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## II. APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT STATUS

- (a) Principal Clerk of General Assembly, the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria (September 2020 till Date)
- (b) Associate Professor of Old Testament, National Open University of Nigeria, Abuja (On Leave of Absence)
- (c) Minister of Word and Sacrament, PCN (August 1986 till date)

## III. UNIVERSITY/TERTIARY EDUCATION

(a) Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (Summer 2015) (b) University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (2004 – 2006)

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- (c) Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Texas, USA (1999 2001)
- (d) University of Nigeria, Nsukka (1991 1995)
- (e) Trinity Union Theological College, Umuahia (1983 1986)

# IV. PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

- (a) Okamu Secondary Commercial School, Okon Ohafia (1977 1982)
- (b) Community Primary School, Abia Ohafia (1972 1977)

# V. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- (a) Proficiency Certificate on Biblical Hebrew Grammar (Hebrew University, Jerusalem) (2015). (b) (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD Old Testament Stellenbosch University, South Africa) (2006). (c) Master of Arts (MA Biblical Studies Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Texas, USA) (2001).
- (d) Bachelor of Arts (BA Religion University of Nigeria, Nsukka) (1995).
- (e) Diploma in Theology (Dip. Theo Trinity Union Theological College Umuahia) (1986). (f) West African School Certificate (WASC & GCE) (1982 & 1989).
- (g) First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC) (1977)

## VI. DETAILS OF PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

(a) Interim Minister (Volunteer Service), PCN Lugbe Across Out-Post, Lugbe Parish –

- (October 2019 Till Date).
- (b) Interim Minister (Volunteer Service), PCN Ibafo Mission (May 2015 December 2016). (c) Minister In-Charge, Umuahia Parish (2002 2005).
- (d) Minister In-Charge, Ikeja Parish (1994 1999).
- (e) Minister In-Charge, Ani Parish Uyo (June 1990 December 1990).
- (f) Associate Minister at Enugu Parish (Ezzagu and Nsukka Congregations) (1987 1989 and 1989 1990) respectively.
- (g) Probationer at Enugu Parish (Ezzagu Congregation) (1986 1987).
- (h) Ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament at St. Andrews PCN Uwani Enugu, Enugu Parish (September 1987).
- (i) Licensed as Minister of Word, the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria at Hope Waddell Chapel Calabar (August 1986).

# VII. DETAILS OF ECUMENICAL EXPERIENCE

- (a) Leader, Ministerial Team, NOUN Christian Fellowship, National Open University of Nigeria, Headquarters, Abuja (2018 2020).
- (b) National Coordinator, Biblical Scholars' Translation Engagement Programme (BiSTEP), Nigeria (2017 till date).
- (c) National President, Abia-Ohafia for Christ Association (2018 2020).
- (d) National Coordinator, NOUN Christian Fellowship, National Open University of Nigeria, Headquarters, Abuja (2014 2018).
- (e) Vice Chairman, Abia State Christain Council of Nigeria (CCN), 2002-2005. (f) Chaplain, All Saints Chapel, National Roots Crops Research Institution, Umudike (2000 2002).
- (g) Assistant Chaplain at Christ Church Chapel, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, (1991-1995).

## VIII. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

- (a) Coordinator, BTCLP Abuja Centre (2018 Till Date)
- (b) National President, Abia-Ohafia for Christ Association (2018 2020).

- (c) National Coordinator, Biblical Scholars' Translation Engagement Programme (BiSTEP), Nigeria (2017 till date).
- (d) National Coordinator, NOUN Christian Fellowship, National Open University of Nigeria, Headquarters, Abuja (2014 2018).
- (e) Rector, Hugh Goldie Lay/Theological Training Institution, Arochukwu (2010 2012). (f) Director for Lay Training, Hugh Goldie Lay/Theological Training Institution, Arochukwu, 2007 2010).
- (g) Special Assistant on Inter-Religious Matters to the Abia State Governor, Chief T. A. Orji (2007-2008).
- (h) Member, Abia State Pilgrim's Welfare Board (2002-2005).
- (i) Vice Chairman, Abia State Christain Council of Nigeria (CCN) –
- (2002-2005). (j) Clerk, South Central Synod (2002-2005).
- (k) Moderator, Umuahia Presbytery (2001-2002).
- (l) Registrar, Trinity Union Theological College, Umuahia (2000-2001).
- (m)First Moderator of Synod of the West (1996-1999).
- (n) Moderator, Lagos Presbytery (1995-1996).

