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OPENING CEREMONY

THURSDAY 22ND MAY, 2014

TIME	ACTIVITY	
7:30am	Dignitaries and Participants seated	
8:30am	Arrival of the President of the Republic of Ghana	H.E. John Dramani Mahama
8:30am	Opening Prayer	Apostle John Adotey, 1st Vice President of the Bible Society of Ghana
8:35am	Hymn: Captain of Israel's Host- M.H.B.	
8:45am	Welcome Address & Declaration of Purpose	Most Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Asante, President of Bible Society of Ghana / President of the Methodist Church Ghana
9:00am	Introduction of Dignitaries & Moderator of ABLI	Mrs. Efua Ghartey, Chairperson of Council, Bible Society of Ghana & Chairperson of the ABLI Planning Committee
9:05am	Word of Greetings / Felicitations	Mr. Michael Perreau, Director General, United Bible Societies
9:10am	"	Mr. James Catford, Group CEO, British & Foreign Bible Societies
9:15am	"	Dr. Betta Mengistu, President & Founder of Beza Ministries / Founding Member of ABLI
9:20am	"	Rev. Erle Deira, Executive Director, Eradicating Bible Poverty (EBP) in International Ministries, American Bible Society
9:25am	Brief Statements of Endorsement of ABLI	Rt. Hon. Edward Doe Adjaho, Speaker of Parliament
9:30am	"	Her Ladyship Mrs. Georgina T. Wood, The Chief Justice,
9:35am	Choreography/Poetry	Nana Asase
9:50am	Keynote Address	Prof. Jerry Gana, Former Cabinet Minister, Nigeria
10:05am	Official Opening Address	H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana
10:20am	ESV Bible Presentation / Hymn: Words of Life	Most Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Asante
10:30am	Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks	Lord Paul Yaw Boateng, former British Cabinet Minister and High Commissioner to South Africa, Moderator of ABLI
10:40am	Closing Prayer	Rt. Rev. Dr. Francis Amenu, Moderator of General Assembly, Evangelical Presbyterian Church
	Group Picture	

Moderator: Lord Paul Yaw Boateng

MC: Rev. Erasmus Odonkor, General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ghana

Music by: Ghana Police Band, El Dunamis Minstrels

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Welcome message

BY MOST REV. PROF. EMMANUEL ASANTE,
PRESIDENT OF BIBLE SOCIETY OF GHANA

On behalf of the Council, staff and entire membership of the Bible Society of Ghana, I welcome you all to the 2014 ABLI forum, particularly our dear friends and colleagues from outside Ghana to the warmth and friendship of our land.

The Bible Society of Ghana is privileged to host this august Forum that seeks to promote the use of the Bible as a tool for leadership and ultimately, societal transformation.

We are grateful that you consented to join us and the Church to promote clean, transparent and inspirational leadership and to discuss the valuable wisdom and guidance that the Bible offers to leaders with respect to socio-economic development, justice and integrity.

In considering and planning to host this Forum, the Bible Society of Ghana and the patrons considered the need to emphasize the valuable contribution that the Bible can make to positively change both individual and communal lives.

Obedience to the Word of God has changed and continues to change lives for the better and we are convinced of the immense blessings and success that our people and nations would have if we guide our policies, programmes and steps by the Bible: God's unfailing Word.

Let us boldly and sincerely undertake this assignment with the confidence and knowledge we have in the Word of God as the ultimate standard for life.

In this Forum we shall approach our participation with optimistic faith and determination to see positive change in



leadership in our countries of Africa and life on the Continent in general.

Please feel free to contribute to the proceedings as the Lord empowers you but let us be careful to accommodate all views, consenting or dissenting so that all of us would clearly see the path the Lord in His unchanging Word is leading us to take to encourage, support as well as challenge African Leadership towards Africa's transformation.

**“All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that the Man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.
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What is the ABLI Forum?

AFRICAN BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE - ABLI

At the turn of the third millennium, precisely 10th-14th October 2000, the fellowship of United Bible Societies (UBS) - currently made up of over 145 National Bible Societies and operating in some 200 territories all over the world met in Midrand, South Africa for its World Assembly.

At the said Assembly the fellowship amended its Mission Statement by the addition of the clause

“...helping people to interact with the word of God in addition to the traditional pillars of Translation, Production and Distribution”.

This is the genesis of the emphasis on **SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT** and **ADVOCACY**.

A number of programmes / projects and strategies were put in place in fulfillment of this new and enhanced mission.

It is in this spirit of **ADVOCACY** that African Biblical Leadership Initiative (ABLI) was born, championed and sponsored by the British and Foreign Bible Society (BFBS) and later joined by American Bible Society (ABS) and in collaboration with the Bible Society of Ethiopia, the then UBS Africa Area Service Centre based in Nairobi, Kenya and Beza International Ministries (BIM) of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

ABLI felt the need to see the Bible and its values more centrally placed and positioned in the Public Square with particular reference to leadership in all sectors of life and particularly in Church and state.

The principal objectives therefore, were to increase the credibility and profile of the Bible in all areas of African Society and secondly, to empower African leaders with the transformational role of the Bible in national leadership. Since 2009 ABLI has held forums in Addis Ababa and Kampala. The Forum normally takes the form of a two/three-day conference that draws in a group



of leaders from across Africa and beyond to discuss how the message of the Bible can influence/impact and transform the leadership of Africa. This usually includes Keynote Presentations in plenary as well as seminars and workshops in addition to making room for sessions for networking and prayer.

Past participants have included Church leaders and Pastors, doctors, professors, finance experts and businesswomen and men as well as Youth from different walks of life.

In Addis Ababa, ABLI was held in conjunction with the AU Summit and culminated in the hosting of the Bible and Prayer Breakfast for Heads of States, Diplomats, Ministers and other State and Church leaders. At this gathering, passages of scripture were shared and prayers were said for Africa.

In 2014, ABLI will be hosted by the Bible Society of Ghana under the patronage of the Head of State, the leadership of Parliament, the Chief Justice and the leadership of the Church in Ghana. The Youth will feature in a special programme at ABLI. In addition to Leadership in general, sub-themes will include good governance, corruption, integrity and discipline in national life.

ABLI 2014 promises to be exciting and the atmosphere will, like in the past, be characterized by optimistic faith and the obvious determination to see positive change in Africa and beyond.

ABLI 2014 will be moderated by Lord Paul Boateng who has been the Moderator of past ABLI Forums

LORD PAUL BOATENG Moderator of ABLI FORUM

Lord Paul Boateng is a British Labour Party Politician, who was the Member of Parliament (MP) for Brent South from 1987 to 2005, becoming the United Kingdom's first mixed race Cabinet Minister in May 2002, when he was appointed as Chief Secretary to the Treasury. Following his departure from the House of Commons, he served as the British High Commissioner to South Africa from March 2005 to May 2009.

On 28th May, 2010, it was announced in the 2010 Dissolution Honours that Lord Boateng would become a member of the House of Lords. He was introduced as Lord Paul Boateng of Akyem and Wembley on 1st July 2010.

Lord Boateng is an active Methodist and Methodist lay preacher; he served as a Methodist delegate to the World Council of Churches and as Vice – Moderator of its programme to combat racism. He also serves on the executive board of the international Christian charity, Food for the Hungry.

Currently, Lord Paul Yaw Boateng is the Moderator of the African Biblical Leadership Initiative (ABLI) Forum.





AU AGENDA 2063

What is it?

The African Union Agenda 2063 is a call for action to all segments of African society to work together to build a prosperous and united Africa based on shared values and a common destiny. In 2013, during the celebration of 50 years of African Unity, Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) laid down a clear vision underpinned by ideals and values to serve as pillars for the continent in the foreseeable future, which Agenda 2063 will translate into concrete objectives, milestones, goals, targets and actions/measures. Agenda 2063 strives to enable Africa to remain focused and committed to the ideals envisaged in the context of a rapidly changing world.

What will it do?

Agenda 2063 is a unique opportunity to recreate the African narrative by putting it into perspective to enthuse and energize the African population and use their constructive energy to set and implement an achievable agenda for unity, peace and development in the 21st century.

The thrust of Agenda 2063 is a program of social, economic and political rejuvenation that links the past, present and the future in order to create a new generation of Pan Africanists that will harness the lessons learnt and use them as building blocks to consolidate the hope and promises of the founding parents for a true renaissance of Africa.

Who is involved?

The 50th anniversary Solemn Declaration specifically calls for development of Agenda 2063 through a people-centered process. Africa, including the Diaspora, needs to get excited and involved in this project. It is particularly important to get the views of young people, who are going to be responsible for implementing the vision 2063, to assume a leading role in shaping it, and in charting the future course and destiny of the continent and its people.

For more information on Agenda 2063, please visit <http://agenda2063.au.int/>



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THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF GHANA

The Bible Society of Ghana (BSG) is a non-denominational Christian organization registered under the Trustees Act, 1962 of the Republic of Ghana. It is an affiliate member of the United Bible Societies (UBS) operating in over 200 countries; a world fellowship of national Bible Societies with the common task of achieving the widest possible, effective and meaningful distribution of the Holy Scriptures and also to help everyone interact with the Word of God.

Our Mission

To make God's Word available and affordable, and encourage its use to transform lives

Our Vision

To reach every home in Ghana with the Word of God in a language they understand

What do we do?

The Bible Society of Ghana develops effective and meaningful programmes using all forms of media through which we can attain our set objective and to facilitate Bible usage in churches and among individuals. In pursuit of our mission, we do the following:

Translation, Distribution, Programmes and Fundraising.

Translations

The goal of BSG is to reach every home with a Bible in their own language. Currently the Bible has been translated and published into eight(8) major Ghanaian languages. We are working on other languages, while revising some of the older versions. Translation is challenging and capital intensive: more can be achieved if the needed funds are available.

