**Cabinet as at 2016**

**Most Senior Apostle Dr. Joshua E.E.O. Osasuyi, JP, MFR**

***Spiritual Leader / General Overseer / Chairman Church Council***

He is in charge of:

1. Establishment
2. Promotion and Posting
3. Administration
4. Executive Producer – Chosen Television
5. President Christ’s disciples seminary
6. Proprietor Christ’s chosen group of schools.

**Senior Apostle Dr. David E . O Unuefe-Ikhuiwu, JP, AFP**

***1st Vice-Chairman, Church Council***

1. Chairman, Disciplinary Committee
2. Director of Administration
3. Welfare

**Senior Apostle Dr. Jonathan F.O. Onaghise, JP, AFP**

***2nd Vice Chairman, Church Council***

***Director of Land and Housing***

1. Land Purchase
2. Rent

**Apostle Dr. A. C. Irabor**

***Director of Doctrine & Utility***

**Apostle Dr. Pius Igberaese, AFP**

***Director of Evangelism***

**Apostle Dr. Silva Victor Imagbe**

***Director of Finance***

**Apostle Dr. John E. Okike, JP**

***Secretary-General / Secretary to Church Council***

1. National Youth Minister
2. Telephones

**Apostle Dr. Nosa .G. Atoe, JP, AFP**

***Public Relations officer***

***Special Assistant to the Spiritual Leader on Protocol.***

1. Executive Director Christ’s Disciples Seminary
2. National youth adviser I

**Apostle Dr. Joseph .W. Okpani**

***Press Manager***

1. Secretary to the Apostles' Team

**Apostle Goddey .O. Okeranlen, ACIA, AFP**

***P.A to the Spiritual Leader / General Overseer***

1. Special Assistant to the Spiritual Leader on Media Matters
2. National youth Adviser II

**Councilor Barr Sunday .G. Omovie**

***Director of Legal / Security Matters***

1. Legal Adviser to the Spiritual Leader

**Elder Samson Aisien**

***Head, TV Ministry***

1. Producer Chosen Television

**Seminary | Christ's Chosen Church of God International**

**CHRIST'S DISCIPLES' SEMINARY**

Christ's Disciples' Seminary is a Theological Institute established by God Himself just as He (the Lord) did established the church (Christ's Chosen Church of God) with a particular focus. The church that gave birth to the school is Apostolic and Pentecostal in nature and cell. Her commission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature all over the world and teach them to observe all that Jesus had taught and to make them carry out the responsibility of evangelizing the world. The seminary thus has the golden commission:

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28: 19 – 20.

**A BRIEF HISTORY**

The seminary is as old as the church that gave birth to her, except that at the beginning the training was mainly informal with the students moving along with their itinerant master, the founder of the church, in the course of fulfilling the great commission given by Jesus Christ.

Today, the seminary has evolved and come to be organized into a formal institution of training Gospel-Teachers, Pastors, Evangelist, Apostles, and other church administrators according to how each person is called and gifted by the Holy Ghost.

**THE VISION**

Bearing in mind the motto of this seminary i.e. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," the student Pastors are trained to have the vision of going into every nook and cranny of the world to save souls for Christ wherever they are sent. The vision is to depopulate the Kingdom of Satan while the kingdom of God is populated. To achieve this objective of saving people from the hand of Satan, the students are trained to:

1. Be well grounded in the world of God.
2. Be great men of prayers.
3. Be men of God who can fast effectively anytime the occasion demands. This is to make them be spiritually strong.
4. Be men of God both in words and actions.

**ADMINISTRATION**

The Rector presides over the faculty matters of the seminary. The Registrar Serves as Chief Administrative Officer of the school, while the house Master / Deputy Registrar is the Students’ Affair Officer. The Executive Director of the seminary represents the interest of the President of the Seminary, setting the academic and moral tone of the institution. He is the chairman of the Board.

1. The students are given a code – of – conduct and daily routine, which serve as guidelines on students' behavior and daily activities. This is because the seminary operates a boarding system. This is to make for training in self – discipline.

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

However, the students as occasion warrants are expected to pay school fees which ae reviewed.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

* The first and most important requirement is the CALL OF GOD. The church, which owns and runs the seminary, is a Pentecostal evangelical church. Any would-be-minister therefore must be sure the he is definitely called by God into the ministry. He must be convinced beyond doubt through personal revelations that he will be a ready vessel of honour for God after his training. It is difficult, in fact impossible, for anyone who cannot swim to save a drowning person. Therefore he must first be born again. Others who need training in theology and may not want to be ministers may also apply.
* Academic Requirement: - Course are taken at college level. Therefore a minimum of five (5) credits at S.S.C.E. / G.C.E. Ordinary Level (O/L) or its equivalent is necessary for a student to benefit from class work. Only holders of BSc/BA or their equivalents are qualified to be admitted. However, school certificate holders who are children renowned ministers may be admitted.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE**

There is a class attendance register. Any student found to have scored less than eighty –percent (80%) attendance in class work may not be allowed to graduate at the end of the course with his mates.

**PRACTICAL AND FIELD TRAINING**

1. Internally, the Cathedral station or any other one chosen by the school authorities serves as a practicing part in the services where their masters observe and correct them where necessary during class time. Also within class work period the students conduct chapel service where they receive a critical watch from their masters.
2. At least two times a week students go out for house-to-house evangelism for practice soul winning exercises.
3. Also for a period of two or three months in the year, students move out of the seminary town to conduct practical evangelism.
4. They also go out with the church's revival units under supervision.

