



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA
SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT



10th Anniversary *Celebration*

Theme:

Celebrating
God's Goodness
Fulfilling Our Mission

Psalm 136:1, Matthew 29:19-20

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The South London District Session, Tenth Anniversary Committee and the entire South London District of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana wish to express their sincerest appreciation to God and also to individuals and groups for their immense support in making our tenth anniversary celebration such a success.

We are also grateful to Ms Gifty Badger our first District Clerk for her long and dedicated services to the district and our deep gratitude and appreciation also goes to Dr Israel Nartey, the district's first Lay Representative to the District Session Council

FOREWORD

BY
REV. DR. VICTOR OKOE ABBEY
DISTRICT MINISTER - SLD

Those who sow with tears will reap
 with songs of joy. Those who go
 out weeping, carrying seed to sow,
 will return with songs of joy,
 carrying sheaves with them.
 (Psalm 126: 5-6)

It is with great joy and happiness that I invite all and sundry to join the South London District to celebrate the goodness of the Lord as we joyously bring in the sheaves sown some ten years ago.

The South London District traces its roots from the Ghanaian Church that started in 1990 under the leadership of the Rev. Kwadwo Ntiamoah Amaning and was named Ghanamma Asore. This Church split into two in 1994 leading to the birth of the Trinity Congregation and twenty years later became the Head Station of the newly created South London District in 2014. Ten years on, here we are Celebrating the Goodness of the Lord with our pledge to persist in fulfilling the mission handed over by Jesus Christ to His disciples.

The journey to this tenth anniversary celebration has not been an easy one since it started in 1990 at Kennington followed by the first split in 1994 that led to the birth of the Trinity Congregation and the subsequent movements to Lee through Brockley. It is worth noting that there have been more splits from the two original congregations, and that led to the formation of many Presbyterian Congregations throughout the City of London and beyond. Some of the splits came about as a result of bitter disagreements and conflicts. These disagreements and conflicts in some cases affected the growth of the Church negatively.

However, on the flipside of the issue, one can see the splits as blessings in disguise. They helped with the creation of the first two Districts – South and North London Districts and later a third one – the Midlands District all in the United Kingdom. Casting our minds back over past ten years and beyond, we can only say that “Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.” (Psalm 115:1)



Our history as a District has been ten years and more of physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual journey – an arduous yet rewarding journey! A journey that has been graciously made possible through the partnership of our ever-faithful God and the dedicated men and women – both young and old in the District. These dedicated men and women placed at the disposal of God and His Church the resources He blessed them with. They sacrificed their time, money, talents and other gifts to build what we are celebrating today.

I believe we have learnt our lessons from the bitter-sweet experiences over the past years. May the lessons learnt help all of us to work hard to fight the wrongs, eschew the negative attitudes and strategize to make the Church relevant in our time and through that build a better and sustainable future for the next generations.

In conclusion, I invite you all to join the South London District to celebrate the goodness of God. I pray for more grace for the members of the South London District to strain every nerve and sacrifice everything we hold dear to persist in fulfilling the mission the Lord has entrusted to our care with excellence. May the years ahead of us be filled with more blessings from God.

Happy Anniversary and Congratulations!!

Long Live The Presbyterian Church of Ghana!
 Long Live The Europe Presbytery!!
 Long Live The South London District!!!

Anniversary Celebration Committee

Rev. Edith Addo-Yobo – Chairperson

Cat. William Asiama Bekoe

Mrs Josephine Odei-Ampofo

Mr Ernest Okrah

Mr Emmanuel Apau Danso

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Mr Jason Owusu

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THEME: “CELEBRATING GOD’S GOODNESS - FULFILLING OUR MISSION.”
(PSALM 136:1, MATTHEW 28:19-20)

SUB THEME: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord’

1	Call to Worship		Cat. William Asiama Bekoe (Lay Rep)
2	Processional Hymn	PHB 57	
3	Hymn of Invocation	PHB 39 (1-3)	District Choir
4	Salutation		Cat. William Asiama Bekoe (Lay Rep)
5	Hymn of Praise	PHB 79 (1-3)	
6	Prayer (Adoration, Confession & Petition)		Cat. William Asiama Bekoe (Lay Rep)
7	Praises and Adoration		Mass Praises Team
8	Children’s Hour	PHB 758	Mrs Adelinah Amo Agyei
9	Anthem		District Choir
10	First Bible Reading	<i>English (Psalm 136:1)</i>	Trinity Children’s Service
11	Second Bible Reading	<i>Ga (Philippians 1: 3-11)</i>	Peace Congregation YPG
12	Third Bible Reading	(Matthew 28: 19- 20)	
	<i>i. English</i>		GPWC YOUTH
	<i>ii. Twi</i>		Christ Congregation
13	Hymn of Meditation	PHB 336 (Stanzas 1, 2 & 4)	
14	Sermon & Creed		Rev. Dr. Victor Okoe Abbey (District Minister)
15	Hymn of Trust	PHB 314 (1 – 4)	
16	Prayer of Intercession		Victory Congregation
17	First Offertory		Singing Band
18	Fundraising		10 th Anniversary Committee
19	Second Offertory		Singing Band
20	Offertory Prayer		Emmanuel Congregation
21	Brief Announcements		District Clerk / Congregational Clerks
22	Holy Communion	PHB 428, 433, 468	District Minister & other Ministers



23	Presentation of Trophies	
24	Cutting of Anniversary Cake	
25	Unveiling of Plaque	
26	Vote of thanks	Mr Hansen Agyirifo (Presbyters Rep)
27	Closing Hymn	PHB 19 (1- 4)
28	Closing Prayer	Rev. Dr. Victor Okoe Abbey (District Minister)
29	Benediction	Rev. Dr. Victor Okoe Abbey (District Minister)
30	Recessional Hymn	PHB 528

List of Goodwill Messages

- Rev. Dr. Godwin Nii Noi Odonkor
- Rev. Seth Dugbatey Adzokatse
- Rev. Kwame Amo Adjei
- Madam Gifty Schubert
- Rev. Peter Kofi Nyarkoh
- Rev Victor Okoe Abbey
- Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Frimpong
- Rev. Rose Teteki Abbey
- Rev. Dr. Bernard Kyeremeh, PHD
- Rev. Edith Addo Yobo
- South London District Session Clerk
- South London District Lay Rep to the Presbytery Council
- South London District Treasurer
- Former South London District Session Clerk
- Former South London District Lay Rep
- Ebenezer Congregation
- Emmanuel Congregation
- Christ Congregation

- Peace Congregation
- Victory Congregation
- Harlow Congregation
- Bethel Preaching Point

District Groups

- South London District Women's Fellowship
- South London District Men's Fellowship
- South London District Choirs Union
- South London District Singing Band Union
- South London District YAF

Articles

- History of the South London District
- History of the Congregations
- The Basel Mission in Ghana





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**By Rev. Dr. Godwin Nii Noi Odonkor
Clerk of the General Assembly of the PCG**

I bring you warm Christian greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the South London District. We give thanks to God for His unfailing grace, guidance, and sustaining power over the past decade. Your theme, “Celebrating God’s Goodness – Fulfilling Our Mission,” is both a testimony of God’s benevolence and a charge to recommit yourselves to the Church’s mandate.

Over the past decade, the South London District has grown through the dedication, vision, and sacrificial service of its past and present leadership, together with the unwavering commitment of its members. I commend you for the hard work, resilience, and unity of purpose that have brought the District this far. Your collective efforts in establishing vibrant Congregations, nurturing fellowship, and sustaining the mission and witness of the Church are truly admirable. May the Lord reward your labour of love and strengthen you for even greater service in the years ahead.

As you mark this important milestone, I encourage the District to continue strengthening its youth ministry. The future of the Church depends greatly on how intentionally we nurture, equip, and mentor our young people for effective Christian witness and leadership.

I also challenge you to deepen your evangelistic efforts, especially in reaching out to the indigenes within your communities. As the Church pursues the Agenda of attaining a 2 million membership, your strategic location offers a great opportunity for cross-cultural mission, community engagement, and broader Kingdom impact.

Furthermore, I urge the members to participate actively in the Bicentennial Anniversary celebrations. Your involvement will not only enrich the commemoration but also affirm your place in this historic journey of faith.

As you look ahead, may the Lord grant you renewed strength, clarity of purpose, and spiritual vitality. May your Congregations flourish, and may the South London District continue to be a beacon of hope, service, and witness to the glory of God.



Congratulations, and may God bless you richly.



Goodwill Message from Rev Seth Dugbatey Adzokatse, Europe Presbytery Chairperson.

On this auspicious occasion of the **10th Anniversary Celebration of the South London District of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana**, I join you in giving thanks to the Lord for His enduring goodness and faithfulness. Your chosen theme, *“Celebrating God’s Goodness – Fulfilling Our Mission,”* beautifully reflects the essence of your journey and commitment to the Great Commission.

As the psalmist declares, *“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”* Indeed, the past decade stands as a testimony to God’s grace and the unwavering dedication of your district.

In obedience to Matthew 28:19-20, you have continued to make disciples and nurture communities in Christ, impacting lives within South London and beyond.

I commend your steadfastness and pray that the Lord will grant you renewed strength, wisdom, and vision for the years ahead. May this celebration inspire greater zeal to fulfil your mission and extend the light of Christ to all nations.



Congratulations and every blessing as you look forward to an even more fruitful future in His service.



GOODWILL MESSAGE

**By Rev. Kwame Amo-Agyei
Clerk of Europe Presbytery**

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. It is with much joy and honour that I convey my personal greetings and congratulations on this historic occasion of the 10th anniversary of the South London District. This is no mean achievement considering the humble beginnings and how this District have made great strides in setting the pace for PCG within the Europe Presbytery. This is truly a moment to pause and thank God for His goodness, faithfulness, and unfailing love that has carried us through these ten beautiful years of ministry and fellowship. This milestone stands as a living testimony of God's abiding faithfulness and the steadfast love that has sustained this District through the years. Indeed, the Lord has been our help and strength, and it is fitting to echo the Psalmist's words: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psalm 126:3).

Our story is one of God's grace at work - through dedicated ministers, elders, and members who have served with faith and love.

As we celebrate, we should not celebrate our past 10 years achievements only but rather allow them to inspire us to look forward into the future with hope and expectations. This attitude will demand dedication, devotion and zeal, requiring us to go beyond the present celebrations, and be mindful of the mission and task for which we have been called. The challenge is huge, and the responsibility is enormous, but in unity, and on the reliance of God's empowerment, we can do all things through him who strengthen us. It is my fervent prayer that we continue to sustain the enthusiasm and zeal with which the Lord has led us to come this far.



I say a big ‘Ayekoo’ to all present and past members of our beloved South London District. May the Lord continue to bless the **South London District**, strengthen our leadership, and make us a shining light within the Europe Presbytery and beyond. Congratulations and have a wonderful anniversary.



GOODWILL MESSAGE

By Mrs. Gifty O Schubert

Lay Rep of Europe Presbytery to the General Assembly Council, of the PCG

To God be all the glory. I extend my warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus on this blessed occasion of the **10th Anniversary Celebration of the South London District of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Europe Presbytery.**

Under the theme, *“Celebrating God’s Goodness – Fulfilling Our Mission”* (**Psalm 136:1; Matthew 28:19–20**), this milestone stands as a testament to God’s abiding faithfulness and the unwavering commitment of the District to the mission and witness of the Church.

As you celebrate a decade of ministry, may the Lord continue to endow the PCG South London District with divine wisdom, unity of purpose, and renewed zeal to fulfil the Great Commission.

Congratulations once again and may God’s goodness and mercy continue to abound in this District in the years ahead.



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GOODWILL MESSAGE

By Rev Peter Kofi Nyarkoh
First District Minister of the PCG South London District

CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!

I give God glory for you because of His grace that abounds for you in Christ Jesus as you celebrate 10 years of existence.

The history behind the creation of this District: from very humble beginnings, the persecution you went through, earlier crises, and the earlier difficulties in laying out the systems, procedures, and structures. Your resilience in those trying moments and your survival must encourage all who want to start something for God. Yes, these memories gladden my heart that together we can praise the Lord for His wondrous works.

As Christians, we can believe that the God who calls into being that which never previously existed can equally give strength and growth to a group born in weakness. (Romans 4:17). As you celebrate this anniversary with the theme “**Celebrating God’s Goodness – Fulfilling our Mission’ (Psalm 136:1, Matthew 28:19-20)**, do not despise your humble beginnings, for your story has proven the faithfulness of God who can make those who trust in Him do exploits.

May I encourage you to:

- Be strong in the Lord and put on the whole armour of God.
- Expand your Vision and deepen your commitment.
- Strengthen your capabilities and learn how to win more souls to Christ’s Church.
- Enlarge the Vision of the District and sharpen the Evangelism tools for the harvest for the Lord.
- Be Alert and always keep on praying and planning.
- Pray as if you do not plan and plan as if you do not pray.

Congratulations and God’s Blessings!





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From The Rev. Dr. Victor Okoe Abbey
District Minister, PCG, South London District**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

It gives me great pleasure to send this congratulatory and fraternal message of goodwill to the entire membership of the South London District on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the creation of the South London District. I am both humbled and elated to stand on this Holy Grounds where my illustrious predecessors sacrificed and toiled in the time past. Today I am privileged to lead in the celebration that they and all of you have worked tirelessly under the direction of the Holy Spirit to create. You have done so well and you deserve our heartfelt congratulations! **AYEKOO!!**

What started as a very small enterprise within God's economy has grown beyond our imaginations. A careful evaluation of the District makes the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 126:5-6 come true:

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him..

As we celebrate these ten years in thanksgiving to God for the wonderful things He has done for us since the inception of this Church over three decades ago, may we remember the contributions of all the faithful people; members and even non-members – men and women, young and old, “who blessed their generations” with this wonderful Church and District. They sacrificed their time, talent, treasure, pride and honour, to build this Church from the scratch and thankfully, their sacrifices and labour have not been in vain. We are the proud beneficiaries of their selfless devotion.

May we learn useful lessons from the legacy they have bequeath us. Let us continue to build upon the good foundation they laid. However, let us not repeat the mistakes of the past. May



we leave the negative impressions and sour tastes of the past behind us and build upon the positives as we rebrand the South London District of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana to make an impactful impression on the communities God has placed us in.

This anniversary is being celebrated under the theme Celebrating God's Goodness: Fulfilling Our Mission. This theme calls for a paradigm shift from the initial plans of the pioneers of this diasporan mission. We need to move beyond the "Reconnaissance" and "Path Finding" strategies. We need to shift from the chaplaincy model which served the Church very well then to mobilize the masses to establish and maintain the Church. However, if we plan to retain a Church that will live beyond our generation and be

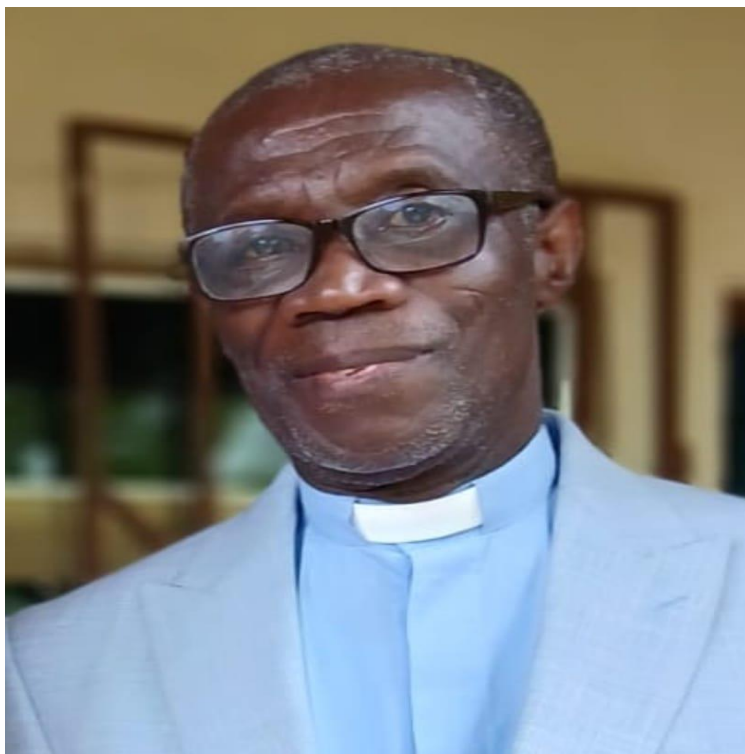
relevant to the contemporary society, then we need to adopt the missional model that calls for radical and aggressive evangelism to win more souls for Christ. We need to intentionally plan for the British-Ghanaian population living with and among us. We have to deliberately make room at the table for the non-Akan speaking Ghanaians as well as non-Ghanaians. We should adopt appropriate technology to enhance the new drive to bring in more souls in fulfilment of our mission mandate. Let us intentionally work very hard and selflessly to create other Districts as we move into the second decade of our existence. May this celebration propel us into the future that will make positive waves within the religious environment of the United Kingdom and beyond and leave a priceless legacy for the future generations.

SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT - CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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GOODWILL MESSAGE

By Rev. Dr. Rtd. E.K. Frimpong
South London District

“This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes” (Psalm 118:23).

It is with profound gratitude and heartfelt joy that I extend this goodwill message to the South London District for celebrating this remarkable milestone—ten years of God’s faithfulness, steadfast love, and unfailing guidance. An anniversary such as this is not merely a marker of time, but a testimony to the hand of God that has carried, shaped, and empowered the District for service in His vineyard.

Over the past decade, the South London District has witnessed lives transformed, ministries strengthened, and communities impacted through the collective labour of committed leaders, dedicated ministers, and faithful members.

As we reflect on the journey behind us, let us also look ahead with renewed hope and determination. May this anniversary inspire the South London District to deepen commitment to discipleship, evangelism, and compassionate service. May the District continue to be a beacon of light, truth, and love in our communities. And may the next decade be marked by even greater spiritual breakthroughs, unity of purpose, and divine favour.

I congratulate the South London District on reaching this significant milestone and pray that the good Lord will continue to bless, strengthen, and enlarge its borders. May His grace abound, His Spirit empower, and His peace rest upon District now and always.

To God be the glory—great things He has done, and greater things He will yet do.

Ayekoo!!!,





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Rev. Rose Teteki Abbey
Minister in Charge: Ebenezer & Emmanuel Congregations.**

“Celebrating God’s Goodness – Fulfilling Our Mission” (Psalm 136:1; Matt. 28:18–20)

The South London District in the Europe Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana is 10 years old – Hallelujah! I am grateful to the Lord God Almighty for the opportunity to be part of the SLD during this aluminium anniversary. With deep joy, I extend my warmest greetings to the District Leadership and Congregations, the Europe Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

Ten years of existence as a District in a church that is almost 200 years old may not seem like much; but it is, in actual fact, a no mean feat. This celebration of the SLD represents ten years of God’s unfailing love, ten years of grace, ten years of divine provision and ten years of fruitful service in the Lord’s vineyard. During this period, the District has been an unfailing witness in the community to God’s faithfulness. I count myself blessed as I represent the Ebenezer and Emmanuel Congregations to join in **“Celebrating God’s Goodness,”** as the first part of the theme for the celebration proclaims. We join the psalmist to declare: **“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy” (Psalm 136:3).**

Through the years, it is the Lord who has kept the South London District and strengthened her leadership through the various District Ministers from Rev Peter Kofi Nyarko, Rev. Henry Addo Darko to Rev Dr Victor Okoe Abbey.



The second part of the theme, *“Fulfilling Our Mission,”* reminds us that as a church we are called to dedicate ourselves to the command of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18–20). We are to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” – an order that seems impossible by the day as the world turns more and more towards materialism and wants to have little or nothing to do with God. Yet, it is precisely in a time like this that the Great Commission should be central to the ministry of the SLD. And, I promise that we at the Ebenezer and Emmanuel Congregations will position ourselves to ensure that the last task Christ gave us remains at the core what we do – the Lord being our Helper.

Once again, I take the opportunity to congratulate everyone – past and present – who has been part of this journey. This includes, but is not limited to, Ministers, Catechists, Caretakers, Presbyters, leaders of the various groups, members of the congregations and all who have laboured faithfully from the beginning until now. I also salute past Presbytery Chairpersons and Clerks as well the various Moderators and GA Clerks whose input have helped to shape us into the District that we are today.

I pray the Holy Spirit to enable us continue the work in all earnestness, knowing that He who has called us is faithful and our labour will not be in vain (1 Cor 15:58). The Lord knows our sacrifices and will reward us abundantly.

I also pray for the Holy Spirit’s empowerment on us all so that as we celebrate God’s goodness, we will all continue fulfilling our mission to break new grounds, raise new leaders and plant new congregations to the glory of God.

Congratulations





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Rev. Dr. Bernard Kyeremeh, PhD
Director-Ecumenical and Social Relations-Europe Presbytery/
Associate Minister, PCG, Trinity Congregation, SLD**

Theme: “Celebrating God’s Goodness – Fulfilling Our Mission” (Psalm 136:1; Matthew 28:19–20)

I bring warm congratulations to the Minister-in-Charge, the Session, the District Council, and the entire South London District on the occasion of your 10th Anniversary.

This milestone is a testimony to God’s enduring goodness, as declared in Psalm 136:1. For ten years, God has sustained your fellowship, strengthened your ministry, and guided your growth. Your commitment to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19–20 is evident in your worship, discipleship, and outreach efforts.

As you celebrate, may the Lord renew your strength and inspire you to continue fulfilling your mission with faith, unity, and passion. May the next decade bring greater grace, deeper impact, and abundant testimonies.

Congratulations, and God richly bless you.





GOODWILL MESSAGE AND A PRAYER

**From Rev. Edith Addo-Yobo
Chaplain, Europe Presbytery YPG, and Women's Fellowship
Minister-in-Charge, PCG, Christ Congregation**

I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians. 1: 6 (ESV)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the peace of God be with you all.
On the 10th Anniversary as a district, I extend warm greetings from PCG Christ Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, East London, and myself.

Congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone of our 10th anniversary! It is truly inspiring to see how far we have come as a community, united in faith and love.

This milestone is a testament to the unwavering dedication, unity and it is with immense gratitude to God that we acknowledge the journey we have shared.

Over the past decade, our dedication, and unwavering commitment to serving others have made a profound impact on many lives.

As we celebrate this special occasion, may we reflect on the many blessings and achievements that have marked our journey. The district has not only been a place of worship but also a beacon of hope, support, and fellowship for all who have walked through its doors.

As we look to the future, let us continue to build on the foundation of our shared values and commitment to one another. May we be inspired to reach even greater heights, guided by our faith and the spirit of togetherness that has brought us this far. May the next decade be filled with even greater blessings, growth, and opportunities to continue spreading the message of love and faith.



Wishing us all a joyous celebration and many more years of success and spiritual fulfilment. With warmest regards, thank you to each and every member of our district for your unwavering dedication and love. Let us celebrate this remarkable milestone with joy and gratitude and look forward to many more years of growth and blessing.

So, heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude as we celebrate this significant milestone. We thank You for Your unwavering guidance, love, and blessings over the past ten years. Your faithfulness has been our foundation, and Your grace has carried us through every challenge and triumph.

As we look to the future, we ask for Your continued presence and wisdom. May we remain steadfast in our mission to serve, love, and uplift one another. Strengthen our bonds of fellowship and deepen our faith, so that we may be a shining light in our community.

Bless each member of this district and may Your peace and joy fill our hearts. We dedicate the years ahead to Your glory and seek Your blessings in all our endeavours.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Ms Eunice Adu-Yeboah
South London District Session Clerk**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise His name (Psalm 100:4, NLT).

I am delighted and highly honoured to congratulate everyone in the South London District of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana on the occasion of her 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Indeed, God has been faithful and His goodness, grace and direction over the decade has been immeasurable.

May I take this opportunity to commend the founding members and leaders for their selfless dedication and sacrifices that have led to what we are celebrating today. What they did not know was that the little light they started in the District will be as one lit on the mountain top, spreading its light across the whole of our congregations in the United Kingdom and by extension in Europe.

I hope you will all agree with me that 10 years in anyone's life, especially one that has yielded great accomplishments, is a great milestone. I do acknowledge with gratitude and pride that out of our District have come leaders, Presbyters, Children's Service Teachers, Junior Youth Leaders, Church Committee members and Ministers of the word for the Church.

As we strive forward after our 10-year milestone, I humbly use this opportunity to remind us of the theme for the celebrations: 'Celebrating God's Goodness – Fulfilling our Mission'



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(Psalm 136:1, Matthew 28:18-20). We as Christians have been called to go into the world to serve as agents of transformation wherever we may find ourselves. To transform means, among other things, to significantly change, modify, reshape, rebuild and renew. It is my hope that PCG South London District will once again be in the foremost position as we forge ahead in service to the Almighty God. May we be reminded that the Presbyterian Church of Ghana has invested, and continues to invest, heavily in teaching and equipping us through the Holy Spirit for the work of the kingdom. Let us now go out there to take the news of His saving grace to all mankind, to disciple others, be witnesses to all nations and fulfil our mission. We need the Holy Spirit to lead us to re-strategize and mobilise God's army with the intentional commitment to implement these strategies. These may include using the internet, developing channels and using both social and print media (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, gospel tracts, evangelism, etc) as platforms to reach out to the world, 'so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations (Psalm 67:2, NIV).

Be encouraged that your work in the house of God will not go to waste, for God will bless and prosper you.

I, once again, extend my best wishes to all for a happy celebration. God bless you all.

Long live the South London District!!!





GOODWILL MESSAGE

By Cat. Williaim Asiama Bekoe
South London District Lay Representative to the Presbytery Council

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad." — Psalm 126:3 (NKJV)

On this remarkable milestone, I extend heartfelt congratulations to the entire South London District on our 10th Anniversary. This celebration is not just a marker of time, but a testimony of God's faithfulness, the dedication of our leaders across the District since inception, and the unwavering commitment of every member to the mission of Christ. Indeed, this is the doing of the Lord and it is marvellous in our eyes. Yes, it is the Lord and we have to rejoice.

"Faithful, loving God, Jehovah, now we thank You and adore." — PHB 339 (Stanza 1)

This hymn composed by Philipp Friedrich Hiller, beautifully reflects God's very nature – The faithful and loving Father. As we reflect on the past decade, we celebrate the vibrant worship, impactful outreach, and strong fellowship that have shaped our identity as a community of faith across the United Kingdom and Ireland. Your resilience and unity have been a beacon of hope and a source of inspiration within and beyond our Presbytery.

Looking ahead, may this anniversary ignite a renewed passion for service, discipleship, and innovation in ministry. Let us continue to build bridges of love, nurture spiritual growth, and embrace opportunities to transform lives in London, Essex, Kent, Somerset, Ireland and beyond.

On behalf of my household, and in my capacity as the District Lay Representative to the Presbytery Council, I wish the entirety of the South London District, God's abundant blessings for the years ahead. May the next decade be even more fruitful and impactful for the glory of His Kingdom. May God bless the South London District, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Soli Deo Gloria



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GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Eric Kwame Nkansah
PCG South London District Treasurer**

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise, give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations” – Psalm 100:4 - 5 niv

We thank the Almighty God for His grace and mercies and how far He has brought us. Ten years of continuous spirit filled environment and His goodness as we seek greater prospects and focus towards His kingdom. Indeed, the good Lord has shown South London District love, mercy, faith and above all unlimited strength to push forward for this achievement. All we can say is thank you Lord.

Our Tenth Anniversary marks another milestone in the history of the District and the church’s journey to the ordained destination. The unwavering commitment and spirit shared by all with our vision as a whole has propelled the District with a shining power of togetherness to achieve more. From a humble beginning the district has overcome some challenges to get to where we are now and this, we say is the doing of our Lord.

South London District has touched lives, transformed hearts and created a legacy of love and service. It is my greatest prayer that we shall forge ahead with unity and with an anticipation knowing that God’s blessings will continue to abide with us. The District will continue to grow in spirit and for a good purpose at all times.

As we reflect on the past, let us look into the future with hope and determination knowing that our collective faith will continue to guide us in the years to come as we strive to make a difference in the lives of others.

**Long Live Presbyterian Church of Ghana,
Long Live PCG South London District,**

AMEN



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA
SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT
10TH ANNIVERSARY**





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Dr Israel Nartey
Former Senior Presbyterian, Trinity Congregation, and 1st Lay Representative
of the South London District to the Presbytery Council**

It is with great pleasure and no measure of pride that I congratulate the South London District on the occasion of its tenth anniversary celebrations. We give praise and thanks to God for how far he has brought the District. I salute the entire membership, ministers, leaders; indeed everybody including those who have passed on , for their perseverance and contribution in achieving this milestone.

The Celebration of the tenth anniversary offers us the opportunity to reflect and map out strategies to enable us sustain the gains which have been made and also, to continue to work towards the fulfilment of the great commission. May the years ahead be years of victory, building on the foundation and vision of our pioneers.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad. Ps 126:3
Once again Ayekoo! Your labour in the Lord will certainly not be in vain.





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Ms Gifty Badger
First District Session Clerk, South London District**

It is with great joy that I offer this goodwill message to the PCG, South London District on the occasion of their 10th anniversary celebration.

On this remarkable occasion, I wish to warmly congratulate all members of the PCG, South London District for lifting high the name of our Lord Jesus Christ through the dedication to worship and other activities of the church, in the PCG, South London District for the past 10 years.

I would also like to laud and again congratulate all those who in diverse ways, have made this success possible in achieving this milestone, not to mention our District Minister, Rev Dr Victor Okoe Abbey and his able Ministers and Catechists, the District Standing Committee, the Local Session members Presbyters and leaders of the various Committees and Groups within the South London District,

I say well done for the wonderful journey of success in the last 10 years. I do hope the South London District will persevere to reach new heights of excellence in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

May God bless us all.





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Cat. Mrs Alice Rita Frimpong
(The Catechist, Peace Congregation)**

“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits”. Psalms 103:1-2
(NIV)

“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31(NIV)

It is my greatest pleasure, joy, and privilege to present this Goodwill message to you on this special occasion.

I count it a great honour to be part of this historical and memorable of the 10th anniversary of PCG South London District. I am grateful to God for His grace, mercy, and love that has kept us all going and guided for the past 10 years.

I am extremely delighted to have had the chance to serve this district up to now.

I am fully aware of the initial challenges, but by the grace of God, the circumstances changed in many areas. Indeed, with the Lord on our side, blessing poured on us as never before.

Truly with God, all things are possible. Luke 1: 37, and today we rejoice in the Lord.

As we reflect on our past achievements and challenges, may I humbly ask you to do so in anticipation of the future. Never be self-satisfied and unaware of possible dangers, rise up, and make yourself available for Evangelism.

Knowing about Christ more should be our goal. Be strong in faith and continue to live in Christ. Be filled with the knowledge of Christ. Live a life worthy of our Lord Jesus.

We should not forget that a successful church delights in prayer, reading, and meditating on the word of God and so make every effort to live the word of God.



It is my prayer that the good Lord will kindle your hearts with the flame of persistence and give you continual success. May God's goodness continually be evident in your lives. May you experience His faithfulness on a daily basis. And may His word be the light unto your path and a lamp unto your feet that you may not stumble and fall.

Long Live PCG South London District

Long Live PCG Europe Presbytery

Long Live Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! "AYIKOO"!!!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA
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GOODWILL MESSAGE

By PCG, Victory Congregation

PCG Victory Congregation UK congratulates PCG South London District (PCG SLD) on a remarkable achievement as it celebrates its 10th Anniversary. All Glory to God for His mercies and grace that has empowered this great family to serve the community in love, unity, peace and joy with the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Throughout this journey fraught with challenges, PCG SLD has demonstrated a spirit of determination, persistence and resilience that is worth celebrating and emulating.

As we reflect on God's goodness in leading this magnificent District to achieving wonderful feats this past decade, we pray God that our hearts be filled with eternal gratitude, our minds filled with purposeful wisdom, our feet move forward in courage, our hands be strengthened and our spirits flooded with love and unity; to obey and proclaim Jesus Christ alone.