(o) President of the Students' Union (Chief) at Trinity Union Theological College Umuahia – (1985-1986).

# IX. SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NIGERIA (1) Churches Planted

- a. PCN Ibafo Mega Mission with BTCLP graduates 2nd Batch, Lagos
  Centre and Presbytery Evangelism Committee, Lagos East Presbytery –
  2015
- b. PCN Apo Resettlement Estate with First Abuja Parish and Hugh Goldie Institution (over 60 students) 2012
- c. PCN Pegi, Abuja (Revived) with First Abuja Parish and Hugh Goldie Institution (over 60 students) 2012

- d. PCN City Model Church, Azikiwe Road, Umuahia with Hugh Goldie Institution (over 100 students) 2011
- e. PCN City Model Church, Tenant Road, Aba with BTCLP Students, Aba Centre (27 Students), Hugh Goldie Institution 2010
- f. PCN Isieke Model Church, Umuahia with BTCLP Students, Umuahia Centre (36 students) & Goldie Students 2009
- g. PCN Victory Outreach, Amuzukwu Umuahia with Umuahia Parish 2004
  - h. PCN Solid Rock Outreach, Bende Road, Umuahia with Umuahia Parish 2003 i. PCN Iju, Lagos (Pilot Work) with Ikeja Parish 1999
  - j. PCN Oshodi, Lagos; General Assembly Crusade led by His Eminence James U.
    Ukaegbu, and handed over to Ikeja Parish for Follow-up and Nurture, hosted by
    Lagos Presbytery with Synodical Power 1995
  - k. PCN Obollo Afor with PSF UNN, and Nsukka Parish 1993/94
  - 1. PCN Edem Ani with PSF UNN, and Nsukka Parish 1992/93
- m. PCN Aguegede Outreach with PCN Ezzagu Congregation, Enugu Parish 1988 n. PCN Aguonwenkeya Outreach with PCN Ezzagu Congregation, Enugu Parish -
- 1987 (2) Construction of Sanctuary and Manse
  - a. Built the Twin Flat Manse at PCN Umuagu, Umuahia Parish 2004
  - b. Built and dedicated the Church Building at at PCN Ogbodiukwu, Umuahia Parish 2003
  - c. Built the Main Sanctuary at PCN Ojodu, Ikeja Parish 1998

d. Purchased the Land and built the First Sanctuary at PCN Okoba Congregation,Ikeja Parish, Charity Road, Okoba - 1996

# (3) Other Landmark Contributions

- a. Founding Partner, Basic Training for Commissioned Lay Preachers (BTCLP), 2008 2010.
- b. Founding Partner, Lagos Miracle Night 1997
- c. Co-Initiator for the recruitment of current generation of Yoruba Ministers to

- PCN (1995-1999)
- d. As the last Moderator of Lagos Presbytery with Synodical Power, led in the creation of Synod of the West through a radical decision/action tagged "Abeokuta Declaration" of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1996, where it was decided to create 7 new Parishes and split the
  - Presbytery to 3 Presbyteries within the space of 2 months (Actualized June-July 1996).
- e. Founding Partner Presbyterian Students' Fellowship (PSF), former Campus PYPAN (1991 -1995).

