

SYNOD PRAYERS

(TO BE USED IN ALL CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE BEFORE SYNOD)

Almighty and Everlasting God our Heavenly Father, Who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the Blessed Apostles, and hast promise, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the World; we beseech Thee to be present with our Diocesan Synod about to be assembled in Thy Name. Save them from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice – and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe so to direct, govern and sanctify them in their deliberations by thy Holy Spirit; that through Thy blessing the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained and the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ enlarged and extended. Grant this we beseech Thee, through the merit and mediation of the same Jesus Christ or Lord.

AMEN.

(TO BE USED WHEN SYNOD IS IN SESSION)

Guide we beseech Thee, Almighty God, by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, the Councils of the Bishop, Clergy and Laity at this time assembled in Synod, that Thy Church may dwell in peace, grow in Grace and fulfill all the mind of Him who loved it and gave Himself for it, Thy son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

CITATION

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTH SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SEKONDI-TAKORADI – 2009

We, **John Kwamina Otoo**, By Divine Providence, Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi, to all Clerks in Holy Orders, Lay Officials and Representatives duly elected and who are lawfully entitled to sit in the Diocesan Synod.

GREETINGS

BE IT KNOWN UNTO YOU that the Sekondi-Takoradi Diocesan Synod is summoned to meet in its First Session of the Forth Synod. I DO HEREBY REQUIRE YOU TO assemble at the **Workers College, Takoradi on Friday, 28th August, 2009, at Nine O'clock** in the forenoon at which time and place we purpose, GOD willing, to call the Roll of Membership and to open the said Synod with supplication to the Almighty God that the Grace and Guidance of the Holy Spirit may be vouchsafed on our deliberations, and remain until the close of the session on **Saturday, 29th August, 2009 at 12 noon.**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Welcome Address
3. Bishop's Charge
4. Confirmation of previous Minutes
5. Diocesan Boards/Archdeaconry Reports
6. Clergy & Laity Houses Meetings
7. Receipts of House Reports for Discussion
8. Election of Diocesan Board Chairmen/Members
9. Any Other Business
10. Signing of ACTA
11. Closing and Adjourning of Synod

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HOUSE OF CLERGY MEETING:

- (i.) Election of Prolocutor
- (ii.) Election of 1 Clerical Member to serve on Board of Church Organisations (Law 11(b)(ii))
- (iii.) Election of 2 Clerical Members to serve on Standing Committee (Reg. 4(a)(i))
- (iv.) Election of 4 Clerical Members to serve on Bishop's Nominating Committee (Law 9(2)(b)).
- (v.) Discussions on Bishop's Charge, Diocesan Boards and Archdeaconry Reports.

HOUSE OF LAITY MEETING:

- (i) Election of Chairman
- (ii) Election of 1 Lay Member to serve on Board of Church Organisations (Law 11(b)(ii))
- (iii) Election of 5 Lay Members to serve on Standing Committee (Regulation 4(a)(i))
- (iv) Election of 4 Lay Members to serve on Bishop's Nominating Committee (Law 9(2)(b)).
- (v) Discussions on Bishop's Charge, Diocesan Boards and Archdeaconry Reports.

Given under our Hand and Seal this
Twelfth day of June in The Year of
Our Lord Two Thousand And Nine.

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(Rt. Rev'd. Col. John K. Otoo (Rtd.)
Bishop of Sekondi/Takoradi

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This Citation is to be read openly
at the time of Divine Service in
every Church and Chapel by the
Priest or Reader who minister in
the same on the First Sunday
convenient after the receipt thereof.