Congratulations, once again!

May the next decade be exponentially more glorious to the honour of Jesus Christ!

Long live PCG SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT!

Jesus, the Saviour of humanity, be LORD!

Amen!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA
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GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Cat. Samuel Amankwaa
Catechist, Harlow Congregation**

On behalf of the Harlow Presbyterian Church of Ghana, and in my capacity as Catechist, I extend heartfelt congratulations to the South London District of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana on the blessed occasion of our 10th Anniversary Celebration.

This milestone is a testament to God's unfailing grace, the dedication of the leadership, and the unwavering commitment of our congregations throughout the district. Over the past decade, you have nurtured spiritual growth, strengthened fellowship, and served as a beacon of hope for many within the diaspora community.

As you mark this significant anniversary, may the Lord renew our strength, enlarge our ministries, and deepen the bonds of unity and love that have brought us this far. It is our prayer that the next decade will bring even greater impact, fruitful evangelism, and abundant blessings to all who worship and serve within the South London District.

Congratulations once again, and may the peace of God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit remain with you now and always.

To God be the glory, great things He has done!





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Mrs Abigail Adu-Amankwah
The Catechist, Bethel Preaching Point**

As we celebrate the goodness of God and fulfill our mission, we rejoice with hearts full of gratitude for the Lord's faithfulness in sustaining the South London District throughout this decade. His grace has carried us and strengthened us every step of the way.

To our Founders, Ministers, Catechists, Congregations, Preaching Points, and GPWCs—past and present—we extend our heartfelt appreciation. Your dedication and the seeds you have sown have yielded an abundant harvest, blessed by the Lord Himself. Well done for your unwavering commitment to His work.

Our journey as a district has been like a tree planted by streams of water—tested by seasons, yet firmly rooted in the Word of God. Through challenges and triumphs, we have remained united, drawing strength from Him who is our source of life. Today, we stand together to celebrate His goodness and faithfulness.

As we look ahead, may we continue to proclaim the message of salvation to the world, live lives of righteousness, uphold truth even in adversity, and preach peace wherever we go. Let our slogan, "Peace Be Unto You," be more than words—it should be our testimony. Guided by the Word of God, let us overcome evil with good and remain steadfast in our calling.

Long live the South London District. Long live the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. God reigns forever.

Amen.





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Ms Martha Duah
President, South London District Women's Fellowship**

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12 (NIV)

On our 10th Anniversary, I have the singular honour to convey my personal greetings and warm felicitations. As I celebrate this occasion with you, I would like to express my gratitude and pay a special tribute to those who began and those who joined along the way. It is a joy to recall the history of the church. Looking back and reflecting on how God has led this church is amazing.

Indeed, from the very beginning, it is the Lord who has guided and led our leadership and members and has brought them this far. I salute all the gallant men and women who have over the years work tirelessly to bring the district to this enviable position. Past and present members have been the rock that has kept this district together.

I say Ayekoo!!!!





As we celebrate this anniversary, let us take some time to remember all the happy memories and to think about the lessons learned. This 10th Anniversary is a time for reflecting on the past and looking ahead to the future. Do not let our initial success stories blind us from the greater possible success that lies ahead of us. We must remember that growing comes with its own challenges and responsibilities. Of course, to whom much is given, much is expected, and the greatest of these responsibilities is winning souls to grow the church. It's time to roll up our sleeves, and commence giving hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved and help to the helpless.

Many are the memories over this decade, and I pray that the coming decade be filled with more pleasant memories, achievements and life changing experiences as the church and the body of Christ experience growth. May the Lord bless all church members and keep making us grow spiritually, physically and may we fulfill our heart desires individually and together as a district.

BRAVO AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA
SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT
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GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Mr Felix Ankrah Anobah
President, South London District Men's Fellowship**

It is with great joy that on the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana South London District, I send this message of Goodwill for and on behalf of the South London District Men's Fellowship

**“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133)
Why do I say this?**

In June 2014 when the Presbyterian Church of Ghana London District Session held an emergency meeting to discuss the formation of the two London Districts, there were various arguments based on geographical areas in the formation. However, the PCG South London District was elevated in a colourful ceremony on 29 June 2014. Therefore, on this occasion of 10th anniversary, it is time to celebrate the foundation of love, faith and service demonstrated during the formation.

The love of Christ is the glue that holds us together as members of the Church, which is a critical piece of God's Kingdom here on earth. We are fulfilling the greatest commandment and displaying the heart of our saviour by continuing to love one another.

The 10th anniversary celebration serves as both a marker of time and a lighthouse on the hill that reminds us of the power of unity, and our mission to be the light of our community. Through the years, God has entrusted us with the mission and has brought us together into a tight-knit Church that loves God and loves others as well.

Our goal is to reach as many people as possible in our community and have them believe in Christ, so that He can be their saviour too. God's power is demonstrated in the diversity of our stories and lifestyles, as we have been brought together to persuade people to worship with us and serve the church. Let us celebrate the unity that God has created in our various local churches, acknowledging that this unity only comes through the gospel.



As stated in Matthew 5:14, 'You are the light of the world'. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden'. Our 10th anniversary celebration is a beacon on the hill that reminds us of our mission to be the light of the world. God has entrusted us with the mission of being a lighthouse, shining brightly for all to see and leading people to our Saviour. So, let us continue to let our light shine brightly, illuminating the way for all who are lost and seeking hope and salvation. Our calling should always be our guide, as we know that our light cannot be hidden when we are anchored in Christ.

To conclude, I would like to express my congratulations and well wishes to the South London District as a whole and all the groups in the District. I pray for God's blessings on us all throughout our lives because He is worthy of praise.

PCG South London District AYEKOO!!!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA
SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT
10TH ANNIVERSARY





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Mrs Comfort Ofosehene-Ofei
President, South London District Choirs Union**

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High. (Psalm 9:1-2). I'm honoured to extend warmest congratulations to The South London District on the occasion of the district's 10th Anniversary celebration.

As a District Choir President, I'm delighted to celebrate this significant milestone of worshipping God together in our unique identity and tradition as Presbyterians. Congratulations on 10 years of faith, love, hope, joy and togetherness which have impacted many lives in the community that we serve.

We could not have achieved this success without God's Grace, Mercy and love bestowed on us as this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God not the results of our works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2; 8-9) Our dedication to God's work, shared values and cherished heritage, and the great work to grow the Church and unite the community has inspired many. The District Choir's Harmonious voices, in singing Presbyterian hymns, and Choir anthems have touched and inspired countless hearts, brought joy to worshippers and spread the gospel through Music. The Choirs' contributions, passion, talent and commitment have been instrumental in expanding the Church's reach. Their countless performances have blessed and uplifted the community.





I salute the leaders who had a vision to establish Presbyterian Church of Ghana in the UK, bringing the community together in faith and unity.

As we celebrate this milestone let us rededicate ourselves in building on the successes we have achieved together as a District, continue to integrate heritage and the Presbyterian tradition with modern strategies to bring more souls to Christ.

Wishing you all God's richest blessings, continued harmony, and many more years of spreading the gospel through music and serving the Lord.

Congratulations again on this remarkable milestone!



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GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Lydia Oduro
President, South London District Singing Band Union**

On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the South London District Celebration, I write this message to congratulate the founding members of the church for their vision. I also thank the Almighty God for the very able men and women who have given and continue to give dedicated service to the congregation which has allowed the congregation to grow to this stage.

I pray that the Almighty Lord will give our leadership the strength and confidence needed to overcome all the challenges that may come to the congregation to the Glory of God. We are required to be prayerful and centre our focus on Jesus Christ to move forward under this authority in the coming years. I pray that the Almighty One will strengthen us all: the Ministers, Catechists, Presbyters, Group Leaders and the entire members of the Church to achieve our mission.





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Rene Boateng
President, South London District YAF**

Warm greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It is a great joy to celebrate with the SLD on this remarkable 10th Anniversary. This milestone is a testimony of God's faithfulness and the unwavering commitment of every leader and member who has kept this district vibrant and purposeful.

For ten years, SLD has been a place of spiritual growth, friendship, and transformation. Your dedication to discipleship, service, and unity has touched many lives and strengthened the body of Christ.

As we enter a new decade, may God broaden our vision, deepen our impact, and fill our district with fresh grace, strength, and testimonies. May His light continue to shine through you in greater ways. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Congratulations, and may God bless SLD abundantly in the years ahead.





**South London District YAF with the South London District Minister,
Rev. Dr. Victor Okoe Abbey**





GOODWILL MESSAGE

From David Osei Ofori

Senior Presbyter, Trinity Congregation

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone! Ten years of service to the Good LORD with love, laughter, joy and service is truly something special to celebrate. Together in HIS service, let us wish ourselves another decade of blessings, growth, and continued service to the community.

May the South London District flourish, and may our impact be felt all over for generations to come.

Wishing ALL OF US continued joy, God's guidance, and blessings as we mark this special occasion.





GOODWILL MESSAGE

**From Emmanuel Apau Danso
Europe Presbytery Men's Fellowship Secretary &
Session Clerk, Trinity Congregation**

“This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.”– Psalm 118:23

I extend heartfelt goodwill and warm congratulations to the South London District on the celebration of your 10th Anniversary. Today, we pause to honour the goodness of God, who has graciously carried this District from its humble beginnings to this significant milestone.

This decade represents far more than the passage of time-it reflects God’s unwavering faithfulness, the unrelenting labour of your leaders, and the harmonious unity of every member who has chosen to stand, serve, and build together. Through seasons of triumph and moments of challenge, the Lord has proven Himself strong in your midst, shaping this District into a vessel of blessing within all the congregations and beyond.

As you mark ten years of growth, service, and spiritual impact, may the Lord continue to strengthen your fellowship with divine wisdom and renewed passion. May He deepen your collective vision and enlarge your influence in His vineyard, enabling you to reach more souls, nurture stronger disciples, and shine ever brighter as ambassadors of Christ.

It is our earnest prayer that the next decade will unfold with even greater testimonies-greater harvests, greater grace, and greater breakthroughs. May the Holy Spirit guide every decision, empower every initiative, and knit your hearts together in the spirit of love, unity, and purpose. As you advance into the years ahead, may you continue to fulfil God’s mandate with excellence, humility, and unwavering devotion.

Congratulations once again on this remarkable anniversary. May the Lord bless you richly, preserve your fellowship in peace, and crown the years ahead with abundant fruitfulness.

To God be the glory-great things He has done and even greater things He will do.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT, UNITED KINGDOM

BRIEF HISTORY

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana, South London District is one of five (5) foundational Districts of the PCG, Europe Presbytery.

On the 21st of June 2014, an emergency District Session of the PCG, London District was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, London Congregation. At this meeting, the then PCG London District was split into two, i.e. The PCG North and South Districts under the supervision of the then London District Minister, Rev. Benjamin Larsey. The first District Session Clerks and the District Lay Representatives of both Districts were also duly elected at the meeting.

The Congregations that formed the South London District in its inception were six with one Preaching Point namely:

- i. Trinity Presbyterian Church of Ghana – Head Station
- ii. PCG Ebenezer Congregation
- iii. PCG Emmanuel Congregation
- iv. PCG Peace Congregation
- v. PCG Grace Congregation
- vi. PCG Christ Congregation
- vii. Manchester Preaching Point

The PCG South London District was subsequently elevated on 29th of June 2014 at PCG Trinity Congregation, under the distinguished leadership of Rt. Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Martey, the then Moderator of the General Assembly of the PCG, assisted by Rev. Samuel Ayete-Nyampong, Clerk of the General Assembly and Rev. William Ofose Addo, Director of Mission and Evangelism of the General Assembly. Rev. Peter Kofi Nyarkoh, the first District Minister of the PCG South London District and the first Europe Presbytery Chairperson was also present.

The total membership at the elevation of the South London District was 1,133 (One Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty-three).

The following comprised the first District Session Standing Committee:

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| i. | Rev. Peter Kofi Nyarkoh | - District Minister |
| ii. | Rev. Henry Addo- Darko | - Second Minister |
| iii. | Ms Gifty Badger | - District Session Clerk |
| iv. | Dr. Israel Nartey | - District Lay Rep. to the Presbytery Council |
| v. | Cat. Michael Ohene-Asiedu | - Catechists/Caretakers' Rep |
| vi. | Mr Frederick Osei-Akomeah | - District Treasurer |

ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING

The South London District has so far been headed by the following District Ministers:



- i. Rev. Dr Victor Okoe-Abbey - 1st September 2022 – date
- ii. Rev. Henry Addo Darko - 2017 - 2022
- iii. Rev. Peter Kofi Nyarkoh - 2014 – 2017

Lay Representatives of the District to date:

- i. Catechist William Asiama Bekoe - 2023 - date
- ii. Catechist James Awuku - 2018 - 2023
- iii. Dr. Israel Nartey - 2014 - 2018

District Session Clerks of the District to date:

- i. Ms Eunice Adu-Yeboah Jan. 2021- date
- ii. Ms Gifty Badger June 2014 - Jan. 2021

District Treasurers of the District to date:

- i. Mr Eric Kwame Nkansah Feb 2023 to date
- ii. Mrs Joyce Addo Yobo 2018- Feb 2023
- iii. Mr Frederick Osei- Akomeah 2014 - 2018

Other people who have previously worked within the District are:

- i. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel K. Frimpong (Rtd)
- ii. Cat. Samuel Asiedu Sasu
- iii. Catechist Benjamin Kwamena Biney
- iv. Catechist Peter Nana Buabeng Minta
- v. Catechist Martin Atakora
- vi. Catechist George Commodore

CONGREGATIONS IN THE SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT

The PCG South London District now comprises of eight (8) Congregations, one (1) Preaching Point and three (3) Global Presbyterian Worship Centres (GPWC) with a total membership of 1,715 as of the 30th of September 2025.

They are:

- i. Trinity Congregation - South Lee
- ii. PCG Ebenezer Congregation – Elephant and Castle
- iii. PCG Emmanuel Congregation - Streatham
- iv. PCG Peace Congregation – Brixton Hill
- v. PCG Christ Congregation – Upton Park, East London
- vi. PCG Grace Congregation – Barking
- vii. PCG Victory Congregation – Harlesden
- viii. PCG Harlow Congregation – Harlow
- ix. Bethel Preaching Point – Thurrock
- x. Global Presbyterian Worship Centre - Chatham, Kent
- xi. Global Presbyterian Worship Centre (GPWC) Bristol and Weston.
- xii. Global Presbyterian Worship Centre, Ireland

There are currently 8 Ministers, 5 Catechists, 1 Caretaker, 54 Presbyters and 13 IMC Members in the District.

The Current leadership of the District is as follows:



- vii. The District also participates in joint programmes with ecumenical partners, e.g. Christian Council of Ghana and participation in annual Ghana Independence Day celebrations.
- viii. Celebrating and showcasing Ghanaian culture and heritage.
- ix. Active participation by all District Groups in Presbytery Groups and programmes.
- x. The District has 2 chapels and a manse (Trinity and Christ Congregations). Two other congregations are in the process of actively seeking to purchase their properties.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

- i. The District holds monthly Youth Services in most of its Congregations.
- ii. Quarterly District Youth Services are also held.
- iii. The Youth also hold joint programmes and activities such as quizzes and Youth Services with other Youth in the UK Zone (the PCG North London District and PCG Midlands District).
- iv. Annual Youth Camps are also organised for the Youth.
- v. The District Youth also actively participate in all activities of Presbytery Youth including delegates' conferences and the 1st Presbytery JY and Youth Camps.
- vi. A District Youth Coordinator (Mr Nicholas Kotei) has been appointed to support and coordinate activities for the Youth in the District.
- vii. A District Youth Minister (Rev. Nii Ayitey Ayettey) has also been appointed.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATION AT PRESBYTERY.

