



UP COMING EVENTS

- 15th-18th July, 2021
Clergy Spouses
Conference (Asante
Mampong)
- 8th-11th July, 2021
Mothers Union
Conference (Sunyani)
- 19th-22nd August, 2021
National Guild of the
Good Shepherd
Conference (Sunyani)



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Anglican Church *Gets* New Archbishop

The Anglican Bishop of Asante-Mampong, the Rt. Rev'd. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, was elected Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Ghana at a special meeting of the Internal Province of Ghana Synod on January 15, 2021, at the Cathedral Church of St Cyprian the Martyr.

He was chosen as the successor to the Most Rev'd. Dr Daniel Yinkah Sarfo, Bishop of Kumasi and Metropolitan Archbishop of Ghana, who retired on February 12, 2021.

Born on February 21, 1964, to Venerable Andrew Ben-Smith (former Anglican Priest) and Mrs Augustina Ben-Smith (both of blessed memory), Archbishop Dr Ben-Smith obtained Theological Education (Licentiate with Distinction) at the St Nicholas Anglican Seminary, Cape Coast—Ghana, 1985-1988.

He was ordained into the Diaconate St Cyprian Cathedral Church on December 18, 1988, by Rt Rev'd. Edmund Kojo Yeboah, then Anglican Bishop of Kumasi, and ordained into Priesthood on August 13, 1989, at St Justin's Anglican Church, Nkawie by Rt. Rev'd Edmund Kojo Yeboah, Anglican Bishop of Kumasi.

Ordination

He was ordained and consecrated as Suffragan Bishop under the Anglican Diocese of Kumasi on May 22, 2011, by the Most Rev'd Dr Justice Ofei Akrofi, Archbishop of the Church of the Province of West Africa and enthroned as first Diocesan Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Asante Mampong on November 30, 2014.

He has a Master of Arts Degree in Religion, Majored in Philosophy of Religion, Apologetics and Comparative religions at Asia United Theological 1990-1992. Master of Philosophy Re-

search, Majored in Sociology of Religion, New Religious Movements, University of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom, 2001-2004 and Doctor of Philosophy, Manchester University, United Kingdom, 2007-2010.

The Archbishop served in various capacities such as Vice Dean, St Nicholas Anglican Seminary, Cape Coast, Ghana 2007-2010; Chairman of Council of St Monica's College of Education, Asante Mampong 2017; Member of Council Anglican University College of Technology, Ghana; Member of Board of Ghana Teaching Council; Bishop in Charge of Human Resources and Development Desk, Church of the Province of West Africa; Chairman of Council Ejuraman Anglican Senior High School, Ejura; Chairman of Board of Governors, Mampong Babies Home; Chairman of St Monica's Senior High Schools, and Member of Board of Trustees, St Nicholas Seminary, Cape Coast.

The Most Rev'd. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith is married to Christina Ben-Smith (Nee Beur) with three children: Nana Adjoa, Paula and Robert. The Archbishop has since been enthroned on February 27, 2021 at St Michael and All Angels Cathedral Church, Asante-Mampong.



THE MOST REV'D DR. CYRIL KOBINA BEN-SMITH
THE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP/
BISHOP OF ASANTE MAMPONG

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INAUGURATION OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH, INTERNAL PROVINCE OF GHANA— NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The facility, located at Teshie Nungua, was jointly funded by the President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II Asantehene and his wife, Lady Julia Osei Tutu and other contributors.

With separate office spaces for the Archbishop and other administrative staff, the facility is expected to enhance the national and international visibility of the Anglican Church in Ghana.

Mrs Akufo-Addo while commending the church for being visionary and in tune with the exigencies of time, said: "our beliefs as Anglicans, are deeply rooted in the word of God; these beliefs have sustained the work of the Anglican Church through many generations." She said many had come to the saving knowledge of Christ and the message of redemption as a result of the Anglican Church as that was made possible by the grace of God, the power of the Holy Spirit and the systems and structures of the Church.