Programmes

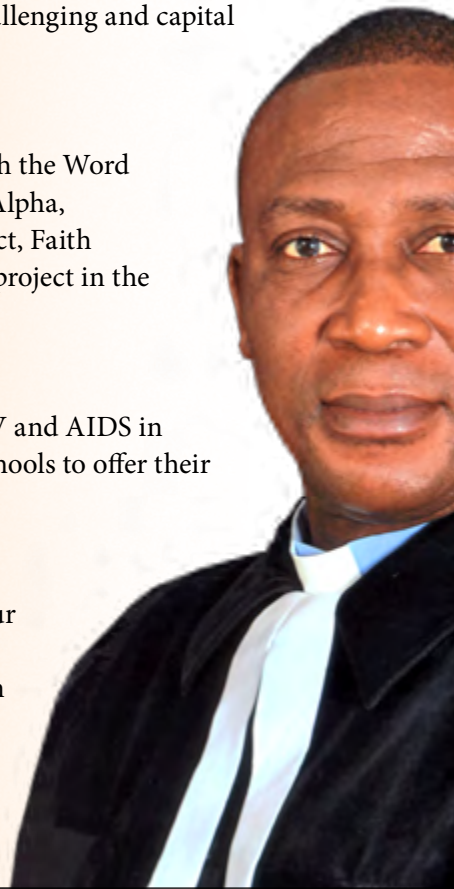
BSG is involved in projects that enable individuals and groups to interact with the Word of God continuously. They include the HIV/AIDS Good Samaritan project, Alpha, Peacekeeping Bibles project, Tamale Rescue project, Ghana Study Bible project, Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH), Literacy, Youth Impact Project, Future Leaders' project in the universities, Braille Bibles for the blind, Mobile film projects among others.

HIV/AIDS Good Samaritan Project

The "Good Samaritan" project aims at creating awareness on the issue of HIV and AIDS in Churches and Society; providing training so as to empower Churches and schools to offer their service to people affected by the pandemic.

Peacekeeping Bibles Project

This is a project that allows BSG to place pocket-size Bibles in the hands of our military men and women who go on peacekeeping duties. Many of these personnel have testified about the power of the Word and how they have been saved. BSG is interested in the lives of these men and women who lay down their lives for others. We want God to speak to them in their quiet moments away from the war front, to comfort and shield them.



Ghana Study Bible Project

This is a project to produce the first indigenous Ghanaian Study Bible for both academia and devotion. This Bible will eventually be translated into all major Ghanaian languages.

Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH)

FCBH is a Bible listening and scripture use/engagement programme designed to help rural pastors/leaders to get their people more involved in the Scriptures. It is to have the Bible heard in every church, group or community in the heart language of the people. It works anywhere – schools, prisons, hospitals, lorry parks, market places, police station, etc.

Literacy

As we continue to translate the Bible into the local languages, so must people be encouraged to learn how to read and write in their local languages. Our literacy project is targeted towards adults who cannot read or write: they are trained for at least six months to read the Bible and understand it by themselves.

Alpha Project

This is designed to help new converts in our schools, churches, prisons, etc to interact closely with the Bible. Every year, most of these institutions receive Bibles after going through some courses organized with our partners on this project.

Youth Impact Project

This project is designed for pupils between the ages of 8 – 12. These children are free to write to us and tell us a little about themselves and their schools. They are then required to answer a few questions after which BSG sends them Bibles.

Fundraising

BSG raises funds to support her translation as well as the subsidy on the Scriptures. The funds raised also help us to accomplish the several projects for youth and adults and to run operations.

How can you help?

You can help us by praying for the Society at all times; being a donor to any of our projects; and volunteering your time/expertise during our programmes.

We look forward to receiving your donations to support Bible work. The gospel must travel as far as we can make it. It takes bold Christians like you to achieve this objective through your volunteering and giving of money to send the salvation message to those who otherwise have not yet heard the WORD.

Rev. Erasmus Odonkor

REV. ERASMUS NII BONNE
ODONKOR- General Secretary,
Bible Society of Ghana.

Rev. Erasmus Odonkor was appointed the General Secretary of the Bible Society of Ghana in September, 2010. He is a certified Human Resource Management Practitioner and a graduate of the University of Ghana Business School where he obtained both BSC Administration (Management) and MBA

(Human Resource Management) degrees. Erasmus also holds an MA (Study of Religions) degree from the University of Ghana. He is an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana and has since December, 2012 been a member of the Advisory Council of the World Vision Ghana.

Erasmus is married to Beatrice and they are blessed with three children.





Mrs. Efua Gharthey

CHAIRPERSON-BIBLE SOCIETY OF GHANA

Mrs. Efua Gharthey is the Chairman of the Planning Committee of the ABLI 2014 and a member of its Business Committee. She completed the University of Ghana in 1989 and was called to the Bar in 1991. After a year as a Legal Aid Officer, working of the under-privileged in the society, she joined Akufo-Addo, Prempeh & Co. as an Associate. In 1994, she co-founded Gharthey & Gharthey as Managing Partner and Head of the Corporate Section of the Firm.

Efua Gharthey is a member of the International Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA) and held executive positions in FIDA (Ghana) from 1992 to 1997. Since 1992, she has served as a Chairperson, Secretary / Member of a number

of committees of the Ghana Bar Association and was a member of the National Executive of the Ghana Bar Association for a number of years. Efua Gharthey has served and still serves on a number of Boards of organizations involved in various activities some of which are centered on children, education, aviation, export financing, media and publishing.

Currently, she is the Vice-Chairman of the Global Board of the United Bible Societies Worldwide. She worships at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Sakumono. She is married to Hon. Joe Gharthey, Member of Parliament, Essikado/Ketan in the Western Region and the 2nd Deputy Speaker of Parliament. The Ghartheys have five children.



UBS President ROBERT CUNVILLE

Robert Cunville, a pastor in India was elected UBS President in 2010 until the next World Assembly of the United Bible Societies is held in Brazil in 2016. Cunville is an evangelist working for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in India (BGEA).

He had his theological studies at Serampore College, near Kolkata, India. Robert lectured in theology and became the first member of the Khasi Tribe to earn a Th.M degree. He is married to Carol.

Over the years, Robert has served in positions of great influence as well as in places few would venture to reach. While



serving as youth secretary of India's National Council of Churches, he also pastored

Union Chapel, a congregation of about 70 in the teeming city of Kolkata.

For some 35 years now, Robert has served as a BGEA associate evangelist. He has also assisted Franklin Graham in his India Festivals and has helped to encourage and mentor Will

Graham in his ministry as an evangelist.

Christians and non-Christians alike are touched by Robert's humility and courage as he takes the message of Christ wherever God leads. He has traveled by four-wheel drive and by foot. Slept under the stars. Preached in rice paddies, in wind and in rain. Preached in areas of armed conflict with military protection. Been opposed by pagan priests, threatened by terrorists. Given up his own bed and coat so someone else would be more comfortable—all for the sake of the Gospel.

Robert deflects all the praise:

"We go to villages and towns and cities where not many well-known evangelists would go.

Churches invite me because I am a member of Mr. Graham's Team."



James Catford

Group Chief Executive of Bible Society
and Co-founder of ABLI

James Catford has been Group Chief Executive of Bible Society since 2002 and is one of the founders of ABLI. Previously, he was Publishing Director for Hodder Headline and later HarperCollins, where he was responsible for biographies, autobiographies, Bibles and Christian Books.

James is a ministry team member of Renovaré (founded by Richard Foster), Chair of Renovaré Britain and Ireland, Deputy Chair of Amity Printing Company in China and a trustee of InterVarsity Press (IVP). He has recently become a Senior Fellow of Westmont College, California.



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▲ **VERY REV. PROF.
JOHN K. DAVID EKEM**
(DEAN OF ACADEMIC STUDIES, TRINITY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
AND TRANSLATION CONSULTANT FOR BSG)

Theme: "BIBLE TRANSLATION AND REVISION"

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1: THURSDAY 22ND MAY

MORNING SESSION

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS	VENUE
8:30 am to 11:30 am	Opening Ceremony	H. E. President J.D. Mahama President of the Republic of Ghana Most Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Asante, President of the Bible Society of Ghana	Main Hall
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm	LUNCH		Corridors 1 & 2

AFTERNOON SESSION

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS	VENUE
	Panel Discussion: Plenary Moderator: Lord Paul Yaw Boateng THEME: PERSPECTIVES OF LEADERSHIP		
2:00 Pm to 2:20 pm	Youth & Child Upbringing: Giving hope to children and youth through leadership: Parenting, Church, Governance.	Mr. Michael Perreau Director General, United Bible Societies	Main Hall
2:20 Pm to 2:40 pm	Arms of Government: How do the principles of servant leadership reflect in governance: Specific reference to the Executive, Judiciary and the Legislature? What are the likely challenges and solutions?	Justice Emile Short, First Commissioner, Commission of Human Rights and Administrative Justice	
2:40 Pm to 3:00 pm	The Church: The role of the Church in national leadership: How has the Church been the light and salt of our society? Is the Church the conscience of the nation or has the nation bought the conscience of the Church? Is the Church losing its impact in Africa and Ghana?	Rev. Dr. B. Y. Quarshie, Rector, Akrofi - Christaller Institute	

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DAY 1: THURSDAY 22ND MAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS	VENUE
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Interactions		
4:00 pm to 4:20 pm	TEA BREAK		Corridors
4:20 pm to 4:35 pm	Prayer Session	Rev. Dr. Godwin N. N. Odonkor, Chairperson, Ga Presbytery, Presbyterian Church of Ghana	Main Hall
4:35 pm to 4:45 pm	Open Forum	Rev. Steve Asante, Ghana Baptist Convention	Main Hall
4:55 Pm to 4:55 pm		Dr. Joyce R. Aryee, Management & Communication Consult	
4:55 Pm to 5:05 pm		Prof. Florence Abena Dolphyne, University of Ghana, Legon	
5:05 pm to 5:45 pm	Interactions		
5:45 pm to 6:00 pm	Closing Prayer	Very Rev. Kofi Owusu, Former General Secretary, Bible Society Of Ghana	Main Hall

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DAY 2: FRIDAY 23RD MAY

MORNING SESSION

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER (S)	VENUE
8:30 am to 9:00 am	DEVOTION	Rev. Dr. Robert Cunville, President of United Bible Societies	Committee Hall 2
9:00 am to 11:00 am	OPENING FORUM / PLENARY Moderator: Lord Paul Yaw Boateng TOPIC: Our Faith as Christians in Governance and Leadership Interactions	His Excellency Paa Kwesi Amissah-Arthur Vice President of the Republic of Ghana Rt. Hon Doe Adjaho, Speaker of Parliament Her Ladyship, Mrs. Georgina T. Wood, Chief Justice	
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Prayer Session	Rt. Rev. Dr. Edem Tettey, Moderator, Global Evangelical Church	
11:15 am to 11:30 am	TEA BREAK		Corridors
11:30 am to 12:45 pm	EXPOSITION ON BIBLE CHARACTERS: PLENARY Moderator: Lord Paul Boateng		Committee Room 1
	The Integrity Factor	Justice Gertrude Torkonoo (Mrs.), Court of Appeal	
	Standing by the Word of God	Father Bonaventure Kambotuu, Tamale Ecclesiastical Provincial Coordinator for Biblical Apostolate / Lecturer	
	Interactions		
12:45 pm to 1:45 pm	LUNCH		

