaret Ntow (deceased), Mad. Animwah, Miss Victoria Asomani, Sis. Mavis, Constance Nimako, Augustus Ahwireng (deceased), Mr. E.T. Quarshie, Mr. Emmanuel T. Cudjoe, Samuel Aboagye, and Augustine Appiah.

INAUGURATION

The young church was officially inaugurated on March 13th, 1983 by the then District Minister of Kaneshie PCG, the late Rev. A. L. Kwansah (Rtd.). On that fateful day, 27 adults and 3 children were baptized and confirmed. Mr. Joseph Adomako-Manu was then appointed as the caretaker of the Congregation and later he was sponsored by the Church and district to be trained at Ramseyer Training Centre (R.T.C) Abetifi - Kwahu as a Catechist. He successfully completed and was inducted into office on 24th November 1991.

He led the first Interim management committee, to strategically organize programmes that brought more members to the church.

Before the team of young Christians who led in the establishment of the church could get members to join the new church, there was an open-air crusade to proclaim the gospel to the community, organized house-to-house evangelism, visitation, and dawn in and around the New Fadama community that was fast growing. At the end of these activities, the team chalked some success by winning six adults and six children. These souls that were initially won became the bedrock for the establishment of the church as it is today.

The young church which happens to be the first Christian denomination church established in New Fadama amidst the numerous difficulties was gradually growing. It, therefore, became necessary due to the growth that the church gets inaugurated. Hence, on the 13th of March, 1983, the young but growing church was inaugurated and officially recognized as a church of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.



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The then District Minister of the Kaneshie congregation, Rev. A. L. Kwansah, together with the District Council of Kaneshie District performed the inaugural ceremony for the New Fadama Presby church. During this special and memorable occasion, twenty-seven (27) adults and three (3) children were baptized, with some of the adults being confirmed. This opened up a great opportunity for the church to grow and also attract several people within the community. Since the church was young and did not have a place to worship, the leadership of the church sort permission from the heads and authorities of the Abeka 1&2 Middle School to use one of their classrooms as a place of worship. This continued for over ten years.

At some point in time, one classroom was inadequate to meet the growth of the church. As a result, another classroom was added to augment what was in use. The children's service and the Junior Youth were using the other classroom as well as making use of the shade that was provided by the huge nim trees on the compound. It is recorded that, between the space of ten years (10 years) almost all the generational and some inter - generational groups were established to add to the church life of the congregation. The under-listed church groups were inaugurated as follows: BSPG - 1st June 1986, Church Choir - 19th August 1987, Men's Fellowship - 30th August 1987, Women's Fellowship - 17th July 1988, YPG & JY - 1st April 1990, Blue Cross - 12th June 1990, Singing Band- 1992. The young adult fellowship was later formed as a decision of the General Assembly to create a group that will serve as a bridge between the YPG and the Men's and Women's fellowship. In 2010, the Young Adult Fellowship of the New Fadama congregation was established. This group brought together all the young men and women between the ages of 30 to 39 together.

LAND ACQUISITION

After the church celebrated its tenth anniversary in 1992, the numbers had overwhelmingly increased which necessitated an expansion or finding a permanent place of worship. The Session realizing the urgency of a permanent place of worship decided to acquire a plot to put up a permanent structure to cater for her members. Prior to December, 14th 1990, when the current place of the church is built, a plot was acquired earlier in June 1988 which was later taken from the congregation. There were literally, fights over the land and one of the contentious issues was that they (the community) would not allow the establishment of any church in that community and especially on that piece of land. The case was litigated at the competent court of jurisdiction for over a year. After some time, the session was informed by the then moderator (RT. Rev. D. A. Koranteng) to drop the case and seek an out-of-court settlement. Also, they were informed that instructions from Castle had gone to the head office of the church and to the police to discontinue the case. After several disagreements, the church decided to let go of the land. Though the cost incurred in buying the land which was c300,000 (Ghc30.00) was paid to the church by the contending parties, nonetheless, the amount spent in

developing the land at the time of the litigation which also amounted to c300,000 (Ghc30.00) was not paid to the church.

The session finally got two plots of land where the church now resides. This happened on the 14th of December, 1990. The land was bought from Nii Nikoi Olai Amonita IV, Asere Mantse of Accra at the cost of One million Two Hundred Thousand cedis (c1,200,000). The construction of the first phase of our current chapel began shortly after the purchase in 1990. In 1993 the leadership of the church decided to move from the New Fadama school classroom. So, on the 21st of June, 1993 the first service was held at the new site where the church is located. The first service was held under canopies and on benches. Although the place was not in good condition to commence service, the leadership together with members tried to put the place in order to ensure a serene atmosphere for the service. Members were elated when they had the service on their land and in peace.

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING

On the 5th of March, 2000, the foundation stone laying and unveiling of the plaque of the chapel were laid by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Sam Prempeh, the Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church. Significant to this occasion was the donation of c250,000.00 by Mr. Clifford Fiadjo during the ceremony and again promised to donate the same amount of c250,000.00 till the building is completed.

EARLY MINISTERS

As a preaching post, the church did not have Reverend ministers being posted there. However, the interim leadership took up these duties till the church officially had caretakers and catechists to lead the services of the church. Also, ministerial students from the Trinity Theological Seminary were brought to help in administering and supporting ministry. Among those who played leadership roles in the church include Mr. Emmanuel Danso (24th January to November 1988), Mr. D.K Asenso (24th April 1988 to 30th January 1989), Rev. A. A Aboagye (1st to 30th January 1989), Mr. J.K. Azumah (October 1990), Mr. Michael Otibu Darko (October to December 1990). It must be noted that the first official minister of the congregation was Rev. Martin B. Nabor who served the church from January 1991 to 31st October 1992. After he left the church did not have any minister posted to the congregation for a while. From August 1996 to January 1998, Rev Felix Asante served as the minister in charge of the congregation, at this period the church was not a pastoral station hence all ministers who were posted there were tent ministers.

The first ten years of the church had Rev. Martin B. Nabor as the first minister who was assigned to help grow the church. His love and dynamics contributed largely to the growth of the church. His northern background became a solid catalyst that propelled the growth of the church.

HISTORY OF CHARIS CONGREGATION YOUNG PEOPLES GUILD

To God be the glory for this great thing He has done. On 24th January 1988, the Young Peoples' Guild had its seed planted in the New Fadama Presby Church. The formation of the local guild began with twenty-five (25) members; sixteen (16) females and nine (9) males.

The first interim executives were: Bro. George Agyiri Nyarko – President, Bro. Kwesi Asare - Vice President, Bro. Emmanuel Obeng – Secretary, Sis. Emily Danquah – Fin. Sec. /Treasurer, Bro. Laud Tetteh - Male Organizer, Sis. Evelyn Amissah - Female Organizer.

