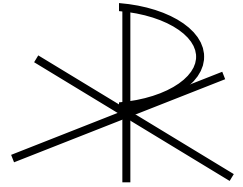


# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CAMEROON



## CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP **FAKO NORTH PRESBYTERY** BUEA EAST ZONE CYF MOLYKO



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### **CYF MOLYKO-BUEA FIVE-YEAR MANDATE REPORT FROM 2014 TO 2019, PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, ON THE OCCASION OF ELECTIONS AND HANDING OVER, ON FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019.**

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*Together.... In Fellowship.... With Christ*

#### **DURATION OF REPORT**

This report covers a period of 63 months, 1 week and 3 days, that is, from Thursday 16 January, 2014 when CYF Molyko, in observation of the PCC election year, elected a new executive bureau, through Children and Youth Sunday 2015 (February 8) when the elected were dedicated to God's service, to present day (Friday 26 April, 2019).

#### **ENROLMENT AND RELATED STATISTICS**

From an enrolment of about 100 members when the outgoing Executive Committee took over the leadership of CYF Molyko in 2014, the group's membership has been climbing fluctuatingly and reached its apex on Sunday November 27, 2016 when the group presented her rally song in church and won as many as 75 members on that fateful day, raising the enrolment to about 250 members. The Anglophone crisis that aggravated just within that quarter of the year causing a mass exodus has put the group's enrolment on a progressive decline, bringing us to a current membership of about 150 members (90 sisters and 60 brothers), about 80 active, with an average meeting attendance of about 60 members. The current and outgoing EXCO is made up of 27 members, advisers included (11 females and 16 males), with the group having two secretaries general instead of one (though acting) for the very first time. The above figures are an improvement and innovation from the past years, especially 2014 to 2016, where the number of executive members used to range between 19 and 22, with the number of female executives hardly more than five. The group's activities are facilitated by eleven internal standing committees namely Evangelism, Music, Socials, Sports, Works, Public Relations, Finance, Health, Advisory, Disciplinary committees, and the Education and Employment Committee, which is the youngest, created just two years ago. These committees are all headed by EXCO members. The group has 30 patrons and patronesses, two youth elders and a host of alumni members for financial and other support.

Throughout this five-year mandate, CYF Molyko has witnessed the leadership of three chief executive officers. These include:

1. The no-nonsense and spiritually radical Bro. Ebi Egbe Njui Julius, who led the group for 1 year, 4 months (January 2014 to May 2015).
2. The highly esteemed, virtuous and emblematic Sister Azinwi Gillian Neba, first and only ever officially elected female President of CYF Molyko, who in her capacity as Vice

President/Girls' Representative from 2014 was acting President from May 2015 to 18 June 2015 when she formally assumed the post of President through by-elections, and was President for 1 year, from June 2015 to June 2016.

3. The soft but stern and uncompromising Sis. Enene Bike Eyambe alias Mama, who, having been voted alongside Sis. Gillian as her Vice, sat in as acting President in the former's inevitable absence for almost five months, from mid-June to November 3, 2016, when she was maintained in her Vice President post, through another by-election.
4. The man who goes slowly but arrives surely, takes life easy and believes in creating an atmosphere of free expression for all, Bro. Michael Asafor Che, incumbent, outgoing and longest-serving President of the 2014-2019 mandate, whose strong bond with the "Mama" of the group has earned him the name "Papa". Bro. Asafor has been presiding over the group for close to two and a half years, since being elected through by-elections on Thursday, 03 November 2016 to fill the leadership gap left by Sis. Azinwi Gillian which was being managed by Sis. Enene Bike.

## **FINANCE**

From 2014, we were doing financially well until the escalation of the Anglophone problem in late 2016 which brought about the displacement of many members and the general cry of hardship by the few who stayed backed. Our financial standing now is not very satisfactory but we are picking up gradually.

## **ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Activities for spiritual growth and development included Bible studies during rally and come-together periods, teachings and meditations during group meetings and other activities, all-night prayers and other sessions held in prayer cells carved out according to neighbourhoods, annual retreats and fasting to open and end the year, to prepare for exams, major group activities and other purposes.

It has also been a tradition throughout this mandate, for the group to operate with an annual theme, which serves to remind members of the vision of the group for each year, so as to keep them conscious, focused and passionate in working together towards taking the group a step higher. 2019 is baptised "My Year of Increase in Divine Fruitfulness" (2 Peter 1:5-8).

