

The Resolutions of the Second Session of the First Synod & Second Women
Conference of the Missionary Diocese of the Trinity from Thursday, July 17 to
Sunday July 20, 2014 at the Anglican Cathedral Church of the Resurrection (ACCR)

1. 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 in preserving us all to this moment.
2. Synod is encouraged as it acknowledges with gratitude the goodwill messages from The Most Revd Nicholas Okoh, Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion CONAC, The Most Revd Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in North America ACNA as well as his immediate predecessor, The Most Revd Robert Duncan, and other Church dignitaries from the ACNA and CONAC (all the goodwill messages are published in "The Charge."
3. Synod is grateful as it acknowledges the presence and active participation by the ministration of The Most Revd Edmond Akanya, (Archbishop of Kaduna Province and Bishop of Kebbi Diocese); The Rt. Revd. Dr. Olusegun Adeyemi (Bishop of Diocese of Kwara); The Rt. Revd. Alex Chibuzo Ibezim (Bishop of the Diocese of Awka); The Rt. Revd. Olusola Odedeji (Bishop of the Diocese of Lagos West); and The Rt. Revd. Alfred Nwaizuzu (retired Bishop of Diocese of Okigwe North). Synod equally recognizes with gratitude the tremendous support and encouragement by the active participation in the women conference of Mama Pricilla Akanya of Kaduna Province/Kaduna Diocese, Mama Grace Adeyemi of Kwara Diocese, Mama Janet Akinbola (formerly of Ekiti Diocese), Mama Lady Esther Nwaizuzu (formerly of Okigwe North Diocese) and Mrs. Adunola Akinyemiju, evangelist and Director-Association of Christian Schools International ACSI. The synod sincerely appreciates and welcomes the presence of the four Archdeacons from Lagos West: The Ven. Israel Owoyele (Festac Archdeaconry), The Ven. Christopher Ayejoto (Agege Archdeaconry) The Ven. Yemi Agbelusi (Opebi Archdeaconry) and The Ven. Abey Adeniji (The Administrative Assistant to the Bishop).
4. Synod appreciates all the support and encouragement received from the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) leadership. Synod is particularly grateful to the retired Archbishop Robert Duncan and welcomes the newly elected Archbishop, The Most Revd. Dr. Forley Beach. Synod is enthused by the conclave system by which the new Archbishop was selected.

5. Synod accepts the theme, "Feed My Sheep," (John 21:17), as an understandable, comprehensible 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 world-wide. Synod, therefore calls on all who are called to minister to the flock including the sheep and lamb of God everywhere to be faithful to this clarion call.
6. Synod condemns violence in the world including the activities of Boko Haram in Nigeria and other terrorist groups in the world. Synod also calls for the immediate release of the kidnapped girls in Chibok community.
7. Synod also condemns bi-sexual operations and views it as another dimension of rebellion against the clear will of God.
8. Synod condoles with the families of people who lost their lives in the missing Malaysian airplane, the Malaysian airplane that was shot down, and all other victims of natural disasters in any part of the world.
9. Synod identifies some of the challenges facing the clergy in the diocese and in a move to alleviate their fears especially for their future livelihood; the diocese is introducing a life insurance and retirement plan through the services of Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) for all interested serving clergymen in MDT.
10. Synod accepts the initiatives to partner with the Indiana Wesleyan University IWU and the establishment of the MDT School of Ministry at IWU for seminary education and theological studies of MDT clergy, lay ministers and postulants, in addition to the establishment of the Annual and Endowment scholarship.
11. Synod takes the issue of spiritual development of the clergy in MDT seriously and as very essential to the growth of the Diocese. Consequently Synod accepts to organize an annual clergy school from 2015.
12. Synod by unanimous vote passed a motion against the introduction of ordination to permanent diaconate at this time in the Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion and also in MDT.
13. Synod accepts and recognizes the Anglican Missionary Youth Movement AMYM as the youth organization of the MDT and that every Church in the Diocese will establish their branch of the AMYM. Synod approves that the first Saturday of every month is declared and designated AMYM day of fasting and a prayer-teleconference to be held at 8pm (central time). Synod

approves the election of Ms. Olufunke Akinrinsola and Mr. Bunmi Fagbemi as prayer coordinator and secretary respectively.

14. Synod welcomes whole heartedly the theme of the Women Conference “Come Labour On,” (Matthew 20: 4 & 7) and accepts the following resolutions with the primary objective to unlock the women potential for evangelism and expansion of MDT churches through spiritual growth and prayer ministry:
- a. Establish women’s Bible study and prayer cell groups in every parish
 - b. Set up family altars in the homes.
 - c. Establish welfare ministry in every parish as a means of reaching out to the needy through medical ministry, food distribution, or clothing closets
 - d. Establish a ministry for the children ages 2-12 in every parish in addition to Sunday school teaching and education. The group will be named and inaugurated by the Bishop at an appropriate time and place.
 - e. Organize separately an annual clergy wives’ retreat and an annual women retreat at diocesan and parish levels respectively from 2015.
 - f. MDT women are encouraged to be more faithful to witness for Christ and participate more actively especially in all diocesan women programs and meetings including the monthly diocesan women’s prayer meetings and teleconferences.
15. Synod resolves that the date for the third session of the first synod and third women conference is Thursday July 16 to Sunday, July 19, 2015 at the Anglican Cathedral Church of the Resurrection, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

Signed:

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