The following are the past presidents of the group: Mr. Robert Osei Okyere (1990-1992), Mr. Joshua Kofi Angba (1993-1995), Mr. Gideon Kwame Okyere (1995-1997), Mr. Asare Danso (1997-1999), Mr. Godfred Koranteng (1999-2005), Mr. Emmanuel Kwabena Okyere (2005-2006), Mr. Eric Gyedu (2006-2009), Mr. Kojo Bassaw Anaman (2009-2010), Mr. Derrick Acheampong (2011-2016), Mr. Claude Adare Chambers (2016-2019), Ms. Victoria Acheampong (2019-2022).

The New Fadama YPG had its inauguration service on the 21st of July, 1990 with a branch registration number 299. New Fadama Presby YPG's performance has been recognised at the National, Presbytery and the District levels.

It is our honour to talk about some of the guild's notable achievements since its formation:

- Mr. Joshua Kofi Angba served as the Abeka District Organizer (D.O) from 1995 -1997 and as the Ga Presbytery Superintendent from 1997-1999.

- Mr. Stephen Bani-Kwakye served as the Assistant Sec. and Secretary at the District level, Assistant Sec. and Secretary at the Presbytery level (then GA Presbytery) and also served as the Head of the National Secretariat.
- Mr Collins Osei Bonsu served as the District Organizer and also as Organizing secretary at the National level.
- We currently have Mrs. Victoria Frimpong and Miss Pearl Asantewaa Osaie serving as Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively at the District YPG level.

The local guild has grown from strength to strength by the mighty intervention of Christ who has made it possible for us to have a numerical strength of 150 of which 85 are females and 65 are males.

The current Executive body of the guild comprises of the following persons:

Emmanuel Ofei Jnr.	- President
Albert Safo Acquah	- Vice President
Sophia Yeboah Gyamena	- Secretary
Augustina Asi Acheampong	- Assist. Secretary
Philip Akoto Gyan	- Male Organizer
Keren Oppong	- Female Organizer
Kwadwo Baah Antwi	- Financial Secretary
Esther Anshah	- Treasurer
Gloria Azumah	- Evangelism Secretary
Mr. Samuel Tetteh	- Coordinator

YPG.....Service all the way!
You.....Practise Godliness!!





HISTORY OF CHARIS CONGREGATION YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

The Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) came into existence in the Presbyterian Church in June 2008, while the Charis Congregation YAF started on the 7th of August 2008 and had its inauguration on September 2008 by the Late Rev. Adeibi Caesar (who was later an active member of the fellowship) with the following executives:

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Doris Crah | - President |
| 2. Gordon Saah | - Vice President |
| 3. Naana Gyamfua | - Secretary |
| 4. Evelyn Amponsah | - Assistant Secretary |
| 5. Teresa Addy | - Treasurer |
| 6. Jeff Osei Owusu | - Financial Secretary |
| 7. Tuffour Adarkwah | - Organiser |
| 8. Wilson Agyei | - Welfare Chairman |

Six months later, Doris Crah was posted to Australia as a Diplomat and Gordon Saah was promoted to the president by the entire members of the fellowship. Naana Gyamfua became the vice president; Evelyn Amponsah became the secretary and Ebenezer Asare was appointed as the chaplain of the Young Adult Fellowship.

On 20th November 2008, an executive meeting chaired by Gordon Saah proposed the Morgan Family and Mr Ofori be considered the patrons of the Young Adult Fellowship. This decision was approved by the entire executives and members of the fellowship and fully accepted by both the Morgan family and Mr Ofori Nelson. So, from December 2008 the Morgan Family and Mr Ofori Nelson became the first Patrons of the fellowship.

Young Adult Fellowship Contributions in the Church
In the year 2009, the YAF choir was formed and then the Reverend Minister in charge, Rev. Lawson decided to start the English Services using the YAF Choir to minister during the English service (First Service). The fellowship under the following leadership: Gordon Saah (2008 to 2011), Jeff Osei Owusu (2011 to 2013), Gifty Agyei (2013 to 2016), Hilla Limann Amardi (2016 to 2018), Della Tagoe (2018 to 2019), and Seth Gyewu Adarkwa (2019 to 2022) with the support of the patrons and members bought an amplifier, microphones, set of drums and air conditioning in support of church activities.

The following members of the Charis Congregation YAF served in the Abeka District Young Adult fellowship when it was formed and started on 19th May 2009.

1. Gordon Saah President, Vice President
2. Evelyn Amponsah Assistant Secretary
3. Teresa Addy Treasurer
4. Samuel Boateng Organising Secretary
5. Fred Boadu Organising Secretary

In 2021, Charis YAF was able to support the Abeka District with an Amount of GHc2,000.00 to build a Pavilion in the Eastern Region.

The following are some of the achievements of the Charis Young Adult Fellowship:

1. The fellowship introduced a yearly get-together for its members and introduced a welfare scheme to support its members anytime a lost a mother or father and was able to hire a vehicle to the funeral and made donations up to the sum of five hundred Ghana Cedis at the time when the church welfare donation was just around Forty Ghana cedis.
2. In 2019, the Charis Congregation Young Adult Fellowship won the Abeka District bible quiz competition (Representatives: Diana Afum and Evans Appiah Kubi) and later in the year won the best congregation in the district during the Abeka District Young Adult Fellowship Dina and Awards Night.
3. In 2020 a member by the name of Samuel Adu Panin was ordained as a Reverend Minister.
4. A lot of its members have become session members of the Church.

Leadership and Membership of Young Adult Fellowship
The current executives of the fellowship are as follows:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Evans Appiah Kubi | - President |
| 2. Claude Adare Chambers | - Vice President |
| 3. Esther Akore Yirenkyi | - General Secretary |
| 4. Vivian Ntiri | - Assistant Secretary |
| 5. Robert Kyei Baffour | - Financial Secretary |
| 6. Pomaah Haggar | - Treasurer |
| 7. Maxwell Amankrah | - Organising Secretary |
| 8. Lydia Serwaah Akoto | - Evangelism Coordinator |
| 9. Justina Amponsah Koreh | - Women's Commissioner |

The current membership of the Charis Young Adult Fellowship is a total of 68 made up of 25 males and 43 females.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA, CHARIS CONGREGATION

The first minister-in-charge of the congregation was posted by the General Assembly in 1996. Rev. Felix Asante was then introduced to the church as the minister-in-charge on the 4th of August, 1996 by the district minister.

Rev. Henry Amoako later assumed duty as an attached minister of the congregation, he was an attached because he was a full-time student at the University of Ghana. He served from December 1998 to 18th July 1999. Rev. Felicia Adu-Kumi took charge of the church's administration from 3rd December 1999 as the minister in charge and ended on 12th August 2001. Rev. Herbert A. Oppong was also introduced to the church as minister -in-charge on 28th October 2001, he served till September 2002. Rev. Emmanuel Obeng Ntow took over from 2002 to November 2004. On 24th December 2004, Rev. Budu Asiaw joined the church as the minister in charge, he served in that capacity until August 2005. Thus Rev. Budu Asiaw ended the regime of the non - residence ministers of the congregation.