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DAY 2: FRIDAY 23RD MAY

AFTERNOON SESSION: GROUP WORKSHOPS

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER (S)	VENUE
1:45 pm to 2:05pm	Characters: Plenary Session (15 Mins Each)	Most Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Asante, President of the Bible Society of Ghana Rev. Dr. Edward Ngaira, African Ent. Kenya	Committee Hall 1
2:25pm to 2:40 pm	Interactions		
2:45 pm to 4:45 pm	GROUP WORKSHOPS TOPIC: What Changes do we want to see in Africa and how? - Using the Bible as source material.		
	GROUP 1: Conflict Resolution & Peace Keeping: The Importance / Significance of Peace building in the development of society - biblical reference Moderator: Rev. Dr. E. ANIM	Hon. Dr. Sam Kobia, Former General Secretary, World Council of Churches, Nairobi, Kenya Mrs. Angela Dwamena Aboagye, Executive Director, The Ark Foundation	Committee Hall 1
	GROUP 2: Governance: Leading with integrity, the Bible (scripture) as a tool for effective governance Moderator: Prof. Cephas Omenyo	Mr. Tope Popoola, Haggai Institute International Ministry Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye, Director, Institute of Local Government Studies	Meeting Room 2
	GROUP 3: Role of the Church in Leadership & Transformation: The word of God and the challenges of the church and political leadership Moderator: Rt. Rev. Titus K. A. Pratt	Joan & Mark Williamson, One Rock International Leadership Training Institute, UK Dr. Mensa Otabil, General Overseer, ICGC	Committee Hall 2
	GROUP 4: The Media In Development / Press Freedom: Engaging the media in church development and growth. A biblical reflection Moderator: Mrs. Felicia Gbesemete	Yaw Boadu Ayebofo, Director of Newspaper, Graphic Comm. Group Ltd. Vicky Wireko Andoh, Journalist & PR Consultant	Meeting Room 218
	GROUP 5: Business Ethics in Industry: Transforming African Business / Enterprises with a biblical agenda Moderator: Dr. Mrs. Adelaide Kastner	Mr. Baba Mahama, Business Consultant Mr. Ken Wathome, Nairobi, Kenya	Meeting Room 1

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DAY 2: FRIDAY 23RD MAY

GROUP WORKSHOPS

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS	VENUE
	GROUP 6: Youth Development / Parental Responsibility: Parental or Peer Influence, challenges for the youth in Africa Moderator: Ms Ruby Quantson	Mr. Michael Perreau Director General, United Bible Societies Prof. Akosua Perbi, University of Ghana, Legon	Meeting Room 3
	GROUP 7: Women in Leadership: Challenges in church leadership, contribution of Christian women Moderator: Prof. Olivia Kwapong	Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin Parliament, UK Mr David Hammond, ABLI Ambassador	Room 117a
	GROUP 8: Counselling & Trauma Healing; Sharing God’s word on healing; stigma and trauma revisited Moderator: Prof. Ibok Oduro	Mrs. Jane Wathome, American Bible Society Dr. (Mrs.) Araba Sefa - Dedeh, Clinical Psychologist	Room 116
4:45 pm to 5:00 pm	TEA / COCOA BREAK		Corridors
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm	REPORTS FROM WORK GROUPS		Committee Hall 1 / Main Hall
6:30 pm to 6:45 pm	CLOSING		

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DAY 3: SATURDAY 24TH MAY

MORNING SESSION

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER (S)	VENUE
8:00 am to 8:10 am	Devotion	Ps. Dr. Samuel Adama Larmie, President Southern Ghana Union Conference, SDA Accra	Main Hall
8:10 am to 8:25 am	Poetry Recital	Spoken Word	
8:25 am to 8:45 am	Drama	Legon Interdenominational Church (LIC) Youth Drama Group	Main Hall
8:45am to 8:50 am	Introduction of Moderator and Panalists	Ms Philomena Aku Bebli, BSG Youth And Public Relations Officer	Main Hall
8:50 am to 10:50 am	Panel Discussion: Debate Theme: Africa has missed the Biblical Standards of Leadership	Mr. Samuel Binfoh Darkwa, Rep. from NUGS Ps. David Hayford, Rep. from the Church Rep. SHS (Student, Presec -Legon) Rep. Academia / Business / Politics	
10:50 am to 11:50 am	Submissions from the floor		
11:50 am to 12:00 pm	Summary pannel discussions		
12:00 pm to 12:10 pm	Choreography	'Spirit' from International Central Gospel Church (ICGC)	Main Hall
12:10 pm to 12:20 pm	Closing Remarks	Elder Dr. Perez Sepenu, Chairman BSG Youth Committee	
12:20 pm to 12:30 pm	BREAK		
	Closing Ceremony		

MC: Dr. Bismark Agoe Baggio



P R O G R A M M E

CLOSING CEREMONY

SATURDAY 24TH MAY, 2014 . 1:00 AM - 1:45 PM

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESOURCE PERSON
1:00pm	Prayer	Apostle Ebenezer Abrebrese President of the Apostolic Church of Ghana
	Welcome / Opening Statement	Rev. Erasmus Odonkor, General Secretary, Bible Society of Ghana
	ESV Bible Launch	The Bible Society of Ghana
	Summary of Proceedings / Communique	Mrs. Efua Ghartey, Chairperson of Council, Bible Society of Ghana / Chairperson, ABLI Planning Committee
	Official Closing Remarks	Lord Paul Yaw Boateng, Moderator, ABLI
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CORRUPTION, BRIBERY, INDISCIPLINE AND LAWLESSNESS



The struggle for independence in Africa was marked by two assumptions: Firstly, that the land was plentiful and well-endowed with natural resources to sustain her people and secondly, that Africans were capable not only of running their own affairs but also utilizing the available resources for the benefit of the citizens. It has, however, become increasingly clear that these assumptions and aspirations have been militated by many challenges, some of which this article seeks to address from a biblical perspective.

Bribery and Corruption

The Bible teaches that in the beginning, God created human beings in his own image and likeness (Genesis 1: 26). ‘The two sentences of Genesis 1:26 belong together: “let us make man in our own image” and “let them have dominion”. It is because we bear God’s image that we share in God’s dominion. Our potential for creative work [and behavior] is therefore an essential part of our Godlike humanness” (Stott 1979). However, we know that fallen humanity is corrupt, thus falling short of God’s standard which reflects his image and likeness (Gen.



3; Rom. 3:23). This fall is to be understood in the context of moral and ethical degeneration as manifested in Genesis chapters 3 to 11, culminating in the construction of the Tower of Babel. The Tower of Babel symbolized the apex of human pride and achievement. Here, it was not the architecture of the Tower which was the problem but the intent of the project (Gen. 11: 4). Thus in all things God judges not just our actions but our intentions as well.

Corruption here may be defined as a deformed character which manifests in a deviation from God's standard and sovereignty with the intent of satisfying our selfish needs and aspirations. Such a deviation is often induced by a number of factors such as bribery. In Exodus 23: , the Bible indicates that "a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent," and makes the wise compromise on their wisdom (Deut. 16:19). Such an act perverts justice and God speaks against it in the strongest terms (Deut. 23:6; Mic. 6).

Indiscipline and Lawlessness

Indiscipline and lawlessness have become a major concern in many African societies today. In Ghana for instance, the indiscipline is evident on our roads and at the marketplace, in waste management and sanitation. There is also the very high and intolerable level of noise and activities of some churches as well as our general attitude to the care of the environment, including the way we treat our water bodies. Lack of punctuality and a lackadaisical attitude to work, power abuse, exploitation of the poor and nepotism are all manifestations of corruption, which find expression in indiscipline and lawlessness. From Luke 10: 27, we learn that it is not divinely acceptable to separate our love and

worship of God (Deut. 6:5) from our love for our neighbour (Lev 19:18). In the same way, we must care for the environment which sustains our lives as God ordained it from the beginning (Gen. 2:15). These three commitments belong together and provide a holistic framework for Christian living and mission to society. It is our sensitivity to the needs of our neighbour and the care for our environment which enables us to ensure law and order and avoid any destructive activities and lawlessness which undermine the progress of society (cf. Rom. 8: 19-22 and Gen. 3: 17- 19).

Conclusion

Let us remember that righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach (Prov. 14: 34). It is without doubt that no nation where corruption, bribery, indiscipline and lawlessness are endemic can progress in a way that would be a blessing to the people. In this regard, leadership has responsibility not only to set the right example but also to ensure that the right principles of law and order prevail in the nation.

The Church as an institution and Christians as the body of Christ are called to be the light and show the way (Matt. 5: 14-16), and to pray for all those in authority, for honest and peaceful living and to come to the knowledge of the truth (I Tim. 2:1-4).

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Servant Leadership in the Home and Nation

Leadership is often described in terms of influence. It deals with how a person or group of persons is able to cause others to do things that they would otherwise not do. Leaders are so important in every aspect of our life, whether at home, in the church or the nation. Good leadership is responsible for improved lives, security, peace and comfort. Bad leadership is usually regarded as a recipe for chaos and anarchy. This is why leaders are so important.

Many people cherish their leaders and provide them with all the support that will enable them to bring the desired comfort. Some leaders misinterpret their role and soon become lords over the people they are called to lead. That is not strange as the world usually transforms leaders into lords and bosses. It is for this reason that we are called to practice the servant leadership pattern offered by Jesus.

In Matthew's gospel, two disciples of Jesus, James and John who were also sons of Zebedee approached Jesus, together with their mother to discuss the subject of leadership. They knew from Jesus teaching that a time will come when Jesus will sit in glory. Their request was a subtle and harmless one; they only wanted to be rewarded with the most influential places in the kingdom. They sought to be visible in Christ's kingdom as reward for their support of the ministry of Jesus. They justified the request by their willingness to undergo the same tribulations that Jesus would go

through. Indeed, they were members of the inner core of Jesus Christ's disciples. Soon after the encounter, word filtered to the other disciples who protested. They protested not because the request in itself was wrong, but because each one of them claimed the leadership for himself.

Jesus seized the opportunity and taught them what true leadership should be and admonished them to follow a new leadership pattern. He re-ordered the existing leadership pattern that made the leader a boss and lord. "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:25-28). In the passage, Jesus provided a new leadership order that placed the leader at the lowest level, the level of a slave and servant.

