NUPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL, NIGERIA

Communique of the Annual National Conference of the Nupe Christian Fellowship International, Held at the Cathedral Church of St. John, Bida, Niger State, Nigeria, From 19TH - 22NDApriL, 2018.

Conference Theme: Who is He That Over Comes the World... (1 JOHN 5:5)

1.0 Preamble

The Annual National Conference of Nupe Christian Fellowship International (NCFI) was held at the Cathedral Church of St. John, Bida, Niger State from 19th—22nd April 2018. The program featured various teachings, praises, Bible study and sermons that encourage the spiritual growth of the members. The Conference speaker Ven. David N. Jiya charged Christians to keep ' faith in God through Jesus Christ who alone can save souls and give victory to every challenge in life."

2.0 The Highlights of Communique:

- Recognizing the dire challenges facing Nupe land and Nigeria in general;
- Noting the need for urgent actions to address the challenges facing our people;
- The NCFI annual conferences 2018, therefore, issues the following recommendations for actions viz:
- 2.1. The Conference frowns at the rate at which our cultural values are fast eroding, especially the mode and negative attitudes being exhibited by youths in areas of respect for elders and hard work. Therefore, all NCFI branches to focus attention on facilitating the members understanding the Biblical ways of respect for one another.
- 2.2. Recognizing the challenges, the youth face in speaking Nupe language, the conference encourages the speaking and teaching of Nupe language and request its inclusion as a matter of policy in primary and secondary school curriculum in Niger and Kwara States by the Government.
- 2.3. The Conference decries the alarming rate of killings and violence that is going on in the various parts of the country, being perpetrated by terrorist, herdsmen, bandits and Boko Haram. The conference calls on the Federal Government to do something urgently to curb the situation before things get out of hand.
- 2.4. The Conference notes the appreciable efforts and some measure of success of the Government in fighting insurgency. However, the conference calls on the Federal

Government to do everything possible for the release of the remaining Chibok girls and Leah Sharebu, who are still held in captivity by the Boko Haram.

- 2.5. The Conference appreciates the Federal Government for the award of contract to rehabilitate the Bida- Agaie- Lapai Lambata road in Niger State. And further appeal for quick release of funds for the execution of the rehabilitation project. The Federal Government should also make efforts for the urgent release of funds for the commencement of the rehabilitation of Tsaragi-Patigi road and complete the construction of Bida- Nupeko road. The Conference in addition calls on the Niger State Government to give attention to the rehabilitation of all roads leading to the State Capital, Minna and major roads linking Local Government Headquarters in the State.
- 2.6. The Conference emphasizes the need to keep our environment clean so as to avoid outbreak of diseases, particularly Lasa fever. The Conference calls on both the State Government and Local Governments in the State to re-institute the monthly sanitation cleaning of our environment.
- 2.7. The Conference advises and encourages Christians to actively participate in the registration of voter's card and participate actively in politics in order to produce quality leaders of integrity for the country at all levels and to avoid politics of ethnicity, nepotism, religion and godfatherism.
- 2.8. The Conference solicits the demonstration of Godly love among Christians in Nigeria and particularly in Nupe land. It further urges Christians to continue to live peacefully among people of other faiths as an example of Christ-Like love to all people.
- 2.9. The Conference also advocate the need for Christians to be closer to God in order to overcome the world. To pray at all times for the persecuted Christians and Christians in captivity in the Northern part of the country.

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