The following members of the South London District have served and continue to serve in various roles in the PCG Europe Presbytery. The District remains proud of their achievements and contributions to the Presbytery:

- i. Reverend Edith Addo -Yobo – Chaplain (Presbytery YPG & Presbytery Women's Fellowship).
- ii. Reverend Kwame Amo Agyei – Presbytery Clerk, Former Chaplain (Presbytery YAF & Choirs Union)
- iii. Cat William Asiama Bekoe – District Lay Rep to Presbytery Council.
- iv. Rev. Dr Bernard Kyeremeh – Presbytery Director, Ecumenical and Social Relations
- v. Miss Lisa Van Dyke – Former Organiser, Presbytery YPG
- vi. Brother Eric Kwame Nkansah – 1st President, Presbytery Church Choirs Union.
- vii. Sister Josephine Odei Ampofo – President (and former Secretary), Presbytery Church Choirs Union.
- viii. Ms Eunice Adu-Yeboah – Ist Secretary, Presbytery YAF & Presbytery Chief recorder (2015 – date)
- ix. Mrs Rebecca Darko Quist Arcton, 1st Assistant Secretary, Presbytery YAF
- x. Mr Ebenezer Odame Bekoe – 1st President, Presbytery Sing Bands Union.
- xi. Mrs Diana Ofosu Asante – Former Women's Commissioner, Presbytery YAF
- xii. Catechist William Asiama Bekoe – Presbytery Statistician.
- xiii. Mr Solomon Nuamah Arthur – Former Treasurer, Presbytery Men's Fellowship
- xiv. Ms Sharon Nkansah – Treasurer, Presbytery Women's Fellowship
- xv. Mrs Joyce Addo -Yobo – Presbytery Director of Finance
- xvi. Mr Frederick Osei-Akomeah -1st Presbytery Director of Finance
- xvii. Mr Emmanuel Apau Danso – Secretary, Presbytery Men's Fellowship





PCG Christ Congregation project – building of a chapel at Agomo, Ghana



PCG Ebenezer Cong, Children’s Service day out

District Youth Camp





Peace Congregations showcasing Ghanaian Culture



'Hosanna' on the streets of London





Trinity Cong. donates to hospice by Bethel PP.

Donation by PCG Emmanuel JY

Wall project



GPWC Evangelism on the streets of Kent, UK. Sports and BBQ day at District

Team Harlow Youth –





Donation by Grace Cong. Children's Service Fellowship



Donation to hospital by Women's



Trinity Youth outing with the District Minister

HISTORY OF CONGREGATIONS



HISTORY OF THE TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA, LONDON CONGREGATION

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Ghana, London Congregation was one of two Twi-speaking congregations which emerged from the original Presbyterian Church of Ghana, London Congregation (renamed Ghanamma Asore) in 1990. The name Trinity was adopted for UK Charity registration purposes on 16th August 2002.

In the Autumn of 1989, the leadership of Akropong Kwakwaduum Fekuw started discussions with an ordained Minister of the United Reformed Church the late Rev Kwadwo Ntiamoah Amaning, to support the idea of starting a Twi-speaking congregation for Presbyterians in the diaspora. It is useful to mention here that Rev. Amaning's wife was member of the Kwakwaduum Fekuw.

Further meetings continued, and in July 1990, Rev Amaning who was serving as the second Minister to Rev Graham Powell at the Christ Church and Upton Chapel in Kennington, London arranged for interested Ghanaians to start worshipping in Twi on the second Sunday of the month between 3 pm and 5:30 pm at his church for a fee of £50.

On 12th July 1990 the first and historic service was held at Christ Church and Upton Chapel (CCUC) to inaugurate a Twi-speaking Presbyterian Church in the diaspora. This inaugural service led by Rev Amaning was so emotional and nostalgic that some congregants were led to tears. During this sermon, Rev Amaning referred to the tortuous journey from his own childhood to the UK where he suffered racial discrimination even within the church. The offertory for that day was £99 out of which £50 was deducted to pay for hiring the church. There was great determination to make the Church truly Presbyterian.

The fight for recognition: As there was no parent Presbyterian Church in England, efforts were made to seek affiliation with the United Reformed Church in the UK. This was turned down, not once but several times. It seemed at the time that the emergence of a separate vernacular congregation in London would deplete the URC of much-needed Ghanaian members of their dwindling congregations. Further attempts were made by the leadership to see the Moderator of PCG, Rt. Rev. Koranteng to seek recognition as an overseas Presbyterian Church of Ghana. Perhaps in order not to upset the URC due to the strong relationship formed through the Ghanaian Chaplaincy in the UK, the PCG did not agree for "Ghanamma Asore" to be part of them. The leadership of church now included Ghanaians from Ga, Kwahu, Ewe, Ashante encouraged members of this newly formed church to evangelise among the Ghanaian community and more people came to join the Church. It therefore was inevitable that formal recognition could not be stopped.

The congregation grew in strength and by the end of 1993 there were about 250 adults and 14 children. There was joy and happiness with unity and purpose and the congregation became one large Ghanaian family.

The split of up of the church "Ghanamma Asore" into two in 1994



The split up of the church was the result of misunderstanding and poor communication between Rev. Kwadwo Amaning and the Minister in charge of URC, Christ Church and Upton Chapel, Rev Graham Powell. The elders of the church did their best to help resolve their differences but failed, and on Sunday 14th August 1994 the congregation were prevented from worshipping at the orders of the Old Bailey, who had ruled in favour of Rev. Graham Powell. Rev. Amaning and some elders decided to search for a new venue whilst others preferred a negotiated settlement to remain at the URC Church at Kennington. This further led to a rift between Rev. Amaning and the elders resulting in a bitter split of the church into “Ghanamma Asore” under Rev. Amaning and Presbyterian Church of Ghana, London, without a Minister in charge. Following the split, an amount of £17,000 which was in the account of the church, was withdrawn from the church accounts by Ghanamma Asore, leaving only £33.

The Birth of Trinity at Kennington, London in August 1994:

Following the split in the church, the “Presbyterian Church of Ghana, London” was determined to succeed. Ignoring the fact that all assets of the parent church had been withdrawn and kept for use by Ghanamma Asore, the congregation quickly re-organised with fundraising to acquire new choir robes, communion cups to ensure the financial viability of the church. The remaining elders added more members frantic efforts were made to find a new organist and minister(s) to lead or help the church. Rev Djandu-Hedidor who was then the Ghanaian Chaplain and an EP Minister agreed to assist and chair the elders’ meetings jointly with Nana Anim Baree I. Rev. Dr. Hayford Adu Darkwah, a Ghanaian Methodist minister who had arrived in London from Haiti also agreed to help preach the sermon. The late Rev Dr Samuel Ansah-Addo who was studying in a private capacity joined the congregation and preached regularly. Further approaches were made to the then Moderator of the PCG, Rt. Rev. Beeko for recognition. The moderator showed a positive attitude and sent Rev. Kpobi, Inter-Church and Ecumenical Relations Secretary on a fact-finding mission to the two congregations.

Involvement of the first PCG Minister: In March 1997, a bright young Presbyterian minister from Northern Ghana, Rev. John Azumah, was approached to help the new church. He inspired the congregation and instilled hope in them to persevere and make Jesus Christ the centre of their mission.

Rapid Growth of the Church: Within a year of Rev. Azumah assuming pastoral care of Trinity, the congregation grew to about 350 adults and over 20 children. In March 1998, he successfully organised elders’ elections and 9 men and 7 women were elected to form the first elected Session. Rev Azumah was also instrumental in forming YPG at Trinity.

Rev. Dr Azumah returns to Ghana and Rev Peter Barker takes over from 1998-2002: On completion of his PhD, Rev Azumah bid farewell in an emotional service as he was recalled to join the Northern Outreach project in Ghana. The church was blessed with the appointment of Rev Peter Barker who was already on retirement from the URC. During the time of Rev Peter Barker’s ministry, he established the Junior-Y to cater for the older children. He took them on their first camping trip out to Kerswick. Rev Barker introduced two Methodist Ministers – Rev Obuo-Dadzie and Rev Anochie Ababio who were studying in London. They both became



committed regular worshippers and preachers at Trinity. Rev John Mireku, a Pentecostal Minister, joined the congregation as a loyal and regular member, helping with preaching and the Holy Communion.

7th May 2000 – Inauguration of Trinity and Ghanamma as two PCG congregations in

London: Having resolved the outstanding issue of the £17,000 which had been in the account of Ghanamma Asore, Rt. Rev. Dr. Prempeh, the then Moderator and his officials inaugurated Ghanamma and Trinity as two overseas congregations at a colourful service held at the City Temple, Holborn Viaduct.

Inauguration of the London PCG District – 26th May 2002: Following the successful inauguration of Trinity and Ghanamma the two congregations under the joint chairmanship of Rev Kwadwo Amaning and Rev Peter Barker approaches were made to PCG headquarters in Accra to formalise a PCG London District. Rev Francis Amenu, the Ghanaian Chaplain, led the service.

The period between 25th August 2002 and 27th March 2005: – Rev. Beatrice Yamoah and Rev. Professor Reynolds: This was a very challenging period for the Church. In December 2002, a new Baptist Minister in charge of Christ Church and Upton Chapel decided to terminate the worship at URC, Christ Church and Upton Chapel. Extensive search for new premises under Rev. Barker's leadership yielded positive results for the church to start worshipping on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays at St Peter's Anglican Church in Brockley. This continuity was crucial in safeguarding the future of Trinity.

Verified database as at 5th January 2003 showed that there were 471 women and 238 men – 709 members in all – excluding children. Church attendance recorded on each Sunday varied between 250 and 370 at a time plus about 20 children.

When Rev Beatrice Yamoah left in March 2003 to take up a position with PCG in Accra, Trinity approached Rev Professor Reynolds who was on one-year sabbatical leave from the University of California to minister the congregation. Without a permanent minister, it became necessary for Trinity to seek a long-term solution to have a Minister from Ghana.

Purchase of South Lee Christian Centre: Baring Road, London SE12 OPW

Efforts to purchase a church building started in 2002 when Rev Barker was the Minister in charge of Trinity and intensified after the congregation was asked to leave Christ Church and Upton Chapel. Session appealed to all members to contribute £200 each, if possible, towards a deposit. One hundred and sixty-one people responded, donating between £100 and £2,500 each. Three people gave short-term loans of £1,000; £7,500 and £10,000 which were re-paid within 12 months. The South Lee Christian Centre which was owned by The London Baptist Church Group came on the market in the Autumn of 2003 and out of fifteen other groups Trinity won the bid to acquire the property. Although the purchase of the South Lee Christian Centre was in September 2004, worshipping on the premises was not commenced till the first Sunday in September 2005.



Arrival of the first Presbyterian Church of Ghana District Minister: On 20th August 2005, the Very Rev Dr Sam Prempeh, former Moderator of PCG arrived in London as the first PCG Minister. His arrival was good for the morale of the PCG congregations in London.

Re-dedication of South Lee Christian Centre - the home of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Ghana, London Congregation on 2nd October 2005

This day was perhaps the most remarkable and memorable day for Trinity. The following were in attendance:

The Mayor of the London Borough of Lewisham; Rev Nigel Uden, Moderator of the URC (Southern Province), the then PCG Moderator Rt. Rev Dr Yaw Frimpong-Manso, assisted by Rev Dr Charles Gyang-Duah, Clerk of the General Assembly of PCG, Very Rev Dr Sam Prempeh, District Minister and Rev Dr Ayete-Nyampong PCG Director of Ecumenical and Social Relations re-dedicated the church building as the permanent home for Trinity.

Developments after moving to Lee: Trinity continued to focus on being a Christ-centred church where prayer and praises became the centre of our worship. Under the leadership of Very Rev Dr Sam Prempeh, committees and church groups were re-structured and their executives inducted into office. Mr and Mrs Offei Agyeman Newton donated a minibus to the church to help transport the elderly, those with children and other members from Lewisham station to Lee.

Grace Evangelical Team led by Evangelist Dr Aboah-Ofei visit: In June 2007, Trinity invited the Grace Team to London. This was a very big success. Since 2007 until very recently, Trinity has had the benefit of the Team's spiritual upliftment.

Sponsorship of children to Ghana: The church sponsored a group of ten children from the Junior-Y visit to Ghana.

Arrival of the first Presbyterian Church of Ghana Resident Minister for Trinity and the purchase of a Manse: Realising that the District Minister alone could not look after four congregations effectively, Session started negotiations with PCG to have a Resident Minister for Trinity. This move necessitated the purchase of a Manse. In July 2008 a freehold property was acquired very close to the church less than five minutes' walk from the church

In October 2008, Rev Thomas Kwaku Boakye a former Presbytery Chairman of Sekyere in Ashanti was posted to Trinity as the first Resident Minister and a second Minister to the London PCG District. He was accompanied by his wife Mrs Comfort Boakye. One of Rev Boakye's greatest and earliest achievements was successfully establishment of the First Service to encourage the non-vernacular speaking youth to involve themselves in the church. During his term in office, Mr. Samuel Asiedu Sasu was appointed Caretaker of the Trinity Congregation.

Purchase of a new Bus: Trinity purchased a new 16-seater bus to replace the one donated by Mr and Mrs Agyeman Newton in October 2008.

In August 2010, Rev, Thomas Boakye departed for Ghana. The PCG head office appointed Rev. Dr. Azumah who had returned to the UK serving as Director of the Centre for Islamic



Studies at the London School of Theology to act as Acting District Minister. Rev. Dr. Azumah's role as the Acting District Minister in July 2011 ended when he was appointed as Professor of World Christianity and Islam at the Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, USA .

In June 2012, London welcomed a new District Minister, Rev. Ben Larsey (now deceased) who was housed in the Trinity Manse. During that period, ministers who were often invited to preach at Trinity included Rev. Obuo Dadzie, Rev. Dr. Lawrence Tetteh and Rev Dr Shadrack Ofoosu-Ware among others.

In November 2014 Rev Peter Kofi Nyarko arrived from Ghana to take charge of Trinity, the South London District and a new Europe Presbytery which was in the offing. He was assisted by Rev Amo-Agyei and worked very hard to improve the administrative structures at Trinity. Rev. Kofi Nyarko later relinquished his role at Trinity to assume full responsibility as the Presbytery Chair and Rev Amo-Agyei was posted to Emmanuel and Ebenezer Congregations as the Minister in Charge.

Rev Henry Addo Darko took over and became the local and District Minister and with his Session, helped steer the affairs at Trinity during the Covid period and kept the church going. Without their hard-work and resourcefulness it is reasonable to suggest that the church would not have survived those turbulent times.

Rev. Dr Okoe Abbey was appointed in 2023 to replace Rev Addo-Darko who was posted to North London as the District Minister. As our local and District Minister, Rev Okoe-Abbey assisted by Rev David Akuffo have initiated interesting and creative programmes to help the youth, the house-bound and aged and encouraging congregants to be our brother's keeper. For the first time, under Rev Abbey's leadership, the Church was able to raise over £70,000 in 2024 during the annual Harvest.

God works in mysterious ways. His ways are not our ways so we must always give Him thanks for everything. The split of the Presbyterian church in 1994 led to several other PCG Congregations mainly originating from Trinity. The following congregations and Preaching Points originated from Trinity: PCG, Calvary; PCG, Emmanuel; PCG, Ebenezer; PCG, Grace Congregation; GWPC, Kent;

Finally, let us remember that building a preferred place of worship is an ongoing process. It requires a dedicated and open-hearted approach, it's about creating an environment where people can unite, grow spiritually, find meaningful connections, and make a positive impact on their lives and the world around them. We are on that journey, so help us God.

Thank you

Notable Plans/Achievements, etc:

- Elders Retreat in December 2024 to foster teamwork and spiritual re-awakening
- Donations to Charity of food and cash
- Sponsoring Youth on Outreach programmes



- Leverage technology to enhance worship experiences, such as live-streaming services, podcasts, and online resources. Use social media to connect with members and share inspirational content.
- Plan to ensure church programmes do not over-run even during special occasions – we recommend stipulated times for all programmes.
- Christmas Award/Gifts to deserving members
- Church building is over 100 years, and major maintenance and repairs works budgeted for and some completed
- Promoting the education of Gift Aid
- Relying on Day born groups to mobilise the entire church for prayer
- Encouraging congregants to lead and preach
- Visiting the elderly/homebound and giving them communion
- Free use of church bus to transport children to and from nature reserves in Orpington
- Finance Committee providing Monthly management & financial report at Session.

