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International Ministers Fellowship at a Glance

International Ministers Fellowship is a network of ministers of the gospel across the globe that share a common passion for holiness, yielding to the Holy Spirit for leadership and empowerment and a recognition that fellowship with likeminded co-labourers is central to gaining divine approval. It is thus an organism, a living, loving network of like-minded ministers of the gospel who share a passion for intimacy with the Lord and genuine relationship with each other for accountability in an increasingly hostile world.

Our Unique 7-Point Vision

The International Ministers Fellowship is unique in a number of respects.

- **Firstly**, it is inclusive, embracing senior and younger ministers of the gospel, male and female who have a felt need to encourage one another to make pursuit of holiness a prime pursuit.
- **Secondly**, it breaks down standard walls that divide the Body of Christ as members cut across denominational barriers, united by faith in Christ Jesus, purity of life and dependency on the Holy Spirit for empowerment.
- **Thirdly**, IMF does not charge any affiliation fees. Members support the network, as they are led, through love offerings and free will endowments.
- **Fourthly**, members are free to belong to other fellowships /networks they deem beneficial to achievement of their ministerial mandates.
- **Fifthly**, the Fellowship shall encourage its members to make their lives and those of the flock of Jesus Christ committed unto their trust, the light and salt of their communities; to stand out for righteousness and contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints and not to be ashamed of the preaching of the Cross though it seem foolish to brethren of the Laodecian complex (Matthew 5:13-16, Jude 5, 1 Cor. 1:18).
- **Sixthly**, the Fellowship shall proactively engage with other Christian organizations to ensure unity of the spirit in the bond of peace so that the High Priestly intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ shall be a reality without compromising the essentials of the gospel. (Ephesians 4: 1-7, John 17 to attain Ephesians 5:26,27). Accordingly, the Fellowship will encourage all Christian ministries and organizations in the country to prayerfully define essentials or fundamentals of the faith to which all must subscribe in perfect unity; ascertain those issues to which preachers are at liberty to propound their perspectives, insights and revelations received.
- **Seventh**, the Fellowship offers its members a clear win-win supra platform where they are able to exchange information on programmes and projects and support each other. We are all blessed as we bless each other in love and sincerity!

Mission Statement: *"We are a living, loving network of ministers of the gospel who have a passion for intimacy with the Lord and genuine relationship with each other for accountability in an increasingly hostile world"*

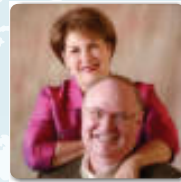
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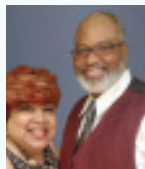
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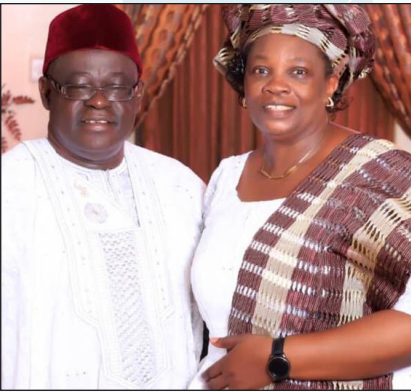
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The 11 Core Offers of International Ministers Fellowship:

1. Provide spiritual support that enable members to excel in life and ministry by challenging them to live holy lives, as part of the Bride of Christ and keep heaven in constant view so that they will not be castaways after ministering to others
2. Provide members a process of continuing ministerial education through a regular school of ministry where they tap into the depth of wisdom available for all.
3. Provide resources to members at minimal or no cost such as books, CDs, DVDs, Cassettes, magazines, information, etc.
4. Network ministers of the gospel with each other across racial, ethnic, Denominational and geographic boundaries to create the spiritual synergy needful to positively impact cities, nations and regions. IMF has become a powerful tool of achieving our Acts 1:8 mandate as it equips ministers travelling to cities, nations and regions other than their own with contacts and recommendations that enable them to be received and assisted on their missions. Pulpits are thus exchanged seamlessly without fear as all members subscribe to the same basic code of conduct.
5. The network runs an information network through which members are able to know the gifts and callings of each other. By tapping into the divine resources represented by different callings and gifting, ministers are able to build stronger and more effective churches according to Ephesians 4: 7-16
6. The network provides a platform for younger ministers to receive clean, honest mentoring by elder ministers endowed with grace of fatherhood.
7. For ministers who have not been ordained, the Fellowship provides ordination. For ordained ministers, IMF provides ministerial licences. For those travelling to other cities or nations, the Fellowship provides recommendations. Ministers in need of attestations/references can look up to the Fellowship to fill this need.
8. The network provides the platform for ministers, ministries and churches within the same localities/boroughs to cooperate, pool resources together for reaching the unreached and community impact projects. The Lord has revealed that this is a key strategy for bringing this nation back to Christ.
9. International Ministers Fellowship will partner with any ministers/ministries or organizations that promotes the teaching and practice of holiness, church health Church growth and corporate evangelism.
10. International Ministers Fellowship members are constrained to do all within their God given ability to be a blessing to others in need; support the weak and build up the Body without pecuniary motives. Strong inter personal relationships and mutual support is thus encouraged.
11. The Fellowship shall organize conferences at such intervals and in such locations as are deemed beneficial to the membership. We shall freely share every information, which will bless our brethren in fulfilling their God given vision.

2019 OPEN GATE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Behold He Comes: Watch, Pray, And Occupy



By Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu, Chair of the Global Governing Council, International Ministers Fellowship. General Overseer, Charismatic Renewal Ministries.

Texts: Matthew 24: 36-51

Introduction

The incarnation of Christ was the defining moment in human history. The Prophet Isaiah had clearly predicted that such a great event would take place and it did (Isaiah 7: 14). Matthew recorded that the birth of Jesus was in fulfilment of the scriptures – *“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”* So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,”* which is translated, *“God with us.”* (Matthew 1:21-23 NKJV). Creation experienced an Immanuel moment, when God, in unparallel condescension, chose to become human in Jesus, the Son of the Virgin Mary and by so doing, made it possible for humans, through Him to become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). This coming of God in human flesh paved the way for the imminent emergence of a new humanity in Christ, which the Bible described as the new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The birth of Jesus attracted some pilgrims from the East to Jerusalem. On arrival, they enquired from Herod where the new King was born. Herod called the priest and scribes who referred him to what the prophets had earlier written in the Scriptures (Micah 5:2): *“So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My*

people Israel.” (Matthew 2:5-6 NKJV). Everything the scriptures said about the birth and the ministry of Christ was fulfilled with pinpoint accuracy.