In relation to the above, the group hosted as well as carried out a series of evangelistic, familiarisation and fellowship visits. CYF Molyko visited CYF Cité de la Paix – Douala in November 2016 and CYF Kumba Mbeng in July 2017. Still in July 2017, the group embarked on a five-day evangelistic tour to the North West Region, arguably the biggest and best outing in the group's history, the first two days of which were dedicated to visits to some selected PCC Christians as well as elite such as the National President of the Social Democratic Front (SDF), Mr. Ni John Fru Ndi, former Prime Minister Mr. Simon Achidi Achu, among others. The last three days were dedicated to CYF/PCC Manda – Nkwen, Bamenda, with one of the major highlights being a visit to the Paramount Fon of Nkwen. In March 2016, we hosted CYF Fiango Central – Kumba as they came to return a visit paid them in 2008. CYF Cité de la Paix returned our visit in April 2017. Courtesy calls to the congregants, patrons and patronesses and other affiliates of our hosts, musical concerts and

presentations staged during such visits, sporting activities with our hosts among other activities offered us veritable evangelistic avenues and also gave the group a good public image, as our performances especially musical were top-class and left lasting impressions.

CYF Molyko also paid an exchange visit to one of her baby groups, CYF Lysoka, in 2016, during which we shared experiences and ideas to help our both groups become better, and also encouraged, advised and made physical gestures to help alleviate some of their problems.

Our Brothers' and Sisters' Corners have also visited and hosted visits by corners of other CYF groups from within and without our Zone.

Relatively, we undertook caroling visits in December when it was convenient, and shared good tidings of the season with our patrons and patronesses, members of the Congregation and the society, through music, preaching, prayer, human investment and other actions. On one of such instances, we made a stop at the royal palace of the second class-chief of Molyko in 2014. We also attended upon invitation, the lighting of the Christmas tree at the Buea Council esplanade in 2016.

Sports was another important tool for evangelisation and fellowship. In this regard, throughout this mandate, we had friendly encounters with many groupings, some of which include C.Y.F groups like Great Soppo, Muea, Bomaka, Buea Station and Synod Office; Full Gospel youths of Buea 1 district, the Buea branches of the Mankon Students Association (MASA), Nso All Students Union (NASU), Moghamo Students Union (MOSU), University of Buea Presbyterian Singers (UBPRES) and the Christian Men Fellowship (C.M.F) Molyko. The bond with other groups of our Zone (CYF Buea East) has also been strengthened through our participation in Zonal sports competitions in 2014 and 2015, on which occasions CYF Molyko performed wonderfully and won almost all individual and collective accolades.

One unforgettable exploit of CYF Molyko during this period was winning the 2015 edition of the Brasseries du Cameroun "Nöel pour tous" (Christmas for All) annual competition for the South West Region, in the music category, grabbing a cash prize of 250,000frs and a trophy.

In terms of relationships, from 2019 till date, we have enjoyed excellent ties among ourselves and with other persons, always standing by one another both in good times and in bad times.

Though we have had some little misunderstandings once in a blue moon, which is just part of human nature, we generally enjoyed cordial relations with the Session, our youth elders and the PCC Molyko as a whole. We have always proven to be young and serviceable, very available, useful and active in the Congregation, both in assigned and unassigned work and activities, meeting our target for fundraising, harvest thanksgiving and other aspects almost always. We have equally always thrilled the Congregation with activities such as music, traditional dance, Bible drill, drama and other activities in church services and on special events such as Children and Youth Sunday, Presbyterian Church Day, Good Friday, among others. Our patrons, patronesses, alumni and other lovers and supporters of the group are not left out as we have constantly kept the connection with them through various means both online and offline. Hardly would there be any CYF Molyko without her song composers, as good and classical music is one of the major trademarks of the group. We have always

maintained good relations with them, quickly resolving any conflicts that arose, and on several occasions, motivated them financially and otherwise. Some of the persons in the categories above have received thank-you gifts, letters and certificates of recognition from us.

We have also had a good relationship with the Sunday School and YP and have always done our best to improve on their wellbeing knowing that they will succeed us in the near future. This we did by assisting the Sunday School teachers and YP Leaders during their Sunday and weekly sessions with the children. We always supported them morally, spiritually, materially and financially when the need arose, as well as involved them in some of our activities.

We have never failed to take very good care of our baby groups CYF Bokwai and Lysoka.

We have always had a good relationship with the Zone, the Presbytery, regional and national youth offices because we try our best to take part in all activities at these different levels and endeavour to pay all our dues. It is worthy to note that CYF Molyko is among a handful of groups that were represented in regional leadership courses organised from 2017 to 2018. The above organisations hold us in high esteem for our prowess. This accounts for CYF Molyko being one of the few groups visited by the South West Regional Youth Pastor, Rev. Bah Pius Inobuh in 2018 and also invited to his induction into that office the same year. The group has also always been among few groups of Fako North Presbytery invited for PCC peace building conferences and other forums.