PASTORAL STATUS

As the church grew stronger and larger, the Kaneshie District that gave birth to the New Fadama congregations recommended that the station be given a pastoral status. This meant that a full-time minister was to be assigned to take charge of the congregation. Hence, on the 21st May 2006, the Presbytery Chairperson, Rev. Dr. D.N.A Kpobi, assisted by Rev. Kissiedu-Ayi (Presbytery Clerk), Rev. G.A Dadzaa and members of the Presbytery council organized a special Elevation Service for the New Fadama congregation. This elevation to a Pastoral station saw the first resident minister of the congregation as Rev. Eric Carlos Adebi-Caesar. After Rev. Adebi-Caesar, the following ministers also came in as residence ministers: Rev. Stephen Lankwei Lawson, (it was during the tenure of Rev S.N.L. Lawson that the church was officially named the CHARIS CONGREGATION), Rev. Martin Kwasi Addai-Naami, Rev. Theophilus Kofi Sakado, Rev. Alfred Owusu Boateng and Rev. Samuel Tetteh Quaye.

FIRST ASSOCIATE MINISTER

For years after the formation and elevation to a pastoral station, the church has had one minister-in-charge at a time supported by a catechist. In the year 2021, the Abeka district session council standing committee had an emergency meeting with the congregational session on the 27th of June, 2021, to discuss the possibility of having an associate minister. This was quite unexpected since the financial and logistical strength of the congregation could not support two ministers. However, the district standing committee agreed to share the cost of the allowance that will be given to the associate minister. This decision and move paved the way for the first associate minister (Rev. Dan Francis Tobgor Annan) to be posted to the congregation. Rev. T. Annan served for only a year (September 2021 to August 2022) in the congregation.

MINISTERIAL AND CATECHISTS TRAINEES

To the glory of God, the Charis congregation has contributed to the training of ministers of the gospel and catechists for the Church. It is on record that the first member to have been candidated and trained into the Holy Ministry was the Rev. Moses Adjokaste. The Rev. Gideon Okyere and Rev. Samuel Adu-Panin were the second and third members who were candidated and trained by the church as ministers of the Gospel. Currently, (April 2022), the church is supporting Mr. Stephen Bani-Kwakye, who is receiving his Ministerial REFORMATION training at the Ramseyer Training Center, Abetifi. The church has also supported and trained abled men into becoming catechists of the church, these include Cat. Adomako Manu, Cat. Alfred Odoi Asare and Cat. Emmanuel Okyere.

CARETAKERS AND CATECHIST

The presbyterian church would always have a leader entrusted to take charge of the church at every given time. From the day the church was established in July 1982, members of the BSPG Kaneshie branch had been in charge until the first IMC was chosen. The first caretaker of the church was Mr. Daniel Anim Nyarko, followed by Mr. Robert Boateng. These two caretakers were chosen during the IMC periods. The first session had Mr. Joseph Adomako Manu as the first member of the congregation to be chosen as the caretaker. Subsequently, Mr. Adomako Manu was given presbyterian training to become a full catechist of the church. He was then inducted as the first catechist of the New Fadama congregation. He ended his duty as the catechist on the 15th of June, 1997. Catechist Danie Osafo-Aryeh on the 26th June, 1998 took over the administration of the church from Rev. Felix Asante, he diligently handled this position with all seriousness and meticulousness. He was transferred from the congregation and was replaced by Catechist Charles Newton Ansong on the 31st March, 2002. Cat. Ansong retired from active service while at the New Fadama congregation. His valedictory service was held on the 6th December, 2009. Cat. Ernest Yaw Mfafo was posted to the congregation as the catechist with a charge in December, 2009. He served until he was transferred from the congregation on the 29th September, 2013. An introduction service was held for Cat Alex Asiedu on the 23rd February, 2014, he served for four years. On the 8th July, 2018, Cat. Peter Appiah took over as a catechist with a charge till June, 2021. Currently Cat. Edward Yeboah Darkwa is serving as the catechist in charge. His charge started on the 27th June 2021 till date.

SESSIONS AND LEADERSHIP

From the inception of the church, there were two Interim Management Committees (IMC) that lead the day-to-day running of the church and ensured proper administration of the church. The first two IMCs were led by Mr. E.Y. Nyameamah and Mr. C.K Boadi Ansah (Chairpersons for the first and second respectively).

After these two periods ended in 1986, the first election for Presbyters to constitute the first session of the New Fadama congregation was held. The election saw Mr. Edward Okyere as the first Senior Presbyter of the church, Mr. Clifford Fiadzoe, (Session Clerk), Mrs. Comfort Benefo-Darkwa (Treasurer), Mr. Joseph Adomako Manu (Caretaker), Mr. Eugene Yaw Tabi, Mrs. Sophia Angba and Mrs. Vida Afrifa as members. This crop of leadership led the church to organize its first congregational conference in December, 1994.

Several individuals have played and occupied key positions in the church. some of the senior presbyters who led the various sessions included: Mr. Diaka, Mr. Saka, Mrs. Vida Afrifa, and Mr. Daniel K. Asare.

Currently, the church is led by Rev. Samuel Tetteh Quaye, assisted by Catechist Edward Yeboah Darkwah and the current Session. The current Senior Presbyter is Mr. Nelson Owusu Ofori with Mrs. Sethina Annang Danquah and Mr. Frank Oduro Offeh as the Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

CHARIS – BY GRACE CHARIS – BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

CONCLUSION

To the glory of God, the New Fadama congregation, now the Charis congregation, appreciates what the good Lord has done in the life of the church all these years. forty years of celebrating the faithfulness of God.

Ebenezer, thus far the Lord has brought us. It is indeed true that God has called us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and has blessed us with all spiritual blessings. The church boasts of many successes chalked up over the years, from the district through the national level. Today, we celebrate all the gallant men and women and all the mighty people of valor who labored to see the growth of the church to this day.

We appreciate everyone who has also, in diverse ways, contributed and donated their substance and energy to see the Charis congregation the way it is today. May the good Lord continue to show us his mercies, may he bless and keep all of us, may his countenance fall upon us and be gracious unto us; and may he turn his face towards us and give us His eternal peace.

HISTORY OF CHARIS CONGREGATION WOMEN FELLOWSHIP

In the same way your light must shine before men so that they will see the good things you do and praise your father in heaven. Matt. 5: 16

On the 15th July, 1984, it pleased the Almighty Lord to form the Women's Fellowship in the Congregation through Mrs. Cecilia Idun from Kaneshie Presbyterian Church. The under listed sisters formed the interim executives from 1984 – 1988.

- Sis. Christiana Owiredue - President
- Sis. Margaret Ntow (deceased) - Vice President
- Sis. Grace Danso - Secretary
- Sis. Salome Keteku Kwakye - Asst. Secretary
- Sis. Georgina Betia (Deceased) - Treasurer
- Sis. Mercy Anning Tabi - Financial Secretary
- Sis. Victoria Asomaning(deceased)- Protocol Officer
- Sis. Juliana Owusu (deceased) - Asst Protocol Officer

The leadership worked very hard to bring the group to fame and by the grace of God the fellowship was inaugurated by the Ga Presbytery Women's Fellowship Executives on 17th July, 1988 with the new elected executives sworn into office.