Jesus knew and publicly acknowledged that the things that happened to Him on earth happened so that Scriptures would be fulfilled. When Peter cut off the ear of one of those who came to arrest Him, Jesus cautioned him saying, *“Put away your sword,”*...Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?” (Matthew 26:52-54 NLT).

This incidence and the reaction of Jesus showed clearly that He expected that His life experiences on earth must necessarily follow the details of what the scriptures had predicted concerning Him. Paul confirmed that all that Christ did on earth were strictly tailored according to the Scriptures – *“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...”* (1 Corinthians 15:3-5 NKJV).

If the life and ministry of Christ on earth were tightly tied to the scriptures, it is safe for us to infer that the scriptures provide adequate basis for assessing His future activities in human history. Therefore, I want to invite all of us today to consider our topic, in line with what the scriptures has already provided. I will be looking at the topic under the following sub-heads:

- Scriptural basis for the second coming of Christ.
- Scriptural instruction of how to prepare for the second coming of Christ.
- The consequences for not preparing for the second coming of Christ in line with scriptural provisions
- The reward for those who would scripturally prepare for the second coming of Christ.

Scriptural Basis For The Second Coming Of Christ

The Bible repeatedly declared that Jesus would come back in so glaringly a manner that all eyes would see Him as He come. *“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see*

Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen” (Revelation 1:7).

1. Jesus said He will come back

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14: 1-3, NKJV).

2. The Angels affirmed that the same Jesus that ascended will return someday the way He went.

“After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!” (Acts 1:9-11 NLT)

3. The Book of Hebrews said Jesus will come a second time for those who are expecting Him

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation” (Hebrews 9:27-28 NKJV)

4. The last verse of the Bible, just before the Holy Spirit gave the benediction declared, “He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” (Revelation 22:20 NKJV).

Prophetic Antecedents to the Second Coming Of Christ.

“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Matthew 24:37-39 NKJV)

People of Noah's time were eating and drinking while Noah was toiling at the construction of the ark. They neither helped him nor heeded his invitation

to enter the ark when it was completed. They were still in their drunken party when the deluge came and they perished in their stubborn disobedience. The greater part of the world today is steeped in debauchery and all forms of ungodliness; with no thought about God. The call is going out strong and clear for people to come to Christ, who is the true Ark of salvation, but only a few are listening and even fewer are heeding the call. Very soon, the trumpet will sound, the Bride Groom will appear in glory.

There is this joke about Bill Gates. Bill Gates was concerned about life after death and really desired to know the truth about where he would spend eternity. An angel was sent to him to help him make up his mind. Bill Gates requested that the angel show him a glimpse of heaven and hell so he could choose between the two. The Angel agreed and showed him Angels who are floating joyfully in the air. What he saw of heaven did not make much sense to him. He did not fancy the idea of heaven filled with Angels doing nothing but float in the air. He requested to see how hell looked like. He showed him where people were drinking and eating, singing and partying. He said this was not what he learnt in church hell was like. He loved the idea of having fun with friends, so he chose hell.

The Angel told him that he would allow him to enjoy his choice for a while and he would visit him again to see how he was faring. With that, the angel disappeared and Bill Gates went to hell. To his utter dismay, he found out that hell was a fiery place of real torment. After a while the angel visited him to see how he was faring. Mr. Gates was very angry with the angel and accused him of deceit. He shouted at the angel, "you deceived me and I chose hell instead of heaven." The angel answered, I was only using the technology you created. What you saw were only the screen savers.

Scriptural instructions on how to prepare for The Second Coming of Christ

⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴²WATCH therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore

you ALSO BE READY, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. ⁴⁵"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so DOING. (Matthew 24: 40-46 NKJV)

In this passage, our Lord shows us how we must prepare for His imminent return. Three things are essentially involved –be watchful, be ready, and be busy. We will look closer at each of these to discover their deeper implications.

1. You prepare by being watchful –"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into(Matthew 24:42-43NKJV).(Also see 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8).

The demand to be watchful refers to the expectant mindset of a believer. It involves being careful to make sure that you remain connected with God and in fellowship to co-traveller to the heavenly city whose builder and maker is God. It is not all the throng in the church that is headed to that city. Endeavour to keep company only with those are going there.

Watchfulness also implies carefulness. It requires believers to be discerning in their involvements in the world. Jesus warned –"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walks naked and they see his shame." (Revelation 16:15 NKJV).

a. Reason for watchfulness

- i. Because there will be many false Christs who would want to beguile the unsuspecting – Matthew 24: 4-5, 23-27
- ii. There will be many prophets demanding our attention each claiming to have the latest word from God – Matthew 24:11.
- iii. It will be a time of extreme hardship that will compel many to compromise their faith –Matthew 24:9-10, 21-22.
- iv. Sin will become so popular and fashionable that godly people will wonder if godliness still has any value – Matthew 24:12
- v. Watchfulness in relation to the second coming of the

Lord is strengthened by the uncertainty that surrounds the exact time of His appearing. He told us that only the Father knows the exact time that would happen and warned us against speculations–Matthew 24:36-44.

2. You prepare by being ready – Therefore you ALSO BE READY, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.(Matthew 24:44)

Being ready points to the quality of life we must live as people who are expectant. We must live as those who are expecting "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." We must live with diminishing emphasis of materialism knowing that God had decreed that "the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up." We must live with eternity in view by endeavouring to "be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless."(2 Peter 3:10-18). (see also 1 Peter 1:13-16).

Being ready implies deliberate effort in putting together everything that is necessary for effective service delivery at God's timing. Remember the five foolish virgins –Matthew 25:1-13

3. You prepare by being busy doing the right things rather than doing things right –"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so DOING" (Matthew 24:45-46)

- i. Being busy with the assignment God has committed into our hands as good stewards. This deals with the quality of our service – (1 Corinthians 3:6-15).
- ii. The only way to be rightly busy as stewards of God is to use the gifts, talents and skills He has endowed us with to serve Him profitably in our areas of calling –Romans 12:6-9, 1 Peter 4:10-11.
- iii. Using our gifts in the service of God has a direct relation with our preparation for the appearing of Christ –1 Corinthians 1:7-9(NLT).

⁷Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will

keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. ⁹God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The ultimate outcome of being busy doing what God had called each of us to do is to effectively occupy our different niches for Him. Jesus told the parable of the minas to emphasise the need for each person to actively deploy their gifts and talents in the service of the kingdom (Luke 19:11-23). Those that used what they were given to occupy effectively for Him were rewarded while the one who did not use his gifts for fear of losing it was duly punished for wasting a valuable kingdom resource.

4. We prepare by being prayerful

– “Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is” (Mark 13:33).

