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## **A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 123<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF QUA IBOE CHURCH (UEC) HELD AT QUA IBOE CHURCH(UEC), NATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE, PLOT 46, DAN SULEIMAN STREET, UTAKO, ABUJA FROM MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2010**

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Conference of Qua Iboe Church (UEC) was held at Qua Iboe Church (UEC), National Worship Centre Utako, Abuja, from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010. The theme of the Conference was **CHRIST OUR PEACE** (Eph. 2: 14).

The Conference was attended by the National Chairman of the Church, Rev. (Dr) N. S. Issah FCMA,JP, and his wife, Deaconess Grace Issah, the Assistant General Secretary, Rev. A. S. J. Udoyen, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Elder I. U. Akpasom. Other trustees in attendance were Elder C. R. Etang, Elder S. R. Uko, Rev. (Dr) E. O. Inyang, Rev. (Dr) J. Y. Onogu, Elder (Barr) Joe Abraham who is also the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Kogi State and Elder AM Nsikak Eduok (rtd) who also chaired the opening ceremony. Chairmen of Area Conferences, Heads of Township Superintendencies and Districts and Chairmen of Committees and Heads of Institutions and Fellowships were also in attendance.

More than 450 delegates from the following Area Conferences were in attendance: Aba and Igbo in Abia State; Abuja covering FCT, Niger, Sokoto, Kebbi, Katsina, Kano, Kaduna, Borno, Zamfara, Benue, Bauchi, Gombe, Plateau and Yobe States; Ankpa, Ejule, Ogugu, Ibaji and Idah in Kogi State. Eket, Mbioto/ Mkpata Enin, Uyo, Ukanafun in Akwa Ibom State. Also in attendance were delegates from Township Superintendencies and Districts namely, Lagos and Lagos Central in Lagos, Ogun and Oyo States; Benin in Edo State; Calabar in Cross River State; Afia Nsit, Odoro Ikot, and Oron in Akwa Ibom State; Eleme and Port Harcourt in Rivers and Bayelsa States; Ondo in Ondo State; Warri in Delta State; Owerri in Imo State; Enugu in Enugu State; Toto/ Bassa in Nasarawa State, and the host, the National Worship Centre, Utako in the FCT. Institutions, Fellowships and the National Mission Board were also represented at the Conference.

The following dignitaries graced the Opening Ceremony as special invitees: The President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, CAN, Pastor Ayo Oritsejafar (represented by Bishop John Praise of Dominion Chapel International), General Secretary of CAN, Engr. S. L. S. Salifu, Most Rev. C. A. Iweha, Chairman, Christian Council of Nigeria, Abuja who is also the Methodist Archbishop of Abuja Diocese, Secretary General of CCN, South -South Zone, Rev. Ndueso Ekwere, Chairman of CCN Lagos State, Rev. D. E. D. Akwatang, Prof. Yusuf Obaje, former Chaplain to the Presidency, Professor Emeritus of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, Oyo State, and former President, Nigerian Baptist Convention. Other dignitaries included Air Commodore A. Okpanachi (rtd), Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sid Garland of Mission Africa (Qua Iboe Fellowship), Mr. and Mrs Billy Abwa also of Mission Africa, Elder Dr. Utobong Umoh, an Attorney of the Registered Trustees, and the Administrator of the National Worship Centre, Utako, Rev. C. U. Emelogu. The Guest Speaker of the Conference was Rev. Dr. Reuben Chuga, President of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Goodwill messages were received from individuals and groups within and outside the Church including Mission Africa, Most Rev. C. A. Iweha, Rev. Prof Yusuf Obaje, AVM Salifu Atawodi (rtd), and Dr Sid Garland.

In his address, the National Chairman, Rev. (Dr) N. S. Issah, FCMA, JP, drew attention of the Conference to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace and the enduring peace that we have with God through Him. He emphasized the need for co-operation, a sense of discipline and honesty in the discharge of our responsibilities. The National Chairman also stressed the need for the church to rise up to the challenges of expanding the frontiers of Mission and evangelism, funding of Conference projects, HIV/ AIDS intervention programs, training of Pastors and the issues of discipline in the Church.

The Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Reuben Chuga, who based his key note address on an exposition of Ephesians 2: 11-18, stated that the Church must be a place of agreement and forgiveness for peace to reign, and that since Christ is the Prince of Peace, we should all be distributors and ambassadors of peace.

Declaring the Conference open on behalf of the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Bishop John Praise thanked God for keeping the Church for 123 years in spite of the numerous challenges facing it. He opined that since Christ has broken the wall of partition, the Church should now remain one. He enjoined all Christians to become instruments of peace to the Church and the nation.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE**

1. Seven (7) new reverend ministers were ordained
2. Eleven (11) pastoral candidates were called to pastorate.
3. Two (2) groups of Churches, namely Amapu Omuoha in Igbo Area Conference and Amaka in Idah Area Conference were granted Autonomous District status.
4. One Autonomous District, namely Ochi Ofago was upgraded to Superintendency status.
5. Funds were raised in support of Church projects
6. Reports were received from National Mission Board, Fellowships, Institutions, Project and Finance and Investment Committees.
7. Prayers of intercession were offered for peace and security in the country and especially in respect of the 2011 elections.
8. There was a praise night featuring Choirs from Lagos Township Superintendency, Port Harcourt Township Superintendency, Uyo Superintendency and the host Choir of the National Worship Centre, Utako.

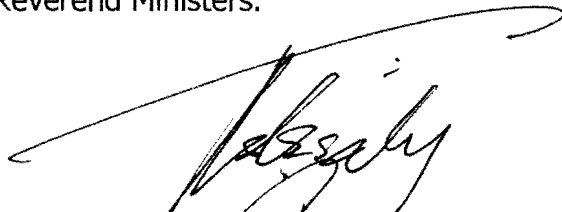
## **RESOLUTIONS**

Conference deliberated on the recommendations of Council and made the following resolutions:

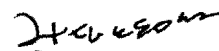
1. That Conference reaffirms its stand on the resolution of 2001 Annual National Conference held at Aba on the name change.
2. That the Church will continue to take matters of discipline very seriously especially among Church Officers.
3. That the 2011 Annual Conference will be held at Idah Area Conference in Kogi State from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.
4. That Conference commends the Federal Government under the leadership of His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, for approving the minimum wage of Eighteen Thousand Naira per month for workers and the establishment of six additional Universities in the country. Conference advised that effort should be made to implement the minimum wage throughout the country without unnecessary delay.
5. That Conference commends the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, under the leadership of Prof. Attahiru Jega for its avowed commitment to free and fair elections in 2011 and encourages every Nigerian to register during the forth coming voters registration exercise.
6. That Conference calls upon governments at all levels to continue to take proactive measures to address security challenges that are currently facing the nation in addition to addressing the deplorable condition of some federal roads across the country.

## **CONCLUSION**

Conference was quite appreciative of the conducive environment created by the Utako community and the Federal Capital Territory for the holding of the Conference. Conference also appreciated the roles of the law enforcement agencies and the National Worship Centre towards the successful hosting of the 2010 Annual Conference. The Conference came to a close on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 after Communion service and the ordination of new Reverend Ministers.



**Rev. (Dr) N. S. Issah, FCMA, JP**  
*National Chairman*



**Elder I. U. Akpasom**  
*Chairman, Board of Trustees*