Jesus further put this teaching on servant leadership into practice when he washed the feet of his own disciples in John 13:5-20. The task of feet washing among the Jews was a menial task reserved for the slaves of a large home. Jesus, as leader of the group, demonstrated his teaching of new leadership by undertaking what was expected of the lowliest. We find in Peter's initial reaction, an attempt to reject Jesus' praxis for that of the world. Jesus' insistence led Peter to accept the



lesson and his willingness to have his whole body washed. In this story, Jesus set an example to all his followers, called to be like him.

In the early church, new Christians were exhorted to emulate the servant leadership model of Jesus Christ. Paul, the apostle, in his letter to the Philippians church exhorted them to follow the example of Jesus. In his prayer of kenosis, he reminded the believers as follows:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:3-11).

Servant leadership is therefore the true model of leadership required in the home, church, local community and the nation. It is a selfless and self-effacing form of leadership. It does not seek prominence and visibility for the leader, but

promotes service and support to the led. It is not so much about the leader as it is about the service that the leader renders to the community. Servant leadership places the community; home, town, church or nation, at the centre. It acknowledges the fact that Christians have been offered an opportunity to be partakers in God's eternal ministry of reconciliation.

It is sad that many seek leadership today in order to amass wealth and gain popularity. Greed and avarice have become a major motivation for leadership in all spheres. Today, chieftaincy disputes have become the norm in many places and this is not because people seek to serve but to profit from the little resource available in our communities. Politicians destroy each other, whether in the same party or not, in order to capture political power which does not seek to serve but to fleece off the nation. In the church we have no better examples. Just like the sixteenth century when the Reformation shook the Church, the contemporary church is full of corruption, laziness, abuse of ministerial offices and immorality. The opulent display of wealth by bishops, the arrogance and self-exaltation, the mudslinging and backbiting as church leaders jostle for ecclesiastical offices is a demonstration of the fact that the church is as equally guilty as our traditional leaders and politicians.

Church leaders must be the first to acknowledge that over the years, the Church has failed to be a good example to the people of our nation. Such an acknowledgement must be accompanied by a change not only of mind but also of lifestyle. It is such a turn that draws the other leaders in our communities and the nation to a new standard of leadership – the Jesus model of servant leadership.

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EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH FOR LEADERSHIP

This staggering situation, the fear of many today for the generations to come, happens when there is a break in continuity in good leadership as happened in Judges 2: 7; 10 -11. The African Youth in the 21st century are a special resource and a foremost social capital that requires priority investment and special attention. Thus, the urgency in the need for capacity building of the youth for service as good Leaders cannot be overemphasized.

Leadership is the ability to influence a group toward the achievement of a particular goal while empowerment means passing the baton to the next generation and endowing someone with capabilities for the successful completion of a task. The concept of

“**My people hath
been lost sheep:
their shepherds
have caused them to
go astray, they have
turned them away
on the mountains:
they have gone from
mountain to hill,
they have forgotten
their resting place.
All that found them
have devoured
them...**”

**Jeremiah 50: 6 – 7
(KJV).**



empowering for leadership as outlined by the prophet Isaiah (Isa 28:9 -10), requires conscientious pedagogy and willingness on the part of both trainers and trainees. This includes teaching the youth and bringing them up in the laws of God (2 Tim 3:15; Deut 6: 6 – 9) and correcting them.

Good guidance is another tool for successful empowerment, as exemplified by the Lord Jesus and Paul (2 Tim 2:1 - 2; 1 Corinthians 11:1; John 13: 15); This requires role-modeling relationships between the older generation (current leaders) and the youth. As the current leaders (Parents; Pastors; Teachers; National leaders) preach and practice virtues, they gradually spur the youth on to good works... Proverbs 22: 6.



Grooming of leaders to impart godly influence starts from the home and church to ultimately benefit the society at large.

The Bible is replete with good leadership, a case in point is the good upbringing of Timothy which facilitated his grooming by Paul resulting in him becoming an asset to the Church and Society (2 Tim 1: 5; 2: 2 -3). We draw also insight from the Greek philosopher, Aristotle, who said that ‘He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander’.

This affirms the position that the next generation of leaders can only be effective when trained from their childhood to be law abiding as affirmed in Deut 6: 1- 2; Josh 1: 8 and 2 Tim 3: 15– 17.

It is crucial that several areas of the youth must be developed for their holistic empowerment thus, the African Bible Leadership Initiative (Ghana 2014) is a good example of a youth empowerment programme.

The Way Forward

The Church in partnership with African and international governments, need to direct resources and formulate policies to improve the leadership skills of African youth. We should all remember that, “Young people are a gift to both their communities and the world” (Wangari Maathai, 2004), and this gift should be well developed and nurtured for our future good.

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Leadership Quotes

“As I have said, the first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself...Great peacemakers are all people of integrity, honesty and humility”.

- Nelson Mandela

“Without good leadership, there will never be good governance and without good governance, it is impossible to have any sustainable development”.

-John Agyekum Kufour

“Where there is insufficient accountability of leaders, lack of transparency in regimes, inadequate checks and balances, non adherence to the rule of law, absence peaceful of peaceful means to change or replace leadership, or lack of respect for human rights, political control become excessively important and the stakes become dangerously high”.

- Kofi Annan

“Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.”

- John Maxwell

“Leadership development is a lifetime journey-not a brief trip.”

- John Maxwell

“It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership.”

- Nelson Mandela



BIBLICAL EXPOSITION ON TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN CHURCH AND STATE

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The Bible teaches us many things about the nature and quality of Christian leadership.

Leadership entails both power and stewardship. Jesus Christ rules with power and authority yet He took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). That is why he could stoop down to wash the feet of his disciples (John 13). The function of leadership is not limited to particular individuals or offices. The task of Christian leadership is shared by all who are in Christ Jesus. In this paper we will examine transformational leadership in the church and state from biblical perspective.

When we talk about transformation, we normally describe it as a transformation of systems and organizations

without the awareness of transformation within.

The former reflects from a rational and linear approach to achieving organizational success. The latter reflects from a fundamental approach to personal transformation. This form of transformation is a sign of personal and organizational behavior. Therefore, the goal of transformation is related to being transformed as opposed to doing transformation.

When the Bible talks about transformational leadership, it discusses the “being” transformed as a model to be reproduced within an organism, as is the church. As a basic premise for transformation, the Bible encourages transformed leaders to experience the invitation to transform the world around them.

The main purpose of our Lord

Jesus Christ’s presence in the world is to transform the world through transforming people.

Jesus said to His followers,

“Follow Me, and I will make you Fishers of Men”, Matthew 4:19. Not, followers, but leaders. God’s only means for Global transformation was and is through transformed individuals. In Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, He said to His followers “You are the Salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot



by men. You are the light of the world.... Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven, Matthew 5:13-14”.

Transformed followers of Jesus Christ passionately engage in displaying the transforming power of the gospel locally and globally.

Jesus was committed to leading a group of transformed followers who followed Him to learn the art of transforming communities of people. As such, the goal of transformational leaders is the same, to lead a group of transformed individuals who in turn will learn the art of transforming their communities and the world.

All transformational leaders from biblical perspective must be:

1. Organized

Be it a church leader or state leader, one must know how to organize or shape one's followers. Things operate efficiently and effectively when leaders are well organized. A leader who is not organized cannot influence or transform his followers. Solomon's

leadership was organized. He organized Israel and expanded its government into 12 districts and raised leaders to be in charge of each district. Through his organized administration, his reign reached a remarkable standard that Israel had ever had in their history.

2. Prove yourself

Jesus proved himself worthy of a great leader who followers can believe in. One must be a leader ready to meet the needs of the people and protect the nation from entering into poverty. Jesus, performing miracles proved himself as the leader who has solution to problems. Solomon in order to meet the needs of the people and to make Israel a great nation, traded with other nations. Solomon entered into trade agreements with a number of nations, increasing Israel's wealth and prestige. So must be the leader of the state.

3. Must be a leader of leaders

No wise leader does it all himself. They know how to delegate responsibility and get the job done. Solomon trained and employed right people to meet various responsibilities. Jesus trained his disciples to walk on His path. They were the ultimate 12 who actually spread the gospel when Jesus was no more. If he had not trained them well who would

have continued with his work on earth. These disciples were able to lead others to salvation. Through their leadership others became leaders, others are leaders today and others will be leaders.

4. Keep your promise

When Jesus called Peter and Andrew He promised to make them fishers of men (Matthew 4:19), and truly He did. He called them with the promise of shaping them to attain higher calling. When you keep your promise you encourage others to share in your vision to become great leaders. A transformational leader must not be a double-tongued person (1Timothy 3:8).

Two thousand years ago, Jesus called his disciples to follow him and in doing so, demonstrated transformational leadership in all its elements. While writers tend to focus on later tales from Jesus' ministry, through an inner texture analysis of Mark 1:16-20, a picture of Jesus as transformational leader begins to develop. Jesus demonstrates individual consideration, idealized influence, intellectual stimulation and inspirational leadership. This picture is useful to the aspiring leaders of today as a model for how leaders, even in a simple act such as recruiting followers, can demonstrate the fullness of transformational leadership.



Integrity is the glue that holds society together. It is the backbone of character, and character is the backbone of leadership. Integrity gives leaders credibility and without it, justice is not served. It is also foundational to justice, peace, stability and good governance. Proverbs 29:4 says “By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.”

The word “integrity” comes from the Latin word “integritas” which means ‘whole’, ‘entire’, ‘complete’. The root word is integer, which means a positive or negative whole number—a whole number as opposed to a fraction. It has multiple meanings including uprightness; honesty, purity, wholeness, entireness, completeness; (Chambers Dictionary. 10th edition). Warren Wiersbe, author of The Integrity Crisis writes that “Integrity is to character what health is to the body or 20/20 vision is to the eyes. A person with integrity is not divided (that is duplicity), he is not merely pretending (that is hypocrisy), he is together and whole.”

In Leviticus 19:11 God warns: “Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another”. From the home to the church, from the market place to the public square, from the boardroom to the courtroom, Christian public

Integrity in the market place and the public square

officials are required by God to demonstrate integrity in all spheres of life. We should lead lives of moral, financial, and sexual integrity. Integrity puts steel in Christian character.

“Character is who you are when no one is looking.” “Character is what you would do when you are guaranteed you would not be found out.”

