

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE NUPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL (NCFI) HELD AT THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH WINNING ALL, (ECWA), MINNA, NIGER STATE, NIGERIA, FROM 7TH -10TH APRIL 2016

Conference Speaker: Rev. Dr. Moses Tswanya

Theme: Stand Firm in Christ

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:58

The Annual General National Conference of the Nupe Christian Fellowship International (NCFI) was held from 7th to 10th of April 2016. In attendance were the NCFI National President, National Executive Committee (NEC) Members, NCFI Trustees, Heads of Denominations, Chairmen, Secretaries and participants from all the 10 Branches of NCFI in Nigeria, namely, Bida, Minna, Kutigi, Mokwa, Patigi, Tsaragi, Ilorin, Kaduna, Zaria and Abuja.

In his address at the opening ceremony of the Annual General Conference held on Friday 8th April 2016, the NCFI President Mr. Musa Faruk Yisa, on behalf of NCFI expressed gratitude to God for His grace and the safety He granted all the participants and delegates to the annual conference.

During the 4-days of the Conference the annual report presentations and discussions on issues concerning the Fellowship were held. After much deliberations on pertinent issues and the challenges facing the Fellowship and Christians in Nigeria as well as on the state of the nation i.e. Nigeria, the Conference thereto observes and resolves thus:

1. **STATE OF THE NIGERIA ECONOMY:** Conference notes with utmost worry the state of the economy viz-a-viz the drastic fall in the price of crude oil, and the scarcity of the petroleum products in all parts of the country. The Conference also notes the declining value of the Naira against the United States Dollar. The Conference therefore, advocates for a renewed commitment of the Government to the diversification of the economy instead of the over dependence on oil. The Fellowship will continue to identify with, commend and support the present administration at the Federal, State and Local Government levels in their policies that will positively impact on the lives of all Nigerians. The Government is however, advised to pay attention to the following areas:
 - a) The Power sector
 - b) The Petroleum Resources
 - c) Agriculture
 - d) The Unemployment
 - e) The Economy

The conference feels adequate and prompt attention to the aforementioned will ease off the increasing poverty and suffering of the common people of Nigeria.

2. **SPIRITUAL ALERTNESS:** The Conference observes that the times are difficult, challenging, deceitful, wicked and tempting, thus believers are to watch and pray. Christians should be spiritually alert and strive to understand the will of God in their lives.
3. **STANDING FIRM:** The Conference urges all Christians to stand firm and be ready to suffer persecution for the sake of the Gospel in the light of religious intolerance in the country, especially in the northern part. The Conference further encourages every believer to always seek the services of the Holy Spirit in order to overcome the challenges of this perilous time.
4. **SELF RELIANT:** The Conference encourages all Christians, but especially the youth to be self-reliant through skills acquisition and self-employment in the light of current economic challenges.
5. **POOR ATTENDANCE:** The Conference frowns at the poor attendance of the annual experienced this year, which is traced to fixing of ceremonies and other programs across Nupeland by Nupe Christians at the time of the conference.
6. **WAR ON BOKO HARAM:** The Fellowship notes that after so many years of devastating effects of Boko Haram on government and personal properties, security outfits and especially on the Church of Jesus Christ, the Federal Government is making history with the ongoing military operations aimed at routing this evil terrorist group out of Nigeria soil. NCFI commends the Nigerian security operatives and the multi-National Joint Task Force and called on them to adhere strictly to the rules of engagement in the course of carrying out their duties and prayed that God will preserve, protect and grant them total victory. The Conference noting with great concern urges the Federal Government to do everything possible to rescue and free the abducted Chibok girls.
7. **WAR AGAINST CORRUPTION:** The Fellowship supports the current war against bribery and corruption and wishes that it is total and devoid of discrimination. The EFCC, ICPC, CCB, and Judiciary should live up to expectation in the discharge of their responsibilities to the Nigeria people in the fight against corruption.
8. **UNITY:** The Conference calls for peace, unity and love among all Nupe Christians. Let us bury our denominational differences and join hands together to fight our common enemy and his agents who are waging war against the Church .in Nigeria.
9. **EVANGELISM:** The Conference calls on all leaders at all levels of the Fellowship to commit themselves to deliberate and effective discipleship, evangelism and engaging in outreaches to ensure that the Great Commission of Jesus Christ and the major aim of NCFI continue to be achieved on a sustainable premise.

10. **CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE:** The Conference congratulates the heads of denominations, the entire Nupe Christians, home and in diaspora for all the achievements of the past one year and for a successful 2016 Annual General Conference. The Lord bless you all in Jesus name, Amen.

Long live NCFI! Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Mr. Musa Faruk Yisa
NCFI President

10th April 2016