

PRISON MINISTRY OF GHANA REGIONAL RETREAT 2022: BOLGATANGA

Theme: “Revive us oh Lord, as it was in the beginning” (Psalms 85:6)

Venue: Roman Catholic Church Farmers’ Training Centre, Posei Namongo, Bolgatanga

Date: 16th – 17th September, 2022

Attendance: 21 members of the Ministry plus 10 others participated. It is noteworthy that membership comprised Roman Catholics (majority), Anglican, Presbyterians (PCG and EP), Baptists and other Evangelicals as well as Charismatics, a truly ecumenical gathering.

Key note address:

The keynote address was delivered by the Anglican Bishop of Tamale, Bishop Denis Tong, who also opted to become a member of the Ministry. This was a well-researched and carefully thought-out presentation on what is, and why, a revival is needed. He further gave advice on the way forward for the Ministry. This very important document is reproduced verbatim as Appendix “A”.

He pledged his Church’s active support and involvement in the affairs of the Ministry.

Branch report:

Attached as Appendix “B” is the report for 2019-2022.

Executive Director’s address: (Appendix “B”)

The first part gave a comprehensive outline of the Ministry’s activities since the last National Retreat at Abokobi in 2019. Current issues as well as future projections were shared for information and discussion.

The second part covered the now essential document on “The DOs and DONTs of prison ministry” prepared by Chaplain-General Canon Adama Okine (ADP) of the Prisons Service.

Ghana Prisons Service Regional Commander:

The Regional PRO read the Commander’s goodwill address. The Regional Chaplain of Ghana Prisons Service also led a praise and worship session.

Group Discussions:

The meeting broke into two groups to undertake in-depth study of the various reports and make recommendations there on. The reports on these discussions are set out in Appendix “C” also attached to this report.

ELECTION OF BRANCH EXECUTIVES:

Members elected new Branch Executives to steer their affairs for the next two (2) years as follows:

Chairman: Rev. Roger Wegurih

Vice chairman: Apostle Bayou Ernest

Secretary : Elder George Ankrah

Treasurer : Moot Ebenezer

Organizer : Addy Samuel Brown

Trustees:

i) Chaitey M. Meryi

ii) Evangelist Matthew Gumah

The Regional Executives and Trustees were inducted into office by the PCG District Minister for Navrongo, Rev. Collins Kumador.

Prayer Session:

Led by the Projects Coordinator of the Ministry, WO1 Eric Larweh, it focused on the activities and programmes of the Ministry as well as the welfare of the members, the inmates and the officers. Prayer was also made for the unification of all church prison ministries under the umbrella of the Prison Ministry of Ghana.

Closing: The Retreat closed at 14:40 hrs on 17-09-2022. It was agreed that the next regional retreat will be held two years hence.