# X. SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIP AND PRIZES (with dates in respect of Undergraduate and Postgraduate work only)

- (a) Full Scholarship for Bachelor of Arts in Religion at University of Nigeria Nsukka by the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, 1990 1995.
- (b) Presidential Scholarship for Master of Arts Studies at Austin Presbyterian, Theological Seminary, Austin Texas, 1999 -2001, by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Geneva.
- (c) Full Scholarship for Doctoral Research at Stellenbosch University, South Africa by His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Abia State (1999 2007), Chief Dr. Orji Uzor Kalu, 2004 2006.
- (d) Travel/ResearchGrant for the paper: "Religious Education and Government Takeover/Return of Mission Schools in Nigeria", RE21- Religious Education in Global-Local World, August 29-30, 2013, University College Cork (UCC), Ireland by the Department of Religions, University College Cork (UCC).
- (e) Travel/Study Grant for Summer Proficiency Course on Biblical Hebrew at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, June 18<sup>th</sup>– July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015, by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Vincent Tenebe, National Open University of Nigeria.

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(f) Travel Grant for the paper: "Narratives of Violence in Numbers 25: Between Text and Reception", Joint Conference of Old Testament Societies hosted by the Oudtestamentisch Werkgezelschap in Nederland en België (OTW) and Old Testament

- Society of South Africa (OTSSA), at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- (g) Travel Grant for the paper: "Globalisation and Religious Fundamentalism in Nigeria: Problems and Prospects" authored by Akper, G. & Ajah, M. at the 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), December 17<sup>th</sup>– 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at King Fahd Hotel in Dakar, SENEGAL.
- (h) Travel Grant for the paper: "David Adamo and Communal Reading as an Interpretive Method in African Biblical Hermeneutics", 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), San Diego, CA, United States of America, November 23 26, 2019.

# XI. HONOURS, DISTINCTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED SOCIETIES (1) Honours and Distinctions

- (a) Thirty (30) years of Long Service Award in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria by the General Assembly, PCN at Lagos Presbyterian Church, Yaba, August 2016.
- (b) Twenty five (25) years of Long Service Award in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria by the General Assembly, PCN at Uyo, August 2012.
- (c) Research Associate at Old and New Testament Discipline Group, Faculty of Theology, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (2007 till date)
- (d) PCN Minister of the year 2004 by Hugh Goldie Lay/Theological Training Institution, Arochukwu, 2004.
- (e) Jerusalem Pilgrim (JP), By Emmanuel Tours, Jerusalem, 2002, 2003 & 2004. (f) Fifteen (15) years of Long Service Award by the General Assembly, The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria at Calabar, 2001.
- (g) Best Graduating Student in Old Testament Studies from University of Nigeria Nsukka. 1995. (h) President of the Students Union (the Chief) at Trinity Union Theological College, Umuahia, 1985 1986.

# (2) Membership of Learned Societies

(a) Member, The Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies (NABIS)

- (b) Member, Society for Biblical Literature (SBL)
- (c) Member, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) (d) Old Testament Society of South Africa (OTSSA)
- (e) Member, Biblical Research Forum of Nigeria (BRESFON)
- (f) Member, International Council on Distance Education (ICDE)

## XII. DETAILS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- (a) Associate Professor of Old Testament, Department of Religious Studies, National Open University of Nigeria (January 2020 – Till Date)
- (b) Part-Time Lecturer at Redeemed Christian Bible College, Abuja Centre (April 2019
- -2020) (c) Senior Lecturer at National Open University of Nigeria, Department of Christian Theology (2017 2019).
- (d) Lecturer I at National Open University of Nigeria, Department of Christian Theology (2012 2016).
- (e) Research Associate at Old and New Testament Discipline Group, Faculty of Theology, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (2007 till date).
- (f) Rector at Hugh Goldie Lay/Theological Training Institution, Arochukwu, in affiliation with Abia State University (September 2010 August 2012).
- (g) Senior Lecturer (Part-Time) at Abia State University (2011 2012).
- (h) Senior Lecturer at Hugh Goldie Lay/Theological Training Institution, Arochukwu, in affiliation with Abia State University, Uturu (January 2007 June 2012).
- (i) Lecturer (Adjunct) at Africa Theological College, Khayelisha, South Africa (2005 2006). (j) Lecturer at Essien Ukpabio Presbyterian Theological Institution, Itu, in affiliation with University of Calabar (2001 2003).
- (k) Registrar and Lecturer at Trinity Union Theological College, Umuahia, in affilliation with University of Nigeria, Nsukka (2000 2001).

