**COORDINATING OFFICE FOR MINISTRY**

**1.1 Ordained Ministry**

Rev John Ackon and Rev Ishmael Efo Darkwa have been commissioned and stationed by conference at their various dioceses

**1.2 Candidature**

Bro Emmanuel Kofi Acquah has written the Methodist exams and he is preparing for Trinity Theological Seminary exams next year January 2025

**1.3 Station of minister**

Rev Charles Evans Darkwah has been stationed from Emmanuel society-Narkwa to Wesley Society- Abor, Rev Enerstina Bekoe Acquah has been stationed at Emmanuel Society-Narkwa from Dago

**1.4 Welfare of Ministers**

The welfare of the ministers is being catered for; the section organized befitting send-offs for transferred ministers.

**1.2 Lay Ministry**

**1.2.1 Lay preacher**

The table below shows the number of lay preachers in the section

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Full Lay preachers** | **Lay preachers on trial** | **Note to preach** |
| 18 | 12 | 7 |

**1.2.2** In the quarter under review, the ministers and the accredited lay preachers engaged members who were willing to be trained to become lay preachers were engaged with a day retreat at Wesley Society-Twa on Friday 30th August 2024, the facilitators were as follows; **Very Rev Augustine Asare, Rev Charles Evans Darkwah, Rev John Ackon, Bro Bright Abban** Durban. They spoke on;

i. Discipleship: Growing into Christian Maturity,

ii. Christian stewardship,

iii. The role of the methodist lay preacher and

iv. Christian ethics. About fifty (50) members attended the one-day retreat.

* 1. **Examination on lay preachers**

Three Note to Preach members were able to write their lay preachers’ examinations on the 27th and 28th of September 2024 at Agona Swedru secondary school. They are Sisters Florence Frimpong, Helena Aidoo, and Blessing Abbew.

In the quarter under review, Bro Emmanuel Kofi Acquah has been appointed as the lay preacher's secretary for the Abor section

* 1. **LAY LEADERS AND CHURCH OFFICERS**

**The table below shows the Caretakers, Stewards and Class Leaders:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SOCIETY** | **CARETAKERS** | | **STEWARDS** | | **CLASS LEADER** | | **TOTAL** |
|  | **M** | **F** | **M** | **F** | **M** | **F** |  |
| Abor |  |  | 2 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 18 |
| Narkwa |  |  | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 11 |
| Twa | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Nanaben | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Atwa |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Techiman |  |  | 0 | 2 | 1 |  | 3 |
| Ebuakwa | 1 |  |  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Kwaprakwa | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 2 |  | 4 |
| Edukrom | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 2 |  | 4 |
| **TOTAL** | 5 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 32 | 13 | 66 |

Class Meetings are held regularly. The Weekly Bible Lesson Booklet is the material tool used for the Class Meetings.

In the quarter under review, the weekly bible lesson stresses on Christian education which is to meet our current challenges in family life.

**1.5 INTERGENERATIONAL AND ADULT ORGANIZATIONS AND LAY MOVEMENT COUNCIL**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ORGANIZATION** | **Males** | **Female s** | **Total** |
| Choir | 39 | 78 | **117** |
| Women’s Fellowship | 2 | 81 | **83** |
| Guild | 8 | 18 | **26** |
| Singing band | 8 | 54 | **62** |
| Christl lttle band | 0 | 26 | **26** |
| SUWMA | 0 | 15 | **15** |

**1.5.1 Reports on Stewards and Caretakers**

The stewards for Wesley Society- Abor and Calvary Society- Atwa have exceeded their tenure of office and new Stewards have been appointed to replace them respectively: They are:

(i). Bro Kingsley Joe Andrew Amoah replaces Bro. Dominic Kwame Nyame- Wesely Society-Abor

(ii) Bro Enerst Nyarko and Sis Cecilia Bimpong replaces Bro. John Arthur- Calvary Society, Atwa

**1.6 EVANGELISM, MISSION AND RENEWAL**

**1.6.1 Lay evangelist work and training**

Bro Patrick Sagoe, who has offered himself to be trained as an evangelist has gone through the Evangelist Order process and he is waiting to start school to be opened at Freeman Center- Kumasi in November 2024.

