

COMMUNIQUE/RESOLUTION OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF UDI (ANGLICAN COMMUNION) HELD FROM WEDNESDAY 4TH – SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025 AT EMMANUEL CHURCH AMOKWE.

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS the Second Session of the Sixth Synod of the Diocese of Udi (Anglican Communion) was held at Emmanuel Church Amokwe. The Synod was presided over by the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Chijioke A. Aneke (JP) on the Theme ***“Faith Moves Mountains”***. ***Matthew 20:17 & Mark 11:23-24.***

The Synod was duly constituted with the House of Bishop, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity representing all the Parishes and the Church Organizations in the Diocese. The Synod, after due conduct of its business rose with the following communiqué/resolutions.

1. Gratitude to God:

The Synod expresses her sincere gratitude to Almighty God for His inspiration and guidance in making the Second Session of the Sixth Synod of the Diocese a success.

2. Gratitude to the Bishop:

The Synod appreciates and commends our indefatigable Bishop on the incisive, lucid, visionary and energetic manner he spiritually presented the Presidential Address/Bishop’s Charge and his choice of this year’s theme ***“Faith Moves Mountains”*** ***Matthew 20:17 & Mark 11:23-24.***

3. Gratitude to the Diocesan Women President:

The Synod commends the doggedness of the Diocesan Women President Mrs. Comfort O. Aneke “Nneudo” and the Women Ministry on their evangelism, capacity building, projects and donations.

4. Gratitude And Appreciation:

The Synod is highly grateful to the Synod Guest Preacher, Ven. Dr. Davidson Obi Udodi, who explored the theme of the Synod. He scholarly and spiritually dealt with the Synod theme.

- The Synod is also immensely appreciative of Ven. Nnamdi Ugochukwu Ijeudo Ph.D, who handled the Bible Study and indepth exposition on the Synod theme during the Session. His handling of the Bible study and exposition was scholarly and spiritually edifying.
- The Synod further expresses its gratitude to Prof Sussy Onyia for her inspiring and revealing presentations on the topic Vaccine Hesitancy: Overview and way forward.
- The Synod is immensely appreciative to Rev’d Innocent Asuquo, Rev’d Stephen Alor and Evang. Nnamdi Ezech on spiritual upliftment during the Revival Hour.
- The Synod appreciates the Central Planning Committee Chairman Evang. Nnamdi Ezech and his team in their meticulous and clinical approach to issues to the

success of this Synod and pray that God will bless them.

- The Synod was pleased with the Bishops who came to show solidarity with the Diocese and the Diocesan especially Archbishop of Enugu Ecclesiastical Province and Bishop of Enugu North Diocese Most Rev. Dr. Sosthenes Ikehukwu Eze.
- The Synod is also grateful to Emmanuel Church Amokwe, the Vicar Ven. Engr. Godwin. C. and Mrs Tina Aneke, Local Organizing Committee ably led by Sir Dr. Onyeka Udoka Onyia, for successfully hosting the Second Session of the Sixth Synod of the Diocese of Udi (Anglican Communion).
- The Synod appreciates the Secretariat, led by the acting Clerical Synod Secretary Rev. Canon Chukwunonso Emetaghi, Mass media, security Agencies, Kitchen.
- The Synod finally appreciates visitors from sister Dioceses, friends and well-wishers who generously donated for the various projects being carried out within the Diocese.

5. Theme of the Synod:

- The Synod is most grateful to God that the choice of this year's Synod theme: ***"Faith Moves Mountains"*** is apt and chosen under the direction of the Holy Spirit especially now when the faith of many Believers are waning. Believers are enjoined to rise up with mountain moving faith that is, Faith that acts, prays and perseveres-believing that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or imagine.
- The Synod calls on all Christians to note that words are inevitable tool in our faith's journey and further enjoins them to use it to command mountains.
- The Synod urges all and sundry that faith is not a magic wand, rather it is a principle when applied leads to remarkable outcomes and transformations.
- The Synod charges believers to overcome anxiety in times of delay by practicing the presence of God, practicing patience, rejecting worry and fear, praying and fasting, reading of bible everyday etc.
- The Synod warns Christians to run away from these hindrances to faith which constitute obstacles to faith's advancement which includes doubts, fear, worry, unforgiveness, sin etc.
- The Synod decries the resurgence of idolatry in recent times and urges Christians to shun idolatrous practices by demonstrating a living faith in God in the face of challenges.
- The Synod calls on all and sundry to hold on to our faith in the face of systemic failure in the governance of our country that has resulted in excruciating hardship, pain and even loss of lives that God will soon send a relief from the most unforeseen quarter and finally charges us to be people of faith, diligently growing our faith and refusing every hindrance to it and having stubborn faith like Job who said "even if He slays me, I will still trust Him".

