**THE METHODIST CHURCH GHANA**

**WINNEBA DIOCESE-EKUMFI OTUAM CIRCUIT**

**ABOR SECTION**

**SECTIONAL QUARTERLY MEETING**

**HELD AT**

**MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH, EKUMFI TECHIMAN**

**ON THE 16TH JULY,2016**

**MINUTES**

The Abor Sectional quarterly meeting held on 24th July,2024 at Mount Zion Society, Techiman. The hymn was taken from M.H.B 709. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Ismael Effoh Darkwah.

The devotion was officiated by the Very Reverend Augustine Akwasi Asare. The devotional theme was The Cost of Discipleship and the anchor text was taken from Mark 6:14-29. The minister emphasized that when someone denies him or herself to follow Jesus, he or she is not denied of troubles and trials. The exhortation emphasized that Christians are bound to face such trials and temptations but he suggested the following as some means and mechanisms that we can use to twist the devices of the evil one.

***\*Trusting fully in the hard and relying on him***

***\*Praying without ceasing***

***\*Relying on the steadfastness of the Lord***.

The minister emphasized that when we stay or abide in the steadfastness of the Lord and twist the devices of the enemy, it will move the section which is preparing to be circuit soon to a different level. The Very Reverend Augustine Akwasi Asare prayed to end his devotional message. The minister welcomed the participants.

The Very Reverend David Opoku, the Superintendent Minister of Ekumfi Otuam Circuit welcome the ministers and the entire leaders of Abor Section to their Sectional Quarterly meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was Led by Bro Joe Andrews Amoah and it is as follows;

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| **CARETAKERS** | **NUMBER** | **ORGANIZATIONS** | **NUMBER** | **SOCIETIES** | **NUMBER** |
| Nanaben | 0 | Choir | 0 | Abor | 8 |
| Ebuakwa | 0 | Singing Band | 0 | Nanaben | 1 |
| Techiman | 1 | Guild | 0 | Narkwa | 3 |
| Twa | 0 | SUWMA | 0 | Atwa | 0 |
| Kwaaprakwaa | 0 | Mens Fellowship | 0 | Ebuakwa | 2 |
| Edukrom | 0 | Christ Little Band | 0 | Techiman | 9 |
| Atwa | 0 | Sunday School Supt | 0 | Twa | 0 |
|  |  | Girls Fellowship Caretaker | 0 | Edukrom | 0 |
|  |  | Sectional Youth Organizer (S.Y.O) | 0 | Kwaaprakwaa | 0 |
|  |  | AMB | 0 |  |  |

The Very Rev. David Opoku paused was worried in that if he should continue with another roll call, he is still going to record zero for this, he expressed his worry on his and wondered if this was how we started. He emphasized that, we started well but things are running down.

**PREVIOUS MINUTE:**

The sectional Quarterly Meeting Secretary read the previous minute. After the additions and corrections were made, he moved the minute for acceptance.

**OUT OF MINUTE**

The Supt. Minister the Very Rev. David Opoku stated that less than 7,000.00 was realized during the Wesley Towers Special Appeal. He again stated, the Diocesan Harvest slated on 30th June 2024 was intended to be demarcated as follows;

***\* 40% to defray Wesley Towers debts***

***\*60% to defray Diocesan Harvest debts***

On the Wesley Tower, the Supt. Minister urged those who have pledged to honor them.

The Supt. Minister applauded Mt. Zion Society for their massive performance in the Wesley Towers payment and encouraged other societies to do same.

The supt. minister brought to the awareness of the house that Bro Patrick Sagoe have gone through an interview in the evangelism order and have written his exam waiting his results.

The supt. minister again said that, when auditors come from the headquarters, they normally vet the following

***\*Sectional Quarterly Meeting report***

***\*Sectional Quarterly Meeting account***

***\*Sectional Quarterly Meeting plan***

The Very Rev. Augustine A. Asare talked about the Sectional Fundraising slated on the 28th July 2024.

In view of this, Rev. Silas Arthur questioned about what the money realized in the program will be used for. Bro Andrew Joe Amoah answered that the money is purposely meant to defray the sectional debt.

**COMMUNICATION FROM CONNEXION**

1. Conference 2024 is slated on 28th August to 1st September 2024.
2. Two ministers have been commissioned namely;

* Rev John Ackom
* Rev Ismael Effoh Darkwah

1. The superintendent minister urged adults to support the ongoing young people’s week celebration
2. Diocesan staff meeting rescheduled but standing committee meeting is stated to come off after GPC
3. Wesley society – Ekumfi Akra has been designated as the tourist center but the circuit needs about GH₵ 20,000.000 to refurnish the center.
4. From the superintendent minister Desk, a death certificate or permit shall be requested before a burial service can be conducted. This can be from the hospital or the District Assembly of the deceased

Bro Francis Asabir added that the District Assembly have now mandated the Assemblymen to dispatch these permits to ease some difficulties in obtaining them.

**COMMUNICATION FROM CIRCUIT**

Sectional maiden Children Camp Meeting slated from 15th-19th August, 2024

**POST-COMMISSIONING THANKSGIVING**

\*Rev. John Ackon - 4th August 2024

\*Rev Ebo Amissah Acquandoh - 11th August 2024

\*Rev Israel Effoh Darkwah - 11th August 2024

The Supt Minister announced that the impending Circuit Quarterly Meeting is slated to come off at Abor @1:00pm but the vetting of Lay executive aspirant comes off at 10:00 am, same date and venue.

He said that, the aspirants should bring the following during the vetting;

* Tithe card
* Marriage certificate
* Wesley Towers pledge card / receipts
* Baptismal certificate
* Confirmation certificate
* MDF card

The supt. minister urged that the financial report should be done again under the supervision of the Circuit Steward Quarterly meeting will come off at Calvary Methodist Church, Nanaben.

Rev. Charles Evan Darkwah appealed to the supt. minister to organize seminar for the sectional leaders to equip them especially on their report writing.

The supt. minister planned to visit Abor and Ayisam sections on this cause of action.

Bro. Andrews Joe Amoah suggested we bring the meeting to a close if there are no further discussions and deliberations. Sis Helina Aidoo seconded

Rev. Silas Arthur gave the closing prayer

The meeting ended at 5:55pm.