The curse of this present era is that people are more concerned with reputation than with character. Reputation can be massaged and managed by PR experts. However, if reputation is not anchored in sound character, the end result is akin to the house built on sand.

The purpose of public office is to enforce justice and do good by freeing people from ignorance, poverty, oppression and disease.

This is enshrined in Christ’s ‘manifesto’ in Luke 4:18 & 19; and also in the Millennium Development Goals. Without integrity, resources to achieve these will end up in the pockets of public officials, and the hope and rights of the poor will be shoved aside.

We read in Daniel 6:4b **“...they could find no corruption in him because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.”** Trustworthiness, incorruptibility and diligence are critical components of integrity. What an admirable government official Daniel was! In Daniel 5:16 & 17, when King Belshazzar promised him wealth and position, Daniel did not let these influence him. He was totally devoid of greed.

Greed kills integrity. Greed is the bane of good governance in Africa today. The Spirit of God who inhabits Christians produces joy—a spirit of contentment. May the Holy Spirit teach us contentment and purge us from greed!

To cultivate integrity, we must love God, love people and use things. We must not seek to use God and exploit people to acquire things. Let us help the needy whilst we kill greed amongst us.

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The Bible tells us the woman was created to be a helpmate for the man. Women, then, complement men in making life more complete.

In Old Testament times, we are inspired by the lives of women like Deborah, Abigail, Ruth, Esther and other noble women. Women today also play important roles in the Church. They play a nurturing role – where they follow the word of God, by being temperate, respectable and self-controlled, (Titus 2:1). They are able to teach older women to be reverential in their behavior and relationships, and the younger women on how to make a home the refuge, the training ground and the loving environment it was meant to be.

This shows the vital importance of the woman's place and work. Whether young or old, the woman has the potential to affect her world and church by her character and the conduct of her life.

A woman's place in the Church today is the result of the liberating power of Christ. Mathew tells us that among the faithful at the foot of the cross were the dedicated women of Galilee; It was not surprising then, that at the dawn of the new morn, when the impossible happened, when God finally showed His awesome hand, by raising the Son from the dead, it was these loving, loyal women who were privileged to witness the mighty deed of God and charged to witness to the brethren and the world: "The Lord Is Risen."

Women today also serve the Church in imitation of the Lord who Himself came to serve. They serve especially the weaker members of the Christian family including the elderly, widows and children. They nurture the children according to the teachings of the Lord, and direct the younger women in the right path.

On the other hand, the Ordination of women has proceeded in the protestant family of churches to the

The Woman's Place In Church And National Life

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point where fully ordained bishops now hold office with their male counterpart in some parts of the world, including Africa.

Women have keenly followed the Church's priorities: Evangelism and Education. Through the various Church Organisations, women teach the younger ones 'in the way they should go'.

In national life, women have been able to place themselves in high positions through education. As Kwegyir Aggrey of Africa once said, "Educate a man, and you educate an individual. But educate a woman, and you educate a family." Once a woman is educated, she is able to transform the home and the community.

Many of the Church's first class schools have produced women of substance. These women are found in various levels of society. They ensure that issues affecting women are highlighted and tackled.

First of all many women are in Educational Institutions as teachers or Heads of Institutions. Some are lecturers and Professors in Universities. Some have been Pro Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors. We have had a woman Speaker of Parliament. We have a woman Chief Justice. Also the Government Statistician, Commissioner for Insurance and Head of the Prison Service are all women. This shows what lies ahead with more education of women.

The woman has been given the inner strength by the Creator, so she continues to trust Him for power. Power which emanates from Him alone, and He never fails.

**And so women say:
"In duties small, be Thou our inspiration.
In large affairs, endue us with Thy might.
Through faithful service cometh full salvation,
So may we serve Thy will, our chief delight".**



THE PLACE OF THE BIBLE IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION

I thank the
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Initiative (The
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the invitation to
contribute my
thoughts on “The
place of the Bible in
conflict resolution”.
I presume that
the general target
readership of this
article will be of the
Christian fold.

Definition of the Bible: For Christians, the Bible is the Word of God. It is indeed a library of 66/73 books for Protestants and Catholics respectively. The collection of books known as the Bible is formally divided into the Old and New Testament; the old foreshadows or prophesies what is in the new, and the new fulfills what is foretold in the old. This “library” contains several works of varied literary genres, from the mythological and legendary through historico-factual, prose and poetry, to the mythical and apocalyptic, just to mention a few.

Historical Context: The Biblical story, situated mostly in the Middle East on that piece of the continental corridor conjoining Asia, Africa and

Europe, spans two millennia of human history from about 1850BC (the time of Abraham’s pilgrimage of faith from Ur of the Chaldeans) to about 100AD (when John the Evangelist, the last of the twelve Apostles, died and the recording of his personal life and faith experience of Jesus Christ ended).

The Place of the Bible in conflict resolution: My assertion is that the Bible has an important place in conflict resolution for it is the Word of God. For Christians, the Bible

narrates God’s self-revelation to humankind and teaches what faith-response God expects from humankind; it tells of humankind’s real life experiences and faith-responses, both positive

and negative, to God's initiative. Jesus Christ is God's ultimate self-revelation in the Bible; he is the Incarnate Word of God and the central figure, so to speak, of the Bible as portrayed in St. John's Prologue 1.1-18 thus:

For us Christians, therefore, the Bible is first and foremost not just Scriptures to be used as recipe for living, conflict resolution included; it is indeed a Person, the Word of God made flesh, Jesus Christ the Son of God who says: "I have come that they (human beings) may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn. 10.10b). He is the Way, the Truth and the Life (see Jn. 14.6). And we learn this by his earthly life of selfless service, by his teaching, passion and death and resurrection, as are recorded in the Bible. Conflict resolution therefore would require of Christians a listening ear to Jesus Christ in the Bible and obeying his Word.

Secondly, according to St. Paul who himself encountered Jesus the Lord "personally", "God... through Christ (has) reconciled us to himself..." (2 Cor. 5.18-19), making all of humankind, Jews as well as Gentiles "children of God" (see Eph. 2.13-22). For "to them that believed, he gave power to become the children of God..." John writes in his Prologue 1.12.

Again Paul teaches that "all Scripture (which is) inspired by God is profitable for teaching,

for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3.16-17).

Conflict resolution is "good work" in the evangelization mission of the Church for

Christians in the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul underlines that, "...this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself...and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5.18-19).

In conclusion, I can therefore safely say that the Bible has a very important place in the "ministry of reconciliation" which includes conflict prevention, conflict management and conflict resolution. Knowing the Bible, in fact, means knowing Jesus Christ the Son of God intimately

and allowing the Word to be incarnated in our Christian lives so that we may bring Christ's light of life to humanity. Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life, is our reconciliation, our peace and our justice; for "...of his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace..." (Jn. 1.17; see also Eph. 2:11-22).

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**"In the beginning was
the Word and the Word
was with God...
all things were made
through him...In him
was life and the life
was the light of men...
And the Word became
flesh and dwelt among
us, full of grace and
truth; we have beheld
his glory, glory as of
the only Son from the
Father..."**

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Leadership the Jesus way

Introduction

For Jesus, leadership is no leadership unless it is servant leadership. Leadership is required at all levels and in all areas of society – political, social, economic, religious and cultural; in families, towns, nations, continents and on the global stage. No entity can function efficiently without leadership structures. Leadership is, however, about people rather than simply structures.

Leadership in Africa has generally failed the continent. African dreams at independence have remained unfulfilled. Mismanagement fueled mainly by bribery and corruption, and political instability generated by unscrupulous leaders' exploitation of ethnic, social and economic differences, have combined to arrest Africa's development.

The fact that leadership is the key to progress in Africa is an understatement. However,

it remains a major problem because what is in practice is not servant leadership! Indeed for Jesus it is not leadership at all because it serves self and where it serves others, those others are family members, friends, party members and cronies. Hence there is the need to explore what leadership is and our best teacher is Jesus Christ, the leader par excellence, who teaches us by word and deed.

Jesus and Servant Leadership according to Mk. 10:35-45

On leadership among Christians, Jesus' interaction with his disciples over the request by James and John, sons of Zebedee, is instructive. This incident affords Jesus the opportunity to teach the disciples and all Christians what leadership is all about.

Jesus' Dilation on Leadership

In this passage, Jesus uses interchangeably the terms "ruler", "great" and "first" to describe the position of a leader

(Mk. 10:42-44). He also posits two parallel tracks either one of which a leader may operate on. A leader can proceed on a route that makes him lord/tyrant or servant/slave. These are respectively the non-Christian and Christian options of leadership. Here, we learn from Jesus some things about leadership.

Firstly, leadership is not the search for personal glory. The way James and John sought glory, surreptitiously or publicly, is not oriented towards selfless service. (In Mt. 20:20, their mother makes the request, betraying the family interest).

Secondly, leadership is not lordship or tyranny over the ruled (Mk. 10:42). Lordship/tyranny is about the leader, not the ruled, and is therefore unchristian. Jesus is expressly against it (Mk. 10:43).

Thirdly, leadership is service. This underscores the idea that leadership is not about the leader but rather about those being led. Their needs/best



interests determine what the leader thinks and does; it is in that sense that s/he is a servant/slave and not a lord/tyrant.

Finally, we learn some things about the leader. The leader comes from among the people: “But it should not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you... whoever wishes to be first among you” (Mk. 10:42-43). This means the leader is one of the people, knows their worldview, psyche, values and needs and is driven to address those needs. Being so driven makes the leader the people’s servant/slave.

Jesus therefore teaches us here what leadership and the leader should be among Christians. Typical of Jesus, however, he did not teach only by word but also by deed.

Jesus as Exemplar of Leadership

Before his teaching, Jesus had interacted with James and John over their request to sit, one at his right hand and the other at his left in his glory. We therefore also learn from Jesus’ practice of leadership.

First, Jesus is approachable. James and John can go to Jesus and tell him anything. The latitude of their request is striking – it includes anything and everything: “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask you.” Jesus was so accessible that these

two brothers were comfortable enough to approach him with their “out-of-this-world” request.

Second, Jesus is a good listener. He listens and actually encourages them to say what it is that is on their hearts no matter how preposterous it might have been. It certainly seemed that way to the other disciples.

Third, Jesus is a respecter of others. He treats the brothers with respect by assisting them to understand themselves, their request and its consequences. He helps them to a self-understanding that carries them along with him such that his response to their request satisfies them.

Fourth, Jesus is honest with them about what awaits them and what has already been set for those for whom it has been set. There are no empty promises to get into their good books; no divide and rule tactics!