- Sis. Christiana Owiredue - President
- Sis. Doris Offei Adarkwa - Vice President
- Sis. Salome Keteku Kwakye - Secretary
- Sis. Adelaide Kwachie - Asst. Secretary
- Sis. Mercy Anning Tabi - Treasurer
- Sis. Mary Ayim (deceased) - Financial Secretary
- Sis. Victoria Asomaning(deceased)- Protocol Officer

The fellowship has contributed in all aspects of the Church's activities i.e., spiritually, physically and financially.

ACHIEVEMENTS

We are grateful to the almighty God for bringing us this far. Most of our members have served as Congregational Session members and currently some are still session members impacting their experiences to the growth of the Church today.

The under listed sisters have served as District Executives and some are currently serving to the glory of God.

- Sis. Salome Keteku Kwakye - Asst. Secretary (1992 – 1993)
- Sis. Elizabeth Agyeiwaah - Protocol Officer (1992 – 1993)
- Sis. Elizabeth Agyeiwaah - Secretary (1993 – 1998)
- Sis. Rose Obeng - Vice President (1998 – 2001)
- Sis. Rose Obeng - President (2001 – 2008)
- Sis. Mercy Anning Tabi - Treasurer (2001 -2008)
- Sis. Felicia Ansong - Vice President (2020 to date)
- Sis. Veronica Owusu Mensah - Financial Sec. (2020 to date)

The current serving executives of the fellowship are listed below;

- Sis. Salome Sefah - President
- Sis. Janet Asante - Vice President
- Sis. Sarah Sintim Misa - Secretary
- Sis. Cynthia Asiedu - Asst. Secretary
- Sis. Mary Apau - Treasurer
- Sis. Grace Nyarko - Financial Secretary
- Sis. Patience Dompkeh - Protocol Officer

YEHOWA NNI WAKYI





HISTORY

OF CHARIS CONGREGATION MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The idea for the formation of the New Fadama Men's Fellowship was conceived on 18th November, 1984 during the church's annual harvest.

On that fateful day, seven men volunteered to become members. Two women, Mrs. Sophia Angba and Madam Harriet Ofori enrolled as members. An eight-member Interim executives were elected which include the two female members and were charged to supervise the activities of the infant group. On 30th August, 1987 the inauguration ceremony was held and was officiated by Rev. D. O. Boapeah.

FIRST EXECUTIVES:

Bro. E. O. Tabi	- President
Bro. Daniel Obiri Anim	- Vice President
Bro. J. K. Kwakye	- Secretary
Bro. R. S. Danso	- Asst. Secretary
Bro. Seth Gyau (dec.)	- Chaplain
Bro. J. A. Kwakye	- Financial Sec. / Treasurer
Bro. Samuel Aboagye	- Protocol Officer

CURRENT EXECUTIVES:

Bro Daniel Wiafe	- President
Bro. Wilson Adjei	- Vice President
Bro. Reuben Awaitey	- Secretary
Bro. Richard Nyarko	- Asst. Secretary
Bro. E. Awuah	- Financial Secretary
Bro. Antwi Baako	- Chaplain



PAST & CURRENT MINISTERS AND CATECHIST OF CHARIS CONGREGATION



REV. MARTIN B. NABOR
1986 - 1996



REV. FELIX ASANTE
1996 - 1998



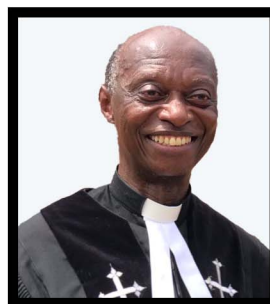
REV. HENRY AMOAKO
1998 - 1999



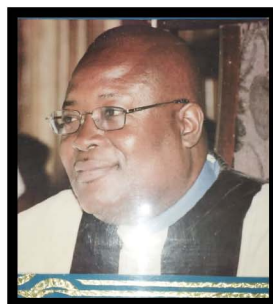
REV. FELICIA ADU-KUMI
1999 - 2001



REV. HERBERT ANIM OPONG
2001 - 2002



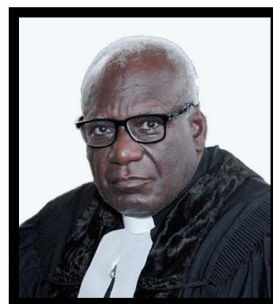
REV. EMMANUEL OBENG NTOW
2002 - 2004



REV. ERIC ADEBI-CAESER
2005 - 2009



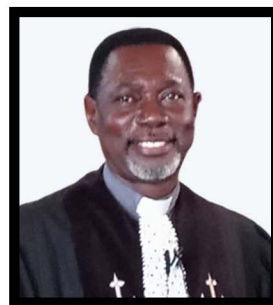
REV. S. N. LANKWEI LAWSON
2009 - 2011



REV. KWASI ADDAI-NAAMI
2011 - 2015



REV. THEOPHILOS K. SAKADO
2015 - 2019



REV. ALFRED OWUSU BOATENG
2019 - 2022



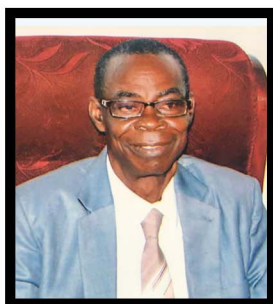
REV. DAN-FRANCIS T. ANNAN
2021 - 2022



REV. SAMUEL TETTEH QUAYE
2022 - DATE



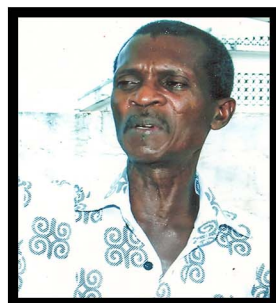
CAT. JOSEPH ADOMAKO MANU
1987 - 1997



CAT. DANIEL OSAFO-AYEH
1997 - 2002



CAT. CHARLES NEWTON ANSONG
2002 - 2009



CAT. ERNEST YAW MTAOFO
2009 - 2013



CAT. ALEX ASIEDU
2013 - 2018



CAT. PETER KWAME APPIAH
2018 - 2020



CAT. EDWARD YEBOAH DARKWAH
2020 - DATE

GALLERY

RSARY ACTIVITIES



PICTURE

OF 40TH ANNIVER



Goodwill MESSAGE



REV. ENOCH ADJEI POBEE
Chairperson of Ga West Presbytery

On the occasion of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of your congregation, I on behalf of the Ga West Presbytery Council and on my own behalf, bring you fraternal greetings and warmly congratulate you for reaching the 40th milestone of your establishment.

I am greatly privileged and honored to be associated with your success story and wish to salute the founding members as well as current members for their selflessness and dedication to God's work up to this point in the history of the church.

We acknowledged that it has been a long and tedious journey which needed determination and selfless commitment; but we should be humbled by the fact that the Lord has found you worthy to undertake ventures in the furtherance of His kingdom on earth. It is heartwarming to hear how individuals gave beyond measure to make this dream a reality and for this, I congratulate all the members and leadership of the church for achieving this feat.