LIST OF MAJOR OFFICE HOLDERS:

Ministers:

Rev. Prof. John Azumah
 Rev. Beatrice Yamoah
 Rev Prof Reynolds
 Late Rev Peter Barker
 Rt. Rev. Dr Sam Prempeh
 Rev Thomas Boakye
 Late Rev. Benjamin O Larsey
 Rev. Peter Kofi Nyarko
 Rev. Henry Addo Darko
 Rev. David Akuffo
 Rev. Dr Victor Okoe Abbey

Caretakers/Catechists

Samuel Asiedu Sasu
 Nana Mintah Buabeng
 William Asiama Bekoe

Senior Presbyters

Dr Emmanuel Akuffo MBE
 Mr Kwame Adu
 Mrs Cecilia Akuffo
 Dr Isreal Nartey
 Mr David Osei Ofori

Clerk of Sessions

Mr Gabby Aninakwa
 Mrs Rose Akrofi
 Mr Steve Offei
 Mr Frank Akoto
 Ms Kinful Abbey
 Ms Maureen Donkor
 Mr Emmanuel Apau Danso

Treasurers

Mrs Beatrice Mettle Nunoo
 Mr David Osei Ofori
 Mr Akwasi Adu Larbi
 Mrs Joyce Addo-Yobo
 Mr Emmanuel Amponsah

Administrators:

Mr C O Amoako
 Mr Felix Ankrah-Anobah
 Nana Kwame Ampadu-Badu
 Mr Emmanuel Apau Danso



CHRIST CONGREGATION, EAST LONDON

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG), Christ Congregation in East London was founded as a Preaching Point in August 2011 with the maiden service on 21st August 2011.

It was originally called PCG East London Congregation, but the name was changed to PCG Christ Congregation in April 2012, after a week-long revival programme with Evangelist Isaac George Boakye, the then Director, Asante Presbytery Prayer Network.

PCG Christ Congregation came out from the United Reformed Church (URC), Grange Park in Leyton where about 85 to 90% of the URC members were Ghanaian Presbyterians, who had migrated from Ghana to live in the U.K and were living in and around Leyton, in East London.

Rev. John Danso, who was the then Ghanaian Minister at the URC in Leyton established a Twi service that met twice a month in the afternoon, on the first and the last Sunday of each month. This was advertised as Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Twi service and drew a lot of souls with Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG) origin into the Church.

Problem started when members began asking questions as to whether the Twi service had any links with the Presbyterian Church in Ghana, as members were issued with URC membership cards.

These cards held records of their tithes and other payments but when most of them visited Ghana and submitted their cards to their local Presbyterian Church of Ghana Ministers in Ghana, the cards were not accepted, meaning they were not being accepted as members of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

This and other instances in London excluded them from the PCG community in London. In November 2009, one of the Elders, Mr. Christian Osei-Acheampong visited Ghana and the Women's Fellowship at Leyton donated a sum of £1,500 to the School for the Blind at Akropong Akwapim in Ghana.

He went to PCG Head office in Accra to make the donation through the Head Office. When he went to the head office, he met with the then Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Yaw Frimpong Manso, Rev. Anim Oppong, the Clerk of the General Assembly and Rev. Kwabena Ofofu Addo, Director of Mission and Evangelism to make his presentation. The Clerk thanked him and the Church for the donation but said they did not know anything about the Church as it was not listed in their books. Rev. Ofofu Addo explained all the processes of becoming a PCG Congregation overseas and then enlightened Mr. Osei-Acheampong of the different models of Churches we can choose from.

When Mr. Osei-Acheampong got back to London, he called a meeting with all Elders of the afternoon Twi service and some of the URC leaders in the Church and explained everything to them. After this the Elders of the Twi service wrote a letter to the then District Minister asking to be allowed to go through the processes advised by Rev Ofofu Addo in order to get the Twi service recognised as part of the PCG. The letter was to be approved by the leader of the URC Twi service and then to be forwarded to the District Minister, but this letter never got signed for us to post to the District Minister.

Two years later in May 2011, the then Moderator of the General Assembly, Rt. Rev. Professor Emmanuel Martey visited London and held services with all the PCG Congregations in London but did not visit us in Leyton.

On 17 May 2011, the Moderator advised a section of the members who had gone to see him during his visit to the North London Congregation that, he could not visit Leyton because it was not a PCG Congregation. Those who went to see him on this occasion included James Kofi Agyekum Awuku, Emelia Fianko and Rose Agyei.

The Elders quickly decided that they needed to sort the issue once and for all before the Moderator left for Ghana. An interim management committee (IMC) was formed to oversee and sort this problem out. The members of the IMC were Mr. Christian Osei-Acheampong, Mr. James Kofi Agyekum Awuku, Mr. Kwaku Owusu Sarpong, Mr. Peter Nana Acheampong and Mr. Douglas Asamoah and they arranged and had a meeting with the Moderator.

At that meeting, the Moderator accepted the request and gave advice on how to start the process. He gave instructions to Rev. Dr. Azumah, the then acting District Minister to help in every way possible to form a new PCG congregation.

First, we decided to have an open forum and met all members of the URC and took a vote after lengthy deliberations. Over 95% of the congregation expressed strong desire that the Twi service is declared a PCG congregation with pastoral and administrative ties to the PCG's structure here in London and back home in Ghana.

We wrote a letter with the help of Dr Azumah and presented it to the URC leadership meeting on the 26th June 2011.

Meetings were held 22 July 2011 and 07 August 2011 with the URC leadership and the Moderator respectively to discuss issues raised in the letter and our desire to move away from the URC Twi service in order to become independent and a recognised PCG Congregation.

Things were moving fast and after further meetings and an open forum with all the members of Twi service, members voted by overwhelming majority to become part of the PCG.

Rev. Dr Azumah wrote a letter on our behalf to help us to get a place, Harold Road Centre, 170 Harold Road, London E13 0SE to worship, and through the then London District gave Edith Addo-Yobo to be the Caretaker of the Church until the new District Minister arrived. We held our maiden service on 21st August 2011 with 35 members including children.

Edith immediately set up IMC to help oversee and move the church forward and on 05 August 2012, just less than a year of its establishment and maiden service, the Church was elevated to full congregational status and had its first officially elected presbyters inducted by the then District Minister, Rev Benjamin Larsey.

The first Presbyters were: Mr Christian Osei Acheampong (now with the Lord), Mr James Kofi Agyekum Awuku, Mr Baffour Twene Kumi, Mr Peter Nana Acheampong, Mr Benjamin Asante, Mrs Grace Darko, Mrs Rose Asare, Ms Grace Anaman and Mr Douglas Amponsah Asamoah.

Move to Latimer Hall

With much enthusiasm, prayer and dedication, and with hearts full of praise, members willingly donated a lot for the service of the Lord. Members were and are still passionately willing to go the extra mile to do whatever possible to see the Congregation flourish and in 8 years God graciously gave us own place of worship, having worshipped at Harold Road Centre until Sunday 29 September 2019.

We held our inaugural service at our new property on 06 October 2019, worldwide communion day with a membership of 189 including children and the building was dedicated to the Lord in a colourful church service on 12 January 2020 by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Rt. Rev. Prof. Joseph Obiri Yeboah Mante assisted by the Clerk of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Godwin Nii Noi Odonkor and the Chairperson of PCG Europe, Rev. Prof Abamfo Ofori Atiemo.

The Lord has indeed blessed us and given us our own place of worship and so we also wanted to be a blessing by helping a congregation in Ghana to also have its own place of worship. The church approached the Agomu Congregation of the PCG in the Upper Presbytery and through seed sowing and the generosity of members and non-members, Christ Congregation has been able to build a place of worship for the Congregation and on the day of our chapel dedication we had Rev. James Awuni, the Chairperson of Upper Presbytery joining us on Zoom. Amazing!!

The Presbyters at the time of our 10 years and chapel dedication were: Mr Frank Agyei (Senior Presbyter), Mrs Diana Owusu-Afriyie (Clerk), Ms Joyce Barffoe (Treasurer), Mrs Ruth Andrew (Assistant Clerk), Ms Martha Duah (Financial Secretary), Mr Jones Boahene, Ms Adelaide Owusu.

The current Presbyters are Joyce Barffoe (Senior Presbyter), Ruth Andrew (Treasurer), Ms Caroline Addae Amoh (co-opted, District Clerk), Mr Michael Kwakye Boateng (Financial Secretary), Ms Emelia Fianko, Mr Sam Amoako-Adofo, Mrs Bridget Owusu (Youth rep), Ms Adelaide Owusu, Ms Joana Okromeah Nkansah, Mr Emmanuel Agyei-Baffour and Mrs Abigail Aborah.

The Minister in Charge is Rev. Edith Addo-Yobo.

Main Church Activities

Church Services - Currently the church meets every Sunday in person, on Zoom and on conference line from 2.00pm to 4.30pm for Twi service.

Youth services are also held every Sunday from 2.00pm to 4.30 in person.

We also have in person English service every Sunday from 10.00am to 11.30am.

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Other Church programmes - We have youths cooking sessions every last Saturday of the quarter where youths and some adults join together to learn how to cook various dishes, pastries, cakes etc.

We also have weekly Healing streams on Zoon and on conference line every Wednesday evening from 7.00pm to 7.30pm for anyone, anywhere to join in for prayers for healing. This has been extended to face-to-face sessions in the community

We provide hot food and support from our premises to the homeless and the vulnerable and needy in the community on the first Saturday of the month from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

We also have what we call Parents Praying Together, a time where parents, grandparents or anyone, anywhere can join in as we pray for our children and youths, the next generation.

We also have midnight prayers with on every 3rd Friday of the month as well as Bible studies on every Monday evening from 9.00pm to 10.00pm.

In October 2025, we organised a Bible school for all interested and participants were from across the Europe Presbytery with some joining in from Ghana as well.

Future Plans

Our future plans will be guided and determined by God, and we are now planning for a church plant in the coming year.

Some Milestones and some Notable Events

1. 21st August 2011 - Maiden service at Harold Road Centre, 170 Harold Road, London E13 0SE
2. 6th September 2011 – First pastoral/official visit by the then Clerk of the General Assembly, Rev Herbert Anim Opong
3. 31st October 2011 – Registered as a charity in England and Wales.
4. 8th January 2012 – First Holy Communion and dedication of choir robes by Rev Derrick Dzandu Hedidor
5. 18th December 2011 – First Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
6. 21st February 2012 – Official visit by Rev Dr Oforu Addo, the then Director of Mission and Evangelism
7. April 2012 – First week- long revival programme with Evangelist Isaac George Boakye
8. 5th August 2012 – Inauguration and elevation to congregational status officiated by Rev Benjamin Larsey
9. 5th August 2012 – Induction of first elected presbyters officiated by Rev Benjamin Larsey
10. 12th August 2012 – Inauguration of the Women’s Fellowship
11. 7th October 2012 – Our first thanksgiving and fundraising service
12. December 2012 – First baptism. Rev Larsey baptised 4 children, two males and two females.
13. 28th July 2013 – Inauguration of Young Adults Fellowship

14. 10 July 2014 – Pastoral visit by the then Moderator of the General Assembly, The Very Rt. Rev. Prof. Martey, the then Clerk of General Assembly, Rev Samuel Ayete Nyampong and Rev. William Ofofu Addo, the then Director of Mission and Evangelism
15. 15th February 2015 – Pastoral visit by Rev Kofi Nyarkoh, the then South London District Minister
16. 11th October 2015 – We get our own Minister in a grand Introduction and Thanksgiving service for Rev Edith Addo-Yobo
17. 6th March 2016 – Inauguration of Men’s Fellowship
18. 5th June 2016 – Inauguration of the Singing Band
19. 19th June 2016 – Hosting the inauguration of the South London District Young Adults Fellowship
20. 3rd July 2016 – First English service with a total of 39 members attending
21. 17th March 2017 – First Youth service
22. 11th June 2017 – Post ordination thanksgiving service for Rev Edith Addo-Yobo.
23. 8th July 2017 – First youth retreat with 14 youths attending the retreat at Ashburnham Place, a Christian retreat centre in Battle, East Sussex
24. 23 July 2017 – A grand Introduction and Thanksgiving service for Catechist David Akuffo
25. 25th November 2018 – Hosted the District Youth service and the inauguration of the District YPG
26. 23rd December 2018 – First confirmation, confirming 5 members of our YPG
27. 24th June 2019 – Official/pastoral visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the PCG, Rt. Rev. Prof. Joseph Obiri Yeboah Mante.
28. 17th July 2019 – Bought Latimer Hall, Cleves Road, London E6 1QF, a freehold property for a place of worship
29. 29th September 2019 – Last worship at Harold Road Centre on Sunday 9 September 2019.
30. 6th October 2019 – Inaugural service at our own new place of worship
31. 17th November 2019 – First thanksgiving and harvest service at our new place of worship
32. 12 January 2020 – Dedication of our new place of worship.
33. 22nd August 2021 – Celebrated our official 10 years at Church

34. 12th September 2021 – A thanksgiving service in celebration of our 10th anniversary with the Chairperson of Europe Presbytery, Rev. Prof. Abamfo Ofori Atiemo.
35. 2023 – Helping the youths in Agomu to establish local soap making business
36. 2024 - Helping the elderly women in Agomu to establish local shea butter business
37. 24th December 2024 – Launch of in-person English service

We believe our God who has brought us thus far, will continue to lead us on to greater heights. He is building His Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER



Christ Congregation Children Service



Christ Congregation YAF



Christ Youth



Some Members of Christ Congregation with their Minister, Rev Edith Addo-Yobo

HISTORY OF PCG EBENEZER CONGREGATION SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT EUROPE PRESBYTERY

INTRODUCTION

The Ebenezer Congregation was formed in 2003. It commenced when the Trinity Congregation moved from Lambeth North to relocate to Brockley. Some members found the new location too far to travel and decided to find a more convenient place at Elephant and Castle.

Fortunately, a location was discovered at United Reformed Church on Rodney Place in Elephant and Castle. After a few months of worshipping, a misunderstanding arose among the leaders, leading to disunity within the congregants. As a result, the congregants refused to worship in that premises; most of the members departed and the church doors were closed.

This situation came to the attention of the PCG Head-office in Ghana. In the latter part of 2003, the then Moderator of the church, the Rt Rev. Dr Sam Prempeh and the Clerk of General Assembly, Rev. Dr Charles Gyan Duah travelled to London to assist in addressing the issues, but they were unable to locate the scattered members.

Consequently, they assigned Mrs Alice Rita Frimpong, who had been trained by the church as a Catechist, Evangelist and Deaconess, to organise the remaining members and re-establish the congregation. Additionally, interim Presbyters were appointed to assist her to manage the congregation.

They were

- Nana Osei
- Nana Boakye Yiadom
- Nana Anim Barie and
- Mrs Christiana Akuamoah Boateng.

They were later joined by new members, including Mrs Lydia Osei, Ms Josephine Osei, Mrs Elizabeth Yiadom, Ms Christiana Asiedua, Ms Ida Otiwa as well as Mr and Mrs Ohene Owusu-Ansah. The Congregation continued to grow every Sunday, so additional chairs were added.

LEADERSHIP

In 2006, the first Presbyters were elected. They were:

- Mr Boafo Senior Presbyter
- Mr Justice Mante Clerk
- Mr Moise Owusu-Agyirifo Treasurer
- Ms Mandy Oteng Member
- Ms Margaret Asiamah Member

The previous worship location was, at this time, acquired by a developer who planned to redevelop the land and so the congregation relocated to the Methodist Central Hall, Bermondsey.

In 2007, Catechist Mrs Alice Rita Frimpong was transferred and Rev. Mintah Yeboah, along with Catechist Benjamin Kwamena Biney, took over the oversight of Ebenezer Congregation.