Fifth, Jesus is a visionary. He has foresight to recognize upcoming danger and act to prevent it. Jesus foresees the potential for conflict among the disciples over the brothers’ request and he acts to forestall it. He does not wait for the problem to arise before trying to solve it!

Finally, Jesus’ teaching by word

and deed is best seen in Mk. 10:45. As the Son of Man, Jesus came with a clear vision to be the Savior of the world and his mission was to serve and not be served “and to give his life a ransom for many.” He became a servant/slave to humankind as our needs precipitated his incarnation, ministry and death on the cross. We capture in our conclusion values and qualities that from this passage must characterize (servant) leadership.

Conclusion

The servant leader must be a “person of the people”. S/he must so identify with the people that s/he knows their needs, has a clear vision on how to solve them and acts to realize that vision. In so doing, the people can approach her/him as s/he listens to them, respects them and is honest in dealings with them. Beyond these, however, three qualities stand out that are sine qua non for (servant) leadership: no one can be a servant leader without humility, selflessness and a sacrificial disposition. These are the values that must inform how people come to leadership positions and can help leaders to operate in all areas and at all levels to serve their generation.

That is leadership the Jesus way!

Rev. Dr. B. Y. Quarshie
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THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

AN EXPLORATION OF CORRUPTION, BRIBERY, TRANSPARENCY & JUSTICE IN THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

BY DR PAULA GOODER, THEOLOGIAN IN
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Every year, well over US\$1 TRILLION goes missing through mismanagement, illicit business practices and poor governance. During this Lent and Easter, look through a new lens to discover what the Bible has to say about corruption and bribery, including: Adam and Eve's self-interest, Samuel's outspoken attack on kingship; the principle of Jubilee; John the Baptist and Zacchaeus; and culminating in Jesus' own betrayal by Judas with the bribe of THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

Will you look at your own life, and that of your church, as well as consider the impact of bribery and corruption on your local council, your national government and larger global institutions, such as the EU and the G20?

'Tracing the themes of corruption, bribery, transparency and integrity through the biblical narrative offers us a rich re-reading of Jesus'

kingship. Working on the team which produced THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER has personally challenged me to engage afresh with the issues represented by the EXPOSED Campaign.'

Matthew van Duyvenbode, Head of Campaigns, Advocacy and Media, Bible Society

'As Lent begins, our EXPOSED Campaign

gives us a new lens through which to look at Easter.

Sadly, corruption is not something the Church is immune from, and yet we say so little about it.

That's why, together with our Bible Society partners across the world, we're launching THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

It offers a new lens to see that today's struggles with bribery, corruption and injustice

were already at the heart of those events 2000 years ago.'

**Joel Edwards,
EXPOSED
International
Co-ordinator**



Michael Perreau

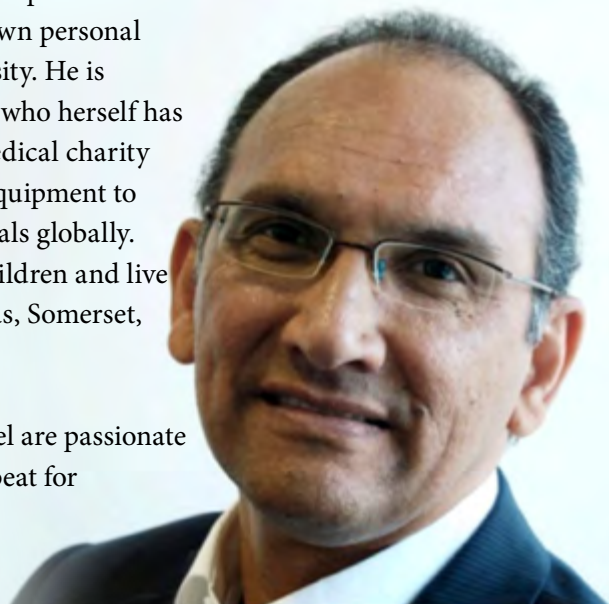
Michael Perreau is the current Director General of the UBS (United Bible Societies) whose work covers 200 countries and territories. He has held several global roles as CEO including his own global business. He is also the current Chairman of Send a Cow who celebrated their 25 years of transforming one million lives through rural livestock and agricultural sustainability in Africa.

Michael is also one of the founding board members of TBN (Transformational Business Network) whose mandate has been to bring personal, social and

community transformation through job creation and enterprise.

He is involved in peacemaking and conflict resolution globally and brings with him a wealth of personal stories and experience which includes his own personal story through adversity. He is married to Deborah who herself has founded her own medical charity supplying medical equipment to impoverished hospitals globally. They have 3 adult children and live in Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset, England.

Deborah and Michael are passionate leaders with a heartbeat for transforming lives.



Emile short

Emile Francis Short is an astute Lawyer and the first Commissioner on Human Rights and Administrative Justice in Ghana.

Emile Short was called to the Bar in England in 1966. He is also a member of the Bar in Ghana and Sierra Leone. He has also obtained a Masters degree in Law (LL. M.) from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He was appointed the Commissioner for Human Rights and Administrative Justice in Ghana at the beginning of the Fourth Republic in 1993 by President Jerry Rawlings. Prior to working with CHRAJ, he was the head of a law firm in Ghana.

In 2004, he took indefinite leave from his position at CHRAJ to be the Ad Litem Judge with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda at Arusha in Tanzania after he had been elected to that position by the United Nations General Assembly for the prosecution of war crimes in Rwanda. He returned to his position at CHRAJ in August 2009 but retired in December 2010.

He has been a lecturer at the University of Cape Coast in the Central Region of Ghana and the Middlesex Polytechnic in London, United Kingdom. He has been a consultant for the United Nations Development Programme UNDP, the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, and the Carter Center in the United States.

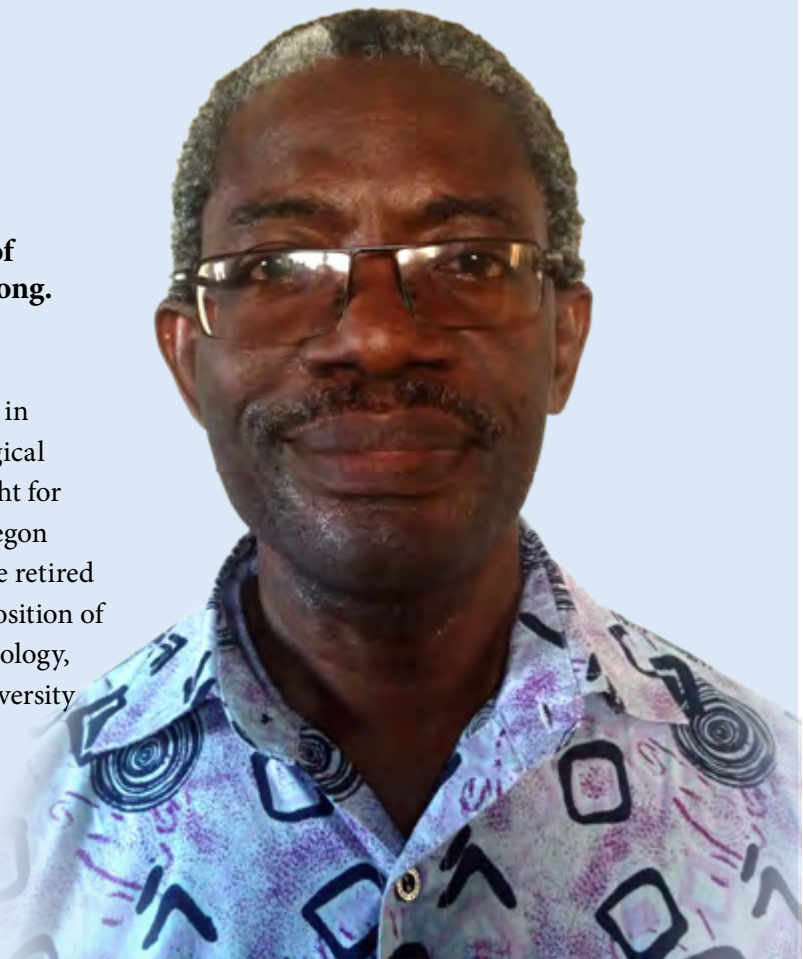


Rev. Dr. B.Y. Quarshie

Rev. Dr. B.Y. Quarshie is the Rector of Akrofi Christaller Institute, Akropong.

Rev. Dr. B. Y. Quarshie is a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. He holds a PhD in New Testament Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, USA. He taught for over twenty years at the University of Ghana, Legon at the Department for the Study of Religions. He retired voluntarily from the university to take up the position of Rector of the Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture, a theological research university based in Akropong-Akuapem.

Dr. Quarshie is married to Adina and they have two adult children and two grandchildren.



Steve Asante

Rev. Dr. Steve Asante is an ordained Baptist Pastor. He has been in full time Pastoral Ministry since September 1975.

He is the immediate Past President of the Ghana Baptist Convention and a former Director of the Ghana Evangelism Committee. He is the author of five(5) books .

He is married to Evelyn Salome Asante and they are blessed with four adult daughters and six grand children.

Rev. Dr. Asante is currently the Senior Pastor of Asokwa Baptist Church, Kumasi.



Dr. Joyce Rosalind Aryee is the former Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Chamber of Mines and the first woman to head an African Chamber of Mines.

An accomplished management and communication consultant and a professional counselor, Dr. Aryee has dedicated over forty years of her time to private and public sector services in Ghana. In particular, she served as Secretary (Minister) of Information and Education in the government of the PNDC as well as a non-cabinet Minister at the National Commission for Democracy.

She is a Senior Mentor for the African Leadership Initiative and the Chairperson of the Moremi Initiative for Women in Leadership for African Development (MILEAD) both mentorship institutions for young Africans.

She was given the Second Highest State Award, the Companion of the Order of the Volta in 2006 in recognition of her service to the nation. She is also the recipient of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Ghana (CIMG), Marketing Woman of the Year Award for 2007 and the African Leadership on Centre for Economic Development's African Female Business Leader of the Year Award for 2009.

She is an Honorary Fellow of the Ghana Institution of Engineers and received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Mines and Technology in recognition of her immense contributions to the growth of the mining industry.

Dr. Aryee is the Founder and Executive Director of *Salt & Light Ministries*, a Christian para-church organisation and an avid promoter of Ghanaian classical and choral compositions.

