

# **GOD'S KINGDOM SOCIETY**

*(The Church of the Living God)*

*Motto: TOWARDS GOD'S PERFECT GOVERNMENT.*

**Saturday, July 2, 2011**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

HAIL JEHOVAH AND JESUS CHRIST!

## **REPORT OF GKS MINISTERS' CONFERENCE 2011**

Unto JEHOVAH the Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, be glory, honour, adoration fear and praises forever through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

The 2011 GKS Ministers' Conference was held in Salem City Warri, Delta State, Nigeria, from Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, July 3, 2011 by the grace of God. Conference commenced at 4.30 p.m. after an opening prayer was said by the Chairman, Interim Executive Board, Brother S.C. Nwaeke. All Ministers, Sisters and grown-up youths of the Lord's Ministry were present except for Brother (Pa) J. T. Okome who is in the United States of America, who sent a goodwill message on behalf of himself and his wife, and Brothers (Pa) M. O. Iwoh, M. O. Owivri and J. T. Ukuta.

The Chairman thanked God Almighty for protecting us all to witness the 2011 Ministers' Annual Conference despite the tribulations the Church is passing through.

Some of the goodwill messages from Branches, groups and individual members were read at the Conference. They include those from the Laity Secretariat, the GKS Women Fellowship (Nigeria and Abroad), GKS Youth Fellowship, (Nigeria and abroad), the GKS Students' Fellowship (Nigeria and Abroad), Administrative Committee, GKS Warri Branch, Ruth Group GKS Warri Branch, Elizabeth Group, GKS Warri, GKS Women Fellowship Warri Branch, Sarah Group of GKS Warri Branch. Goodwill messages were also received from GKS Aba Branch, the Central Working Committees (CWCs) of GKS Port Harcourt, Owerri, Isoko and Northern Branches, GKS Benin City Branch, GKS Sapele Branch, GKS London Branch, among so many others which we cannot list because of constraints of space. We thank members who sent goodwill messages and cash and pray God to bless them by His grace.

The Conference Chairman, Brother S. C. Nwaeke then addressed Conferees on the Conference theme, "Watch Thou in All Things". (2 Timothy 4:5) He gave glory and adoration to God Almighty for preserving the lives of the Ministers as well as members to see yet another Ministers' Conference. Making reference to the traumatic events that happened in the past six months – which involved three Principal Officers of the Church - the Chairman thanked God that though the historic developments shook the Church, God had continued to guide and care for His Holy Organisation, the GKS.

He charged the Ministers to be selfless, diligent, conscientious, sincere and faithful in carrying out the work God has handed over to us, the people of the Saints. He enjoined the ministers to live exemplary lives, endure difficulties and resist false teachings. Furthermore, he told the Ministers that as leaders of God's people, they should know that they are the prime targets of the devil who is bent on dragging them into the group of those whom the Bible describes as "foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another" (Titus 3:3) He stated that the only way out for the Ministers is to always be on their guard and to practice righteousness at all times.

The Conference of GKS Ministers also reflected deeply on the trying events the Church has gone through, especially since January 2011 at the instance of Satan. This is deeply regretted. The Lord's Ministry exhorts and admonishes members to continue to look unto God irrespective of the situation we find ourselves, as we believe that He will not leave us alone but will continue to help us by His grace. – Isaiah 45:22; Proverbs 18:10; Hebrews 13:5,6; Joel 2:32; etc.

### **WORKING SESSION**

During the Working Session, the following reports were presented to Conference: Secretariat and Evangelism Report by Brother B.T. Hart, Secretary, Interim Executive Board; Finance and Accounts by Brother O.D. Akinwale, Report on Business by S. C. Nwaeke, read on his behalf by Brother O.D. Akinwale; Education by Brother (Dr) I.O. Odiete; Works and Maintenance by Brother A.O Ottah and the Report on Church Property by Brother G.O. Ifeacho, Trustee, GKS, read on his behalf by Brother O. K. Onakughotor, by God's grace. After the adoption of the reports as working papers, Conference deliberated extensively on them, and made far-reaching decisions towards the progress of the Church.

On Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, Conference resumed at 10.14 am under the Chairmanship of Brother S.C. Nwaeke, Chairman, Interim Executive Board.

In this session, the Ministers embarked upon the "Review of the GKS Constitution" by receiving and debating extensively and exhaustively the "Report on the Harmonization of the 2001 Constitution with the Amended Constitution". The Ministers' Conference decided that the amendment and ratification of the 2001 Constitution be put on hold until the Laity's Sub-Committee report on the review of the Constitution is submitted.

Conference also received reports on the state of our foreign branches in Liberia, Ghana, United Kingdom and Kenya. The report on the Church in Liberia was given by Brother T.M. Ekisewei who had just returned from a three week pastoral visit; Brother T.T. Iwoh gave report on London Branch; Brother B.O. Adams gave the report on Ghana, while the report from Kenya was given by Brother H.M. Kengu by God's grace. Major issues highlighted in all the reports were the need for Ministers to be posted periodically to these branches, that Public Lectures and Watch and Pray programmes on radio and other media should be emphasized in order to boost these foreign branches, etc. Conference decided that the Executive Board should constitute a Sub-Committee to fashion a way forward for the foreign branches.

## **Induction of New Ministers as Officiating Ministers**

Having completed their training by God's grace, the six Ministers adopted in the 2008 Feast of Tabernacles, were inducted as Officiating Ministers of the Church. The Ministers are Brothers Andrew E. Ekireghwho, Alfred O. Nwabuikwu, Dr. Uche C. Ugoji, Oghenero K. Onakughotor, Benjamin O. Adams and Hanson M. Kengu. The Chairman of the Interim Executive Board, Brother S. C. Nwaeke, exhorted them and charged them to keep their devotional vows. Thereafter, a benediction was given by God's grace. Brother (Dr.) U.C. Ugoji responded and saluted the Lord's Ministry on behalf of the six Ministers and solicited for prayers on their behalf to carry on the work of God by His grace.

The Interim Executive Board was dissolved on Saturday, June 25, 2011, following which the conduct of the Conference was handed over to the Spiritual Advisers, Brother (Pa) J. O. Solupeju and Brother (Pa) G. O. Ugoji, with Brother E. I. Okoh as Secretary. Just before leaving the chair, Brother Nwaeke thanked God Almighty and His son Jesus Christ as well as the ministers for the opportunity given him to serve in various capacities in the Administrative machinery of the Church since 1991.

## **CONFERENCE DECISIONS**

Conference decided that Watch and Pray on Radio will commence as soon as possible in the following Zones: Warri, Lagos, Abuja and Owerri by the grace of God.

## **APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Lord's Ministry, gives glory, honour and praises to the Almighty God through Jesus Christ for His guidance in constituting the Executive Board of the Church. After prayerful and lengthy deliberations, the following Ministers, have by the grace of God been appointed into the Executive Board of God's Kingdom Society (GKS) - *the Church of the Living God*.

They are:

1. BROTHER G.O.IFEACHO	CHAIRMAN
2. BROTHER F.E. ADEDOKUN	VICE CHAIRMAN
3. BROTHER S.M.O AYAVORO	MEMBER
4. BROTHER A.A. ERHA	MEMBER
5. BROTHER J.W. CHUKWUDI	MEMBER
6. BROTHER O.D. AKINWALE	TREASURER
7. BROTHER T.M. EKISEOWEI	SECRETARY TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

## **PROMOTIONS**

The following Senior Ministers have been elevated to the status of Spiritual Advisers of the Church by God's grace. They are:

1. Brother J.E. IKOBA	2. Brother E.M. OKI	3. Brother S.C. NWAEKE
4. Brother E.I. OKOH		

They now join the old Spiritual Advisers - Brothers (Pa) J.T. Okome, M.O. Iwoh, G.O. Ugoji and J.O. Solupeju.