The imperative necessity for prayer in activating spiritual vigilance is referred to several times in the Bible. Our Lord taught that prayer is a key way of staying out of temptation (Matthew 26:41, Mark 14:38). Prayerlessness renders people easy prey to the devil. When Satan laid a siege on Peter determined to sift Him like wheat, our Lord resorted to prayer in Peter's defence. When He was assured of the victory, He then called Peter's attention to the enemy's plot against him (Luke 22:31-32).

The reward for those who would scripturally prepare for the second coming of Christ

“Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods” (Matthew 24:47).

Those who prepare for the second coming of Christ the way the scripture stipulates will be rewarded with leadership roles in the kingdom of God – Luke 19:11-27.

The consequences for not preparing for the Second Coming of Christ in line with scriptural provisions

⁴⁸But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ ⁴⁹and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 24:48-51)

When people lose sight of the second coming of Christ in their life, two things quickly show up in their lives, namely,

- High handedness is dealing subordinates and colleagues – begins to beat his fellow servants.
- Overindulging of the flesh – to eat and drink with the drunkards.

Such people would be taken on aware

by the coming of the Lord and they would be treated as hypocrites.

Conclusion

We live in a world that is experiencing value summersaults in all key systems and institutions of society. Depravity is rife. Immorality is rampant and religious relativism winning wider acceptance among church people. The key premise of religious relativism is that religious belief is not a matter of factual truth of what it affirms but the sincerity with which it is held. In other words, what one believes is not as important as how one believes whatever he or she believes. What this is forcing us to accept is the fallacy that every religion leads to the same God provided their different adherents are sincere in their observance of its tenets. After all, “All roads lead to Rome,” they say.

The popularity of religious relativism hinges on the fact that it diffuses and even dismisses the idea of the second coming of Christ. The key to the survival of Christianity in the 21st century is the recapturing of the doctrine of the second coming of Christ and getting Christians to consciously expect and prepare for it. We could not have chosen a more appropriate theme for this time.



Delegates at the 2019 Open Gates

IMF Global State of the Fellowship Report for the period 2019 – 2020

Delivered by the International President, Apostle George and Pastor Grace to the Global Governing Council and the 2020 Open Gates Conference

A. Introduction

Dear Brothers and Sisters, with great joy and a sense of responsibility, we invite you to Open Gates 2020 with the Theme, **‘Behold, He Comes: Watch, Pray and Occupy’**. This theme is a fitting sequel to the 2019 Theme: **‘By His Spirit’** which the Fellowship across the world embraced with passion. The testimonies of brethren who transitioned from living by the five senses to living by the leading, direction and power of Holy Spirit pervades our Kingdom Community.

Let us remember that each theme represents a work of Grace the Lord wants to effect in each of us. For this reason, it makes sense not to throw away with the past year, the experiential realities we gained. Rather than that, what we need to do is to add to what we had already, what Elohim, The God of Heaven has ordained for us to receive from Him in this unfolding year of extreme prophetic significance.

What may perhaps be the most outstanding decade for all humanity in the earth realm is what we may have stepped into! It is a decade like no other in the sense of how much all the things spoken of in the Holy Scriptures seem to have come full circle, waiting for a few seismic shifts before the very end manifests swiftly and suddenly!

This is what makes the theme of 2020 Open Gates a compelling one. As concurrently the IMF theme for year 2020, **‘Behold He Comes: Watch, Pray and Occupy’** is a spiritual compass which will help us to adjust our hearts, mindsets and attitudes, bringing same in alignment with the Heart of our Heavenly Father.

Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu, Chair of the Global Governing Council of International Ministers Fellowship has done an excellent work in downloading from the heaven, the Keynote Address. We urge all members of the Fellowship worldwide to read, study and discuss it – both the excerpts



Inauguration of Leadership of IMF Kenya

that are published in Fellowship, the official Magazine of IMF as well as listen to the audio/video version of his delivery on the first night where he often comes alive in the fullness of unction of Holy Spirit. We also recommend that all brethren in Ministry and those contemplating to answer the call of the Lord procure copies of his ground-breaking treatise **‘The Church of His Vision’** which is thankfully available in this Conference at an affordable price.

Because of significance of the year from the point of fulfilment of prophecies concerning the End Times, the International President is pleased to offer all brethren two resources given by inspiration of Holy Spirit. In the form of eBooks you can easily download at www.kingdombooksclub.com, they are **‘Dispensations, Seasons and Times’** and **‘Understanding The End Times’**. The Third one, which is not yet on the site is titled **‘Seven Letters from heaven’** based on the messages Yeshua, Jesus gave to the 7 Churches of Asia Minor in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3.

The fourth gift is the series of video expositions on the Book of Revelation titled **‘The Things to Come’**. In your YouTube Search Bar, please type in this name **‘True Kingdom Live’** and it will take you to the Channel. Subscribe and you will have access to over 550 free training videos but also be notified of new ones that are uploaded. They are our special gifts to enable you prepare adequately for the Now, be part of the Church without spot, wrinkle and other such things and be effectively used by the Lord to fulfil His pre-determinate counsel in the earth realm. This year, the Global Strategic Spiritual Estimates which provide prophetic insight into fulfilment of or unfolding biblical prophecies will be restored. Please take the information therein seriously.

It is now needful to provide an overview of the Fellowship in the year gone by as well as provide a sneak peek into what is our unfolding mission for the year 2020.

B. Highlights of 2019

1. Spreading the Burden of Responsibility

In the 2019 Fellowship year, International Ministers Fellowship blazed a new trail which was activated at Open Gates. As a Fellowship, we resolved to go beyond ourselves to touch lives of brethren in unfamiliar places. Some National Chapters in developed nations were assigned to support



IMF USA has funded Ceiling of the altar area of Cross Point Christian Centre in Luwero, Uganda

selected projects in some Third world nations. To the glory of God, He released Grace for the objectives to be achieved.

- 1.1 Supporting Kakinzi Cross Point Christian Centre in Luwero, Uganda to ceil the altar area of its worship centre which is the hub of Christian life and IMF activity in the City.** As assigned, IMF-USA raised the funds at its February meeting and duly transmitted same to Bishop Bowanleg, the Overseer. The project has been executed.
- 1.2 Supporting Victory Church Kiboga, Uganda to ceil the altar area of its sanctuary which was built by missionaries from South Korea.** IMF UK at its February meeting raised the funds and transmitted same to the lead Pastor in Uganda. The project was duly executed.
- 1.3 Supporting Gospel Assembly Church of Rwanda at Remera, Kigali in Rwanda to ceil the Altar area.** IMF South Africa has partially fulfilled this obligation by raising and sending about 1/3rd of what is needed to Apostle Mboginaba, the Overseer. IMF South Africa hopes to send further funds during the course of 2020.