## XIII. COMPUTER SOFTWARE SKILLS

- (a) Computer Appreciation Skill (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc)
- (b) Use of Internet (Browsing for Research, Email, Social Media, etc)

#### XIV. RESEARCH

Project, Dissertation and Thesis: (Doctoral Dissertation 2006) *Theological Perspectives on Tithing in the Old Testament, and their implications for believing communities in Africa*, Stellenbosch: Stellenbosch University (<a href="http://scholar.sun.ac.za/handle/10019.1/1366">http://scholar.sun.ac.za/handle/10019.1/1366</a>)

## XV. PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar Profile:

https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=jf3QYD8AAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao

# (a) Books already published

1. \*Ajah, M. (2016). *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar*. Jos: African Christian Textbooks (ACTS). 171 pp. ISBN 978-978-905-278-3. (Nigeria)

# (b) Chapters in Books already published

- \*Ajah M. (2016). "Examples of Women leaders in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria", in K. J. Hyun and D. C. Chemorion (Eds), *The Quest for Gender Equity* in Leadership. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf& Stock Publishers (Anchored by St. Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya). 162 – 179 pp. ISBN 978-1-4982-9333-4 (USA)
- 3. \*\*Ajah M. (2017). "A Tradition Historical Analysis of Numbers 18 and its Implication for Stewardship in Africa", in J. D. Gwamna, A. O. Dada & Hope Amolo (Eds), *The Present State and the Future of Biblical Studies in Africa: Essays in Honour of Samuel Oyinloye Abogunrin*. Ibadan: Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies (NABIS). 174 196 pp. ISBN 978-978-960-214-8.

# (c) Articles that have already appeared in Refereed Conference Proceedings

4. \*Ajah, M. (2015). "A Theological Reflection on the Book of Jonah in the Face of National Insecurity", in J. K. Ayantayo and S. A. Fatokun (Eds), *Religious and* 

- Security Issues: Proceedings of 2013 Biennial International Religious Studies Conference, Religious Studies Series, Vol 5. Ibadan: Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan; 232 247 pp (Nigeria)
- 5. \*Ajah, M. (2014). "Promoting Open Educational Resources(OER) for Theological/Religious Education in Nigeria", *International Science Index*, Vol 8, No. 12, Proceedings of the XII International Conference on Open Learning and Distance Education (ICOLDE), 18-19 December 2014, Bangkok, Thailand, 3423 3426pp (Thailand) (Participation sponsored by National Open University of Nigeria).

- 6. \*Ajah, M. (2013). "The role of religion in fostering social justice through distance education in Nigeria", in UNED-ICDE (*Universidad Nacional de Education a Distancia* & International Council for Open and Distance Education), *Mobilizing Distance Education for Social Justice and Innovation: Proceedings of the International Conference*, 7-9 March 2013. Madrid, Spain: UNED-ICDE. 278-291pp (Spain).
- 7. \*\*Ajah, M (2018). "The Critical Role of Religion in Nigeria Elections in the Light of 1 Kings 22", in 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies, held at Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State, 4-7 July 207 (Ibadan: Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies), 201-214pp.
- 8. \*\*Ajah, M & Akper, G (2018). "Globalisation and Religious Fundamentalism in Nigeria: Problems and Prospects", Dakar, Senegal: 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), 17 21 December 2018 at King Fahd Hotel in Dakar, SENEGAL. <a href="https://codesria.org/generalassembly15/ga-full-papers/">https://codesria.org/generalassembly15/ga-full-papers/</a>.
- 9. \*\*Ajah, M (2019). "David Adamo and Communal Reading as an Interpretive Method in African Biblical Hermeneutics", in the Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature (SBL), 23 26 November 2019 at the International

Convention Centre, San Diego, Califonia, USA. <a href="https://www.sblcentral.org/conferencePaperDetails/52576">https://www.sblcentral.org/conferencePaperDetails/52576</a>

# (d) Articles that have already appeared in Learned Journals

- 10. \*Ajah, M. (2006). "Tithing in Ugarit and the Pentateuch Possible implications for Africa". *Scriptura*, Vol. 91, pp. 31-42. (Department of Old & New Testament, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa).
- 11. \*Ajah, M. (2011). "An Assessment of the Priestly Emolument in Numbers 18: 8-32". Scriptura 103, 107-125. (Department of Old & New Testament, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa).
  - 12. \*Ajah, M. (2012). "The Purpose for Tithe in the Old Testament". *International Journal of Theology and Reformed Tradition*, Vol. 4, pp. 24-32. (University of Nigeria, Nsukka).