The First Lady, acknowledged the

enormous support of Anglicans towards the development and transformation of the Anglican Church and the country as a whole, and appealed to other members to emulate the church's exemplary leadership by actively supporting its vision. "I encourage all Anglicans, especially the seasoned ones to reach out to our youth; teach them to love God and Country; encourage them to live by biblical principles and create spaces where our youth are welcome," she said. The Secretariat has since then been operational with key staff such as the Executive Director, the Provincial Secretary, Front desk/Secretarial support, Despatch Officer and Security. The first batch National Service Persons mainly, Anglicans are expected by September 2021. TO GOD BE THE GLORY



H.E PRESIDENT AKUFO ADDO AND H.R.M ASANTEHENE SUPPORT THE ARCHBISHOP



On Feb 27th 2021, The New Archbishop the Most Rev'd Dr. Cyril Ben-Smith, was installed and Enthroned as the 2nd Archbishop of the Internal Province of Ghana at the Anglican Cathedral Church of St Michaels and All Angles, Asante Mampong.

The Special Guest of Honour was His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, the President of the Republic of Ghana, who donated an amount of GH¢100,000 towards the setting up of a National Secretariat

In attendance was also the Mampong Hene, Dasebre Osei-Bonsu II and all eleven Diocesan Bishops that constitute the Internal Province of Ghana

As his support for the Archbishop, the Asantehene donated a brand new Nissan V8 4 wheel drive to the Archbishop. In addition, the wife of Asantehene, Lady Julia, also donated GH¢ 100,000 to support the National Secretariat.

May God richly bless them.



EDUCATION MINISTER MEETS ANGLICAN HIERARCHY



Minister of Education, Dr Yaw Osei Adutwum, has asked Faith Based educational institutions to document their values and morals which have made them the preferred institutions for intellectual and moral upbringing.

He explained that, with their good academic record and other strides being achieved by institutions like Anglican Church managed Adisadel College, there was the need for such schools to encode their moral values to serve as a blueprint for low performing institutions to aid their transformation.

Dr Adutwum made the call when the leadership of the Anglican Church of Ghana paid a courtesy call on him on Tuesday.

The courtesy call aimed at introducing the newly appointed Archbishop of the Church to the Minister and also discuss issues relating to the development of education in the country.

In attendance were the Most Rev'd. Dr Cyril Ben-Smith, the new Archbishop of the Anglican Church, Right Rev'd. Alexander Asmah, Chairman of the Adisadel College Board, Venerable

Dr. George Dawson-Ahmoah, Executive Director to the Archbishop, Mr Henry Sangmar, Acting General Manager of Anglican Schools and Mr Anthony Awotwe Bosumafi, Vice President, Adisadel Old Boys Association.

The Education Minister lauded the Anglican Church for its role in the development of education in the country, citing Adisadel as one of such best schools.

The Education Minister pledged the Ministry's flexibility towards schools managed by Faith-Based Organizations (FBO) for them to operate freely for optimum results..

The Most Rev'd. Dr Cyril Ben-Smith, on behalf of the team, congratulated the Minister, who hitherto was a deputy Minister of Education, on his elevation as the substantive Minister of Education.

He pledged the church's readiness to collaborate with the Ministry to promote the development of education in the country.



NEW BISHOP OF ANGLICAN DIOCESE KUMASI



Rt. Rev'd. Oscar Christian Amoh (fourth Bishop of Kumasi Diocese) was consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese on the 22nd November, 2020 and enthroned on the 21st February, 2021

Prior to his election as Bishop Coadjutor, he was serving as the Dean of the St. Cyprian's Cathedral, Kumasi from August, 2019.