*Gospel Assembly Church in Remera, Kigali Rwanda
- Ceiling of Altar Project is being supported by
IMF South Africa*

- 1.4 Supporting Kids of Hope Uganda 1 Orphanage in Mpigi to build steps to the hostel so that the children will not need to jump down the high elevation and completion of the ceiling.** IMF Nigeria was able to raise the funds for this project. Apostle Paul Katongole has indicated that the heavy rains are hindering the work but materials have been procured.



Agape Church Kayole a Nairobi Suburb in Kenya - supported by IMF Ireland in 2019

- 1.5 Supporting Agape Fellowship in Kayole, Nairobi Kenya in their building project.** IMF Ireland raised funds and dispatched directly to the ministry.
- 1.6 Supporting New Life Healing Centre International on Namugongo Road, Kampala, Uganda in its land acquisition project.** IMF Italy, in spite of its own issues, raised funds as directed and sent to Apostle Moses Baguma, the Overseer.
- 1.7 The East Africa Theological College Project.** The National Council of Born-Again Pentecostal Churches which was the local partner we were to walk with has stalled the project. We await their active interest and participation. For purposes of sustainability, we cannot impose a project like this on a nation. If the Lord provides an alternative pathway for this project to go forward, we will pursue same.

C. 2019 Mission Trips of the International President and other Leaders

- 1. The International President undertook several missions designed to strengthen the local fellowships, set things in order and catalyse growth.** The impact in all cases indicate that there is a real need in most nations for the Apostolic mandate upon Apostle George and Pastor Grace to be released.
- 1.1 Cote D'Ivoire** – The first mission in April involved Apostle George and Pastor Grace travelling to oversee a much-needed transition in IMF-CI. Former President, Apostle Jean Baptiste Ogui served one term and found need to give way for his Deputy, Apostle Michael Chima Shedrack and Prophetess Grace Mataly. The change of guard was effected with great Grace. Further wisdom received from our heavenly Father enabled us to re-organise the National Board of Trustees; National Advisory Council and National Executive.
- 1.2 Liberia** – From Cote D'Ivoire, Apostle George and Pastor Grace flew to Liberia where IMF was strengthened and enlarged through infusion of scores of ministers who completed the GSOM training.
- 1.3 USA** – Apostle George and Pastor Grace were guests and delivered the Keynote speech at the National



Conference of IMF-USA in the City of Meriden, Connecticut. Leadership was strengthened and issues which needed resolution were dealt with.

1.4 Italy (1) – The International President and family took a working vacation of prophetic prayer action across Rome, Florence, Remini, San Marino, Bologna and in City of Verona where we spoke at a Conference. The Prophetic prayer action combined with tourism took us further to Milan, Padova and Venice.

1.5 Ireland (1) – We visited the City of Cork to encourage extension of IMF activity in the area through the work of Global School of Ministry and the Global Advanced Mentorship Program.



IMF Italy is providing limited support to Apostle Moses & Pastor Evelyn Baguma concerning acquisition of land for the New Life Healing Centre Sanctuary on Namugongo Road, Kampala, Uganda

1.6 Italy (2) – The International President also visited Italy again later in the year to support the National President in his primary ministry. Through a Centre of Global School of Ministry at the Global Missions Church of Christ, more ministers are added to IMF-Italy.

1.7 South Africa – The International President supervised the ongoing work to consolidate the Chapter; and supervise expansion through release of a great company of brethren who finished GSOM and became new Ministers who are inducted into IMF. The Board of Trustees led by Bishop Xavier and Prophetess Audrey Obasogie; National Advisory Council led by Apostle Ron and Prophetess Rina Kinnear and National Executive led by Apostle Dr. Alan and Pastor Caroline Mills were fully strengthened with infusion of competent officers. The gaps in harmony were supernaturally healed by the Lord as Grace by His Spirit was released for reconciliation and harmony.

1.8 Zambia – visit of the International President in second week of October added impetus to growth of this new Chapter. Through GSOM Africa Online, 9 ministers were retrained and commissioned. The national leadership of IMF Zambia was finally put in place

featuring the Board of Trustees led by Pastor Muowo; The National Advisory Council led by Bishop Amos Sinemba and the National Executive led by National President, Apostle Benjamin Sineene.

1.9 Zimbabwe – The International President was accompanied by Bishop Xavier Obasogie, Director of Business, Professionals and Public Affairs to an intensive working visit to IMF Zimbabwe. The Chapter is fully consolidated and back on track after all the shakings of the past with the Board of Trustees led by Apostle and Mrs Richard Mtungwazi, National Advisory Council led by Apostle Richard and Pastor Rosemary Mwanganya and National Executive in their appropriate places of alignment. The National President, Apostle Pat has continued to offer bold leadership which propels the Fellowship forward.

1.10 Ireland (2) -Our second visit to Ireland in October was to Roscommon at behest of Pastors Kazeem and Olabisi Ogunsakin, Overseers of Zion Family Christian Centre. We used the opportunity to have a meeting with leadership of IMF-Ireland. The Board of Trustees led by Apostle Albert and Chinwe Obadeyi was strengthened with infusion of two new members. The National President, Apostle Jerry and Pastor Betty Okojie were encouraged with practical counsel on how to move the Fellowship forward and bring more qualified vessels on board the National Executive and Advisory Council.

1.11 Cote D'Ivoire – Eight months after the first trip, Apostle George was again in Cote D'Ivoire. The effect of the transition in April had begun to yield positive fruit for IMF. With the large amount of brethren who completed the Global School of Ministry programme, IMF-CI received a great boost with their graduation and release into ministry. The National President, Apostle Michael reported emergence of three Chapters.

1.12 Nigeria – after 10 and 14 years absence respectively, the International President visited Nigeria, their original homeland. Working closely with Dr. Cosmas and Dr. Adeola Ilechukwu Chair of the Global Governing Council, Bishop Stafford Nwaogu, Council Member for Africa and Apostle Mike Nwoye, Global Executive



IMF Nigeria is funding construction of steps and ceiling of remaining rooms of this Kids of Hope Uganda 1 Orphanage at Mpigi, Uganda. Global Missions Board funded the structure itself.

Director for Special Duties, the IMF National Chapter was assisted to install a new National President, Pastors Emma and Vicky Christopher who were there from the very beginning of the Fellowship in 2001. The National Executive was strengthened by bringing on board an effective Deputy President, Pastor Chima Godson; Secretary General, Minister Tochi Anupuome and Director of Administration, Pastor Ikenna Agugua. The immediate past President, Bishop Ezennaya Egbo and Pastor Christy Egbo were inducted into the National Advisory Council. In addition, two new Chapters were inaugurated by the International President through the work of Apostle Sunday Iyi who took Global School of Ministry to that nation.