Dr. Joyce R. Aryee



Professor Florence Abena Dolphyne

Professor Florence Abena Dolphyne attended the University of Ghana and graduated with a B.A (Hons) degree in Linguistics in 1961. She obtained her PhD in Phonetics and Linguistics from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London in 1965.

Prof. Dolphyne joined the University of Ghana in October 1965 as a lecturer in the Department of Linguistics. She was appointed on promotion as a Senior Lecturer in 1975, Associate Professor in 1985, and full Professor in 1997.

As a pioneer lady academic, Prof. Dolphyne has earned national and international acclaim for actively advancing the progress and status of women both within Ghana and on the international scene.



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Her Ladyship Justice Gertrude Torkornoo

Her Ladyship Justice Gertrude Torkornoo is a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Ghana. She was one of the first judges appointed to the commercial court when it was set up in 2005 and is currently the supervising Judge for the Commercial Division of the High Court. She is also the Chairperson of the Users Committee of the Commercial Court.

She is a member of the International Association of Women Judges, the Association of Magistrates and Judges in Ghana and a fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Educators Institute based in Canada. She is also an active Faculty Member of the Judicial Institute of Ghana, which trains Judges and Chief Editor of the Association of Magistrates and Judges.

Justice Torkornoo has been a leader in Aglow International since 1997, and served on the Executive Council of Theovision International, a ministry that translates the Bible into African languages. She worships with and serves as a Deacon and Minister at the Calvary Temple of International Central Gospel Church, Sakumono. She has written five books, three on law and two on poetry and is married to Mr. Francis Torkornoo, a Pharmacist. She has four lovely daughters and a grandson.



Rev. Fr. Kambotuu Bonaventure Kamwinbuoro

Rev. Fr. Kambotuu Bonaventure Kamwinbuoro was educated at the St. Francis Xavier Minor Seminary (1971 – 1977), Nandom Secondary School (1977 – 1979) and the University of Ghana (1984 -1986). He was ordained into the Catholic Priesthood on 17th December, 1986.

He obtained a Doctorate in Biblical Theology (STD) from the Gregorian University, Rome, in May 2004. He currently lectures at the St. Victor's Major Seminary in Tamale. He is also the Provincial Coordinator for Biblical Apostolate in the Tamale Ecclesiastical Province.





Rev. Edward Ngaira

Edward Ngaira is an ordained Minister of the Gospel. He is theologically trained and also holds a degree in Counseling Psychology. He is currently a student at Bakke Graduate University WA, USA. Upon recommendation by Compassion International Kenya, in 2012, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate by GULL – Global University for Life-long Learning, USA. This was in recognition of Edward's tireless contribution to the spiritual welfare of Compassion Int. Kenya, staff. He has several years of experience in Christian Ministry. Since 1995 he has served in both church ministry on Pastoral teams and in Para church organizations, holding different positions. He is the founder of Hope Community Chapel and has also served as a Senior Pastor in Christ is the Answer Ministries.

The Para-Church organizations he has served include; The International Leadership University formerly, NIST, TransWorld Radio, Kenya and Hope FM.

He is currently the Team Leader of African Evangelistic Enterprise, Kenya, where he leads the team in a wide range of Evangelism and Social Action dimensions, from city to city. To date, he is actively involved in regular radio ministry on local FM stations. His passion and gifting, allows him to broadcast in English and Kiswahili, reaching a wide cross-section of the East Africa. He is at ease with both local and international audiences. Rev. Edward Ngaira is a born again Christian, married and has 3 daughters.



Hon. Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia

A renowned world ecumenical leader the Hon. Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia is the immediate former General Secretary of the World Council of churches (WCC).

He has since 2011 been a Commissioner of the Judicial Service Commission of Kenya which is tasked with the of responsibility of transforming the Judiciary of Kenya, ensuring the independence of the judiciary and recruiting and giving direction on the performance of judges and magistrates.

As the Ecumenical Special Envoy for South Sudan and Sudan since 2010 Kobia provides high level diplomacy and advocacy for the two Sudan countries on behalf of All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and WCC. He is currently deeply involved in coordinating ecumenical peace initiatives for peace, reconciliation and healing for South Sudan.





Angela Dwamena-Aboagye

Angela Dwamena-Aboagye is a lawyer and the Executive Director of The Ark Foundation, Ghana, a Women's Human Rights NGO in Ghana, West Africa, which established the first shelter for battered women in Ghana in 1999. Angela holds a Bachelor-of-Laws (LL.B) degree from the University of Ghana, and was called to the Ghana Bar as a Barrister and Solicitor in 1989. She also received a Masters-in-Law (LL.M) degree from the Georgetown University Law Centre, Washington D.C, USA in 1995, a Master-of-Arts (M.A) degree in Theology in 2006 and a Master of Theology (MTh) in 2013 from the Akrofi-Christaller Institute for Theology, Mission and Culture, Akropong, Ghana, where she is currently pursuing her PhD. She has won a number of prestigious national awards for her work in promoting women's rights and empowerment, including being an awardee of the Millennium Excellence Awards in 2010, and the Martin Luther King Jnr. award for Social Justice in 2009. Her strong interests are young women's leadership development, working with survivors of domestic and sexual and gender-based violence and women's mental health research and advocacy.

TOPE POPOOLA

Tope Popoola is a Life Coach and Senior Pastor of THE BUSINESS CHURCH in Nigeria. He is an Alumnus of the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) from where he graduated in Modern European Languages with specialization in French. He is a Certified Management Trainer and alumnus of the Centre For Management Development (CMD), Nigeria's official regulatory organ for Management Training practitioners.

He was for many years the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Publishers Association. He also runs a publishing outfit that helps people to get their works professionally published. He himself has written and published several books.

In 2006, he was Keynote Speaker at the Cherokee County's celebration of the American National Day of

Prayer in the State of Georgia, the first and only African to have been so honoured till date. In February 2009, he was one of five Nigerians invited alongside many other leaders worldwide like Tony Blair, former British Prime Minister, President Aroyyo of the Philippines and many others in that category, for the American Presidential Prayer Breakfast with the then newly inaugurated President of the USA, Barak Obama.

"Tope Popoola's life mission is summarized in one phrase, "cultivating people of influence and affluence for whom Godly excellence is a culture." He has a passion for getting believers to become visible and impactful in the marketplace. He is a recipient of several awards.

He is married to Olutomi and they are blessed with children.



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**Dr. Esther
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Dr. Esther OFEI-ABOAGYE is a social policy analyst and a teacher.

She has researched, trained and facilitated policy and plan preparation in local economic development, poverty reduction and social accountability. Her other interests are in leadership, gender mainstreaming and institutional governance.

Esther has a PhD in Public Policy from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom; a Masters degree in Public Administration from Carleton University, Canada; and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. She is a member of the

Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG) and has served the church on various bodies at the national, presbytery and local levels. She is a member of the Board of the May School of Management of PCG.

She has been privileged to attend international religious meetings including some organized by the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC).

Esther is active in various civil society organizations and NGOs working on women's issues and development management. Esther is presently, the Director of the Institute of Local Government Studies, Ghana.



Joana and Mark Williamson

One Rock International Leadership Training Institute

working on her Doctorate in International Leadership and Global Mission.

Joanna is a founding director of One Rock, and has worked for the last eight years in training spiritual leaders around the world. Prior to this, she spent three years working in government and also served as a missionary in the Philippines.

She is a board member of Renovare UK and often conducts lectures in spiritual formation and church history. She is passionate about theology, mentoring and discipleship and is currently

Mark is a founding director of One Rock, and specializes in the areas of leadership and vision. He has written biographies on John Wesley and William Wilberforce. He is part of the Prayer for London prayer initiative and also leads a Café Church for young adults. He is passionate about supporting spiritual leaders in fulfilling God's vision for their lives and acts as a consultant to several charities in the UK. He has led leadership training workshops in several African nations.



Dr. Mensa Otabil

Dr. Mensa Otabil is a Pastor, educator, entrepreneur and consultant. He is the Founder and General Overseer of the International Central Gospel Church with its network of local churches, multifaceted ministries and initiatives in Ghana. The church also has extensive outreaches to other parts of Africa, Europe and the United States.

Although he ministers with a global world-view, his over-riding passion is to see the timeless principles of the Bible made applicable to the renewal and transformation of Africa. His messages speak to the pertinent concerns of a continent and people seeking solutions to their perplexing challenges. With a keen understanding

of man's universal quest for freedom and significance, Dr. Otabil articulates concepts of emancipation and empowerment that are deeply rooted in Biblical thought and enriched by his own experiences.

As a public speaker, he provides challenge and inspiration for individuals and organizations to reach beyond the confines of their current experiences. The uniqueness of his ministry and messages are found in their cross-over appeal to both church and corporate audiences.

Dr. Otabil is the founder and Chancellor of Ghana's premier private university – The Central University College; the Chief Executive Officer and Consultant of Otabil and Associates an



executive and leadership growth consultancy; and also serves on several Boards and Trusts within Ghana and in other parts of the world.

He presents the, “Living Word” programme on both radio and television.

Pastor Otabil and his wife, Joy, live in Accra, Ghana and are parents of four children – Sompa, Nhyira, Yoofi and Baaba.

Yaw Boadu Ayebofo

Yaw Boadu Ayebofo is a journalist and lawyer of immense experience. He earned a BA degree in English and History and Post Graduate Diploma from the University of Ghana, Legon.

He further obtained a Post Graduate degree in Mass Communication from the New Delhi Institute of Mass communication. He joined the Daily Graphic in 1982 and rose to the position of Editor of the Daily Graphic in 2003 and subsequently the General Manager of Graphic Communication Group. Ayebofo has served in various leadership capacities; as Vice –President of the Ghana Journalists association during the Presidency of Mrs Gifty Afenyi-Dadzie, and as Executive Secretary of the National Media Commission.



He is married with children. He is a recipient of the GJA Journalist of the year award in 1995.





VICKY WIREKO- ANDOH

Vicky Wireko-Andoh is a Journalist and PR professional. She started her journalism practice with the Daily Graphic as a Staff Writer before moving into Public Relations. She has been practicing PR since 1987, having worked in various PR and Communications capacities with the Institute of Chartered Accountants, UAC Ghana Ltd. and Unilever Ghana Ltd.

She currently serves on the boards of the Coconut Grove Regency Hotel chain, Millennium Excellence Foundation, Zawadi Africa Educational Fund, Multimedia Educare Fund, New Horizon Special School for Autism/Children With Learning Disabilities, and CSR Foundation. She is a Council Member of the African University College of Communications (AUCC) Pensions Academy.