By reaching this milestone, you are in a sense saying you have proved yourself adequate to the task that was entrusted to you by the Lord in the past and are poised to take on more responsibilities. Anniversaries like this are very important in the life of every organization as they afford you the opportunity to celebrate God's goodness; thank Him and also strategize for the next phase. There is therefore the need to carefully reflect on the past and learn lessons from your performance as a community of faith.

We on our part assure you of our continuous prayer support and encouragement in all your endeavors.

May the good Lord lead you in the next phase of service as you touch lives in this community and beyond.

I admonish you to lift the banner of Jesus high in this community and pay particular attention to Children and Youth Ministry as they are the future of the church. We urge you to make this church the first choice of the youth of this community and beyond. In other words, endeavour to make your services youth friendly.

Besides, we beseech you to cultivate the culture of maintenance in the fear of the Lord for the upkeep of the infrastructure you are endowed with for its usage by generations yet unborn with the mindset that we have an account to give someday before the Almighty.

In conclusion I salute all who in diverse ways have contributed towards the continues existence of this church up until. I say to you all: "Keep on keeping on".

Once again, I say Ayekoo! May God richly bless you. Happy Anniversary.

Goodwill MESSAGE



REV. JOSEPH RICHARD TETHEY
Abeka District Minister

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1: 2 KJV).

I thank my god upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making requests with joy that the majority of the populace where the church is sited / situated are people in the Muslim faith, yet you coexist inspite of numerous challenges confronting the church. To this end, I say ayekoo to the gallant men and women who through the grace of Jehovah God championed the evangelism in the new Fadama environs which yielded fruit and gave birth to the Charis congregation.

In celebrating this 40th anniversary, it will be very joyous and befitting to have some of the early converts, care takers, I'm c's that have seen the church through to this stage, be chronicled and given a citation, not as a reward but a recognition of their labour in the vineyard of the lord.

I would want to wish you a happy anniversary celebration long live Charis, long live GAWEP, long live P C G. Congratulations. God bless you all.

Finally, do your very best to propagate the gospel to these brethren of ours in the faith of Muslim. To achieve this feat, you will have to intensify your prayers and intentional out-reach. Fortunately, the church head has tasked all congregations to embark on operation I . I . 5 therefore go all out and good lord will certainly reward your efforts.

HISTORY OF CHARIS CONGREGATION SINGING BAND

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Charis Singing Band group was established on the 22nd November, 1986 by Mrs. Vida Afrifa. It was started with seven (7) females namely: Doris Tenkorang, Charlotte Banahene, Vivian Empere, Evelyn Tieku, Ellen Osew, Getrude Asiedua(deceased) and Vida Afrifa. Mrs. Afrifa was the band's first singing mistress and was assisted by Doris Tenkorang.

Later, Mr. Kwabena Nantwe joined the group and became the singing master. He left the band two months later. In 1987, by the grace of God, Mr. Ben Awuku joined the band as a singing master, he brought some energy into the group. Later due to his school and accommodation problems, the band enrollment went down, that prompted the then Senior Presbyterian, Mr. Edward Okyere(deceased) to appeal for new members especially males. That saw Mr. P.A.K Biney and some members join the group.

Mr. P.A.K. Biney organized the group to a higher level, but unfortunately left for employment reasons. He asked Mrs. Rose Biney to continue his good work. In 1993, Mr. Onwona Agyemang and Rose Biney advised the band to join the Accra Singing Bands' Union, hence, the inauguration of the New Fadama Singing Band and joined the Accra Singing Band Union.

THE FIRST ELECTED EXECUTIVES

- Rose Biney - President
- Christiana Berko - Vice President
- Patience Amarte - Secretary
- Michael Asante - Fin. Secretary
- Susana Adomako Manu (deceased) - Treasurer
- Christian Botchway - Chaplain
- Mary Dapaah - Mother
- Albert Nyarko - Transport Officer
- Beatrice Boatemaa (deceased) - Auditor
- Ebenezer Donkor (deceased) - Adviser
- Vida Lartey - Porter
- Onwona Agyeman - Singing Master

We will like to also acknowledge the selfless and dedicated service of our former Singing Master Mr. Joseph Adjetey Annan (deceased) who helped the band rise to the lime light till now. We appreciate and thank him abundantly.

CURRENT PATRONS AND PATRONESS

- ☒ Mrs. Vida Afrifa
- ☒ Mrs. Sophia Angba
- ☒ Mrs. Janet Yeboah
- ☒ Mad. Mercy Yeboah
- ☒ Mad. Juliana Amoako
- ☒ Mrs. Nelizer Darko
- ☒ Mrs. Ruth Bani-Kwakye
- ☒ Mrs. Vida Tetteh
- ☒ Mr. Siaw Ampadu
- ☒ Mr. Nelson Ofori

As at now the band has lost eleven souls, two (2) males and nine(9) females.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BAND

☒ The band is credited for a number of awards in the District Singing competition and Bible Quiz

☒ The band has contributed immensely to the growth of the Abeka District Singing Band. Some of our members have held various positions in the District and Presbytery level of the band.

☒ Two of our members who stood in the Abeka District Presbytery Bible Quiz held, won the first and second positions for the Ga West Presbytery in the National Bible Quiz held in Agogo Conference in 2018.

CURRENT EXECUTIVES FOR THE BAND

- ☒ Mr. Ohene Amoako - President
- ☒ Christiana Pomaa - Vice President
- ☒ Doris Quarshie - Secretary
- ☒ Martha Mensah - Asst. Secretary
- ☒ Felicia Ansong - Treasurer
- ☒ Claude A. Chambers - Financial Secretary
- ☒ Albert Safo - Chaplain
- ☒ Daniel Osei Owusu - Protocol
- ☒ Vivian Frimpong - Asst. Protocol
- ☒ Daniel Osei Bonsu - Singing Master



HISTORY OF CHARIS CONGREGATION BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

The group was formed by the Kaneshie Bible Study and Prayer Group, the very day the New Fadama Congregation was planted in the year 1982. The pioneering team were the first interim executives of the group, namely

- Mr. Daniel Nyarko
- Mr. Emmanuel Yaw Nyameamah
- Mr. Joseph Osei Bonsu
- Mr. Emmanuel Owusu Agyemang
- Mr. Opoku Antwi
- Mad. Leticia Omari
- Grace Ohenewaa

The group was inaugurated in the year 1986 with 36 members. First elected executives were:

- Mr. Joseph Kwakye - President
- Mr. Moses Adjocase - Vice President
- Mr. Robert Osei Kyere - Secretary
- Mr. Joseph Adomako Manu - Asst. Secretary
- Mad. Victoria Omanyo - Financial Secretary
- Mad. Vida Afrifa - Treasurer
- Mr. Samuel Aboagye - Protocol

ACHIEVMENTS OF THE GROUP

1. Planting of Church at Agyenkwa - Kasoa through operation Kakraba in the Central Presbytery
2. Helping District BSPG plant a church at Dobro
3. Awarded as the Best group in the District
4. Awarded the best group in the Ga West Presbytery

