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Church Leaders Meet to Study, Pray & Plan




Meeting of KAGE Area Leaders

Every other month, leaders from the 35 churches of Christ in the Kasoa, Awutu, Gomoa and Efutu (KAGE) area of the Central Region of Ghana meet for Christian fellowship. These meetings have been a source of unity and cooperation among the congregations. Sometimes, the meetings focus on prayers. At other times, the focus is on Bible studies or planning for the growth of the churches. On a few occasions, the meetings focus on solving problems that have arisen in a congregation for which the leaders seek the help and support of other congregations to solve. Sometimes the meeting does a little bit of all, that is, prayers, Bible studies, planning and problem solving.

On February 16, 2019, leaders from the churches in the KAGE area met at the meeting place of the Winneba church of Christ to study the Bible and discuss the topic of supporting preachers of the gospel.

Isaac Desmond Donkoh, minister of the McCarthy Hill church of Christ in Accra taught on the topic. He taught extensively from the Scriptures the need to support evangelists, gospel preachers and ministers who have devoted their time to the ministry of the gospel. Even though many of the congregations in the area are economically poor and so are struggling financially, Brother Donkoh encouraged them to do their best to take good care of and support the preachers among them who evangelize to win souls as well as preach, teach and minister for the edification, encouragement and spiritual growth of the saints; and have sacrificed so much for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

There was a lively question and answer session after the class. The leaders left motivated to do more to support those who labor in God's vineyard. 



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KAGE Area Leaders Listen to Isaac Desmond Donkoh during KAGE Area Leadership Meeting



Isaac Desmond Donkoh, Minister of McCarthy Hill Church of Christ Speaks to KAGE Area Church Leaders



Isaac Allan Ambresi, Minister of Fetteh Church of Christ Speaks to KAGE Area Church Leaders

About the KAGE Area Churches

There are 35 churches of Christ in the KAGE area. Of the number, 16 are strong churches. These churches have mature members and leadership. When left on their own, these strong churches will continue to thrive. Seven of the churches in the area are average in strength. These churches have a few mature members and are currently doing well because a preacher is actively working with them. However, if left on their own at this stage, they may become weak. There are 12 weak churches in the area. These churches are made up of new converts or immature members. They are in need of constant care and so need to be watched closely. When left on their own, they are likely to die or cease to exist. All the churches need your prayers so please remember them in your daily prayers. Here is a list of the 35 churches in the KAGE area:

Strong Congregations

1. Winneba – Central
2. Ansaful
3. Sankor
4. Kromantse
5. Winneba – Senior High School
6. University of Education, Winneba
7. Akotsi
8. Village of Hope – Main Campus
9. Hope College
10. Fetteh
11. Breku
12. Fetteh – Kakraba
13. Buduburam – Village
14. Buduburam – Stone Quarry
15. Kasoa – Winneba Road
16. Winneba – Market

Congregations With Average Strength

1. Dominase
2. Ojobi
3. Senya – Kokoado
4. Nyanyano
5. Gyahadze
6. Nsuekyir
7. Worabeba

Weak Congregations

1. Abrekum
2. Okyereko
3. Potsin
4. Buduattah
5. Panfokrom
6. Akramang
7. Bonsueku
8. Senya – Kumasi
9. Buduburam – Refugee Camp
10. Kweikrom
11. Gyangyanadze
12. Buduburam – Estate Wing

Hope College Hosts Distinguished Ghanaian Forum



Professor John Aheto
Hope College 2019 Distinguished Ghanaian Speaker

Ghana was a British colony until it gained its independence from the British on March 6, 1957. The day is celebrated each year as a national public holiday. To celebrate the day, Hope College invites a distinguished Ghanaian to its campus to speak to the students at a program called Distinguished Ghanaian Forum. This year's distinguished Ghanaian was Professor John Bright Kobla Aheto.

Professor John Bright Aheto has been teaching at the tertiary education level for over 35 years in the US and Ghana. He is the immediate past Dean of the School of Business at Central University College. He was a Deputy Rector of GIMPA and the first Chair for Banking at KNUST School of Business. He is the Chairman for the 2009 ICAG Graduates Network.

He has been widely recognized for excellence in teaching, research, and community service by his employers, peers, students, relevant professional bodies, and community organizations. He was voted "Teacher of the Year" four times at Florida A & M University and twice at Pace University, both in the USA. His academic work has produced over 18 articles, 10 Conference Papers, 38 Training Manuals, and 5 Students' Manuals.

He has made presentations, chaired, moderated, and served as a critic at various professional and academic conferences and workshops. He has also reviewed numerous professional works and textbooks. Currently, he is the Editor-in-Chief for the PentVars Business Journal of Pentecost University College.

Prof. Aheto is and has been an advisor, board member and Chairman of many organizations in Ghana including Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC), First BanC Financial Services, FirstBanC Fund, Trassaco Estates Development Company Limited (TEDCL), ABORS Multi-investment, Marjorie Y Hotel Ltd., Volta Fund, PsychonHR, ESS/Ucom, Chances Hotel Limited, City Car Wash Limited, Wovenu Senior Technical Secondary School (Chair), Tsiamie Senior Secondary

School, Zion College, Foundation for Future Leaders Limited, Kinapharma Ghana Ltd., and Ghana Small and Medium Enterprises Network (SMEN).