CATECHIST/CARETAKER

The Agents who have served the church since 2003 are as follows:

1. Catechist Mrs Alice Rita Frimpong 2003 – 2007
2. Catechist Benjamin Kwamena Biney 2007 – 2013
3. Catechist Gideon Kankam 2013 – 2015
4. Catechist Nana Buabeng Mintah 2015 – 2017
5. Catechist George Commodore 2017 – 2021
6. Catechist James Awuku 2021 – 2022
7. Caretaker Paul Nti-Appiah 2022– 2024

MINISTERS

1. Rev Yeboah Mintah 2007 – 2010 (relocated to Ghana)
2. Rev. Henry Addo Darko 2013 – 2015 (Attached Minister)
3. Rev Edith Addo-Yobo 2017 – 2023 (Attached Minister)
4. Rev Rose Teteki Abbey 2023 to date (Minister-in-Charge)

PREVIOUS AND CURRENT WORSHIPING LOCATIONS

Ebenezer Congregation had relocated to several buildings to continue progressing in ministering the word of God. Our previous worship locations include the United Reformed Church at Elephant & Castle, Methodist Central Hall Bermondsey, Brockley, Christ Redeemer's Church on Kennington Road, the Seventh-Day Adventist Church at Herne Hill, and Crossway United Reformed Church at Hampton Street, Elephant & Castle, where we currently worship. The constant change of worship venues has had a negative impact on the church's numerical strength.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the establishment of the Ebenezer Congregation, the church has positively impacted the community by donating to support the Southwark Mayor's Charity, engaging in Street

Evangelism, and conducting Joint Services with other churches in the building where we worship, to promote the work of God.

REPRESENTATION AT DISTRICT AND PRESBYTERY

Some of the members of the church have occupied position in both the Europe Presbytery (EP) and the South London District (SLD). Amongst them are the following:

- Catechist James Awuku 2018 – 2023 SLD Lay Rep. to EP
- Ms Eunice Adu-Yeboah EP Chief recorder to date.
- Mrs Josephine O. Ampofo EP Choirs Union Secretary
- Ms Priscilla Ofosua Asante EP Choirs Union Treasurer to date
- Ms Eunice Adu-Yeboah SLD Clerk 2021 to date.
- Mrs Josephine O. Ampofo President of the Choirs Union

Executive Positions in the SLD Groups.

Young Peoples' Group

- Mrs Wendy Ofosu Secretary (formerly) and President (Current)

Young Adults' Fellowship.

- Ms Eunice Adu-Yeboah Secretary and President
- Mrs Benedicta O. Frimpong Secretary.
- Mrs Veronica Nti Treasurer
- Mrs Josephine O. Ampofo Women's Commissioner
- Ms Delight Afua Darkoa Evangelism Coordinator
- Mr Cedric Ofosu Assistant Secretary (Current)

Singing Band

- Ms Delight Afua Darkoa Secretary (Current)
- Madam Doris Addo-Yobo Assistant Secretary (Current)
- Madam Mavis Odame Protocol (Current)
- Ms Christina Lamptey Assistant Music Director (Current)

Women's Fellowship

- Madam Margaret Asiamah Vice President
- Mrs Regina Owusu- Agyirifo Financial Secretary (Current)

Church Choir

- Ms Delight Afua Darkoa Secretary
- Ms Priscilla Ofosua Asante Treasurer

VISIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

1. To continue winning souls for Christ.
2. To acquire our own place of worship.
3. To celebrate our silver jubilee in 2028

CONCLUSION

We are grateful to God for seeing us through all the migrations and journeys since the Congregation began. In agreement with Johann Michael Attenburg, we sing PHB 270:

1. Kristo asafo a musua,
 Nnipa pɛ mo asee mo a
 Momma mo bo nntutu da;
 Wɔn de, wɔ pɛ mo bɔne de,
 Na muhu mu amane bi,
 Na nso ɛnkyɛ na asa

2. Asem no yɛ Onyame de,
 Ɛn'naɛkyekye mo were,
 Ono bedi ama mo
 Na wafa mo Agyenkwa so
 Agye mo mo atamfo nsam
 Na n'asɛm no agyina

3. Sɛ Nyame ne n'asɛm wɔ ho
 Na nso ɛwɔm' yi, asaman,
 Bonsam ne ne mmofra no
 Ne wiase beguan akɔ
 Onyankopɔn wɔ yɛn afa
 Na nkunim remmɔ yɛn da

We say with confidence:
 Ebenezer - Thus far has the Lord brought us!



Some members of PCG Ebenezer Congregation.



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA
SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT

SHORT HISTORY OF EMMANUEL CONGREGATION

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19).

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Emmanuel Congregation, which worships at Streatham Methodist Church had its maiden service on 18th October, 2009. It started as prayer meeting on 30th May, 2009 with the vision of bringing Christians together to pray and share the word of God.

The idea of turning the prayer meeting to a church became necessary when the membership increased to 15. The 15 people who attended the maiden service were:

1. Nana Asihene
2. Charlotte Annobeia Stutzig
3. Stella Ntim
4. Henry Addo Darko
5. Betty Opoku-Akyeampong Ramsay
6. Christiana Acquah
7. Derick Antwi Yeboah
8. Papa Bona Owusu
9. Nana Kyerewaa Amponsah
10. Janet L. Yeboah
11. Faustina Serwaa
12. Clement Appiah Agyei
13. Margaret Osei Owusu
14. Vida Pokuaa
15. Mabel Owusuaa Kodje

These people were all members of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. Evangelism was embarked, initially targeting Ghanaian communities around Streatham, Mitcham, and Croydon to increase the membership of the church and the Kingdom of God at large. By God’s grace, Emmanuel had 110 members on its register by the close of 2010. The church met every Sunday from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm for the normal service, and every Saturday from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm for Bible Studies and Prayer. There were five vibrant and active groups in the Church. These were:

- Women’s Fellowship
- Men’s Fellowship



- Church Choir
- Singing Band and
- Praises Team.

The Emmanuel Congregation was initially governed by the Interim Management Committee (IMC) with Rev. Henry Addo Darko as Minister in charge. On 3rd April 2011, the first Presbyters were elected and commissioned to lead the church. They were:

- Nana Asihene – Senior Presbyter
- Mrs. Venesha Bryan – Session Clerk
- Mr. Kwabena Bonti – Treasurer
- Papa Bona Owusu
- Mr. Thomas Ansong
- Mr. Christian Asiedu
- Mrs. Betty Opoku-Akyeampong Ramsay
- Mrs. Janet Yeboah
- Ms. Adwoa Serwaa

The congregation embarked on radio evangelism programme at Radio Focus, reaching approximately 60,000 people worldwide with the word of God on every Sunday, between 9.00 am and 10.00 am. The radio programme motivated some people to start Presbyterian Congregations at Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham.

Emmanuel Congregation was inaugurated on 19th June 2011 by Rev Dr John Azumah, the then Acting District Minister of Presbyterian Church of Ghana, London District. This achievement was possible due to the hard work and good leadership of the Session and the entire members of the church which was blessed by the Lord. Although all contributed immensely to the growth of the church, there are a few people who cannot be overlooked. They are:

- Rev. Henry Addo Darko
- Papa Bona Owusu
- Nana Asihene
- Mr. Clement Appiah Agyei
- Mrs Mercy Addo Darko
- Mrs Betty Ramsay and
- The late Mad. Margaret Osei Owusu.

These people put in their maximum in terms of cash, resources, knowledge and time; they worked hard around the clock to bring the church this far. The sacrifices and dedication of



the members have steadily brought Emmanuel Congregation close to the vision of PCG. Bringing people together in sound teaching and doctrines of the gospel was paramount.

The church observed the first death in October 2010. Ms. Vida Pokuaa, the wife of Mr Clement Appiah Agyei died at Guy's Hospital after a short illness. She was a Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Women's Fellowship. May her soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

Emmanuel Congregation encountered so many challenges but the gracious God saw us through. May His name be praised. The task is not over, so long as Jesus is not returned, this is just the beginning.

EMMANUEL – GOD IS WITH US

Thank you and God bless.

AMEN



**Some members of the Emmanuel Congregation with the Minister-in-Charge,
Rev. Rose Teteki Abbey,**



THE HISTORY OF PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA

*“The LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes”
(Psalm 118:23, NIV)*

With her origins deeply rooted in the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG), most members of PCG Peace worshiped with other members of Trinity congregation at Lambeth North and later at Brockley. During the process of the purchasing of the Trinity Church building at Baring Road, some members raised their concerns regarding the long travel distance that they travelled to reach this location. Hence, these members regrouped to form the PCG Calvary which congregated at Tooting Bec, South West London. After 6 years of worshipping together as Calvary Congregation, conflict erupted within the Session resulting in disunity within the church which was eventually escalated to the Moderator’s Office in Ghana.

On his visit to the London District Council on 14th May 2011, the Moderator met with the Calvary Session and with a view to resolve the problem amicably. However, the friction continued leading to the splitting of this congregation, giving birth to PCG Peace. This new congregation received the blessing of the Moderator and the support of the London District meeting at the Parish of Christ Church at 39 Union Grove. Under the instruction of the Moderator, Rev. Herbert Anim-Opong (the Clerk of the General Assembly at the time) came to inaugurate PCG Peace on 4th September 2011. The congregation consisted of 25 adults and 5 children.

In dealing with the affairs of the Church, Mr Michael Ohene Asiedu, a former session member at PCG Ghanamma Congregation was confirmed as the Caretaker. The four presbyters of the former Calvary Congregation (Mr Omama Koranteng Amponsah, Madam Gifty Badger, Mrs Sophia Kumi Akwagyiram and Mr Ellis Lartey) who moved with Peace congregation were asked to continue their role as presbyters. With God’s help, the membership of Peace congregation grew to 81 comprising of 45 women 25 men and 11 children. However, during 2019, this membership started to decline; badly affected by covid 19 and administrative issues. Services started online and continued online after the pandemic.



Peace Congregation with Rev Herbert Anim Opong, Clerk of the GA at their Maiden Service on 4th September 2011.



On the 8th of August 2021, by the grace of God and the help of Rev Henry Addo Darko, (the South London District Minister at the time), Rev John Danso and Catechist Mrs Alice Rita Frimpong, a new worship place was found for Peace congregation at Brixton Hill United Reform Church. Catechist Mrs Alice Rita Frimpong was officially inducted as catechist in-charge on January 29th 2023 by the South London District Minister; Rev. Dr. Victor Okoe Abbey.



First members of PCG Peace congregation at Brixton URC, membership of 18 adults with 1 child





Induction of catechist Mrs Alice Rita Frimpong (left), Rev Dr Emmanuel Frimpong, Rev Dr. Victor Okoe Abbey (South London District Minister) and Rev John Danso

Present Day Peace Congregation

At present, PCG Peace has welcomed new members who have enriched the Church with their service and commitment. We meet every Sunday from 3- 5pm (although the property is rented from 3-6pm). We can boast of representative members in all the congregational groups. Our Sunday services are vibrant and incorporate bible studies every week, communion on second Sundays in the month and an English (YAF led) service every third Sunday. We participate in Mid- week (Wednesdays) Bible teachings with two other PCG Congregations every week for spiritual growth and unity from 8-9pm on Zoom. And continue to have prayer Meetings on some Fridays from 8-9pm online.

The membership is currently smaller than the initial Peace congregation with 50% of members over the age of 60. We are trusting God that Peace will continue to grow peacefully and contribute to the spiritual development of members of the PCG as we build the Church, the bride of Christ. We are grateful for the hard work of the current presbyters and the catechist in charge and thank the members of Peace for their membership and hard work.





PCG Peace choir with Session members and the South London District Minister

PCG Peace is thankful and prays God's blessings upon the following agents who have served at the congregation since her inception:

- Catechist Micheal Ohene Asiedu
- Cat James Awuku
- Rev. Kwame Amo-Agyei
- Rev. Henry Addo Darko
- Catechist Mrs Alice Rita Frimpong (current)

PCG Peace Congregation says:

"Not to us, LORD, not to us but to Your Name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness (Psalm 115:1)"

We are grateful to the Almighty God for how far He has brought us and look forward to what He will do with us at PCG Peace.

Church History of Grace Congregation

The Grace Congregation traces its origins to a humble prayer cell group founded in December 1994 at the residence of Mrs Juliana Akyeampong at 1D Fiske Court, King Edward's Road, Barking. The group began with only a few individuals whom Mrs Akyeampong had personally invited, complementing her passionate evangelistic efforts through tract distribution. Due to



migration and movement of members, the cell group experienced periods of inactivity but was revived with perseverance.

The first recorded all-night prayer meeting took place in December 2000, with Madam Mary Pinamang (of blessed memory), Madam Felicia Obaayaa Konadu, Agnes Oppong, and Mrs Juliana Akyeampong in attendance. A major turning point occurred in 2002 when Mrs Akyeampong met Mrs Mercy Buady, sister of Mrs Grace Tummings, a staunch Presbyterian. Through this providential connection, Mrs Grace facilitated the acquisition of premises for worship.

A profound spiritual vision was recounted of a tall man receiving a crystal bowl from Rev Dr John Kofi Azumah, symbolising divine grace overflowing, yet met with resistance and rejection by some. This vision was understood to represent challenges in spiritual leadership and growth.

On 19 April 2009, Grace Congregation held its first official service at 633 Barking Road, Plaistow E13 9EX, at 3:30 pm with 16 adults and 7 children present. Bro. Kofi Akyeampong, son of Mrs Akyeampong, preached the inaugural sermon centred on church unity and love with Christ as the Head. Many individuals and ministerial figures provided valuable support during these formative years.

Attendees

1. Mr & Mrs Kwasi Akyeampong
2. Mr & Mrs Addo-Yobo
3. Mr & Mrs Boamah
4. Mrs Angelina Agyepong
5. Arin Marie Lynch
6. Mr Kwasi Akyeampong
7. Mrs Esther Akyeampong
8. Mr Edward Addo-Yobo
9. Mrs Nana Bikkai Addo-Yobo
10. Nana Sakyiabea
11. Ms Margaret Quaynor
12. Mrs Mercy Quaynor
13. Mrs Florence Dovlo
14. Mrs Rebecca Nelson
15. Mr Franklyn K. Larbi
16. Mrs Grace Tummings
17. Bro. Kofi Akyeampong
18. Mrs Juliana Akyeampong

Children

1. Maame Akyeamma Akyeampong

2. Abena Konadu Akyeampong
3. Kwesi Okyere Akyeampong
4. Maame Akua Addo-Yobo
5. Papa Kofi Addo-Yobo
6. Maxwell Buady
7. Daniel Fameye

Volunteers Who Supported the Service

The following individuals kindly volunteered their support toward the service:

1. Rev. and Mrs. T. K. Boakye
2. Rev. and Mrs. Obuo-Dadzie
3. Rev. Dr. J. K. and Mrs. Azumah
4. Catechist Kwame Amoh-Agyei
5. Rev. Edith Addo Yobo
6. Mr. and Mrs. Kofi Marfo
7. Mr. Frank Akoto
8. Mr. Prince Osei Tutu
9. Mr. Felix Ankrah
10. Mrs. Adelina Amo-Agyei
11. Mr. Samuel Asiedu Sasu



Significant milestones achieved:

- June 2009: Revival service led by the Grace Team from Ghana.
- September 2009: Donation of 40 hymn books by Mr & Mrs Kwaku & Vida Boamah.
- 22nd November 2009: First Holy Communion administered by Rev Dr. John Kofi Azumah.
- 18th April 2010: First anniversary celebration officiated by Rev Thomas Kwaku Boakye.
- The first communion items were donated by Dr and Mrs Owusu Akuffo -MBA- of Trinity Congregation.
- June 2010: Appointment of Mr Kwame Amo-Agyei as Caretaker.

Despite spiritual progress, challenges emerged due to restricted worship access at Christ Church URC, limited to the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month. The inability to store worship items led to a mobile-style worship, with items regularly transported by dedicated members. Attendance declined to approximately 10–15 adults by mid-2012, and the IMC even considered merging with Christ Congregation.