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- 13. \*Ajah, M. (2012). "Religious Groups and Distance education in Nigeria". *Prof. Bassey Andah Journal of Cultural Studies*, Vol. 5, pp. 67-80. (University of Calabar).
- 14. \*Ajah, M. (2013). "The Significance of Pentateuchal Tithing as a Legal Instruction for the 21st Century Reader". *The Asbury Journal*, Vol. 68: No. 2: 106-119. (Graduate School of Theology, Asbury, USA).
- 15. \*Ajah, M. (2014). "Reprisal Attacks: A Theological Reflection of Genesis 34 on Reactions to Evil and Human Wickedness in Nigeria". *Scriptura Journal for Contextual hermeneutics in Southern Africa*, Vol. 113, No. 1: 1-13. (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa).
- 16. \*Ajah, M. (2015). "Love for the stranger in Deuteronomy 10:19 and its

- socio-cultural implications for economic development in Nigeria". *Africa Journal of Biblical Research*, Vol. 2, Nos. 1 & 2: 97-111. (Biblical Research Forum of Nigeria, BRESFON).
- 17. \*Ajah, M. (2015) "Religious Education and Nation Building in Nigeria", Stellenbosch Theology Journal (STJ), Vol. 1, No. 2: 263-282 (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa). <a href="http://ojs.reformedjournals.co.za/index.php/stj/article/view/1260">http://ojs.reformedjournals.co.za/index.php/stj/article/view/1260</a>
- 18. \*\*Ajah, M. (2019) "Cancelation or Suspension of Debts in Deuteronomy 15 A Literary Assessment of ២ ប៉ុ ប៊ុ ) shemittah)", African Journal of Local Societies Initiative (LOSI), Vol.8, No. 1, 1-15 (Makurdi: Benue State University).
- 19. \*\*Ajah, M. (2018) "Reverse Mentoring in Biblical Scholarship in the light of 1 Kings 5:1-14", *African Journal of Biblical Research Vol. 5. 141-174*, (Biblical Research Forum of Nigeria, BRESFON).
- 20. \*\*Ajah, M. (2018) "Deuteronomic Tithe Laws and their Humanitarian Implications for Christian Communities in Africa", *Stellenbosch Theological Journal*, Vol. 4, No 2, 335–358. (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa). DOI: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.17570/stj.2018.v4n2.a16">http://dx.doi.org/10.17570/stj.2018.v4n2.a16</a>. Online ISSN 2413-9467 | Print ISSN 2413-9459.

- 21. \*\*Ajah, M. (2018). "The Land as a Grant in Deuteronomy and Its Economic Implications for Africa", *African Journal of Local Societies Initiative (LOSI)*, Vol.7, No. 1, 48-73 (Makurdi: Benue State University).
  - 22. \*\*Ajah, M. (2019) "Narratives of Violence in Numbers 25: Between Text and Reception", *Insight: Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol. 15, 17-31 (Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State).

# (e) Articles that have already been accepted for publication

23. \*\*Ajah M (2019). "Socio-Political Readings for Cult Centralization in Deuteronomy: Lessons for Africa", *African Journal of Biblical Studies* (AJBS), A Journal of Nigeria Association of Biblical Studies; c/o: Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (Accepted for publication).