On his own and as a Senior Associate Consultant for Price-Waterhouse-Coopers, Ernst & Young, and Shawbell Consulting, Prof. Aheto has conducted training (corporate governance) and consultancy work (especially strategic planning and monitoring and evaluation) for a number of multinational and local organizations including: Pharmacy Council, Food and Drugs Board, Medical and Dental Council, Ecobank, CAL Bank, Barclays Bank, Ghana Commercial Bank, Merchant Bank, Databank, MTN, Tigo, Kinapharma, Enterprise Insurance Company, West African Health Organization, Nurses and Midwives Council, National Service Scheme, National Health Insurance Authority, Internal Audit Agency, Auditor General's Department, Controller and Accountant General's Department, Ministry of Education, Shell, Total, and MDPI.

Prof. Aheto is married with two adult children.

[Source: Jorbies Holdings Limited (http://www.jorbies.com/index.php?page=4_professor-john-bright-aheto)]

During his speech, Professor Aheto gave a history of events leading to Ghana's attainment of independence and the sacrifices that people made in order for the country to be free from colonial rule. He then spoke at length on patriotism and encouraged the students to grow up to become responsible adults and patriotic citizens. [@](#)



Hope College Students Listen to Professor Aheto in Hackmann Hall



Sign Language Interpretation During Professor Aheto's Talk

Children & Students Celebrate Ghana's Independence Day with Parade and March-past

Millions of Ghanaians celebrated Ghana's Independence Day on March 6, 2019. They gathered in their thousands in villages, towns and cities across the country in joyous and colorful celebrations. Traditionally, Independence Day is celebrated with military-style parades and marching by nursery, elementary and high school students. In every district (county) and regional (state) capital, state officials participate in the celebrations. There is a big national celebration held at the nation's capital city of Accra with the President of Ghana presiding over the celebrations which is also attended by many national and international dignitaries. The national parade is held by members of the Ghana army, air force, navy, police service, prison service, immigration service, fire service as well as workers unions and students. For the first time in 62 years, this year's national celebration was held at Tamale, the capital city of the Northern Region of Ghana.

At Fetteh, hundreds of children from the schools in the community held a parade and march-past which was witnessed by virtually the entire population of the village. In attendance were the chief and elders of Fetteh. Here are some pictures from the celebration at Fetteh. [📷](#)



Right: Ghana's National Flag
Below: Hope Christian Academy Students in Parade





Local Government Representatives Stand for March-past



Gomoa Fetteh Community Attends March 6 Activities



Students of Church of Christ School, Fetteh



Students of Rock of Ages Institute, Fetteh



Market Traders of Fetteh Community



Beauticians of Fetteh Community

Hope College Alumni Association Inaugurated



Alumni of Hope College with Invited Guests, Headmaster, Patron, and Chairperson for Inauguration of Alumni Association

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, alumni of Hope College formally inaugurated their association at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, Ghana's second largest city. Hope College alumni from other universities attended the program to share their solidarity with the KNUST students. Interestingly, students from various universities in Accra hired a bus and travelled for four hours (one way) to witness the occasion.

The chairperson for the occasion was Fred Asare, the first headmaster of Hope College. The guest speaker was Obed Addai of the Oforikrom church of Christ in Kumasi. The special guest of honor was Dr. Wisdom Mprah, a deaf lecturer at the Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies of KNUST. He became extremely pleased when he learnt that the alumni of Hope College at KNUST had studied sign language at the college and so all of them knew sign language and could sign at various levels of proficiency. Also present was Mikhail Agyemang, a former teacher at Hope College who left his teaching appointment at the college to pursue a Master of Science degree in Chemistry. While studying for his master's degree at KNUST, he became a mentor and father-figure to many of the alumni because he had taught them while they were high school students at

Hope College. He was very instrumental in bringing them together to form the alumni association and serves as the association's patron.

During the occasion, the executive members of the association were inducted into office. With this event, it is hoped that alumni association chapters will be formed in various tertiary institutions and cities in Ghana in the near future. The pioneering class of Hope College graduated from the school in May 2015. To date, a total of 362 students have graduated from Hope College. [1](#)



Invited Guests & Patron Cut Association Launch Cake

Hope College Participates in National Science & Math Quiz



Quiz Competition Audience including Staff & Students of Hope College

Hope College participated in the National Science and Math Quiz (NSMQ) competition for the first time in March 2019. The competition which is aimed at promoting the teaching and learning of science and mathematics in the country has been held among high schools in Ghana since 1993. It was solely the preserve of public schools until last year when a private high school was permitted to participate. Hope College is the second private high school in Ghana to participate in the competition. The NSMQ is held at the regional (state) level and the national level. Hope College placed second in their competition but unfortunately will not be able to participate at the national level because only schools that place first in their competition at the regional level qualify to enter the competition at the national level. With the experience gained at this year's competition, we are hopeful that our students will do better next year and qualify for the national level of competition. [📄](#)

**Right (Above & Below):
Hope College Quiz Contestants
before & during Competition**





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