However no students is allowed to go out at will without due permission by the school authorities.

**DURATION OF THE COURSE**

The course last normally for two years. Initially students study in the class for two full years and go out for practical and return to the class occasionally as it is. He himself has been saved and knows how to set about saving others from their sins;

1. He has received "the key of St. Peter" – the keys of setting people free and binding Satan – (Matthew 16: 15–19).
2. He knows his area of call and is working devotedly with all his heart, mind, soul and strength to achieve the purpose of his calling.

**CERTIFICATION**

At the end of the course, students are awarded a DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY.

## History | Christ's Chosen Church of God International

The history of Christ's Chosen Church of God international holds great teachings and testimony for any believer who understands the steadfastness, uprightness, and uncompromising nature of God. The history of the church shows the awesomeness and the mighty working power of the Holy Spirit.

The church was born with the name, "St. Joseph Apostolic" into a Nigeria world in which the people's struggle was mainly political and against colonial rule. Nigeria was forming and the organizing political scene was filled with negotiation both at home for party supremacy and in Britain for national recovery, alongside this struggle, the conventional churches also had this struggle largely about their character, their method and rituals.

Converts came to the church not only from the cracks on the conventional churches, but also from the strongholds of worshippers in the heathen environs. More and more homes were getting disillusioned with idol worshipping and were increasingly finding solace in the lord Jesus. In a short time, St. Joseph's Apostolic Church spread branches all over Bendel (then part of We stem Region of Nigeria).

The leader of this new church was Joseph Ikechukwu Anyanwu, known more by his faithful as, "the Elect of God" He soon dropped 'Anyanwu' from his name and retained his first name because, according to him, it was Joseph Ikechukwu that God called, not Anyanwu. He was a man of exceptional ability.

Ajagbodudu in Sapele area of old Bendel State, ( now Delta State) was where the earliest root of the church was planted. It was the village where Joseph Ikechukwu was called in 1949 from his daily labour in palm oil production to the vineyard of God.

The rules and Conducts of St. Joseph's Chosen church of God was presented In 1964 as the constitution of the church

By 1967 the ministers of God in the Service of the church had increased greatly. The classifications only seek to highlight the trends in the church's career plan. The ministers in the active service, who benefited from this plan and survived the founding rigors of the time, rose to be the ones blessed with leadership positions in later years.

The years of Ikechukwu ascendancy, ending in 1967, were the glorious years in the history of St. Joseph's Chosen Church Of God. Thereafter, it faced a withered state, a parting of the ways, then a metamorphosis upon which Christ's Chosen Church of God became a rejuvenation.

Apostle Joseph Ikechukwu however succumbed to the tempting of the Devil during the period of the Nigeria Civil War of 1966 – 1969. In order not to mislead the flock of Christ by strange and ungodly doctrine of polygamy, the Church hierarchy was force into a prolonged legal battle with Ikechukwu. The name Christ's Chosen Church of God International was the divine product of the legal Victory.

Meanwhile, after the 1970 excommunication order on Ikechukwu and through the directive of the Holy Spirit, a new leader was chosen for the church and appointed Apostle in 1971. The man Samuel Eriamiatoe Agbonifo who took over rule until 1992 when he joined the saint Triumphant. Technically & legally speaking, Samuel Agbonifo thus became the founding Spiritual leader of Christ's Chosen Church of God International. As spiritual Leader, he governed the church as chairman, church council with councilors who were very vibrant and robust. The man, most Snr. Apostle Samuel Agbonifo was a well-traveled missionary who took the church for the first time to Asia and Europe.

From 1993 to 1st May, 2003, another technocrat, by the name Joseph Omosefe Eguasa ruled the church. As leader of the church, he was known and addressed as 'His Grace Most Snr. Apostle Prof. Joseph Omosefe Eguasa, JP Spiritual leader and Chairman church Council. In his time, the church expanded nationwide and internationally, opening an Apostolate in Canada and more than 300 branches in Nigeria. As part of his work, he opened six schools, Nursery, Primary and secondary known as Christ's Chosen Group of Schools, three in 1997 and the other three in 2000.

Building on the vision of Apostle Agbonifo who had given the church a big Cathedral, Apostle Egusa purchased a large expanse of land adjoining the cathedral complex and subsequently did the foundation laying in the year 2002 for an ultra-modern 60,000 seater auditorium. He was 86 years when he completed his work on the 1st of May 2003, His Grace Most Snr. Apostle Prof. Peter Osagiede JP., Apostle Eguasa's deputy, took over officially August 2003 as spiritual leader and chairman church council. His period witnessed the growth in the overseas apostolate, a revival in the youth and women fellowships of the church and the commencement of construction work in the auditorium project started by Apostle Eguasa. A well – traveled missionary, Apostle Osagiede died at the age of 67 years on the 24th of June, 2007.

As God will have it Most Snr Apostle Dr Joshua Edenabuohien Osemwegie Osasuyi JP MFR at the age of 71 took over as Spiritual Leader / General Overseer and Chairman Church Council on Saturday, 1st September 2007. As part of his reform agenda, the title "His Grace" used by previous Spiritual Leaders was scrapped. Also, the widows of all the previous spiritual leaders who should have received their pay for five years are now on the pay roll of the church for life.

Today, the church has an imposing Global Office built and commissioned by this great man of God at one international headquarters in Km 8 Benin Agbor Road, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.

Apostle Osasuyi has also built a magnificent axis at Abuja for the Christ’s Chosen Group of Schools at Gwaripa in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).