

METHODIST CHURCH NIGERIA
DIOCESE OF LAGOS MAINLAND

THEME: DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY IN LEADERSHIP

COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED AT THE END OF THE WORKERS' RETREAT 2014

1. The participants of the workshop noted that ministers and lay leaders should retreat and take time out to seek the face of the Lord from time to time for spiritual evaluation in order to get equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit. It should also be a time of teaching, development and refreshing.
2. It was noted that God is the source of all authorities who delegates such to His people, for a purpose which must be fulfilled. The recipients of such spiritual authority must be disciplined and broken to receive honor and dignity from God; knowing fully that authority is received by mercy and not by merit.
3. The carriers of spiritual authority should know that authority is neither meant to humiliate nor destroy, but to nurture people into full stature and maturity in the image of Christ. Also, it is meant for edification, equipping men for the work of the ministry and above all for the salvation of their souls.
4. As ministers and leaders we must live sacrificial lives worthy of our calling, abiding in the Grace and power of Christ and listening to the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction.
5. We must not allow any activity or distraction in the world to disconnect us from our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Master that we need to satisfy as we gather for Him to bring peace back to the Church.
6. It is expedient that leaders should build strong Christian homes with bedrock of righteousness and peace to enable us hear clearly from God, which would be a strong basis to move the Church forward.
7. The Church must be conscious of the potentials surrounding her in achieving her God given goals and objectives in developing spiritually fulfilled members. Ministers should therefore teach, propagate and educate on the benefits and virtues of giving towards the expansion of God's kingdom. To this end, we need to touch the hearts of our members through our sermons and expositions so as to touch their pockets. However, members should be encouraged to use cheques, cards, point of sales terminals (POS) or other approved means of payment, knowing that such payment is between them and God.
8. The ultimate goal of every church leader is to make heaven and this can only be achieved through the fear of God and obedience to His commandment

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