We also have a good public image and cordial relations with the public, other C.Y.F and social groups, and other Christian groups and denominations, especially the Baptist, Apostolic and Roman Catholic Churches, and the Bethel Atlanta School of Ministry, who from time to time have invited us to participate in their activities, especially musical concerts, evangelistic outreach programmes and seminars, and we in turn involved them in our events when we could. Among ourselves, we tightened bonds not only through evangelism and the basic CYF activities, but also through social discussions and leisure activities such as excursions, end-of-year parties and exchange of gifts. While the Brothers and Sisters Corners seek to address burning social issues in the various corners, we also organised joint corners, where members discussed common gender issues affecting them and worked on any aspects that may stand in the way of the two sexes co-existing conveniently in the group. We have equally used digital technology and online platforms such as WhatsApp and Facebook to better our interactions. We also issue certificates of acknowledgement to our members when they graduate from higher learning or are leaving the group, to appreciate them for good academic performance and their contribution to the group, and also send off in a symbolic way exiting executives.

CYF Molyko throughout the 2014-2019 mandate has had a positive track record in rallies and come-togethers. Our glory was tainted only in the 2014 rally whereby we emerged 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Zone and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Presbytery. But the group quickly got back to winning ways, emerging champions in the Presbytery come-together of that same year, and has since remained at the top of the Zone and the Presbytery in all rallies and come-togethers. The group has also been thriving nationally. CYF Molyko emerged national 14<sup>th</sup> in 2016 which was the first year of national ranking and awards. The group upgraded to 5<sup>th</sup> in 2017, being Regional 1<sup>st</sup> for the South West. In 2018, the group narrowly missed the national 1<sup>st</sup> position

by a 0.2-mark margin, emerging 2<sup>nd</sup> and maintaining its Regional 1<sup>st</sup> position. The 2018 rally recorded the highest attendance of all CYF Molyko outings in the mandate – about 120 members.

As one of our greatest achievements, we have recorded tremendous growth and breakthrough spiritually, socially, financially and numerically. Numerical increase has been witnessed in the constant inflow of new members into the group and the stepping up every year of the number of members admitted and dedicated, with the highest being the 29-member “Batch of Emergence, Anointing and Grace” of June 2018. Quite a number of Young Presbyterians have been promoted and admitted into the group and a few CYF members ascended to the other Movements and choirs during dedications in this mandate.

We have succeeded to mould and develop our members in all dimensions especially in the areas of music, sports, leadership, academics and entrepreneurship, and many hidden and unknown talents have been discovered, as we constantly have theoretical and practical lessons on the above mentioned areas. Officiating roles in meetings and other duties are rotatory, while the lists of standing committees are also revised annually to increase members’ chances to take up specific responsibilities. We have also been having internal sports and music competitions annually, whereby we split the group into subgroups to go head-to-head and collective and individual prizes are awarded at the end. Yearly music seminars are also a common phenomenon in the group. Also as a way of keeping members spiritually and socially balanced, special Scripture-based seminars were organised on varied subjects, which were open to the Congregation and the public, the most recent being on “Love, Relationships and Marriage”, held in May 2018. CYF Molyko also encourages individual talent, commitment and exploits by handing out annual awards of recognition to members both in the form of certificates and cash, for being outstanding and instrumental to the group in one area or the other. This has been done thrice, in 2013, 2017 and most recently in 2018, which focused on members who distinguished themselves academically at all levels, courtesy of the Employment and Education Committee.

We also organised Brothers’ and Sisters’ Days, forums where each of these strata of the group exchanged and shared ideas and knowledge with and exhibited talents through the display of diverse educative and fun-filled activities to invited youths, that can enable them valorise their youthfulness, maximise their potential and become more useful to God and the society. The lone Brothers Day was held in 2014 and Sisters Days in 2014 and 2016.

Throughout 2014 to 2019, we have had members represented in almost all spheres of life as some gained entrance into the Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PTS) (above 10 members in the past five years, some currently serving as pastors), over 10 members have travelled abroad, several have gotten married, with two couples emerging from the group, some have put to birth, some have gained temporary and permanent employment, others promotions at their work places and others further studies, while many succeeded in different public exams and graduated from various levels of education.

We carried out an amendment of our by-laws in 2015, to make them more adaptable to and suitable for the group, with the EXCO having adopted their own by-laws in 2014.