1.13 United Kingdom – The International President continues to be available to support ministers and ministries based in the United Kingdom. The UK Chapter with Pastor Dupe Adefala continues to score excellent marks with regularity of the monthly meetings. The Chapter blazed a trail by setting out a Ministerial Code of Ethics which emerged from a wide consultation process.



IMF UK has provided funding for the Ceiling of the Altar area of the Victory Church in Kiboga. The sanctuary was originally funded by missionaries from South Korea

1.14 Transit stops in Germany and Kenya. In Germany, we reconnected with Bishop Sony Okpekpe and his wife, Minister Chanelle. He hosted us lavishly during a stop-over in Frankfurt. In Kenya, the Lord used us to add a soul to the Kingdom while on a layover.

In addition, these Global leaders went on Missions to strengthen the Fellowship in some and break the ground in others.

2. Apostle Kolade Akin shared the vision of IMF in various trips and Missions he undertook to these nations: Italy; Spain, Nigeria and Romania. He also addressed the

National Conference of IMF in Rwanda, East Africa. He is still hopeful that the contact with Brazil will bear fruit.

- 3. Bishop Barth led a team of prayer warriors to support our brethren** to spiritually take back the Land in Sheffield, England and Padova, Italy. His dedication towards these ventures is truly commendable and there have been positive feedbacks from their hosts.
- 4. Bishop Xavier flew at his own cost to Harare, Zimbabwe** where he continued to render annual service as travelling companion of the International President.
- 5. Pastor Jeremiah and Pastor Liz Emuchay** of the Global Governing Council made sacrifices to travel with Bishop Barth to inaugurate the National Executive of IMF Italy.
- 6. Bishop Stafford Nwaogu** of the Global Governing Council– spent time after Open Gates to visit some of the churches in the United Kingdom. He also made a trip to Liberia and edified the brethren in IMF.
- 7. Dr. Cosmas & Dr. Mrs Adeola, Chair of Council** – they visited UK later in the year and imparted great grace to the brethren. Dr. Cosmas also visited Liberia where he imparted grace to the brethren.
- 8. Our Special Assistant for Mobilization, Evangelist Steven and Monicca Nkando have invested considerable funds to serve.** Evangelist Steven made trips to Dr. Congo; Rwanda; Tanzania and Botswana to strengthen and deepen the work there. In addition, he initiated establishment of IMF in Namibia, Malawi and Swaziland and accompanied the International President to Zambia where IMF also came into being through his pioneering work. They deserve commendation for buying into the vision with strong passion, always ready to make sacrifices.

D. Resignations and Replacements in the Global Executive Committee

- 1. Apostle Pearl Kupe, Director of Community Engagement and Social Action/President We Care International** – she requested to step down in order to face some primary assignments the Lord committed to her trust. We are grateful to the Lord for the time we spent together building the Fellowship in the Southern part of Africa.

Replacement: To take her place is Pastor Emilia Muteweri. Originally from Zimbabwe, she is a UK Citizen and resident. She has worked together with us at Mission Central since 2009 when she was ordained and is one of the most committed vessels available. The core challenge of We Care International and the Directorate needs some-one who can read the vision, interpret same and drive its fulfilment. Widely travelled

each year, we can think of no better vessel in the IMF family to get this vision off the ground. In any case, she is the vessel the Lord repeatedly laid on our hearts.

2. **Bishop Barth Orji, Director of Prayer, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare** – Bishop Barth who has served closely with the International President indicated that there were some primary ministry assignments the Lord committed to his trust which needed his personal leadership drive in this season of life. Though he is stepping down from the position, he is still actively part of IMF and will continue in non-executive responsibilities such as being a Trustee of IMF-UK. We are very grateful to The Lord for using Bishop Barth so mightily to drive the prayer life of IMF International and as a very useful resource person in IMF UK. He has indicated availability to fulfil specific missionary assignments.

Replacement: Prophet Uloma Edna Ahuama who has effectively been Bishop Barth's assistant over the years will take over as Global Executive Director. A woman of prayer and spiritual warfare, she has led Frontline Intercessors in London to be one of the most effective prayer teams in the world. She has been serving as IMF-UK Director of Prayer, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare.

E. Transitions

We submit to reality that some brethren who started the year 2019 with us were translated to eternity before end of the year. These include:

1. **IMF-Liberia Director of Prayer**, Pastor Varney Kromah was translated in July and left behind, his widow Pastor Patricia and 3 young children.
2. **IMF-Zimbabwe Director of Mobilization**, Prophet Deffy Masarakufa became a widower when his dear wife, Pastor Susan was translated, leaving him with two very young girls.
3. **IMF-Ireland National Executive Member**, Pastor Eudora Fitz-Gerald was translated in November, leaving 2 young children to be cared for by Apostles Albert and Chinwe Obadeyi.
4. **Pastor Brendan Nwaodu**, one of the Intercessors that cover our International work in prayer since 2004 was translated, leaving behind his widow Sister Beatrice and children

Let us remember their families in prayer, that they will receive Grace to be consoled and face the future with confidence in the benefice of Elohim. Please bear with us if some other translations were not covered in this report.

F. Way Forward

1. **Back to our roots.** The Lord impressed on our hearts several times in 2019 to remind us that certain scriptural concepts were instruments He used to activate

what is now International Ministers Fellowship. Between 1996 when the Lord delivered us from Religion and denominationalism and 2001, He gave us some understanding of how deficient current expressions of 'Church' were and called us into deeper realms of understanding. The yearning of our soul was answered when Apostle Vance Russell of Arise Ministries International Austin, Texas visited Owerri, Imo State of Nigeria in May 2001 and 2002. He came with a message of the Kingdom which has the capacity to bring reformation to the Body of Jesus and bring perfection described by Paul the Apostle: *Ephesians 5: 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.* For sake of time, let us be reminded that he and his travelling companions proclaimed some 'lost' or 'forgotten' doctrines of the Bible which attracted the attention of those who heard them. Beyond that, we were privileged to fellowship at the Austin Headquarters of Arise Ministries International where we learnt further the core message of what the Lord connected the Church in Owerri with. Some of those 'ancient landmarks' or pillars with which what is now IMF were originally laid as foundation include these:

- 1.1 **Restoration of the Fivefold as the Jesus appointed instrument of activating the fullness of Grace for perfection of saints; equipping them for the work of ministry and edifying the Body.** Based on exposition of Ephesians 4: 11 – 16, this message was revolutionary in a land seeped with a pyramidal themed organisational Church structure. The foundational role of Apostles and Prophets were emphasized based on Ephesians 2:19 - 22.
- 1.2 **The Priesthood of all believers – also known as the Melchizedek Priesthood.** This is one which emphasizes the reality that spiritual gifts which Holy Spirit imparts to all believer without exclusion is their core appointed instrument of ministry. Romans 12:1-8; all of 1 Corinthians 14; Ephesians 4:7 and 1 Peter 2:9-12 were expounded in this regard.