5. Nurtured Nii Oworshika BSPG in the Abeka District.

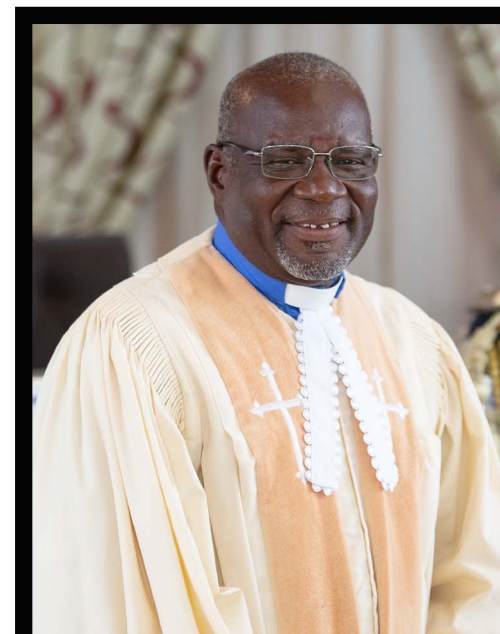
6. Nurtured Afiamah and Kotoku Congregations

7. Two of our members are currently serving in the District Executive Committee. They are Bro. Daniel Osei Owusu as Organizer, Bro. Seth Gyawu Adarkwah as Secretary from 2018 to 2022.

NEW EXECUTIVES

- Bro. Emmanuel Asante Yomaah - President
- Bro. Daniel Owusu Anom - Secretary
- Bro. Daniel Osei Owusu - Financial Sec.
- Sis. Ophelia Kyeremeh - Organizer

Goodwill MESSAGE



REV. SAMUEL TETTEH QUAYE
Minister -in- Charge
(PCG, Charis Congregation)

So then, my dear friends, stand firm and steady. Keep busy always in your work for the Lord, since you know that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless. GNB. I Corinthians 15:58.

I am grateful to the Lord for a congregation like Charis. 40 years ago, men and women of the Lord started this spiritual journey without knowing how big or small it will become. Yet, they labored in the Lord's service and today, this is the church.

Oh yes, some pioneers have been mentioned, others may have been forgotten but one thing we are sure of is that, the Lord will not let their service go in vain.

I was transferred to this congregation not long ago. However, I have been able to identify some peculiar characteristics that have sustained the growth of this noble church.

It is right to commend the prayer life of members, the love and unity that exists amongst them. The selfless manner with which session members work and the zeal with which they embark on any activity for the good of the congregation. I am certain it was with this same spirit that the founding members, reverend ministers, catechists, presbyters and the congregation at large worked with to bring Charis this far to be celebrating the ruby year. I say AYEKOO to you all.

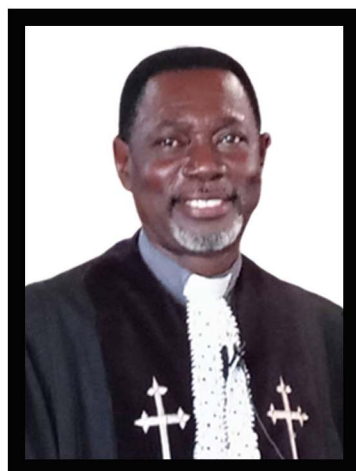
Our community is not a Christian friendly one but the Lord's commission is still there for us to fulfill. Hence, we will win souls. My dear Charis fellows, as we celebrate our 40th anniversary, I call on us all to make a conscious effort to win our community with our way of life. As the adage goes, life begins at forty.

It is my prayer that, the Lord will bless this congregation to grow spiritually, to grow in love, grace and in finances. May we be empowered to work best in order to add to what our founders have left for us.

May the grace of the Lord remain with us. AMEN.



Goodwill MESSAGE



REV. ALFRED OWUSU BOATENG
Past Minister Charis Congregation

The Lord has been faithful to the Charis congregation throughout her 40 years of existence. In growth, we weather the storm of struggles, pain and sacrifice, and Charis Presbyterian Church has had a fair share of it. We can only appreciate all those who have been of service to the church and continue to avail themselves as they contribute their quota to the development of Charis Presbyterian Church.

On my own behalf, I salute all ministers and leaders of the church who proudly pioneered the formative years of this esteemed congregation. Their tireless work cannot go unmentioned at such an august gathering. Additionally, I applaud all the members, both alive or passed, whose stewardship to the church has been unparalleled.

They have made their mark in the building of the congregation. I congratulate them for their unwavering faith and persistent hard work in difficult periods. We have attained this momentous milestone by the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and these exceptional individuals among us. Over the years we have been successful in building a solid reputation with other Christian congregations and non-Christian communities within the catchment area of the church. This relationship has fostered our evangelism and outreach projects over the years. We are proud to be able to have shared the word, love and gospel of the Lord over these glorious 40 years. We pray we are able to do more in the coming years to impact more lives and save more souls.

As we celebrate 40 years of God's goodness, it affords us the time for sharing God's love and equipping ourselves for the Christian journey. I implore the church to push forth plans towards soul-winning, teaching the word of God, bringing back biblical discipleship, and the love of Christ in its truest sense. We have to keep in focus, the sacrifices made by our pioneers and those still contributing in diverse ways towards the growth of the congregation.

I say with much credence that the future of the Charis congregation is glorious but we must strive to do more for the Lord. There will be lots of challenges and hard times, however, giving up would not be an option on the table. So, let us continue to fight the good fight which is sure to produce the goodness of the Lord in the end.

Once more, I congratulate us all on our 40th anniversary celebration. More grace for the race, hip hip-hurray! Long live Charis congregation!

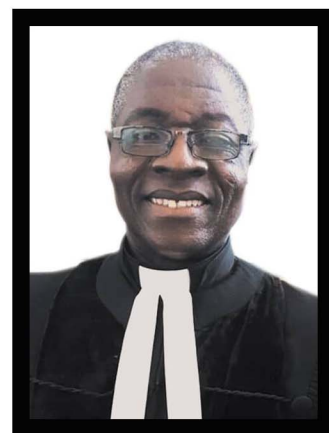
St. Paul writes in 1st Corinthians 3:6-7 thus "I planted, Apollo watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything; but only God, who makes things grow."

I am very grateful to God Almighty to be alive today for this great and memorable event. History has it that the establishment of this Congregation was met with many challenges, but the pioneers persevered and never gave up. Jesus said in John 12:24 that unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

Yes, the sweat and toils of the pioneers have brought Charis to where it is now. I salute them and the chain of dedicated Christians - the Clergy and the Laity - whose efforts have yielded this result. Indeed, your toils have not been in vain because the mustard seed is now 40 years and a Big Tree.

It is my prayer that the Charis Congregation will grow from grace to grace.

To the past and present leaders and members, I say **AYEKOO!** Long live the Charis Congregation, Long live the Presbyterian Church of Ghana!!!



REV. THEOPHILUS KOFI SAKADO
(RETIRED)
Past Minister Charis Congregation

HISTORY OF CHARIS CONGREGATION CHURCH CHOIR

The group was formed in September, 1983, and was officially inaugurated on 16th August, 1987. The inaugural ceremony was performed by Rev. W.B. Appiah Nkrumah and on that same day new choir robes were dedicated for the Choristers.