## XVI. MAJOR CONFERENCES ATTENDED WITH PAPERS READ

- (a) Ajah, M (2020). "The Concept of Cult Centralization in Deuteronomy and its Socio-Political Implications for Africa Today", Deuteronomy-Today e-Conference, South African Theological Conference, 2-3 April 2020.
- (b) Ajah, M (2019). "David Adamo and Communal Reading as an Interpretive Method in African Biblical Hermeneutics", 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Convention Centre, San Diego, CA, United States of America, November 23 – 26, 2019.
- (a) Ajah, M (2018). "Narratives of Violence in Numbers 25: Between Text and Reception", Joint Conference of Old Testament Societies hosted by the Oudtestamentisch Werkgezelschap in Nederland en België (OTW) and Old Testament Society of South Africa (OTSSA), at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- (b) Ajah, M (2018). "Globalisation and Religious Fundamentalism in Nigeria: Problems and Prospects" authored by Akper, G. & Ajah, M. at the 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Council for

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the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), December 17<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at King Fahd Hotel in Dakar, SENEGAL.

- (c) Ajah, M (2016). "Conflicting Prophecies in 1 Kings 22 and 2015 Nigeria Election", Annual Conference of Biblical Research Forum of Nigeria (BRESFON), held at Methodist Theological Institute, Umuahia, 1-3 November 2016 (Sponsored by NOUN).
- (d) Ajah, M (2016). "Reverse Mentoring in Biblical Scholarship in the light of 1 Kings 5:1-14", Triennial Congress of International Organization for the Study of Old Testament (IOSOT), Stellenbosch University, 4-9 September, 2016 (Sponsored by Stellenbosch University, South Africa).
- (e) Ajah, M& Okoronkwo, M. E. (2015). "Christian Theology Curriculum in National Open University of Nigeria: Issues of Pedagogy and Assessment", The 26<sup>th</sup> ICDE World Conference, (UNISA 2015), University of South Africa, Sun-City, 14-16 October, 2015 (Self Registration).
- (f) Ajah, M (2014). "Promoting Open Educational Resources(OER) forTheological/Religious Education in Nigeria", 2nd International Conference on Open and Distance e-Learning (ICOLDE 2014), 18-19 December, 2014 at Bangkok, Thailand (Sponsored by NOUN).
- (g) Ajah, M (2013). "Religious Education and Government Takeover/Return of Mission Schools in Nigeria", RE21- Religious Education in Global-Local World, University College Cork (UCC), Ireland, 29-30 August, 2013 (Sponsored by University College Cork, Ireland).
- (h) Ajah, M (2013). "Love for the Stranger in Deuteronomy 10: 19 and It's Socio-Cultural Implications for Development in Nigeria", Second Annual International Conference on: Challenges of Development in Africa, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi Kenya, 25- 29 June, 2013 (Sponsored by NOUN).
- (i) Ajah, M (2013). "A Theological Interpretation of Land as a Grant in Deuteronomy and its Implications for Stewardship in Nigeria", OTSSA Conference, University of the Free

State, Bloemfontein, SA, 11-13 September, 2013 (Sponsored by Stellenbosch University, South Africa).

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- (j) Ajah, M (2013). "*Mi Yodea*: A Theological Reflection on the Book of Jonah in the Face of National Insecurity", Bi-Annual International Religious Studies, Conference, University Of Ibadan, 14-17 April, 2013 Self sponsorship).
- (k) Ajah, M (2013). "Theological Interpretations Of Social Justice in the Book Of Deuteronomy And their Implications For Nigeria", 26th Conference of Nigerian Association of Biblical Studies (NABIS), Life Theological Seminary, Ikorodu Lagos, 16-19 July, 2013 (Self sponsorship).
- (l) Ajah, M (2013). "The role of religion in fostering social justice through distance education in Nigeria", UNED-ICDE (Universidad Nacional de Education a Distancia & International Council for Open and Distance Education) International Conference, 7-9 March, 2013 (Self Registration).

#### XVII. REFEREES

#### 1. Prof. David Adamo

Department of Religious Studies Kogi State University, Ayingba

## 2. Prof. Emele Mba Uka

Department of Religious Studies University of Calabar

#### 3. Prof. Hendrik L. Bosman

Department Old and New Testament Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

## XVIII. SIGNATURE AND DATE

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