After several failed attempts to secure new premises, a breakthrough came in March 2013 when Barking Abbey Primary School offered use of their Drama Hall. However, logistical concerns led to a subsequent visit—prompted by Sis Mary Boateng—to Thamesview Community Centre, which proved successful. On 2nd June 2013, the first service was held at Thamesview, officiated by Rev Obuo-Dadzie. That same month, Rev Charles Fosu-Ayarkwah led prayer over the new worship grounds.

Following district-level transfers in July 2013, Mr. George Commodore was appointed as Caretaker of the congregation. Under his leadership, and that of the Interim Management Committee (IMC) established in 2011, The membership of the IMC Leadership and Committee Members

1. George Commodore – Church Agent
2. Grace Tummings – Senior Presbyter
3. Florence Kwarteng – Treasurer-blessed memory
4. Kwame Agyapong – Assistant Treasurer
5. Frederic Osei Akomeah – General Secretary & Financial Director
6. Ernest Okrah – Administrative Secretary
7. Gladys Mante – Welfare Coordinator
8. Grace Agyenim Boateng – Assistant Welfare Coordinator
9. Rosemary Nartey
10. Agnes Owusu-Bempah
11. Lydia Oduro
12. Mercy Opoku Addo
13. Josephine Asante – Social Secretary, Thames View Community Association

the church witnessed remarkable infrastructural development. These included the construction of a storage facility, the acquisition of musical instruments, and the installation of an overhead projector. The first harvest service at the centre was successfully held on 1st December 2013. Catechist George Commodore was transferred from Grace Congregation on 1st September 2016. On the same date, Catechist Kwamina Binney was posted to Grace Congregation. He served faithfully until his transfer on 1st September 2020.

Further developments include:

- March 2020: COVID-19 pandemic led to online services.
- 1st September 2020: Catechist. William Asiama Bekoe appointed, continuing virtual services until in-person worship resumed in 25th July 2021 with our first service names as “SWAG Service” led by Nana Akua Acheampomaa, with Catechist. Bekoe as speaker the theme of the service was Jesus the Great Provider.



- November 2021: New congregation leadership -(Presbyters)elected, with Nana Akua Acheampomaa as Session Clerk and Mercy Twumasiwaah as Senior Presbyter, Agnes Owusu Bempah, Evans Amo Gyimah, Fredrick Osei Akomeah and Evelyn Afari Apenteng- (Co -opted Treasurer).
- February 2023: Cat. William Asiama Bekoe elected Lay Representative for the South London District
- 1st September 2023: Appointment of the first substantive Minister-in-Charge, Rev Kwame Amo Agyei, supported by Cat. Asiama Bekoe.
- 29th December 2024: Seven youth confirmed for the first time in the congregation's history.
- 1st -4th May 2024: During the 11th Presbytery Session, hosted by Midlands District, the Minister-in-Charge was elected Presbytery Clerk, while also serving as Ministers' Conference President.

Today, Grace Congregation has grown to approximately 130 members, with both generational and non-generational groups in active ministry, including:

- Women's Fellowship
- Men's Fellowship
- Young Adult Fellowship
- Young People's Guild
- Children's Service
- Junior Youth
- Church Choir
- Singing Band

The congregation has celebrated some successes by placing 2nd and 3rd on the just ended 10th anniversary quiz organised by the south London Distret for the Children's service and adult respectively

From 2023 the Grace Congregation has taken upon its self that every bank holiday we embarked on evangelism at the Barking train station and its environs share dry foods and snacks for the homeless and the community.

The Singing Band in July 2024 celebrated their 10th anniversary. On the 19th October 2025 the Church Choir also celebrated their 10th anniversary and dedication of their new robes.

The current Session members are as follows

Nana Akua Acheampomaa-Clerk of the Session

Mrs Evelyn Afari Apenteng-Senior- Presbyter

Mss Joanne Aninakwah-Treasurer

Mr Bernard Ocran-Welfare

Mr Theophilus Asare Bediako-Evangelism Coordinator

HISTORY OF VICTORY CONGREGATION

Victory Congregation, a branch of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, started as a prayer group on 19th April 2009. Members of this prayer group were congregants of PCG Ghanamma Congregation who lived in Northwest London (around Harlesden and the surrounding areas). Back then, Ghanamma Congregation met late in the afternoon (3pm) at St Mary's Catholic Church, Paddington, West London. Catechist Asiedu called all the members living around the North West area and discussed with them forming a prayer group to support the church. The main aim of the prayer group was to pray and study the Word of God in the



morning, between 8:00 and 9:30, prior to the afternoon church service at Paddington. The venue for the meeting was at Ms Diana Asumang's premises in Stonebridge, North West London.

In the process, the Group added Bible Study sessions to strengthen members' knowledge of the Scriptures. It was Mr. Michael Ohene Asiedu, then the Catechist at Peace Congregation, and Mr. Seth Koranteng who introduced two study materials, namely **“There's a New Life for You! (So wonim se nkwa foforo bi wo ho ma wo?)”** and **“Steps to Spiritual Maturity: Growing up in Christ (www.gospelway.com)”**. These guided the Bible Study sessions.

The following were the founding members of the Prayer Group:

Mr. Michael Ohene Asiedu
Ms. Diana Asumang
Mrs. Grace Owusu Nkwantabisah
Mr. Anthony Baffour-Awuah
Mrs. Adelaide Baffour-Awuah
Mr. Fred Ankomah-Kessie
Mrs. Comfort Ankomah-Kessie

Mr Ben Henry Agyemang
Mr Seth Koranteng
Mr Kwabena Agyakwa
Mrs Clara Mensah Sarkodie
Mrs Esther Berko
Mrs Juliana Aninakwah
Ms Mabel Archison

By God's grace, the fellowship among the group strengthened and this spread to the rest of the church! Regularly, the group held end-of-year get-together events and invited members of Ghanamma Congregation to join them. Ms. Diana Asumang, as always, was generous with the use of her house for such activities.



Some members of Victory Congregation

When Ghanamma Congregation had to change its place of worship from Paddington (West London) to Streatham (South London), it became apparently clear that the change to the new location will not be viable for many members, particularly those living in North and North-West London. So, in prayer and in consultation with Rev Peter Kofi Nyarkoh, who was the District Minister for PCG South London and Chairman of PCG Europe Presbytery, the group decided to transform the Prayer Group



into a Preaching Post known as Victory Congregation. The young Congregation hired a place of worship at the Bernard Shaw Community Hall, Knatchbull Road, Harlesden, on 4th October 2015. Some members of the Ghanamma Congregation, who could not move with the Church to Streatham, joined the Victory Congregation. Sunday morning services were from 10:00am - 12:30pm. Catechist Michael Ohene Asiedu became responsible of Victory Congregation. He was appointed substantive Catechist on 15 January 2016 to look after the young church.

The following officers were inducted into office on 7th May 2017 as the Interim Management Committee (IMC) by Rev. Peter Kofi Nyarkoh to manage the affairs of the Church:

Mrs. Grace Owusu Nkwantabisah
Mr. Fred Ankomah-Kessie
Mr. Seth Koranteng
Mrs. Adelaide Baffour-Awuah

Mrs Gloria Brako - Ampomah
Mr Ben Henry Agyemeng
Ms Diana Asumang
Mr Michael Ohene Asiedu

Like most new ventures, the church was beset with some challenges, which militated against her; such as funds to provide basic necessities for smooth running. However, the commitment and dedication of members in diverse ways have been invaluable. Indeed, within a short period of time, Victory congregation has made notable progress: we can boast of having all the various groups associated with Presbyterian Church of Ghana and a new singing group called Victory Jewels with the exception of Young People's Guild (YPG) and Bible Study and Prayer Group. It is with great joy to state that the church is working assiduously to get these two groups formed.



Victory Junior Youth

As the Church's membership grew, it became necessary that a bigger place of worship was needed. On 7th May 2017, the Church moved to its present place of worship at the Church of God Seventh Day, 9 Station Road, Harlesden London NW10 4UJ. On 13 September 2017 the



following eight members were elected as substantive Presbyters to serve as officers of the Church for the next four years.

Mr. Fred Ankomah-Kessie – Snr Presbyter

Mrs Adelaide Baffour - Awuah

Mr. Yaw Addae Boadu – Session Clerk

Mrs Millicent Yeboah - PRO

Mrs Pauline Danquah Asante -Assistant Session Clerk

Mr. David Omari

Mr. Seth Koranteng - Treasurer

Ms Mabel Archison

In August 2021, another election was conducted to elect another 8 members to be elected as Session members to support the agent leading the church. The following members were elected to serve four years and they are as follows:

Mr. Fred Ankomah-Kessie – Snr Presbyter

Ms Esther Fordjour-Berko

Mr. Yaw Addae Boadu – Session Clerk

Mrs Millicent Yeboah - PRO

Ms Paulina Antwi -Assistant Session Clerk

Mr. David Omari

Mr. Seth Koranteng - Treasurer

Ms Mabel Archison

Victory Congregation since the past five years, it has been the aim of the church to acquire its own place of worship, and they made so many enquiries on properties for sale. Ebenezer, thus far the Lord has brought us. Not in our wildest imaginations did we ever anticipate that this prayer group will one day become a church, as we are witnessing today. This is a living testimony that God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither His ways our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). We sincerely hope that Victory Congregation will continue to grow; that through outpourings of the Holy Spirit, prayers and studies of the Word, members will impact societies and generations.



HISTORY OF THE HARLOW CONGREGATION

God almighty is the ultimate Lord, who reveals His hidden purpose to His people.

“Go up to the mountains, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.” Haggai 1:8.

Presbyterian Church of Ghana in Harlow commenced in, 22nd May 2015 as a cell group from home. This cell group members were meeting once every week to study the Bible, pray and sing worship songs. This cell group gave us the opportunity to bring Presbyterians living in Harlow together with one goal of starting this church.

Catechist George Commodore informed Rev. Peter Kofi Nyarko, former Chairperson of the European Presbyterian Church of Ghana about what he had witnessed in Harlow. Rev. Kofi Nyarko encouraged members to look for a permanent place of worship.

In the same year, Hanson Agyirifo was linked to Rev. John Danso who was in Harvey Town Centre looking for Presbyterians in Harlow to start a church. As Hanson Agyirifo already knew Rev Danso from Grange Park United Reformed Church in Leyton, Waltham Forest he contacted him and discussions started.

Papa John Danso started to attend the cell group to lead the Bible study and Prayer. He also encouraged us to look for a place of worship. Mr Emmanuel Doku (Former Harlow Labour Councillor) was introduced to Papa John Danso and Mama Mercy Danso as a Presbyterian. The four of us met for the first time to plan the future of the church.

Things discussed included: Publicity, Opening, Bank Account, time of worship, children service, constitution of the church, Bible Study and prayer days and permanent place of worship. Mr Emmanuel Doku contacted Harlow Council to enquire about properties in Harlow the church could use as a place of worship.

The Properties' Manager of Harlow Council responded to us about properties available in Harlow we could view and rent as a place of worship. Mr Hanson Agyirifo and Mr Emmanuel Doku eventually contacted Mr Peter Kelly who oversaw all the halls in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Harlow. He was happy to offer one of their Halls to the church at a reasonable Price. Papa Danso and Mama Mercy Danso were informed about the place found. Mr Samuel Amankwaa and Mr Michael Koi-Larbi were met in a Ghana Shop in Harlow. They were informed about the church formation and the date we were starting our first Sunday Church service on 1st November 2015. Both decided to join us since they were Presbyterians. We were very grateful when Mr Samuel Amankwaa said he had been trained as a Catechist in Italy, but he had not been consecrated. Papa Danso also informed Mrs Salome Hayford who also did not hesitate to join members as a Presbyterian. With zeal we all met to worship as Presbyterians for the first time on 1st November 2015 from 1400 hours to 1600 hours; at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Annex Hall on the first floor.

With no access to lift for some of the members, we decided to look for another place of worship. On 26th September 2016, United Reformed Church in Harlow responded positively to our letter sent by Papa Danso allowing the already formed Harlow Preaching Point to use their church premises on Sundays for a trial of three months. Harlow Preaching Point relocated to the new premises on 23rd October 2016.



Catechist Samuel Amankwaa was consecrated by Rev Peter Kofi Nyarko, Former Chairperson, Europe Presbytery on 14th January 2017 to resume his work as agent in charge of Harlow Preaching Point.

In 2017 Harlow Preaching Point was invited to attend the South London District Session meeting for the first time. At the end of the deliberations, Harlow Preaching Point was recognised as a Preaching Point and was also given two years to prepare for an elevation to the congregational status. “Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far the Lord has helped us”. 1 Samuel 7:12.

The Harlow standing committee members have great pleasure in congratulating all members of this church. We particularly want to express profound gratitude to Rev John Danso and Mama Mercy Danso who have worked so hard to ensure Harlow, a Preaching Point since 2015 to be elevated to congregational status. We also want to thank Catechist Samuel Amankwaa and family, Mr Hanson Agyirifo and family.

Our sincere thanks go to Rev. Henry Addo Darko, District Minister of Presbyterian Church of Ghana, South London District, Catechist George Commodore and his family, Mama Juliana Acheampong and Mama Alice Frimpong whose vision, prayers and encouragement have helped in the establishment of Harlow Preaching Point. Anytime some of us visited Grange Park United Reformed Church (Now Revival Presbyterian Church of Ghana), Mama wanted to know if the Presbyterian church has been started in Harlow for their prayers, support and ensuring that this great occasion is fulfilled.

We also appreciate the contributions of the following founding members:

1. Mr Seth Obeng Adofo,
2. Mr Emmanuel Doku (Organist),
3. Mr Ofosu Asamoah,
4. Mr Hanson Agyirifo,
5. Mrs Philomina Agyirifo,
6. Miss Agnes Birago Opunni.

We also thank our children who have been with us from the beginning and right through the years; Yaa Serwaa Agyirifo, Adwoa Mintaa Agyirifo, Nana-Akua Owusua Agyirifo, Shaun Obrempong Amankwaa, Chelsea Serwah Amankwaa, Bryan Amankwaa, Chrystal Amankwaa, Jephthah Copeland Badu, Justine Nana Nsiah Badu, Keddy Opare Addo, Jones Solowo, Ohemaa, Harry Daniel Akenya-Fordjour and Joel Jude Ohene Dwira.





HISTORY OF BETHEL PREACHING POINT

The story of Bethel Preaching Point is a testimony of God’s divine timing and purpose. Years ago, the Lord stirred the hearts of His people through the prompting of the Holy Spirit to organize a prayer mapping exercise in Thurrock, specifically in Grays. This spiritual initiative was led by His maidservant, Mrs. Juliana Akyeampong, with the support of the then Catechist K. Amo-Agyei—now Rev. K. Amo-Agyei—and other dedicated members of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. In 2014, they walked the streets of Grays, praying and seeking God’s guidance for His work in the area.

Two years later, in June 2016, God began to unfold His plan. A family, including Mrs. Abigail Adu-Amankwah, relocated from London to Grays. In her search for a Presbyterian Church to attend, Abigail was directed by Rev. Dr. Gyang-Duah to contact Mrs. Akyeampong. In January 2017, Abigail made that call, and during their conversation, they realized the nearest congregation was Grace Congregation in Barking. It was then that the vision to plant a church in Thurrock was born.

When the two women met at Abigail’s home, Mrs. Akyeampong was amazed—the house was located at the very spot where the prayer mapping had ended years earlier. Truly, God works in mysterious ways. His timing is perfect, and His plans never fail. Nea Onyame ye na eye, n’apede nam ne kwan so... (What God wills, He accomplishes in His own way).

On 25th June 2017, the first Sunday service was held at 66 Lewes Close, in the home graciously offered by Mr. and Mrs. Adu-Amankwah. The initial membership was just three—two adults and a child. Slowly, the Lord added to their number, growing from three to seven. However,



meeting in a home presented challenges; many visitors were uncomfortable with the setting and did not stay, causing fluctuations in attendance. Despite this, Bethel celebrated its first anniversary in 2018 with great joy, supported by members of the South London District under the leadership of Rev. Addo Darko.

In November 2019, God opened another door. Through Mrs. Allswell Opoku-Manu, who spoke on behalf of the preaching point, Ms. Kezia Ampofo—owner of Kier Training—offered the church a free meeting space at The Crown House in Grays town centre. By then, membership had grown to about 14, including children.