The pioneers of the Choir group were;

- ☒ Bro. E.T. Cudjoe - Choir master
- ☒ Sis Grace Asare - Secretary
- ☒ Bro. Moses Adjocase - Member
- ☒ Sis. Constance Nimako - Member
- ☒ Sis Lucy Nyarko - Member
- ☒ Sis. Mavis Nimako - Member
- ☒ Sis Grace Ahinkora - Member
- ☒ Sis. Vida Asamoah - Member

Over the years, the following choir masters has handled the group;

- ☒ Mr. Samuel Inkoom
- ☒ Mr. Isaac Amanor Dodo
- ☒ Mr. Amoah
- ☒ Mr. Joseph Adjete Annan
- ☒ Mr. Nathan Lartey
- ☒ Mr. Adoma Asamoah
- ☒ Mr. Kwame Afful
- ☒ Mr. Kwame Arhin

CURRENT EXECUTIVES

- ☒ Samuel Addo - Choir master
- ☒ Benjamin Brako - President
- ☒ Dominic Agbe - Vice President
- ☒ Hannah Oduro - Secretary
- ☒ Gertrude O. Sekyere - Asst. Sectary
- ☒ Joyce O. Agyei - Treasurer
- ☒ Grace Nyarko - Financial Secretary

- ☒ Christiana Atiadevi - Choir Mother
- ☒ Martha Appiah - 1st Custodian
- ☒ Margaret Asantewaa - 2nd Custodian

The Choir has cordial relationship with other groups in the Church. The Choir is also involved in Church activities. The growth of the group has not been consistent over the years, and this has affected the group in diverse ways. The current numerical strength stands at 29, i.e., 6 males and 23 females.

The following people have been in the group for a very long time and have helped in tremendous ways, in the betterment of the group: Mad. Agnes Korang, Mad. Joyce O. Agyei, Mad. Ama Antwi Baako, Mad. Elizabeth Tetteh, Mad. Mary Apau, Mad. Christiana Atiadevi and Bro. Joseph Owusu Ansah.

The under listed members has served as District Executives and some are currently serving to the glory of God.

- ☒ Mad. Agnes Owusu Korang - District Choir Mother (2008 - 2013)
- ☒ Mabel Baah - District Secretary and Adviser (2014 - 2022)
- ☒ Mabel Baah - Asst. Secretary
- ☒ Joseph Owusu Ansah - District Financial Secretary (2014 - 2016)
- ☒ Ruth Owiredua Scotch - District Asst. Secretary (2017 - 2022)
- ☒ Emmanuel Asem - District Vice President (2017 - 2022)
- ☒ Emmanuel Asem - District President (2022)
- ☒ Evans Appiah Kubi - District Financial Secretary (2020 - 2022)



Goodwill MESSAGE



MR. SAMUEL TETTEH
Committee Chairman

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his
presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he
is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his
pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and
his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless
his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast
love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all
generations." Psalm 100:1-5*

Mr. Chairman, Papa Presbytery chairperson, Special Invited Guests, distinguished members of the CHARIS family, I am grateful to God almighty for the grace, strength and wisdom He has endowed me with to steer the affairs of this planning Committee. It has been a smooth but difficult journey.

The 40th anniversary committee was inaugurated on 29th August 2021, and the anniversary subsequently launched on 20th March 2022.

The theme could not have been any appropriate than 'Celebrating God's Faithfulness and Mercy, 40 years and beyond'.

I pray that this celebration will not end here but go a long way to fulfill the old adage 'life begins at 40'. This means that when one reaches the age of forty, life becomes better, because one might have accumulated the skills, experience and means necessary for an enjoyable life.

We trust in God that we will live to celebrate the next 40 years to His glory.

That the CHARIS family will be prominent within the body of Christ in Ghana and across the globe. We will hold on with the faith in God and help more to know Christ.

Mr. Chairman, Papa Presbytery chairperson, permit me to highlight a few activities that were undertaken during this anniversary period.

We undertook a health walk through the principal streets of New Fadama and its environs to propagate the gospel and create good health awareness to our host community. Afterwards, a team of health professionals within the church benevolently offered to screen members for our wellbeing. This included screening on hepatitis B and subsequently administered vaccinations to members who tested negative. Blood pressure and sugar were also screened as well as COVID vaccinations. We organised bible competitions for our Junior Youth and the Children's Service members.

In collaboration with the Ecumenical and Social Relations(ESR) and Mission and Evangelism(M&E) committees of the church, this year's Emaus day was graciously marked with a bouncing castle for the kids and various indoor games for the youth and adults.

Members defied the heavy rains on the day and attended in their numbers to make the day memorable.

All other programs planned ahead such as a cooking competition, a youth symposium, dinner and awards night were all stalled due to circumstances beyond our control. However, in all things we give thanks to God.

A special thank you goes to our past and present Ministers, Catechists and the presbyters for your contributions over the years and your unfailing support till date. Special mention goes to our own late Mr. Edward Okyere (Wofa Eddie) who was laid to rest a few days ago. Rest Well Wofa Eddie!!!!

My final appreciation goes to my committee members who did all the hard work for us to witness this day. Ayikoo to you all!! You have been amazing and I am proud to have had the opportunity to be your lead-servant. I look forward to greater years ahead as a church.

***Have a wonderful celebration! Long live the
Presbyterian Church of Ghana!!
Long live Charis Congregation!!!
Amen!!!!***

Goodwill MESSAGE



REV. KWASI ADDEI-NAAMI (RETIRED)
Past Minister Charis Congregation

I am delighted to be part of this very important celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Charis Congregation in New Fadama; I bring you warm greetings from my humble abode in Yeji.

This 40th Anniversary Celebration offers us the opportunity first, to give thanks to the Almighty God for the witness of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana to Christ in New Fadama, a very hostile environment.

Secondly, it affords us the opportunity to reflect on the work of our pioneers like Edward Okyere (Wofa Eddie), Samuel Okai, Catechist Charles Ansong, and Rev Dr. Martin Bugri Nabor, who have passed on to Eternity; and to draw many lessons therefrom our performances as a people of God for the 40 years of our existence.

Thirdly, I hope we will discern the direction and movement of the Holy Spirit for our Mission (or witness to Christ) in this information age for any innovative and sustainable operation of the Church in this hostile Community as we make plans for the future.

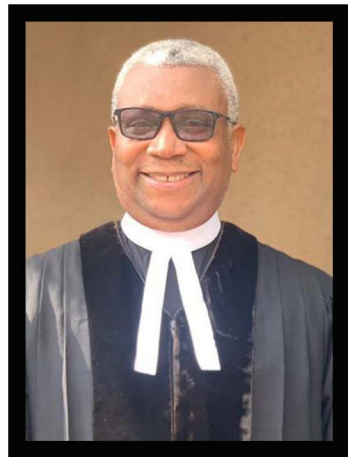
Socrates is credited with the saying; "the unexamined life is not worth living". This quotation tells us why reflections are always important, no matter how difficult or unpleasant they may seem. Reflections enable us to see things from different perspectives, in relation to our personal lives, our community and the wider environment as well as with respect to time.

