## THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SYNOD AND 4<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN CONFERENCE OF THE MISSIONARY DIOCESE OF THE TRINITY FROM THURSDAY JULY 14 TO SUNDAY JULY 17, 2016 AT THE ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, HYATTSVILLE MARYLAND (USA).

- Synod is most 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 welcomes wholeheartedly the 4th Women Conference held in conjunction with the synod
- 3. Synod and Women Conference is encouraged as it 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 Rev. Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop and Primate, Anglican Church in North America; The Most Rev. M.O. Akinyemi, Diocesan Bishop of Igbomina Diocese and Archbishop of Kwara Province; The Most Rev. "Segun Okubadejo, Diocesan Bishop of Ibadan North and Archbishop of Ibadan Province; The Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Adebiyi, retired Bishop of Lagos West Diocese; Bishop Win and Mama Micki Mott, Bishop Eric and Mama Florence Menees, The Diocese of San Joaquin; Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III and Mama Katherine Ruch, Anglican Diocese of the Upper Mid-West; The Most Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Akanya, Archbishop, Kaduna Province, Bishop of Kebbi Diocese; The Most Rev. Robert Wm. Duncan, Bishop Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh; The Right Rev. Michael A. Oluwarohunbi, Diocesan Bishop Diocese of Yewa; The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, Bishop Suffragan Diocese of the Central States; Bishop Frank Lyons, Assisting Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South; and Mrs. Shawnee Lyons, Missionary and Bible teacher; The Rt. Rev. William C. Wantland, Assisting Bishop of Fort Worth; Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, Apostolic Enunciator, United States of America; Kabiyesi HRH Oba Dr. Julius Oluwole Adetimehin-Jegun Olu Ekun of IleOluji, The Ven. Yemi Adewakun (Retired), Ile-Oluji Nigeria.

- 4. Synod and Women Conference is grateful for the presence of the bishops and priests who honored and actively participated in the 1st Session of the 2nd Synod, and 4th Women Conference including, The Rt. Rev. (Dr.) Sam Ezeofor of Ogbaru Diocese, The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Olusola of Ijesa North Diocese, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel & Mama Chinyere Oko-Jaja of the Niger Delta West, and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Williams & Mrs. (Engr) Catherine Aladekugbe of the Oyo Diocese, Church of Nigeria. Mama. Temitope Bello (Mama Otukpo) wife of The Rt. Revd. David Bello, and The Ven. & Mrs. Ebenezer Adewole representing the Bishop of the Diocese of Lagos West, Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion.
- 5. Synod & Women Conference is grateful as it acknowledges the guest preacher at the Opening Service of Holy Eucharist, The Rt. Revd David Hicks, Diocesan Bishop of North East & Mid Atlantic Diocese; Bible study leader, The Rt. Revd Dr. Sam Ezeofor, Diocesan Bishop of Ogbaru Diocese; the Revivalist, The Rt. Revd Joseph Olusola of Ijesha North East Diocese; the conductor of morning worship services, The Ven. Ebenezer Adewole; and the guest preacher at the closing thanksgiving service, The Rt. Revd Dr. Emmanuel Oko-Jaja of Niger Delta West; and other resource persons and the presence of church dignitaries including members of the MDT Council of Knights, Mr. & Mrs. Femi Adesunloye-Akinroye, Mrs. Remi Ukwu, Mr. Famuyiwa Ola, and others.
- 6. Synod & Women Conference accepts the theme "Jesus Christ Himself, the Chief Cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20), and this connotes the Christian faith and race as a structurally arranged house with many bricks or stones that are laid and arranged on the cornerstone.
- 7. The Synod and Women Conference condemned the activities of the global terrorist organizations especially the ISIS and the rate of its growth in strength and military capacity and capability and recruitment strategies. The Boko Haram which is a terrorist group that is yet to be subdued in the Northern part of Nigeria; Al-Qaedar in Afghanistan and Maghreb, Al Shaba'ab in East Africa and other similar terrorist groups that have been carrying out violent attacks in different parts of the world
- 8. The Synod and Women Conference condemned the acquisition and development of weapons of mass destruction by some countries, which is a new trend across the world. That must be of concern to all around the world.

- 9. The Synod and Women Conference condemned gun violence, mass shootings, suicides and other violent crimes which have become plague especially in the United States of America
- 10. The Synod and Women Conference resolved that Christian Church must raise a loud voice to speak the mind of our Lord, Jesus Christ against racism, abortion and all forms of ungodly practices and the shameful and abuse of civil rights and blatant misuse of freedom
- 11. The Synod and Women Conference condemned the legalization of assisted suicide in Canada like we already have in Germany, Netherland, Switzerland and Belgium and in a few American States including Oregon and Vermont
- 12. The Synod and Women Conference condemned transgender bathroom legalization while we are still battling and struggling with the dilemmas and problems of homosexuality and same sex marriage
- 13. The Synod and Women Conference encouraged Christians to pray fervently to God to guide our choices for the next US President and elected offices in the 2016 USA general election
- 14. The Synod and Women Conference adopted a proposal for a change of name from Missionary Diocese of the Trinity to Anglican Diocese of the Trinity and amendments to the Canons and Constitution as earlier approved by the Diocesan Board.
- 15. The Synod and Women Conference embraced and prayed for the actualization of the vision MDT 100 along with the restructuring of the MDT by the creation of the Cathedral deanery, four new administrative / geographic archdeaconries and one faculty archdeaconry called, "The Cornerstone & Matthew 25" Ministry. The "Matthew 25" is a directive contained in the address of Archbishop Foley Beach at the recent ACNA Provincial to all Dioceses in ACNA.
- 16. The women and Women Conference were challenged by Mrs. Abike Fagbamiye (Mama MDT) in her Presidential address to the Women Conference to live a life that reflects and affirmed Jesus Christ as the Chief cornerstone of God's Temple.

- 17. Synod and Women Conference accepted the resolution from the MDT 4th women conference to renew their commitment and zeal for the work of the Lord by improving their participation in all Diocesan women programs as well as to challenge the clergy wives in Mission Centers and Educational Institution to form a formidable group in prayers and in the studying of the word of God
- 18. The women of MDT resolved to initiate the process of building the Bishop's court for the Diocese.
- 19. The Synod and Women Conference encouraged each church to put in more efforts in breaking down all cultural barriers and differences to make the church a true place of worship and safe harbor for all people.
- 20. The Synod and Women Conference approved appropriately the appointments by the diocesan and elections by the house of diocesan officials and delegates to CANA Council, ACNA Provincial Council and CONAC Standing and General Synod meetings / assemblies for the second synod in accordance with the Canons and Constitution of the Diocese.
- 21. Synod and Women Conference resolves that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Synod and 5<sup>th</sup> Women Conference will be hosted by the Missionary Archdeaconry of the Northeast at the Anglican Church of the Resurrection, Newark, New Jersey from July 13 July 16, 2017.
- 22. Synod and Women Conference moved a motion of thanks to appreciate and thank The Ven. Dr. Dokun & Mama Dupe Adewunmi, the clergy and clergy wives of All Saints Anglican Church Hyattsville and all people of the Missionary Archdeaconry of Mid Atlantic for their hospitality and general efforts for hosting the Synod and Women Conference.

The Revd Canon Yinka Eniade Synod Clerical Secretary

The Rt. Revd Amos Fagbamiye Bishop and President of Synod