

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA
DANGME-TONGU PRESBYTERY
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Preamble: *“For we know that if the tent which is our earthly home is destroyed (dissolved), we have from God a building, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”.* (2 Corinthians 5:1. AMP)

We write this brief report at a time our presbytery is mourning our immediate past chairperson who died suddenly in active service. We have been devastated, but thank God we do not mourn as people without hope. We behold the heavens, knowing that those who die in the Lord are safe in God’s hands.

This brief report would feature issues on our presbytery, partnership, projects, activities, bereavement, induction, and conclusion.

The Presbytery: The Dangme Tongu Presbytery has 19 pastoral Districts found in three regions of Ghana; namely Eastern, Greater Accra and Volta. The districts are Asesewa, Ahomahomaso, Sekesua, Obawale, Nkurakan, Dodowa, Sra, Somanya, Odumase, Manyakpongunor, Kpong, Akuse, Great Ningo, Sege, Ada Foah, Big Ada, Mepe, Sokpoe and Sogakope. Our Presbytery with its head at Odumase Krobo has a total membership of 46,490.

The following are the leaders:

1. Rev. Abraham Djaba Okai, Chairperson.
2. Rev. Isaac Sackey Kwao, Clerk of Presbytery.
3. Mr. Stephen Yao Akafo, Lay Representative of the General Assembly Council.
4. Rev. Samuel Buenor Lawerteh, ESR Director.
5. Rev. Albert Addey, M&E Director.
6. Rev. Justice Narh, CLAN Director
7. Rev. Daniel Mawtsuoeni, DSS Director
8. Rev. Francis Adamasi, Director of Finance.
9. Mrs. Beatrice Asare, AHRM Director
10. Mr. Aaron Onyame, Education Director.

Partnership: Our partnership with the Presbytery of Milwaukee remains cordial. Over the years, the Milwaukee Presbytery supported projects at Jietrokope in the Big Ada District, Tenya in the Akuse District and Bukunor in the Nkurakan District. We are praying to have the partnership strengthened and expanded for mutual missionary benefits.

Activities: The Dangme-Tongu Presbytery is preparing to celebrate her 50th Anniversary in 2022. Carved out of the Ga-Adangbe Presbytery in 1972, the Dangme-Tongu Presbytery expanded over the years to measure up as one of the leading Presbyteries in the PCG. We have every cause to celebrate 50 solid years of fruitful missions.

Details of the celebration would be tabled later in the year.

Bereavements: The Dangme-Tongu Presbytery is mourning the demise of three ministers just within the third quarter of 2021. Rev. Samuel Atteh Odjelua, who passed on in the early hours of Friday 13th August 2021, Rev. D.D.N. Tetteh, on 13th August and Rev. Mark Asamoah Koranteng on 16th September.

The burial service for Rev. Odjelua would be on 20th November 2021, whilst that of Rev. Asamoah and Rev. Tetteh on 23rd October and 27th November respectively. We invite all to commiserate with us for a befitting burial rite for our chairperson and former national ESR Director, as well as the other ministers.

Induction Service: The Current Chairperson, Rev. Abraham Djaba Okai, who was elected at our 49th Presbytery Session would be officially inducted into office on Sunday 17th October 2021. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the PCG, Rt. Rev. Prof. J.O.Y. Mantey, would perform the rite. He would be ably assisted by Rev. Dr. Nii Noi Odonkor, the Clerk of the GA of the PCG. We have invited traditional leaders, political leaders and ecumenical partners to grace the occasion.

Please pray for a successful induction service.

Acknowledgement: We acknowledge the contributions of our Milwaukee counterparts to keep the partnership going, especially Elders Judy Jaggard, Rachel Yates and Kathrine Dummer, to mention a few.

We are also grateful to God for the GMN fraternity and the efforts of Elder Donna Camarata, and others, to strengthen and expand the Ghana USA mission collaboration.

Conclusion: The Presbytery is gradually coming out of the ramifications of the deadly Corona virus. We are hopeful that life returns to normalcy for us to serve the Lord with joy and gladness.

Blessings!

Rev. Abraham Djaba Okai

Chairperson

Rev. Isaac Sackey Kwao

Clerk