**1.7 STATISTICAL RETURNS FROM ABOR SECTION**

**The table below shows the returns of membership and the Christian communities of the section.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NO** | **SOCIETY** | **FULL MEMBERS** | | **JUNIOR MEMBERS** | | **TOTAL** |
| **M** | **F** | **M** | **F** |
| 1 | Abor | 53 | 211 | 71 | 118 | **453** |
| 2 | Narkwa | 42 | 127 | 73 | 95 | **337** |
| 3 | Nanaben | 30 | 65 | 25 | 35 | **155** |
| 4 | Twa | 18 | 49 | 18 | 25 | **110** |
| 5 | Atwa | 12 | 40 | 15 | 28 | **95** |
| 6 | Techiman | 8 | 20 | 15 | 28 | **71** |
| 7 | Ebuakwa | 15 | 73 | 25 | 61 | **174** |
| 8 | Kwaprakwa | 12 | 23 | 0 | 0 | **35** |
| 9 | Edukrom | 10 | 13 | 17 | 22 | **62** |
|  | **TOTAL** | **200** | **621** | **259** | **412** | **1,492** |

**1.7.1 Death**

The section recorded seven (7) death during the quarter under review

**1.8 Recommendation**

The committee recommends that societies with low turnout members should make every effort to do visitations and encourage them to attend church services and other church programs.

**1.9 RENEWAL AND WORSHIP LIFE**

1.The alternative use of New Liturgy for worship has brought some additional changes such as Praises and Adorations in the service which has encouraged the youth to take part in the worship services.

2. The worship, preaching, and administration of sacraments were observed in all the societies. There have been a series of teachings on sacrament which has boosted members' participation

3. Two members were baptized and one confirmed at Wesley society-Ebuakwa for the quarter under review

**1.10 METHODIST PRAYER AND RENEWAL PROGRAMME:**

MPRP is observed in all societies but it needs to be intensified due to the low turnout of members

**1.11 CHILDREN MINISTRY**

Abor section hosted the annual children’s camp at Wesley Society-Abor of the Circuit maiden sectional children camp and the turnout of the children was engaged the total turnout was 235 with 14 teachers, 9 helpers, and 212 scholars.

Christian literature such as Children's Ministry illustration books, Flip Chart, (etc.) were used to teach the children in the church and at home.

**1.11.1 CHILDREN’S SERVICE:**

1. The table below shows the statistical returns of the Sunday School Children.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| MALE | 268 |
| FEMALE | 405 |
| **TOTAL GENDER** | **673** |

1. Sunday School Syllabus, Weekly Lessons, Scriptures, Counseling, and Teaching Materials are the resources materials used to train the Teens.
2. The sectional children’s service plans to meet this quarter for the teacher’s workshop

**REPORT FROM THE COORDINATING OFFICE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE (CCOSS)**

**1.1 HEALTH**

**1.1.1 Health promotion**

The health committee recommends that each society in the Section should purchase a BP apparatus to help members regularly check their blood pressure and know their health status

**1.1.2 Health professionals**

The committee recommends that health professionals should come together and help educate members on disease conditions and other health-related issues i.e. personal hygiene, cholera, malaria control programs, etc.

**1.2 Agriculture environment and rural development**

**1.2.1 Agriculture**

The committee recommends that the members particularly the youth of the section should take an active part in agriculture such as crop and animal production to help them earn a living.

The section plans to partner with NGOs and the district Assembly to give them technical support and other assistance.

**1.2.2 Environment**

All societies in the sections have been advised to take of the environment and also check erosion cases around their chapel, manse, their lands, and committee.

**1.3 GENDER FAMILY AND SOCIAL INTERVENTION DIRECTORATES (SGESIOD)**

**1.3.1 CARE OF THE AGED, INVALIDS, WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**

In the quarter under review, all the invalids and aged were being taken care of i.e giving them communion and incentives.