Furthermore, the following Ministers have been promoted from Intermediate to Senior Ministers grade in the Lord's Ministry:

1. BROTHER D.O.IKPURI	2. BROTHER J.W. CHUKWUDI
3. BROTHER O.D. AKINWALE	4. BROTHER T.O. ESIMAGBELE
5. BROTHER T.T. IWOH	6. BROTHER T.M. EKISEOWEI

Also, the following Ministers have been promoted from Junior to Intermediate Ministers grade in the Lord's Ministry.

1. BROTHER T.C. MAZI-RAPU	2. BROTHER T.O.UGORJI
3. BROTHER O.S. ATUMUTO	4. BROTHER K.U. OWIVRI
5. BROTHER I.O. ODIETE	6. BROTHER J.A. AFONUGHE
7. BROTHER O.K. IRIFERI	8. BROTHER M.O. URHOBO
9. BROTHER OYE OGHENEKEVWE	

### **POSTING OF MINISTERS**

1. BROTHER P.O. EKIREGHWO: STATION MINISTER GKS, WARRI BRANCH. THE ASSISTANT STATION MINISTER IS BROTHER (DR) I.O. ODIETE, FORMER STATION MINISTER OF AGBOR ZONE.
2. BROTHER G.I. OCHIAGHA, FORMALLY OF GKS UGHELLI ZONE IS REDEPLOYED TO THE HQ
3. BROTHER D.O. IKPURI, FORMER ASSISTANT STATION MINISTER OF GKS WARRI ZONE IS NOW POSTED TO UGHELLI BRANCH AS STATION MINISTER.
4. BROTHER T.C. MAZI-RAPU IS NOW STATION MINISTER FOR OWERRI ZONE. HE REPLACES BROTHER T.M. EKISEOWEI
5. BROTHER M.O. URHOBO, FORMERLY STATION MINISTER GKS ONITSHA BRANCH IS NOW DEPLOYED TO AGBOR ZONE AS STATION MINISTER.
6. BROTHER (DR) I.O. ODIETE HAS ALSO BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF CHARITY SCHOOLS, SALEM CITY, WARRI.
7. BROTHER K.I. EKEWEDAYE IS NOW THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE CHURCH.

### **STATE OF THE WORLD**

#### **Nigerian Elections 2011 And Its Aftermath**

Conference expressed deep appreciation to God Almighty through His Son Jesus Christ for the successful holding of elections for elective positions at national and state levels early this year. We therefore congratulate the President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan for striving to give Nigerians an election that has been adjudged to be credible. Ordinarily, this should engender excitement, hope and even relief among the populace as it affords us another opportunity to right the wrongs of the past and work with fresh impetus in the task of nation building. It should be the threshold of a new era. But this is hardly the case in some parts of the country where violence, kidnapping, armed robbery, bomb blasts and hair-raising confrontations between political and religious zealots and security agencies have become the order of the

day. The nation has sunk deeper into the mire of social, political, and economic crises such that a great sense of foreboding is in the air. This is rather unfortunate.

Conference appeals to those beating the drums of hate and revenge and those playing politics of ethnicity to rein in their zealotry as violence would not lead them or the country anywhere. Rather they will be incurring the anger of God on themselves.

No one should fan the embers of hatred and conflict. Scripture says: "As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death. Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered." – Proverbs 11:19, 21.

We hereby appeal to the government to reinvigorate its machinery of nipping potential crisis-situations in the bud in order to prevent the huge losses that trail each conflict. The government should also deal decisively with trouble makers, no matter how highly placed, to serve as deterrents to others.