He took over from Most Rev'd Dr. Daniel Yinkah Sarfo (Dean of CPWA, Archbishop-IpG and Bishop of Anglican Diocese of Kumasi) who is on retirement



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WIAWSO ELECTS BISHOP CO-ADJUTOR

The Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Ascension in Wiawso, the Very Rev'd. Kyem Ampomah, was elected on Saturday Bishop of Sefwi-Wiawso Diocese at a special meeting of synod held at the Wiawso College of Education. He will succeed the Rt. Rev'd. Abraham Kobina Ackah who has served as the first Bishop of the Diocese in the West of Ghana's Northern Region since 2006.

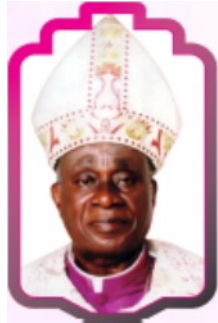
God willing, Dean would be consecrated in August 2021 and fully take over in January 2022

The Diocese of Sefwi Wiawso is one of the 11 Dioceses that constitute the Internal Province of West Africa under the Metropolitan Archbishop of Ghana, the Most Rev'd Dr. Cyril Ben-Smith

KNOW YOUR DIOCESAN BISHOPS



RT. REV'D. MATTHIAS K. MEDADUES-BADOHU
(Bishop of Ho)



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(Bishop of Wiawso)



RT. REV'D. DR. FESTUS YEBOAH-ASUAMAH
(Bishop of Sunyani)



RT. REV'D. DR. DANIEL S.M. TORTO
(Bishop of Accra)



RT. REV'D. DR. VICTOR REGINALD ATTA-BAFFOE
(Bishop of Cape Coast)



RT. REV'D. ALEXANDER KOBINA ASM AH
(Bishop of Sekondi)



RT. REV'D. FELIX ODEI ANNANCY
(Bishop of Koforidua)



RT. REV'D. DENNIS DEBUKARI TONG
(Bishop of Tamale)



RT. REV'D. DR. PAUL APPIAH SEKYERE
(Bishop of Dunkwa-On-Offin)



RT. REV'D. OSCAR CHRISTIAN AMOAH
(Bishop of Kumasi)

— BISHOPS' DESK

NO	NAMES	DIOCESE	EPISCOPAL DESK	CHAIRPERSONS
1	Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Festus Yeboah Assuamah	Bishop of Sunyani	TERTIARY EDUCATION AND ANGUTECH UNIVERSITY	Bishop In Charge of Education
2	Rt. Rev'd Felix Annancy	Bishop of Koforidua	EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH	Chairman of National Pension Board
3	Rt. Rev'd Oscar Christian Amoah	Bishop of Kumasi	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Episcopal Chaplain
4	Rt. Rev'd Alex Kobina Asmah	Bishop of Sekondi	HEALTH DESK AND PRIMARY AND BASIC EDUCATION	Chairman Strategic Planning Committee
5	Rt. Rev'd Dr. Victor Atta-Baffoe	Bishop of Cape Coast	BISHOP THEOLOGIAN AND LITURGIST	Chairman National Anglican Credit Union
6	Rt. Rev'd. Dennis Tong	Bishop of Tamale	ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENT AND RELIEF DESK	Chairman of Finance Committee Chairman of Archbishop Yinka Sarfo Flats and Christian Council subcommittee
7	Rt. Rev'd Daniel S. Torto	Bishop of Accra	ECUMENICAL AND NATIONAL RELATIONS	Chairman of Review of Service Conditions
8	Most Rev'd Dr. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith	Bishop of Asante Mampong	MISSION AND CHAPLAINCY DESK	Chancellor, Anglican University
9	Rt. Rev'd Matthias Medadues Badaho	Bishop of Ho	COMMUNICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL GUILDS, SERVER AND CHOIR	Chairman of Provincial TV Station
10	Rt. Rev'd. Abraham Ackah	Bishop of Wiawso	MEN AND WOMENS MINISTRY	Chairman of Provincial Newsletter Committee
11	Rt. Revd Prof. Paul Appiah Sekyere	Bishop of Dunkwa	YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S DESK	Chairman of Review of Service Conditions

MOTIVATION

Beloved,
David found himself in situations many times and had to remind himself that hope is real. It comes from God.