IMF Global awaits the National Council of Born Again Pentecostal Churches for work to start on the East Africa Theological School Project. It's Secretary General, Bishop Moses was recently bereaved with transition of his beloved wife of many decades

1.3 Love and Unity as the divinely appointed culture of the Kingdom. In this regard, there should be no basis for any discrimination based on race, tribe, gender or socio-economic realities.

1.4 Necessity of fulfilment of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Based on Matthew 24:14, Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20 and Acts 1:80, this was demonstrated by the teaching/training pattern of ministry as much more than staging of crusades like popular evangelists of that era did. Apostle Vance and his team demonstrated how Apostolic teaching ministry when combined with Prophetic insight and utterance can break through hearts, minds and emotions to lift the banner of King Jesus. With this approach, an inside out transformation takes place from individuals, families, neighbourhoods, communities, cities and nations.

1.5 Women in Ministry is a New Testament reality which the Church should embrace in order to unleash its dormant strength (over 50-65 percent of most congregations are women). AMI headquarters demonstrated this reality as, starting with Apostle Debbie and other female ministers, women flowed freely in the gifts of Holy Spirit just like their male counterparts

1.6 Balance of Liberty and Order with Spiritual Authority – Where Holy Spirit is, there is Liberty for people to flow and function without limitations. Yet, 1 Corinthians 14 makes the strong case for Order, lest our liberty lead to disorder. To balance both is the need for Authority as Romans 13:1-8 and Hebrews 13: 7, 17 reveal.

1.7 Religion and Religiosity seeped in traditions of men is a present danger to the true gospel. Religion is what we do by rote, without heart. It includes activities that saints ‘switch on’ to do inside elaborately decorated religious buildings only to ‘switch off’ when they are at home, at work or in business.

When these things in 1-7 are in place, there is alignment which unleashes synergy. The reality is that the great impetus we experienced in promoting the network which led to connection of ministers in 22 nations within three years was

largely because we had a clear message of reformation which appealed to those who were tired of the stifling effects of Religion and Religiosity.

As a matter of kingdom principle, in promoting growth of IMF, we opted for Tolerance. The notion was that reformation does not come from excluding those who do not know what we know. It rather comes from loving all. The clear expectation was that with time, those timeless truths will be understood and embraced by all. The Lord impresses on our hearts that there are some in the Fellowship who need to know these truths and make an informed decision, as led by Holy Spirit, to walk in them. In this way, we will be part of the great company of reformers the Lord is raising for the last chapter of the Church on this side of eternity.

Brethren this mantle we inherited should be an essential part of our unique selling proposition in the comity of Ministry networks and fellowships across the world. After 18 years of pressing into this vision, we can state, without equivocation that there is just no alternative! We cannot go back to the decadent Levitical Order nor can we go the way of Nimrod, the son of Cush who in Genesis 10:8-10 was described as a ‘hunter’ of souls and in the process, risk the acute rejection Jesus had of the Nicolaitanes in Revelation 2: 6, 15.

If you need help understanding the Gospel of the Kingdom, do not despair! We have available to help, as the Lord mandated us. We have developed for you in eBook form, various dimensions of these revelations which you can download free of charge at www.kingdombooksclub.com. If you are visual inclined, just type in the name ‘**True Kingdom Live**’ in your YouTube search bar. There are over 550 videos available for free viewing. We are also pleased to announce again that the Chair of IMF Global Governing Council, Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu authored an excellent book/ holistic Church Growth manual, ‘**The Church of His Vision**’ which is highly recommended for those who would like to see transformation in their ministries and congregations. The Book is available in this conference.

2. We Care – One major need that has been observed in various IMF National Chapters is that occasions do arise when brethren need acute support for going



Mission to Côte d'Ivoire



Liberia Outreach

through issues that are clearly beyond their personal capacity to solve. We should not wait for major crises to erupt before we respond to such situations. We cannot also in good conscience leave chapters of the Fellowship to respond in a haphazard manner. Being the Vision holder, what we perceive is that the Lord wants us to take the plunge of Faith and walk in deeper realms of Love for Him and fellow brethren.

The Lord went ahead of us to create We Care International as a Kingdom agency to deliver compassion. Unfortunately, there was a misplaced emphasis on projects outside the Fellowship. The Lord has now provided clarity which calls for course correction.

From 2020, We Care International branches in selected nations shall focus more on the wellbeing of brethren in the Fellowship. This will cover but not be limited to

- 2.1 Care of members of the Fellowship - brethren who are going through or are in acute need;
- 2.2 Members who are bereaved of very intimately related loved ones who are immediate family;
- 2.3 Brethren acutely needing short, medium or even long term emotional, financial or practical support.
- 2.4 Where members of the Fellowship are deceased, We Care shall be the go-to agency of the national IMF Chapter to support their families.
- 2.5 In this regard, We Care National Directors shall receive guidance from the National leadership of IMF concerning Charitable priorities.

To show seriousness of purpose, IMF National Chapters shall provide funding amounting to a minimum of 10 percent of their annual income disbursed on quarterly basis into the funds of their National We Care entity. Ethical fund raising initiatives will ensure availability of resources to meet the inevitable needs that are bound to arise.

Leadership parameters: Only those who demonstrate a capacity and ability to generate funds through other creative means and have compassionate hearts shall serve as We Care Directors in the nations.

The IMF Global Executive Director of Community Engagement and Social Action who serves concurrently as President of We Care International will also initiate Fund

raising policies and programmes which will be used to support National Chapters who go out of their way to fulfil this mandate. National Chapters where poverty is real will also receive support where available.

3. Chapter Consolidation. While we welcome growth, as led by Holy Spirit, the core focus we will pursue in 2020 is consolidation of all existing chapters to ensure that they are properly structured and that registrations with national regulatory authorities are vigorously pursued where viable. Accordingly:

- 3.1 We will encourage and support National Chapters to be strengthened and positioned to manifest Kingdom Culture in all dimensions.
- 3.2 In this regard, all Chapters will be encouraged to activate the Directorates through which IMF Kingdom life is demonstrated.
- 3.3 **The 6 key Chapters:** IMF- UK, USA, South Africa, Nigeria, Ireland and Italy will pioneer the activation of We Care as described. Other Chapters that are able will be encouraged to follow suit.

We need to embrace ethical guidelines which are actionable to regulate conduct of those who are ministers credentialled by IMF. IMF UK has done an excellent work in producing a working document which is recommended to all national chapters for adoption after the International President and Chair of Global Governing Council make inputs.

