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## Vision Statement

"The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) shall be bible based, spiritually dynamic, United, disciplined, self-supporting, committed to pragmatic evangelism, social welfare and a Church that epitomizes the genuine Love of Christ."

## Missionary agents

### THE CHURCH OF NIGERIA MISSIONARY SOCIETY

#### What is the CNMS?

The Church of Nigeria Missionary Society is the Mission Agent of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) taking the Mission of God's love and reconciliation to every home in Nigeria, Africa and beyond.

#### Historical Background

CNMS of London started in the year 1799 and was God's agent of bringing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to Nigeria.

It started off as CNMS Schools, hospitals and Churches, forming the present Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) which has now grown to 77 Dioceses as the fastest growing church in the Anglican Communion.

In 1994, between 4th -8th July, a Provincial Missions Conference was held in Jos at the end of which a recommendation to establish a Mission Body was sent to the Episcopal Synod which considered and ratified the recommendation at her standing Committee Meeting in September 1994 at Erunwon in Ijebu Diocese.

This independent and indigenous Missionary Body was inaugurated on 15th September 1996 at the Cathedral Church of Christ, Lagos under an eighteen-man Executive council.

#### Mandate and Aim

CNMS has the manifesto of Luke 4:18-19 to organize Rescue operations as a Mission agent of the Anglican Communion, taking the Mission of God's love and reconciliation to every home in Nigeria, African and beyond.

To achieve its central mission, CNMS has set the following seven objectives:-

1. To select, train, and send-forth Mission Partners to unreached parts of Nigeria, Africa and the rest of the World.
2. To co-ordinate Missionary effort of the Church and organize evangelistic outreaches.
3. To mobilize, train and empower the laity to effectively participate in evangelism.
4. To promote and encourage consistent and sustained PRAYER support for Mission and Evangelism.
5. To create awareness for various areas of Mission through radio, television, film and print media, and facilitate their execution.
6. To mobilize support and raise funds for Mission and Evangelism in Nigeria, Africa and beyond.
7. To carry out appropriate research to reveal the nature, composition and geographical extent of unreached people-groups in Nigeria, Africa and beyond. people-groups in Nigeria, Africa and beyond.

#### Organizational Set Up

- a. The apex body of CNMS is the Executive Council which has six representatives each from the three Provinces of the Church of Nigeria.
- b. Provincial Committees and
- c. Diocesan Committees carry out the aims at all levels.

#### Missionary Conference

An annual Missionary Conference takes place on the Saturday preceding Pentecost Sunday, and this is rotated around the three Provinces. It is during the conference, we receive field reports and challenges of the materials for Mission and Evangelism.

#### Membership

Membership is open to all who are committed to Mission and Evangelism, either through PRAYER, PARTICIPATION in field work of Mission and Evangelism and SACRIFICIAL GIVING of time, talent, and money or materials for Mission and Evangelism.

#### Funding

Mission work involves a lot of money annually. Maintaining an MP (Mission Partner) on the field costs a minimum of graduate salary and allowances.

Church growth involves the building of Churches and their vicarages and where mission work has to establish schools, financing such schools will take a lot of money.

There was the tradition of Anglican Christians fasting every Friday and reserving the value of such denial for Mission work.

Others give properties to mission in their will or before they die.

No amount is too small or too great to be given for Mission work.

You, your church, your society or your Diocese may want to support CNMS work by sending something today.

### **Your Duty**

You can be involved by PRAYING and FASTING regularly for mission and evangelism.

The Mission Partners (MPs) are 'sheep among wolves'. You too, can join the Mission team in your Church: "Every Anglican a Soul-Winner" while every Church a 'sending Church' and sponsoring MPs training and support.

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