Then came 2020 and the global COVID-19 pandemic. In-person services were suspended, and Bethel transitioned to online worship via Zoom for nearly 18 months. When restrictions eased, the congregation temporarily lost its meeting place as Ms. Ampofo sought a new venue. Eventually, she secured another location and generously offered it to Bethel, which remains the current place of worship.

Today, Bethel Preaching Point stands as a vibrant part of the South London District. By God's grace, online programs have extended Bethel's reach beyond Thurrock, drawing participants from Isle of Wight, Peterborough, Finland, and other places. The church has actively engaged in evangelism—door-to-door outreach, outdoor campaigns, donations to local food banks and Basildon Hospital's children's ward, and community programs in collaboration with local council members. These efforts, spearheaded by the South London District, have strengthened Bethel's mission.

From humble beginnings in a living room to a thriving congregation of about 50 members—including children, JY, YPG, YAF, Men's and Women's Fellowship—Bethel Preaching Point is a testimony of God's faithfulness. Indeed, thus far the Lord has brought us.





The Basel Mission in Ghana

**By Rev. Dr. Abraham Nana Opare Kwakye
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Birth of a Mission

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, a revival took place in the Protestant churches of Europe. Many people began to seek a fresh understanding of the word of God. They were called Puritans in Great Britain and Pietists on the continent of Europe. Pietists and Puritans were sure that God spoke directly to humans and called them to a higher life than their neighbours. They believed that God intervened in the lives of his people to help and correct them. They believed that God speaks to us in the events of our lives, in the words of the Bible, and especially in our feelings as we pray and read the Bible. This led them to build up fellowships that were like islands in the broad seas of their non-Pietist neighbours— islands not only of stricter puritanical behaviour but also of intensive individual piety and Bible study, where people encouraged each other to feel the love and forgiveness of God in their hearts.

In 1780, a small group of these Pietists founded the "German Society for the Promotion of Christianity" (Deutsche Christentumsgesellschaft) in the Swiss city of Basel. It was initially a bible study and discussion group bringing together prominent Swiss and German clergy members, community leaders, business owners, and academic theologians who identified themselves with the Pietist movement and wanted to give visible, outward expression to their religious beliefs. From about 1800, the Society began to publish German translations of reports of the work of the new British missionary societies, for example, the Baptist Missionary



Society), which were being founded at that time as part of the "Evangelical Revival," another name for this Pietist/Puritan tradition as it made its presence felt in England around 1800. Very quickly, German-speaking Pietists began to consider starting a missionary society themselves. The Basel Mission was founded in 1815 in the city where the Deutsche Christentumsgesellschaft also had its headquarters. Its first president was Rev. Nicolaus von Brunn, and its first *Inspektor* (Director) was Christian Gottlieb Blumhardt.

From the onset, the Basel Mission was ecumenical. The Baden-Wurttemberg area from which it drew its supporters, following the famous rule of *cuius regio eius religio* (freely translated as "each region has to follow the religion of its ruler"), followed both Lutheran and Reformed Confessions. The Mission downplayed confessional differences between Lutherans and Reformed and welcomed support from any congregation. They set out to enlist backing from congregations outside the territorial church jurisdictions, which accounted for the Mission's wide range of support beyond the Wurttemberg area, including Russia.

The leadership of the Society was lodged in a self-perpetuating circle of men called the Committee, which usually had twelve life members, sometimes fewer. Only one woman, Juliane von Krüdener, who came from an aristocratic Russian family, was involved in the Mission's founding and early financial support. After she left the Mission, no woman was involved in the Mission's activities for at least a century.

Its members were both Swiss and German. The Swiss members were from the Basel aristocracy, which included Swiss industrialists and wealthy men. The German members also came from relatively privileged backgrounds. The Committee was very paternalistic and held immense power. Three of its most popular slogans were "The will of God is recognisable in the will of the Committee," "Obey your social superiors," and "Above all, there must be order." From the onset, the Mission trained missionaries to serve older, existing Protestant missionary societies. Its first batch of recruits was sent to the Dutch Missionary Society in Holland and the Church Missionary Society in England. By 1821, however, the founders decided to establish religious outposts abroad in their own name. This was done to bring the distinctive Pietist worldview to regions they considered unchristian. It started with a mission to the Caucasus region of southern Russia for a mission among the Jews, Tartars, and Armenians. After fifteen years of struggle, the Basel Missionaries were expelled from Russia by the Tsar. Another mission was started in Liberia in 1826, although they failed to maintain a foothold. In 1830, the Basel Mission gave up its attempt in Liberia.

The Ghana Mission

The Basel Mission's next mission field in West Africa was in the Gold Coast, now Ghana. Paul Jenkins, a long-time archivist of the Basel Mission, has noted that the history of the Basel Mission in Ghana is one of stubborn determination on the one side and tragedy on the other. This was because, at three different times, whole parties of missionaries were utterly wiped out by illness. Most of the early missionaries died of malaria fever and yellow fever, and West Africa was then referred to as the Whiteman's grave.

The first batch of young missionaries, Holzwarth, 25 years old; Salbach, 28 years old; Henke, 29 years old; and Schmidt, 23 years old, arrived at Christiansborg on December 18, 1828, together with Frederick Noi Dowuona, a young Osu prince. They were sent in response to a request by Major de Richelieu, a former Governor of Christiansborg. Tragically, the first four



missionaries died within three years of their arrival. This was when the Gold Coast was called "the Whiteman's grave."

Noi Dowuona was sent to Denmark by his father in the company of de Richelieu. He studied in Copenhagen and collaborated with Professor Rasmus Rask, the leading authority in comparative linguistics of his day, to publish a scholarly Ga grammar book in 1828. Dowuona served as a teacher and missionary assistant in Osu before joining the colonial establishment. In the 1850s, following the bombardment of the Osu township, he was enstooled as Osu Mantse and later became a member of the Eastern District Council. His contemporaries were Chief Kojo Ababio and Mantse Takie Tawia.

The Mission sent another team of three missionaries: Andreas Riis, 28; Peter Petersen Jaeger, 24; and a doctor, Christian Friedrich Heinze, 28. Unfortunately, the two failed to survive the first three months of their arrival, leaving Andreas Riis. Indeed, Heinze, the doctor, was the first to die after only six weeks on the coast. Riis would have followed suit but for the intervention of an unnamed indigenous African doctor who cured him with herbs.

Riis later relocated the Mission to Akropong to be away from the problems of the coast, malaria fever, and negative examples of the Europeans along the coast and to preach the gospel to people who were not yet significantly affected by the contact with the Europeans. He was joined in November 1837 at Akropong by two more missionaries, Johannes Murdter and Andreas Stanger, who came together with Anna Wolters, the bride of Riis. Stanger died in December 1837, while Murdter survived until November 1838. The time in Akropong was unsuccessful, causing him to return to Europe in 1840. At this point, the Mission was ready to abandon the Gold Coast as a mission field because it considered that the high mortality rate without the corresponding baptisms or conversions was a sign that the land was not ready for the gospel.

It was in 1843, when Andreas Riis, Johann Georg Widmann and Georg Thompson arrived with some West Indian families and bachelors (25 in all), that the Mission to Ghana started to produce the required results. The recruitment of these West Indians was in response to a request by the King of Akuapem for African Christians to be brought. The West Indians settled in Akropong and established a mission station there. The Lord blessed the renewed Mission, and soon, schools were started in Akropong and Osu. This was the beginning of the successful ventures. Stations were quickly opened at Aburi, Larteh, Odumase, Abokobi, Gyadam, Kyebi, and Anum. Later, the work entered Asante through Kwahu and later to Yendi and Salaga and, subsequently, other parts of Northern Ghana.

The Basel missionary enterprise continued until the Swiss and German missionaries were expelled from the Gold Coast in 1918. This was because Britain was at war against the Germans in the First World War. The Basel Missionaries were deported from the then-Gold coast because the area of their operation was a British colony. The Basel Mission was formally Swiss and theoretically neutral in the war. However, a large number of her missionaries were German, and thus, the organisation was perceived to be German. The missionaries returned after the war, but their influence had waned by the time of their return. Following their return, they partnered with the independent indigenous church that had inherited their work. Today, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Ghana's oldest existing church, continues the Basel Mission's work.



Achievements and Impact

Expansion of Christian Faith

A significant achievement of the Basel Mission was introducing and expanding Christianity in the Gold Coast. Together with other Western European missionary societies like the Wesleyan Methodists and the Bremen Mission, they preached the gospel and converted many Africans from traditional African religion to Christianity. Presently, Ghana is predominantly Christian.

Western Education

Secondly, the Basel Mission impacted the introduction of Western education to the Gold Coast. From the onset, it offered primary education, which was followed by teacher's education at the Seminary. The first of such seminaries was at Akropong. It was the second higher institution to be set up in West Africa after Fourah Bay College in Freetown, Sierra Leone. They also championed education among girls in their communities, empowering them with economic and social skills. 1867, the Mission introduced the Middle School concept, patterned on the German *Mittelschule* concept. This educational system of a six-year primary school and a four-year middle school was in practice for many years in Ghana until the 1980s when the Junior High School System was introduced.

Basel Mission education was holistic and aimed at training the head, heart, and hand. Those who were trained at Basel Mission schools were equipped for life and distinguished themselves in every facet of life. Basel Mission Schools were also reputed for serious Spartan training, producing distinguished and disciplined persons who seasoned our societies.

Agriculture

The Basel Mission made an impact in the agricultural and commercial spheres as well. As Paul Jenkins has noted, the Mission worked to build up a Christian village culture among the farmers of Southern Ghana. They introduced staples like cocoyam, mangoes and avocado into the local food economy. They played a significant role in the emergence of the cocoa industry, presently Ghana's third-highest export commodity after gold and crude petroleum. It was the Basel Mission that first introduced cocoa cultivation into the country. The Basel Mission-trained blacksmith, Tetteh Quarshie, also embarked on commercial crop cultivation and distributed several seedlings to farmers on the Akuapem ridge.

Artisan Training

Basel Mission education was more comprehensive than formal education. They were involved in the education of artisans, providing them with life skills. The Basel Mission believed that teaching modern husbandry and craft skills was the best way to create the material basis for strongly organised and self-sufficient Christian villages or communities. The Baslers trained blacksmiths, coopers, wheel makers, and carpenters.

Commerce

The Basel Mission also set up a trading company on the Gold Coast in 1859. Its pioneer missionary-trader was Hermann Ludwig Rottman, who married Regina Hesse, a native of Osu. The Basel Mission Trading Company (BMTC) was set up to supply the mission stations with their personal requirements, supply goods needed for various projects and train suitable indigenous personnel in fair trading practices. The profits of the Company were used to finance the missionary activities. The BMTC imported European foodstuffs, textiles, household goods,



building materials, bicycles, sewing machines, etc. Later in the post-war years, a motor department was opened where cars and motorbikes were sold, and car mechanics were trained. The Company exported palm oil, palm kernels, cotton, rubber and, increasingly, cocoa. The Company observed a self-imposed ban on trade with alcohol, arms and ammunition, even if it meant a loss of turnover. It also promoted fair trade, meaning the farmers should get reasonable money for their produce. Later, in the 1920s, the BMTC gave way to the more business-minded Union Trading Company (UTC).

Medical Services

The Basel Mission was involved in promoting medical services in the country. Having fallen victim to the high rate of deaths by its missionaries, its first attempt at dealing with the problem was to send Christian Friedrich Heinze, the missionary doctor, to evaluate the situation and report back to Basel. He, however, died only six weeks after arrival. In 1882, Dr. Ernst Mahly was commissioned to assess the specific health problems of the Gold Coast. It was Dr. Mahly who performed the first surgery on the Gold Coast when he amputated the left lower limb of Mrs. Huppenbauer. He used crude instruments like a hacksaw, breadknife, sewing thread, and needle. She survived the surgery and finally moved to live in Switzerland.

Based on Mahly's proposals, Dr. Rudolf Fisch from Aarau in Switzerland was despatched in 1885. He set up the first clinic away from the colonial coastal towns at Aburi-Akuapem. Together with his wife, they served for over a quarter of a century (until 1911). Apart from travelling all over the country on his bike, he set up the 'Temperance Society' which campaigned against alcoholism. Presently, the 'Temperance Society' or 'Anidahō Fekuw' is known as the Blue Cross Society.

Although the Basel Mission's medical programme is not felt directly in Ghana, several networks provide the same support. The Swiss Red Cross Society is partnering with the Ghana Red Cross Society to support the medical sector. The Swiss Tropical Institute has been home to several Ghanaian scientists and researchers who have studied there. Incidentally, Basel is the seat of some leading chemical and pharmaceutical firms, including Novartis and Hoffmann-La Roche.

Vernacular Development

Furthermore, the Basel Mission impacted the development of the local language. The Mission had a clearly stated policy of establishing 'vernacular-based churches' among the various ethnic groups in Ghana. They emphasised learning these local languages in their schools and translated the Bible. This was to facilitate the preaching of the Gospel in the local language. The sociologist Jon Miller has indicated that the Mission pursued a belief, traceable to Luther and familiar to many Protestant missions, that an individual's mother tongue is the only proper medium for the insight that produces conversion and salvation. Mathematics, geography, and history were all taught in the vernacular, and books for this purpose were published. Regrettably, the State has abandoned teaching in the mother tongue, which accounts for many's inability to interpret notions and ideas correctly.

The linguistic prowess of the missionaries Johannes Zimmerman and Augustus Wilhelm Steinhauser, along with indigenous pastors and catechists such as Thomas Kwatei, Jakob Nikoi, Carl Reindorf, Nathaniel Mohenu, Daniel Saba, and Ludwig Richter, was truly remarkable. They were the leading linguists in the Ga language, with Zimmerman, in collaboration with his colleagues, translating the Bible into Ga, authoring a Ga dictionary, and writing a Ga grammar.



Johann Gottlieb Christaller, Hans Nicolai Riis, and Adam Johann Mader also collaborated with indigenous agents like David Asante, Theophilus Opoku, and Jonathan Bekoe Palmer to translating into Twi. The monumental work done by Rev. J.G. Christaller, who led the translation of the Bible into Akuapem Twi, collected 3000 Twi proverbs and compiled a Twi dictionary, which is still regarded as standard work in Ghana, is still outstanding.

The use of vocabulary affirmed the African culture and was an important step towards the indigenisation of the Christian faith in Ghana. The African theologian Kwame Bediako, has argued that, accordingly, in the African Christianity of the post-missionary era, the extent to which a church can be said to possess a viable heritage of Christian tradition in its indigenous language is the extent of that church's ability to offer an adequate interpretation of reality and a satisfying intellectual framework for African life. Cephas Narh Omenyo, a Professor of Church History And Missions at the University of Ghana and former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, also argued that the legacy of the vernacular Scripture left behind by the Basel Mission in Ghana is a major contributory factor for the massive growth of Christianity in Ghana, particularly among the Akan and Ga of Ghana who very early, had their vernaculars reduced into writing mainly because they understood the Gospel in their languages and took it seriously. He has shown that areas without long traditions of the vernacular Bible do not usually have robust African Independent Churches mainly because they do not have the advantage of the vernacular Bible as a basis to be engaged in a serious dialogue with their worldview.

Conclusion

The Basel Mission played a significant role in the social, spiritual and physical transformation of the Gold Coast in the 19th and 20th centuries. Looking back, one ought to praise the sacrificial efforts of the very young missionaries who persistently kept coming despite the high rate of mortality. Noel Smith's evaluation of the work of the Basel Mission at the time of her expulsion from the Gold Coast is a testimony of the diverse forms of ministry they brought to the Gold Coast. He wrote as follows:


By the time the Mission was expelled from the country, the name Basel had become a treasured word in the minds of the people in education and agriculture, artisan training and the development of commerce, medical services and concern for the social welfare of the people. The Basel Mission had a holistic development agenda for the community through the power of the Gospel. It is important that twenty-first century Ghanaian leaders would learn from these Baslers.



Flyers of some of the activities to celebrate the anniversary

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