A columnist for the Daily Graphic, Vicky is also Editor of *CSR Watch*, a quarterly magazine of the CSR Foundation and *Ridge Alive*, the newsletter for the Accra Ridge Church. Vicky is the immediate past President of the Institute of Public Relations, Ghana (IPR) and currently serves on the Council of the Institute.

Emanuel Baba Mahama is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Insurer. A former President of the Ghana Insurers Association, and immediate past Chief Executive Officer of Vanguard Assurance Company Limited, he currently practices as a Management and Financial Consultant offering corporate governance, operational review, pensions, and training and development solutions to organizations, largely in the Insurance Industry.



EMMANUEL BABA MAHAMA



Ken Wathome

Ken Wathome is a Kenyan born businessman with diverse business interests ranging from real estate, energy to financial services.



He sits on a number of boards and chairs the board of Faulu Kenya, one of the region's leading microfinance banks. He was also recently appointed chair of the Machakos County Investment Promotion Board, a board tasked to spearheading investment promotion in a county that has become the pacesetter in the devolved system of government in Kenya. Ken is also involved in philanthropy and is chair of Food for the Hungry global board.

He is also a trustee of Beacon of Hope, an integrated community based organization that is transforming lives of the poor in the outskirts of Nairobi. Ken is married to Jane and they have three grown up children.



Prof. Akosua Perbi

Professor (Mrs.) Akosua Perbi is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Ghana, Legon.

She joined the University on 1st May, 1979 and retired on 31st July, 2013 having headed the Department for five terms. She has presented over 284 papers nationally and internationally at conferences, seminars and workshops.

Her area of interest and specialization has been on Indigenous Slavery in Ghana and she has published a book on that subject which received "Honourable mention" at the 25th Noma Awards Ceremony for Publishing in Africa under the auspices of UNESCO at Cape Town in South Africa in 2006.

Prof. Perbi serves on many Boards and Committees nationally and internationally. She is consulted by many Professors, researchers, students, tourists as well as Museum Officials from Europe, America, the Caribbeans and Africa on the subject of Slavery and the Slave Trade.

A committed Christian, Akosua gave her life to the Lord at a Scripture Union Camp in Labone, Accra, in 1968. She served on the National Council of the Bible Society of Ghana from 1985 to 1996. In the 1990s she was a member of the Council of Elders of the Legon Interdenominational Church: she and her family still worship there. She is a Patron of the University Christian Fellowship, Legon. Prof. Perbi is married to Mr. R.B. Perbi, a Chartered Accountant at KPMG. Together they have four adult children aged between 29 and 36 years and five grandchildren.



Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin

The Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin was appointed to the role of Speaker's Chaplain in June 2010 by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon John Bercow MP. Rose also combines her parish role with the position of Priest Vicar at Westminster Abbey. Rose was born and grew up in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

She is a member of the General Synod of the Church of England and has served as one of the members of the Panel of chairs.



Commissioned as a Church Army Officer in 1982, her theological training took place at the West Midlands Ministerial Training Course at Queens Theological College. She was ordained Deacon in 1991 and Priest in 1994. In 2007 she was appointed a chaplain to the Queen, making her one of only a few who are occasionally invited to officiate and preach at the 400-year-old Queen's Chapel beside St. James' Palace.

She has served as Chair of the National Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) and of the Worldwide Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK). She has also been a member of the Broadcasting Standards Commission (BSC).

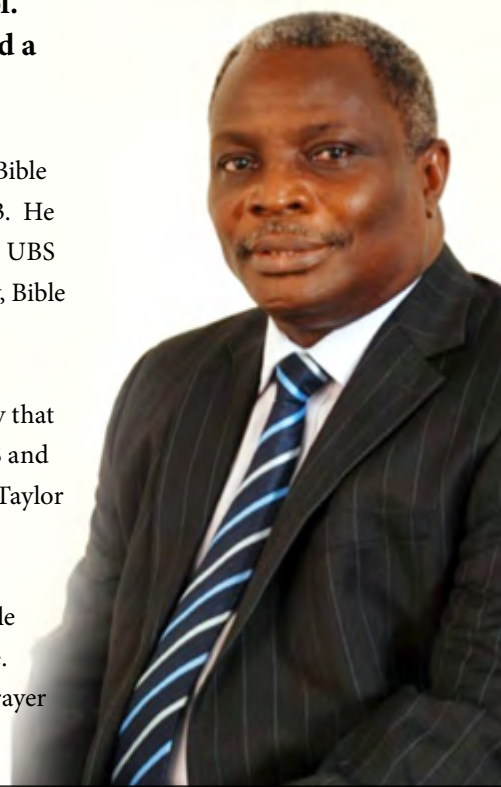
MR. David Hammond

DAVID AYI HAMMOND is a holder of LLB (Honours) degree from the University of Ghana and B.L. from the Ghana Law School. He is married to Paulina Hammond (father to 4 adult females and a grandfather).

Prior to his retirement last year, David was the Africa Area Secretary of United Bible Societies based in Nairobi, a position he held from September 2005 to April 2013. He headed work in the Francophone Region and the Western/Central Region of the UBS for 8 years, based in Lome. Before then, he had worked as the General Secretary, Bible Society of Ghana for 12 years.

Prior to joining the Bible Society, he was a practicing lawyer and worked in the insurance industry for 12 years. He was a member of the Consultative Assembly that drew up the 1992 Constitution and has served on several boards within the UBS and in Ghana. He currently serves on the Mission Council for Global Leadership of Taylor University, Indiana, USA.

David is an ABLI Ambassador and has a passion to share the message of the Bible with his immediate and extended family, the community and the nation at large. Interests include Child upbringing, Scripture Engagement and Advocacy and Prayer Mobilization.



Jane is the executive
director for Restoration
Ministries at the American
Bible Society.

She has over 30 years executive and operational-level experience in designing and managing multi-million dollar programs funded by diverse bi-lateral donors, international NGOs, faith-based organizations, foundations and individual philanthropists across the globe. She holds executive leadership positions for substantive national integrated development programs in Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Malawi. She



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was regional specialist and trainer for two international NGO's serving children/youth and women, and consulted

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Jane is a naturalized US citizen from Kenya. She has earned BA and MA degrees from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.,



**Dr. Araba
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Dedeh**

Dr. Araba Sefa-Dedeh, is
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female clinical psychologist.

She was educated at the University of Ghana (Psychology, 1972) and the Washington University at St Louis, Missouri, USA, from where she obtained her PhD Clinical Psychology (1979) on a Fulbright-Hays scholarship.

Though currently retired, she is on full time contract with the Department Of Psychiatry at the University of Ghana Medical School, Korle Bu where she teaches Medical students and MPhil Clinical Psychology students.

She holds clinics at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital for the general

public and at the Counselling and Placement Centre for University of Ghana students.

Her research interests include; 'Religion and mental health', 'Prevention of mental illness', 'Community mental health', and 'Refugee mental health'.

A member of the Ghana Psychological Association, Dr Sefa-Dedeh is the Board chair of Mind Freedom, Ghana, a board member of the Great Commission Movement, Ghana and is Council Member of Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology Mission and Culture and the Pentecost University. Araba is married to Prof. S. K. Sefa-Dedeh with whom she has three children and five wards.



Message from the Planning Committee

As Planning Committee Members, the past nine (9) months have been a humbling and exciting time for us – to think that God had entrusted us with such an awesome mission of assisting Leadership in Africa to interact more actively with the word of God.

With a strong foundation, firmly rooted in the word of God, African Leaders will be the catalyst for the transformation of the Continent. The ABLI Forum 2014 marks the beginning. To all the workers in the ABLI vineyard and their

spouses, God bless you for your labour of love. Nothing daunted, we set out in faith and made it. The team work sharing and commitment were exceptional.

“So then, my dear friends, stand firm and steady. Keep busy always in your work for the Lord, since you know that nothing you do in the Lord’s service is ever useless”

1 Cor. 15:58.

Gloria Soli Deo



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Rev. Dr. Abedu-Quarshie



HYMNS

1. Holy word long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart, oh let the ancient word impart.
words of life words of hope give us strength help
us cope in this world wherein we roam,
ancient word will guide us home

Chorus
ancient word ever true
changing me and changing you
we have come with open heart
O let the ancient word impart

2. Holy word of our faith
handed down to this age
came to us through sacrifice
o heed the faithful words of Christ
Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world
they resound with God's own heart
o let the ancient word impart
chorus

3. Martyr's blood stains each page
they have died for this faith
hear them cry through the years
heed these word and hold them clear.
Chorus(4x)

2. CAPTAIN OF ISRAEL'S HOST

1 Captain of Israel's host and guide
of all who seek the land above,
beneath thy shadow we abide,
the cloud of thy protecting love;
our strength, thy grace; our rule, thy word;
our end, the glory of the Lord.

2. By thine unerring Spirit led,
we shall not in the desert stray;
we shall not full direction need,
nor miss our providential way;
as far from danger as from fear
while love, almighty love, is near.

3. FATHER, WHO ON MAN DOST SHOWER

1. Father, who on man dost shower
Gifts of plenty from Thy dower,
To Thy people give the power
All Thy gifts to use aright.

2. Give pure happiness in leisure,
Temperance in every pleasure,
Holy use of earthly treasure,
Bodies clear and spirits bright.

3. Lift from this and every nation
All that brings us degradation;
Quell the forces of temptation;
Put Thine enemies to flight.

4. Be with us, Thy strength supplying,
That with energy undying,
Every foe of man defying,
We may rally to the fight.

5. Thou who art our Captain ever,
Lead us on to great endeavor;
May Thy Church the world deliver:
Give us wisdom, courage, might.

6. Father, who has sought and loved us,
Son of God, whose love has bound us,
Holy Ghost, within us, round us—
Hear us, Godhead infinite.

4. BELOVED, LET US LOVE

Belovèd, let us love: love is of God;
In God alone hath love its true abode.

Belovèd, let us love: for they who love,
They only, are His sons, born from above.

Belovèd, let us love: for love is rest,
And he who loveth not abides unblest.

Belovèd, let us love: for love is light,
And he who loveth not dwelleth in night.

Belovèd, let us love: for only thus
Shall we behold that God Who loveth us.

Appreciation

**Give, and it will be given
to you. Good measure,
pressed down, shaken
together, running over,
will be put into your lap.
For with the measure
you use it will be
measured back to you.”**

**Luke 6:38
ESV**

*This is our fervent prayer for all our
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cause*

GOD BLESS ABUNDANTLY