G. Spreading the burden of responsibility in 2020

While we rejoice in the great results attained when IMF embraced Charity from Chapters in the 'wealthy nations' towards selected projects in the Third world in 2019, the Lord wants us to continue to press into fulness of that Grace. While 2019 support went to individual ministries having specific projects, the 2020 support will be channelled to support consolidation of chapters of IMF in poorer countries that are doing well but need a little help. Accordingly, here are responsibilities that are given to some national Chapters:

1. **IMF-UK:** In 2020, this chapter is to raise and distribute equivalent of \$1000 to these causes: Consolidation of IMF Liberia (\$500) and Consolidation of two chapters of IMF in DRC Congo (\$500)
2. **IMF-USA:** In 2020, this Chapter is to raise and distrib-



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ute \$1000 to these causes: Consolidation of IMF-Kenya (\$500) and IMF Rwanda (\$500)

3. **IMF-South Africa:** In 2020, this chapter is to raise and distribute \$1000 to these causes: Completion of the ceiling fund of the Gospel Assembly of God Remera Kigali started last year (\$500) and Consolidation of the Swaziland and Malawi Chapters (\$250 each)
4. **IMF Nigeria:** In 2020, this Chapter is to raise and distribute \$1000 as to the following causes: Consolidation of IMF-India (\$500) and IMF Pakistan (\$500)
5. **IMF Ireland:** this Chapter which is smaller in size is assigned to raise \$500 to be distributed as follows: Consolidation of IMF Tanzania (\$250) and IMF Uganda (\$250)



Ireland Mission

6. **IMF Italy:** This is another small chapter but with a heart of gold. It is assigned \$350 to support IMF Cote D'Ivoire
7. **Travels:** The time is ripe for brethren from the sponsoring chapters to visit the Chapters they are assigned to support. (Including 2019 assignments)

Brethren let us embrace these responsibilities of Love with Joy. The Lord has already provided within the midst of each chapter, specific vessels He wants to use to fulfil the Kingdom assignments.

H. An example to follow: aligning other ministries properly with IMF.

Like Paul told the Corinthian saints in 1 Corinthians 11: 1, the International President admonishes all brethren to learn from the way we have structured our lives and ministries to ensure that International Ministers Fellowship will always grow and abound. All that we do are structured, as led by the Lord to flow into an unceasing addition of value to IMF. Let us outline some.

1. **Mission Central** – All ministers in Arise Metropolitan Assembly are continuously taught and trained to see International Ministers Fellowship as their Ministry home. Consequently, there is near 100 percent embrace of the Fellowship.
2. **Arise Metropolitan Assembly.** This congregation embraced and entrenched all the 7 pillars that are part of the ancient landmarks of IMF. Consequently, we have

the five-fold as a functional reality. They have, in turn, created an atmosphere where the Priesthood of all believers is an entrenched reality. The result is that almost every year, brethren complete the process of transitioning to become disciples of Jesus who are trained to be ministers of the gospel. As they are commissioned into ministry, IMF becomes their ministerial home.

3. **Global School of Ministry.** The Teach, Train, Equip, Activate and Release process Holy Spirit has used GSOM to perfect is now leading to infusion of hundreds of ministers annually who become full members of IMF worldwide.
4. **Global Advanced Mentorship Programme.** Through the annual Master Class, tens of ministers are given accelerated training in Authentic Kingdom Culture. These brethren are ever ready and willing to serve in various IMF Chapters.
5. **Frontline Intercessors** – this Kingdom agency of Intercessors and Prayer Warriors stands in the gap for IMF Global and National leaders and prays into situations concerning members of the Fellowship worldwide.
6. **Global Missions Board** – the great work of Charity which God is using Global Missions Board to do across the world has had net effect of raising the profile of IMF. In 2019, GMB through its US and UK offices supported 14 Orphanages; 2 Widowhood organizations; 4 individual widows; Scholarships to 3 for Higher Education; 1 organization representing the Persecuted Church 7 Ministers in the third world. Beneficiaries were spread through Liberia; Cote D'Ivoire; Nigeria; Cameroun; DRC Congo; Rwanda; Uganda; Kenya; Ethiopia; Zambia; Zimbabwe; South Africa; Barbados; India; Pakistan, Hong Kong; United Kingdom and United States.

Not everyone may be able to go the whole hog in this manner. But we would like to encourage members of the Fellowship to imbibe the concept of aligning their individual mandates with the greater Kingdom mandate of the Fellowship. In this way, there will be greater degree of bonding and sustainable growth. IMF will never 'swallow up' the ministry of anyone but will rather add value to what all of us are doing in the Kingdom.

Adopt a Village: The International President was led to adopt his village, Umualumaku in Uzoagba, Ikeduru Local Government Area of Imo State for sustained Kingdom impact through love and provision of things that will bless



Mission Central



Adopt a Village

everyone. A Health Centre will be built through a birthday fundraiser on Facebook; a Skills Acquisition Centre will be built for the large number of unemployed youths; Widows, Orphans and the aged receive material support. The quantum of goodwill this has generated cannot be quantified. On a recent visit, the Villagers unanimously committed to reject all evil; renounce any claims of Satan and dedicate the people and land to a Covenant relationship with Jesus. We recommend that brethren in the Fellowship be open to how the Lord can use them to impact their roots

7. Open Doors for Television – In 2019, the Lord opened a brand-new door for Apostle George and Pastor Grace to communicate the dispensation of gospel of the Kingdom committed to their trust. True Kingdom Live is already broadcast weekly on Liberia Broadcasting with a station of Nigeria Television Authority set to follow.

The bigger platform is Trinity Broadcasting Network TBN Africa which commences in this first quarter of 2020 on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Please pray for those who the Lord has used to make this possible to prosper exponentially. Pray also for the Lord to raise more partners for this project and for utterance to be granted to us, under open heavens, to constantly proclaim the Person of Yeshua, Jesus and Saviour and King and the reality of His Kingdom in the now and in future. IMF will gain as it is widely promoted to a far bigger audience through this new communication platform. May the doors to other significant networks open widely with Satan and his cohorts unable to stop, slow down or divert the determinate purpose of Elohim.



Medical Mission

I. Gratitude

We all in the IMF network owe a debt of gratitude to Elohim for how these agencies, especially the saints in Arise Metropolitan Assembly and alumni of the annual Master Class of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program have become the main support base of the work of the International President.

We are grateful to the Lord for using Dr. Cosmas to raise an offering for us at the IMF Nigeria meeting in November. His continual care for our well being and the practical expression of love through financial investments he makes annually are appreciated.

We are also grateful to the Lord for using IMF South Africa, IMF Nigeria and IMF UK to make the vision of supplying credentials to brethren in the poorer countries free of charge. They did it by simply contributing heartily for production of the Ordination Certificates and Ministerial Licenses of brethren from their own chapters. As a shop in the UK says, 'every little helps'!