**The statistical returns of the aged, invalid widows and widowers**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Invalids | 39 |
| Orphans | 8 |
|  |  |
| Aged | 30 |
| Widows | 14 |
| Widowers | 7 |
| **TOTAL** | **98** |

**1.3.2 Gender**

Two celebrations of marriage were held. One under ordinance and one under customary.

**REPORT FROM THE COORDINATING OFFICE FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT(COEYD)**

**1.1 INTRODUCTION:**

This report covers pre-tertiary education, youth ministry development, and recommendations.

**1.1.1 PRE-TERTIARY EDUCATION**

1: **Report on Methodist schools in the section**

The section has two schools situated at Ekumfi Abor and Ekumfi Narkwa respectively.

**a. NURSERIES/KINDERGARTENS**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **EKUMFI ABOR** | | | **EKUMFI NARKWA** | | |
| BOYS | GIRLS | NO TEACHERS | BOYS | GIRLS | NO TEACHERS |
| 41 | 42 | MALES FEMALES  3 | 60 | 85 | MALES FEMALES  1 1 |
| **TOTAL = 83** | | **TOTAL = 3** | **TOTAL = 140** | | **TOTAL = 2** |

**b. PRIMARY**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **EKUMFI ABOR** | | | **EKUMFI NARKWA** | | |
| BOYS | GIRLS | NO TEACHERS | BOYS | GIRLS | NO TEACHERS |
| 106 | 106 | MALES 1 FEMALE 5 | 225 | 272 | MALES-  **5** FEMALES - **7** |
| **TOTAL = 214** | | **TOTAL =** | **TOTAL = 497** | | **TOTAL = 12** |

**C. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **EKUMFI ABOR** | | | **EKUMFI NARKWA** | | |
| BOYS | GIRLS | NO TEACHERS | BOYS | GIRLS | NO TEACHERS |
| 51 | 47 | MALES 1 FEMALES 5 | 105 | 97 | MALES FEMALES  0 5 |
| **TOTAL = 98** | | **TOTAL = 6** | **TOTAL = 202** | | **TOTAL = 5** |

**2.0**. **RELIGIOUS AND MORAL TRAINING GIVEN IN THE SCHOOL**.

1. some of the lay preachers in the Section worship with the pupils and teachers in various societies where Methodist schools are.

2. We are recommending that the Local managers and leaders pay regular visits to the schools

**3.0** **TEACHERS AND PUPILS**

1. The teachers engage the students with effective academic work

2. There is a cordial relationship between the teachers and the pupils

**4.0** **CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMMES**

1. Local managers (ministers) go around to supervise the schools

2. Plans have been put in place for Lay Preachers to visit the schools as well

**5.0** **OTHER MATTERS**

Narkwa Methodist Basic School is doing well in terms of academics. The school represented the Ekumfi District in the Central Regional (National) JHS science and math quiz and was placed third. The contestants were, John Imbeah Hagan, Blessing Nkrumah, Joseph Metaku Ekuban, and Micheal Ninson.

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

The committee recommends that the circuit and the section reward the participants.

**7.** **RETURNS ON THE FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROGRAMME**.

Mount Zion Society (Techiman) has put effective mechanisms in place to train the young ones in Fantse bible reading, and the training is in progress but one of the facilitators has relocated. The Section is planning to replace a new facilitator and to move it to the other societies in the section.

**9. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY OFFICE**

**9.1.** **SECTIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZER'S REPORT**

The youth in the section celebrated the connexional Young People Week from 15th to 21st July 2024.

1. Wesley Society-Abor organized a clean-up exercise at the Abor CHP compound and
2. ii. Wesley Society Twa also organized a clean-up and health screening during Young People Week.