### **Corruption**

Conference lamented that greed, selfishness, arrogance, unbridled quest for power, have become the order of the day among a number of the country's leaders. They seem not to take consider the fact that everyone will give account of his stewardship to God, "who ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whosoever he will", "and those that walk in pride he is able to abase." (Romans 14:12; Daniel 4:32,37) The Bible says: "As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool." - Jeremiah 17:11.

No one should for the sake of filthy lucre (unjust riches) make himself a ready tool in the hands of ungodly men and thereby soil his name. "A good name (with the Lord) is rather to be chosen than great riches (of the world) and loving favour (with the Lord) than silver and gold" – Proverbs 22:1.

Those who are greedy of gain will no doubt continue to fall into mischief. Scripture says: "A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him." - Proverbs 28:22. See also 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6: 6-11.

### **General Exhortation**

We exhort people of all nations to realise that injustices in this world will continue as long as Satan is still active. Human governments can only do what they could to ameliorate the present debilitating conditions they find themselves. We exhort one and all to look to God and His kingdom by identifying with the truth and doing righteousness at all times. Such ones will be saved in God's Kingdom which will in God's due time take over the affairs of this world and thereafter men will live in peace and happiness forever. - Isaiah 33:15-24 and Revelation 21:1-5,

While we commend the government for her efforts at combating crime and corruption in the country, we must state that the spiritual reorientation of the generality of the citizenry is crucial to achieving peace and order in the world. We therefore urge the leaders and the

led to exercise the fear of God in all their undertakings, for that is the only means of achieving true progress for the nation. The Holy Bible says: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." - Proverbs 14: 34.

We pray our heavenly Father Who has created this earth and all its inhabitants (including Nigeria) to continue to guide and protect His sheep so that they may live in all godliness and honesty for their blessings and salvation in the end by His grace.

### **FESTIVAL DATES**

a. GKS YOUTH ASSEMBLY	THURSDAY, 18 –SUNDAY, 21 AUGUST 2011
b. FREEDOM DAY	ALL SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER 2011: BEING 2 <sup>ND</sup> , 9 <sup>TH</sup> , 16 <sup>TH</sup> , 23 <sup>RD</sup> , & 30 <sup>TH</sup> RESPECTIVELY
c. FEAST OF TABERNACLES	TO BE HELD IN SALEM CITY, WARRI FROM SUNDAY, 11 <sup>TH</sup> DEC – SUNDAY, 18 DEC 2011

### **CLOSING SESSION**

The Conference ended formally on Saturday, July 2, 2011 with Sisters and youths of the Lord's Ministry present by the grace of God. Among the activities at the session was the declaration of faith read on behalf of the Ministers by Brother (Dr.) I.O. Odiete, an Intermediate Minister. He was supported by Brother A. O. Ottah, Senior Minister, Brother M.O. Urhobo, Intermediate Minister and Brother K.I. Ekewedaye, Junior Minister. The aforementioned three Ministers signed on behalf of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Ministers, respectively. Receiving the declaration of faith the Chairman of the new Executive Board, Brother G. O. Ifeacho thanked the ministers for the words of faith contained in the declaration and prayed God to help all the ministers to live up to their vows while requesting for prayers and support of one all by His grace.

Addressing all adult members of the Lord's Ministry and the youths in attendance, the Chairman drew his closing charge from the words of Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 3:8, 9. He charged members of the Ministry to be united, have compassion one for another, "not rendering evil for, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing." The Conference came to a successful end at 9.46 p.m after the rendering of TSP 192 and saying of closing prayers by the Chairman.

### **Special Thanksgiving Service**

A Special Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday July 3, 2011 to thank God Almighty for the success of the Conference and for all that He had helped us to do. During the Divine Service, Brother T.O. Esimagbele preached the sermon, "Truly God is Good to Israel", drawn from Psalm 73:1.

We thank God for helping us to hold a successful Ministers Conference for the year 2011. We also thank groups and individual members for their patience and prayers throughout this trying period. We pray our heavenly Father to help the Church to continue to grow stronger and stronger in the doing of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Benedict T. Hart

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