J. As we approach end of the age

The theme of both Open Gates and IMF International for 2020 is **'Behold, He Comes: Watch, Pray and Occupy'** should be rightly understood and embraced as a Compass for the things that will surely be coming in the earth realm! Please make it a point of duty to visit the IMF Global website often for updates and reports. It is www.imfministers.com. The Global Executive Director of Communication, Apostle Dr. Katherine Jones will certainly welcome your comments and inputs.

God willing, we shall be able to deliver the Global Spiritual Strategic Estimates for 2020 in this Conference.

K. Conclusion

We are grateful to the Lord for the unity of purpose He has made a defining mark of IMF, especially with the Global Board of Trustees; Global Governing Council and Global Executive Committee levels. We are thankful to Him also for various National leadership who have embraced the vision and are running with it in different nations of the world.

For all the brethren who overcame financial, physical, emotional and other challenges to physically attend. May the Lord bless all beyond measure! Above all, may He cause us to understand without any shadow of doubt that 'Behold, He Comes'! And to that we are required to do these three things: **'Watch; Pray and Occupy'**!

*Apostle George & Pastor Grace Akalonu
International President, International Ministers Fellowship
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Programme for Open Gates 2020. Theme: Behold He Comes: Watch, Pray & Occupy

Friday 10th January from AM to PM Guests arrive, register and check into accommodation

Session 1 - Moderated by Apostle George

5.00 - 6.00pm **Pre-Conference Prayer Rally & Worship to sanctify Hall and Venue** - Bishop Barth & Prophet Uloma

6.00 - 7.00pm **Dinner**

7.00 - 7.20pm **Prayers** - Bishop Barth

7.20 - 7.30pm **House Keeping** - Pastor Liz, Open Gates Director

7.30 - 7.50pm **Welcome to Open Gates 2020** - International President

7.50 - 8.20pm **Praise & Worship ending with Official Opening of Gates**

8.20 - 8.30pm **Reflection & Comfort Break + Special Number** - Minister Linda Didier

8.30 - 9.45pm **Keynote Address (1) Chair of GGC** - Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu

10.9.45 - 9.55pm **Praying in the Message** - Pastor Dupe Adefala

11.9.55 - 10.10pm **Offering** - Pastor Ignatius Okeke

12.10.10 - 11.00 **Body Ministry** - GGC; GEC; National Leaders minister to delegates

Delegates retire to rest for the night

Day 2: Saturday, 11th January

Session 2: Moderated by Prophet Uloma, Director of Prayer

5.00 - 6.00am **Live edition of DayBreak with The King/Prayer**

6.00 - 7.00am **Getting ready for the day**

7.00 - 8.00am **Breakfast**

Session 3: Moderated by Teacher Stephanie Foster, Director of Administration

8.00 - 8.30am **Praise and Worship** - Open Gates Praise and Worship Team

8.30 - 9.45am **Short Releases on the Theme** - Members of the Global Executive Committee: Apostle Kolade & Pastor Nkechi Akin; Bishop Xavier; Apostles Albert & Chinwe Obadeyi; Teacher Stephanie Foster; Prophet Uloma; Pastor Emiliah. Legal Advisers: Evangelist Veronica Ikechi; Pastor Ross Moniro; National Presidents: Pastor Dupe Adefala; Apostle Ron & Pastor Janda Shepherd

Special Number - Minister Monica Nkando

10.00 - 12noon **2020 IMF Global State of the Fellowship Report** - International President, 2020 Global Strategic Spiritual Estimates

12.00 - 1.00pm **Business Session.** Focus: Response to the Annual Report; Questions & Answers; Basic Resolutions on the way forward

1.00 - 1.15pm **Subscription to IMF Global Expansion & Consolidation Funding Programme**

1.15 - 2.15pm **Lunch**

2.15 - 4.00pm **General Break for Rest**

Session 4: Moderated by Apostle Kolade & Pastor Nkechi Akin

4.00 - 4.05pm **Prayers**

4.05 - 4.30pm **Presentation - Youth & Next Generation** - Coordinated by Pastors Mudi & Helen

4.30 - 5.30pm **Short releases** - National Presidents & Leaders. Apostle Jerry & Pastor Betty Okojie (Ireland); Pastor Patrick Keshi (Italy); Apostle Sunday & Pastor Gladys Iyi; Evangelist Steven Nkando (representing Zambia); Apostle Brenda Jamison (USA); Pastors Ola & Dupe Adebajo; Apostle Geneva Young (USA); Apostle Corine Stone (USA); Pastors Thomas & Eunice Alamu; Pastor Kazeem & Olabisi Ogunsakin

5.30 - 5.55pm Pastor Liz Emuchay

5.55 - 6.30pm Pastor Grace Akalonu

6.30 - 7.00pm **Prayer; Worship and the Hour of Prophets in the House & Vessels with Prophetic Mantles:** Prophet Uloma Ahuama; Prophet Nadem; Prophet Rebecca Moniro; Dr. Joshua Jama

7.00 - 8.00pm **Dinner**

Session 5: Moderated by Pastor Grace Akalonu, International President

8.00 - 8.20pm **Prayer and Worship** -

8.20 - 8.45pm **5-minute releases** - Overseer & Lady Arnett Kirton; Dr. Joshua & Pastor Toyin Jama; Bishop Fola & Apostle Christine Josiah + Special Number by Minister Jasmine

8.30 - 9.00pm Pastor Jeremiah Emuchay

9.00 - 9.30pm **Worship and Offering** -

9.30 - 10.30pm Bishop Stafford Nwaogu

10.30 - 11.30pm **Body Ministry** - GGC; GEC; National Leaders

Delegates Rest

Sunday, January 12

Session 6: Moderated by Teacher Stephanie Foster & Prophet Uloma

5.00 - 6.00am **DayBreak with The King prayer session**

6.00 - 7.00am **Preparation for the Day**

7.00 - 8.00am **Breakfast**

Session 7: Moderated by International President

9.00 - 9.30am **Praise and Worship** - Praise Team + Special Numbers by Ministers Linda & Monica

9.30 - 10.00am **Release** - Pastors Charles & Amaka; Pastor Ignatius Okeke; Pastor Cecilia Aleshinloye Rev. Victor Chukwuemeka (Ireland); Evang. Adeola Akintoye (LMF); Bishop Barth

10.00 - 11.00am Members of Global Executive and Global Governing Council

11.00 - 11.30am **Keynote Address - Part 2** - Dr. Cos Ilechukwu

11.30 - 12.30pm **Closing Remarks & Communique Session** presided by International President

1.00pm - 2.00pm **Lunch**

Rapporteurs: Prophet Uloma; Apostle Kolade Akin and Pastor Liz Emuchay