*But now, Lord, what do I look for?
My hope is in you. Psalm 39:7*
*Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?
Psalm 42:11*

Continue to trust God.
Pray out loud the words of hope into your life and your situations.
I have hope! My hope is in the Lord! I will be strong and wait on the Lord. I trust God with my life and the life of my family
Speak it out and watch what God will do for you.
God is in Control. Amen
Have a blessed Day

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REAFFIRMATION STATEMENT

"My Heart is fixed and ready to serve the church, the nation and humanity to best of my ability.

I sincerely pledge to devote myself with all my heart, soul and mind to the reaffirmation and repositioning of the Anglican church of Ghana in order that we may collaborate with greater unity, while witnessing with greater conviction and credibility to the broader Ghanaian and the World at Large"

- Archbishop Cyril

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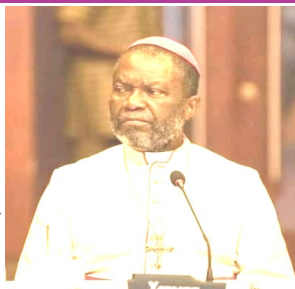


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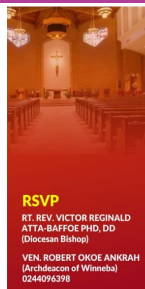
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ARCHBISHOP AKROFI APPOINTED TO GHANA'S COUNCIL OF STATE



The former Archbishop of West Africa, the Most Rev. Justice Akrofi, has been appointed to the Council of State of Ghana by President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo. On 29 January 2021, government press statement said the president had named eleven people, including Archbishop Akrofi, to the Council of State. Congratulations Archbishop Akrofi, you have made the Anglican Church proud.



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CAPE COAST INAUGURATES (9) TITULAR PARISHES AND (5) LAY PASTORS

On 23rd May 2021, at a colourful service at St. James Anglican Church, Agona Swedru, the Bishop of Cape Coast performed this ceremony. The Editorial Board of Purple Newsletter congratulates the Diocese for this great effort toward growth and development of the Church

BISHOPS AND WIVES RETREAT /MEETING IN ACCRA.

Two months after the installation and enthronement of Archbishop Cyril, a retreat was organized for all Archbishops/Bishops active and retired together with their wives. This occurred at Anglican Retreat Centre, Accra. The retreat conductor for the Bishops was Archbishop Emeritus Dr Robert Allotey-Okine and that of the Bishops' wife was led by Dr. Mrs Maria Araba Akrofi. The theme for the retreat was "WORKING TOGETHER" In all 15 Bishops and wives were in attendance. This initiative of Archbishop Cyril, bringing together both active and retired Bishops has been commended. "This must be sustained" says Bishop Otoo (Rtd Bishop of Sekondi)



INTERNAL PROVINCE OF GHANA (ANGLICAN CHURCH GHANA)

OUR MISSION TO WEST AFRICAN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES

(Burkina Faso, Togo, Mali, Cote d'ivoire and Senegal)

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ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SEKONDI LAUNCHES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On 18th October 2020, the Anglican Diocese of Sekondi launched its 40th Anniversary at the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew the Apostle Sekondi, under the theme: "Repositioning the Church for Growth and Development in this Time of Ours" (Exodus:17). The climax of the year long celebration is earmarked for **Sunday 24th October, 2021**

LAUNCH OF 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF KOFORIDUA



The Anglican Diocese of Koforidua launched its 40th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at the St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Lartey - Akuapem. The principal celebrant and preacher was the Rt. Rev'd. Felix Annancy (Diocesan Bishop of Koforidua). The Anniversary is themed "40 years as a

Diocese: Declaring the goodness of the Lord; Celebrating the past, building the future". In an address by the Lay Canon Samuel Atuobi Twum, he gave a reflection on the forty (40) year journey of the Diocese, eulogized the hard work of their fore fathers and urged the congregant to remain selfless and instrumental to the diocese.