The section attended the connexional Youth and Student Assembly (YASA) from 1st to 4th August 2024 at Pentecost Convention Center, Gomoa Feteh

The section attended the connexional 60th Girls Fellowship anniversary and officers’ course at the University of Cape Coast from 12th to 15th Sept 2024

The section attended the Diocesan Girls Fellowship Officers and Caretakers course at Bethel Society, kasoa 25th to 28th July 2024

**9.2** **RETURNS AND REPORTS ON THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN THE SECTION.**

**BOY'S/GIRL'S BRIGADE**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| EKUMFI LABOUR | | | EKUMFI NARKWA | | |
| BOYS | GIRLS | NO OFFICERS | BOYS | GIRLS | NO OFFICERS |
| 15 | 30 | MALES 3 FEMALES 3 | 30 | 35 | MALES FEMALES  5 4 |
| **TOTAL = 45** | | **TOTAL = 6** | **TOTAL = 65** | | **TOTAL = 9** |

**GIRL'S FELLOWSHIP**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| EKUMFI ABOR | | | EKUMFI NARKWA | | |
| BOYS | GIRLS | NO TEACHERS | BOYS | GIRLS | NO TEACHERS |
|  | 25 | FEMALES  3 |  | 15 | FEMALES  3 |
| **TOTAL = 25** | | **TOTAL = 3** | **TOTAL = 15** | | **TOTAL = 3** |

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ABOR** | | **TWA** | | **NARKWA** | | **ATWA** | |
| MALE | FEMALE | MALE | FEMALE | MALE | FEMALE | MALE | FEMALE |
| 9 | 16 | 15 | 20 | 23 | 35 | 6 | 8 |
| **TOTAL** | **25** | **TOTAL** | **35** | **TOTAL** | **58** | **TOTAL** | **14** |

1. **RECOMMENDATION/REMINDERS**
2. We recommend that there should be an establishment of a Scripture Union (SU) at the basic schools
3. The office recommends that the international exchange programs should be extended to the young people in the rural areas to benefit them.

**SECTIONAL COORDINATING OFFICE FOR FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT (COFD)**

In The quarter under review, all statutory payments were being honored to the circuit.

All societies in the section have MDF coordinators who see to the payment of MDF by the members.

**1.O Recommendation**

The committee recommends that all stewards within the section should declare and pay their 40% resource mobilization after church service.

The committee also recommends that societies should it a make must to pay their outstanding debts to Circuit.

**1.2 Resource mobilization**

All the societies within the section honored their traditional payment to the connexion, diocese, and circuit quarter under review.

**1.3 Property procurement and development**

1. Wesley Society -Abor has planned to build multi-purpose offices for the society and complete their new manse in the ensuing year.
2. Wesley Society- Ebuakwa is constructing a new Chapel that has reached the lintel level.
3. Works on ultra-modern washroom for Emmanuel Society- Narkwa is currently at lintel level
4. Bethel Society- Edukrom has bought 1000 pieces of blocks to start their chapel building

**1.4 Harvest dates**

Wesley Society- Abor – 1st December,2024

Emmanuel Society- Narkwa – 15th December, 2024

Calvary Society- Nanabin – 17th November 2024

Wesley Society- twa- 24th November 2024

Calvary Society- Atwa –

Bethel Society- Edukrom – 8th December 2024

Ebenezer Society- Kwaprakwa-

Mt. Zion Society – Techiman – 5th January ,2025

**1.5 Summary of resource mobilization**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **July** | **August** | **Sept** | **TOTAL** |
| 40% payment to connextion | 6,445.36 | 7,462.48 | 7,203.92 | 21,111.76 |
| 9% payment to diocèses | 1,450.21 | 1,679.06 | 1,620.88 | 4,750.15 |
| 13% payement to circuit | 2,094.74 | 2,425.30 | 2,341.28 | 6,861.32 |
| **TOTAL** | **9,990.31** | **11,566.84** | **11,166.08** | **32,723.23** |

**1.6 Other Payment**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| July | 2,124.00 |
| August | 13,975.00 |
| September | 2,213.00 |
| **Total** | **18,312.00** |

The total amount received for the quarter **GHc 51,035.23**