Considered as the group's major and groundbreaking project for the 2014-2019 mandate, is the realisation in 2016/2017 of the group's Volume 3 music album (DVD video) titled "Let's Left Our Voices in Praise" which has helped to win more souls for Christ, raised funds for the group, showcased CYF Molyko's musical prowess and sold the group's image.

The group started and is running a chairs rental project since November 2017, with prospects to increase the number of chairs from 218 to at least 500, and add to them canopies and a musical set.

In 2017, we also acquired a printer to facilitate group documentation and save expenditure.

In relation, the group adopted an MTN Mobile Money business, which would see the light of day in the near future, with a group magazine project also under examination.

The group developed and launched a website in January 2019, which is currently operational, with the web address [www.cyfmolyko.com](http://www.cyfmolyko.com). This, in addition to the group's Facebook, YouTube and G-mail accounts would go a long way to sell the group's image to and improve on her relations with the world, render her business activities more productive, and most importantly serve as a tool for evangelism. The Brothers' and Sisters' Corners also have Facebook pages of their own.

## **CHALLENGES FACED BY THE GROUP**

Members face a lot of difficulties in meeting up with their financial obligations as most of them are students and are not employed, and this has made our financial status to drop, hence difficulty in financing some activities and projects.

The group's programme has suffered several interruptions with some activities completely punctured, as a result of the Anglophone crisis, which has also led to fluctuations and regression in enrolment as many members have been displaced.

The leadership of the group has also been affected as most EXCO members have migrated thereby leaving the group with lots of vacant positions or co-opted members acting on their behalf, especially within the last quarter of 2018. The dominantly student nature of the group has always rendered it more of seasonal when students go on holiday and the group finds itself waning when many members graduate from school and leave, necessitating many by-elections, especially given that there are hardly any executives who can exhaust the five-year term of office stipulated by the Church. All these create an unstable situation that slows administration and makes follow-up of projects and activities difficult.

Some EXCO members did not take their duties seriously and rather recorded several momentary laxities in the course of their services, especially within the past one year.

There have been difficulties in blending sociality and spirituality in the group up to a point where some members see that sociality has overtaken spirituality.

Some members use CYF Molyko's name but step out of their houses for different purposes.

It has been noticed that some members fail to control their anger and have failed to take logical or rational decisions. In the same light, gross indiscipline has also been observed.

We have also noticed poor handling and management of group property by members, especially executives, leading to frequent and costly misplacements and damages.

Our joy is not complete as we have achieved everything except emerging national champions of the Christian Youth Fellowship. Even the National, Regional and Presbytery awards due to us on account of the 2018 rally are yet to be handed to us, though it is already more than one year after the rally and another rally has passed - a situation no one dares to explain to us.

On the very dark side of life, pangs of sorrow found CYF Molyko in 2017, as death came knocking. The group lost two members, namely Late Sis. Mbonda Bertha on April 14 (Good Friday) and Late Bro. Agborsangaya Maurice Nkongho on October 28. The group also lost one of her very loving, committed and supportive patronesses, Late Mrs. Rebecca Ashu on 01 September 2018. We cannot forget the departure in 2018 of the Late Chief David Molinge, second-class chief of Muea, who had generously offered us the premises of his royal palace at no cost, as one of the locations for the video shooting of our music album in 2016. MINUTE OF SILENCE..... May their gentle souls rest in perfect peace in the bosom of the Almighty.

### **APPLIED AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS**

The Education and Employment Committee orientates members on the importance of entrepreneurship, helps members to secure jobs, and sensitises them not only on how to get good school grades, but also encourages them to start up small businesses no matter how little their capital. The group also engages in bob – a – jobs, contract of cleaning of our church house, sale of music CDs, rental of chairs and other sources of income. Our patrons, patronesses and other persons have also been financially supportive. All these have helped members to overcome financial constraints and improved on the group's financial status.

Members, especially executives, should be objective and devoted in their respective responsibilities and their social lives should not influence their service in the house of God. They should moderate the way they socialise in and out of the group and endeavour to be very spiritual and exemplary at all times, so as to shine the light of Christ in this dark world.

Executive members should have working guidelines in all their activities in order to guarantee success and minimise laxity in their various departments, and handle and manage group property more judiciously and constructively and urge other members to do same.

Members should be responsible and truthful in order not to find themselves in regrettable situations. In line with this, discipline would have to be greatly reinforced in the group.

### **CONCLUSION**

Throughout these past five years, the Lord has been so faithful to CYF Molyko, doing exceedingly and abundantly above all our requests and thoughts (Ephesians 3:20). We envisage a group that will achieve greater exploits for Jesus Christ. God bless CYF Molyko!!

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