From such a perspective, we can appreciate the good; be thankful to the Almighty God and all those who have contributed to the satisfactory state of affairs; make conscious efforts to hold on to or improve the state of affairs. It is also appropriate to make time to ponder over our shortcomings and be inspired to look at these in a fresh and new way for success in the future.

The story of the establishment of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana in the New Fadama community would have been different without reference to the sacrifice and dedication of all the church members, Catechists, Pastors, the Sessions, and all who by their skills, wisdom, prayers and giving has brought the Church to this point.

My prayer is that even as we celebrate this anniversary in giving thanks to God, we will also acknowledge the roles played by all these forebears that have made the Church what it is today in New Fadama. It is important for me to mention that the task of Mission and Evangelism has not yet ended. We must strive to work assiduously to reach the unreached peoples in this area for Christ.

Goodwill MESSAGE



REV. HERBERT ANIM OPONG
Minister -in- Charge
(PCG, West Legon Congregation)

To God be the glory! PCG, New Fadama is 40 years old. First of all, let me join you in giving thanks to the Almighty God for the vision of the Fathers and Mothers through whom the Lord used to start the congregation. I say "Ayekoo". To all Catechists, Caretakers, Ministers and Presbyters and all who have served in the congregation, dead and alive, I say "God bless you". They deserve all the praise because when the Lord called them to serve they gladly responded to the call and did their best.

Such a celebration always affords the leadership the opportunity to pause and "listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying". The leadership have been inspired to celebrate the 40 years anniversary under the theme: "Celebrating God's Faithfulness and mercy 40 years and beyond". The theme is calling on the Church leadership and all the faithful disciples of Christ in the church:

I am very excited to be associated with this historic event – your 40th Anniversary celebration as a Congregation. I extend warm greetings to all Congregational Members. It has taken you quite a lot of efforts to chalk up this feat.

As you reflect upon what the Lord has enabled you to accomplished, I urge you all not to be complacent of your new achievements and rest on your oars, but rather be challenged to press on to reach greater heights by the enablement of the Lord. In your new status, much is expected of you as a Congregation, most importantly, to bring more souls into the Lord's vineyard through Evangelism and ardent teaching of the Word of God which is the prime responsibility of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As you celebrate your Anniversary in a grand style, I appeal to you to care for each other as Christ cares for us.

The Church leaders must watch over the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, you must feed them and care for them through His Word. With the Vision 1.5 of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, I urge all and sundry to be involved in this agenda of; One Congregational member, winning A Soul, Every year (1.1.1).

May you live and worship in Hope for Christ all the days of your lives!!
I wish you all a joyous and spirit-filled 40th Anniversary celebration.
Congratulations!!

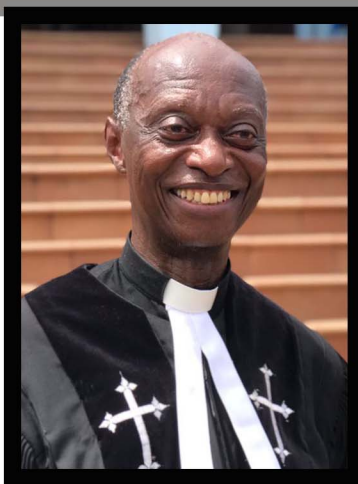
- To reflect on the ways that discipleship has been done over the last 40 years.
- To seek new ways of abiding in Christ so as to continue to bear fruit relevant to the community,
- To let your latter works (abiding in Christ) exceed the former 40 years
- To have a closer walk and deeper relations with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. It also implies that you continue to be transformed by the WORD and not allow any false teaching to distract the people of God. In other words, you are being called upon to pay closer attention to the WORD.
- To remind the believers that, as disciples you have to grow into the likeness of Christ on a daily basis.
- To equip all the saints for Ministry so that no one says "I have nothing to do in the church".

Beloved, as you open a new page in the mission and administrative history of the Church, with the aim of being the Light of Christ, remind yourselves that the old landmarks of the faith, must never be shifted {Proverbs 22:28}. Repent of the mistakes of the past, wake up and strengthen and mobilize the best gifts, talents, minds that the congregation is blessed with for the great commission. Abide in the Lord and His work. Enter the open doors in Ministry that the Holy Spirit continually opens before the congregation.

Moving forward demands a leadership that abides in the Lord, a leadership that is courageous in the Lord, prayerful and sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

It is only through this that God will be doing new things in His Church for it to remain VISIBLE, VIABLE and VIBRANT. Congratulations!!

God bless the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Long live the Charis Congregation



REV EMMANUEL OBENG NTOW
District Minister,
Tema North

Goodwill MESSAGE



CAT. EDWARD YEBOAH DARKWAH
Catechist of Charis Congregation

Behold, bless the lord, all you servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord. The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion! Psalm 134:1-3.

Let us give thanks and praise to God for His goodness and mercy all through the 40 years of happy moments and unhappy ones.

I joined this great family not long ago but I have enjoyed being part of you. As we move forward, I urge us all to forgive one another and live in unity. This is to help sustain the growth of the church and also to conquer, reign and rule as kings and queens on this earth for the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is my prayer and wish that, this great family will move forward in terms of our prayer life, bible studies, finances and also grow from strength to strength.

God bless Charis!
Charis ... by His grace!



MR. NELSON OWUSU OFORI
Senior Presbyter of
Charis Congregation

"Ebenezer this is how far the Lord has brought us I Sam. 7:12". We give glory to God for bringing us where we are. It is a privilege and joy to be associated with many success stories which are filled with many memorable and significant events.

Today offers us the opportunity to give thanks to God Almighty for bringing us through all the changing scenes of life to where we have reached and to learn lessons from our performances, achievements and challenges and to plan for the future.

We will forever remain grateful to our pioneers of this church for the sacrifices they made, the exemplary lives they lead and their prayer supports. I congratulate the leadership and membership of the church on the occasion of our 40th Anniversary Celebration.

The celebration of the church anniversary is taking place at a time when the entire P.C.G's theme is focused on the name Jesus Christ, the light of the world. The theme reminds us that in a perverse and dark world our Lord Jesus Christ is the light that guides us to navigate our journey in life.

As the light of Jesus shines within us, we must reflect the same light in our societies. This would result in the godly life that our Lord calls us to live in the church as well as in society. I will urge all members to continue to prayerfully support the church. Be patient and spend quality time with the Lord. I encourage you all leaders and members to keep up the good work in the coming years.

Do not let your heart grow weary. Always bear in mind Paul's advice to us in Colossians 3: 22-24 which reads: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord not for human masters since you know that your reward is from the Lord Christ you are serving".

Your labour in the vineyard will never be in vain.
A big Congratulation!!!
On our 40th Anniversary,
I wish you God's speed in all your collective endeavours.
Long live the P.C.G.
Long live Ga West
Long live Abeka District
Long live Fadama Presby
Hurray!!!



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