

The Resolutions of the Third Session of the First Synod and
Third Women Conference of the Missionary Diocese of the Trinity from
Thursday July 16 to Sunday July 19, 2015 at the
Anglican Cathedral Church of the Resurrection (ACCR), Indianapolis.

1. Synod is grateful to the Almighty God for His love and compassion, and for His provision and sustenance. God has been truly faithful and shown His mercy on the Missionary Diocese of the Trinity.
2. Synod acknowledges with gratitude the goodwill messages from The Most Revd. Nicholas Okoh, Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion (CONAC), The Most Revd. Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), and other Church dignitaries from the ACNA and CONAC. *All goodwill messages are published in "The Bishop's Charge."*
3. Synod acknowledges with gratitude the presence and active participation by the ministration of The Rt. Revd. D.K. Bello, Diocese of Otukpo; The Rt. Revd. Dr. Sam Ezeofor, Diocese of Ogbaru; The Rt. Revd. Roger and Mrs. Gretse Ames, Diocese of the Great Lakes; The Rt. Revd. Dr. Cyril and Mrs. Ufuoma Odutemi, Diocese of Ughelli; The Ven. Abel and Mrs. Esther Ajibodu representing The Rt. Revd. Dr. Olusola Odedeji, Diocese of Lagos West; as well as The Rev. Dr. Winfield Bevins and Dr. Russel W. West, scholars from Asbury Seminary, Wilmore Kentucky. The synod equally appreciates and welcomes the presence of The Rt. Revd Julian Dobbs; The Rt. Rev. Joseph and Mrs. G. O. Olushola; Mrs. Caroline Adebisi (Mama Lagos West, retired); and the MDT Chancellor, Barrister Muyiwa Sobo, who travelled from Nigeria to attend the synod. In addition, synod recognizes and appreciates the tremendous support and encouragement by the active participation of Mama Olufunmilayo Odunaiya and Mrs. Chioma Aneke in the women conference and clergy wives retreat.
4. Synod appreciates all the support and encouragement received from the leadership of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Synod is grateful to The Most. Revd. Dr. Foley Beach.
5. Synod accepts the theme "Enemies of the Cross" (Philippians 3:18) as an understandable and well-timed divine instruction given to the leaders of the Missionary Diocese of the Trinity as well as to all who lead the Church of God

worldwide. Synod, therefore calls on all ministers of the Gospel to be faithful friends of the cross and to actively engage the enemies of the cross by Biblical teaching and living.

6. We recommend that members of MDT and all friends of the cross should now embark on aggressive and pragmatic evangelism and preaching of the undiluted Word of God in order to populate the Kingdom of God and depopulate the fold of the enemies of the cross.
7. Synod recommends that all members of MDT should be encouraged to be committed to personal devotion, to establish family altars and be seriously engaged in individual and corporate Bible study. To encourage corporate Bible study and as a means of outreach, synod recommends that all parishes should establish house fellowships.
8. Members of the Diocese should be encouraged to be conversant with the laws of the land and their “rights” in face of the law. They should however endeavor to stick with the scriptures in situations where the laws seem to run contrary to the tenants of our faith.
9. Synod condemns the violence in the world including the activities of Boko Haram, ISIS, and other terrorist groups in the world.
10. Synod condoles the families of people who lost their lives in the shooting at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC and others who have lost their lives due to violence.
11. Synod notes the successful completion of the first clergy school and clergy wives retreat that preceded the synod wherein the need for every clergy to be an evangelist was underscored. Synod reiterates its earlier resolution to continue to organize this event annually.
12. Synod accepts and recognizes the Trinity Youth Movement (TYM) as the youth organization of the MDT and that every church in the diocese will establish their branch of the TYM. Synod supports the efforts of the TYM as it organizes its first convention from July 30 to August 3, at All Saints Anglican Church, Hyattsville MD.

13. Synod discourages the formation of churches along tribal lines.
14. Synod recognizes that for the purpose of evangelism, lay mobilization and training are essential. Synod recommends that priests should be able to discern the gifts and talents in their parishioners and assign responsibilities to them and also encourage them to work for God.
15. Synod accepts and applauds the **MDT 100**, an initiative and vision of the Diocesan and Mama MDT to have one hundred churches and one hundred clergy in MDT before the end of their episcopate, and to work hard to making MDT become financially self reliant and sufficient.
16. Synod welcomes wholeheartedly the third Women Conference held in conjunction with the synod and accepts the following resolutions:
 - a. Women of MDT resolve to follow the injunction of God in all their dealings, especially as related to marriage and the upbringing of our children in a godly way by setting up family altars in their homes.
 - b. MDT women resolve to preach Christ both by word, deed, and in our manner of dressing, in all places at all times without breaking the law of the land. The women agree that house fellowships can be an effective method of the outreach and that they should be established by all parishes.
 - c. The women resolve to be determined to weaken the enemies of the cross by intensive prayers. They urge those in the mission field and in institutions to establish online prayer in addition to the monthly diocesan prayer teleconference.
 - d. The women resolve to pursue their goal and objectives to mentor and be mentored, both in their relationships with women and with children, by improving their participation in the diocesan women's programs, and by establishing the Trinity Boys and Girls Guild in all the parishes in MDT.
17. Synod resolves that the Second Synod and Women's Conference will be moved from the Cathedral. In this regard, the First Session of the Second Synod and fourth Women's Conference will be hosted by the Archdeaconry of the Mid-Atlantic at All Saints Anglican Church, Hyattsville MD from July 14-July 17, 2016; the Second Session of the Second Synod and Fifth Women Conference will be hosted by the Archdeaconry of the North-East, to be held at a determined location within the Archdeaconry from July 13-July 16, 2017 and the Third Session of the Second Synod

and Sixth Women's Conference will be hosted by the Archdeaconry of Canada, from July 19-22, 2018 – location to be determined.

Signed:

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