6. Diocesan News:

The Synod expresses gratitude to God for the impressive achievements of the Diocese.

- Infrastructural Development at Bethany Hospital.
- The Synod is grateful to her members both Home and in Diaspora and friends of the Diocese for their enormous support on the Diocesan projects and urges them not to relent in doing God's work in the Diocese and further appeals for more support in the completion of the Bethany Hospital and other Diocesan projects.
- The Synod sincerely salute the Diocesan Council of Knights for their untiring efforts in serving God, the Church and society as originally intended and further thanked them for the purchase of 7.5 KVA Generator for the Bishops court use to ameliorate the lighting issues arising from the Bishops court.
- The Synod wishes Ven. Sunday Ikechukwu Okoli and Mrs. Rose Ucheoma Okoli happy retirement with robust health and God's abundant blessings as they have bowed out of active Church Ministry in Udi Diocese.
- The Synod further prays God to reward and replenish Mr. Benson Aneke the Bishop's driver and his family and bids him farewell on his retirement.

7. Provincial News

- The Synod heartily welcome the new Archbishop the Most Rev'd Dr. Sosthenes Ikechukwu Eze and his wife Dr. Mrs. Faith Eze, further pledges her support and prays that they offer themselves sacrificially to the service of God and humanity.
- The Synod further congratulates the new Bishop of Enugu Diocese Rt. Rev'd Prof Sam Ike and Dr. Mrs Rubby Ike and prays God to grant them the unction to function.

8. Enugu State:

- The Synod commends His Excellency Barr. Dr. Peter Mba for his unwavering commitment and dedication to reshaping the future of the State through extensive infrastructural development, educational advancement and enhanced security measures.
- The Synod applauds the Governor for the recently launched "Smart Green Schools", rural roads and deployment of 150 patrol vehicles equipped with advanced AI-embedded surveillance technology.
- The Synod commends His Excellency for the rescuing and initiating the revitalization of iconic Hotel Presidential Enugu which was long abandoned by his predecessors. This will boost tourism, attract investment and generate employment opportunities for the State youths.
- The Synod commends His Excellency for his broader vision to rehabilitating dormant State Assets, transforming them to productive ventures that will contribute to Enugu's economic growth e.g. the International Conference Centre.
- The Synod congratulates Governor Peter Mba for the commencement of payment of gratuity to workers in the Civil Service who have retired from January this year

and promise to pay the backlog of gratuities instalmentally and the introduction of biometric verification which will reduce the troubles and burdens of pensioners considering their age and health status.

- The Synod urges His Excellency to consider the issue of moribund former Anambra Vegetable Oil Production (AVOP) Nachi now that he is resurrecting abandoned projects in the State. It can be renamed Enugu Vegetable Oil Production (EVOP) Nachi, of which posterity will always remember him.
- The Synod pleads with His Excellency to consider and use his good offices to repair the old Enugu Onitsha road which is now in a deplorable situation especially at Nkwoagu Station and Obioma axis.

9. State of the Nation

- The Synod calls on the Federal Government to initiate a process toward drafting a brand new constitution for Nigeria and not merely amending the old one.
- The Synod notes that the rising insecurity, economic hardship, injustice, ethnic tensions and Political instability are symptoms of a broken system sustained by a faulty constitutional framework which did not reflect the will of the people.
- The Synod notes that Nigeria faces a multitude of challenges ranging from widespread insecurity, economic hardship, bad governance, terrorism, banditry, separatist movement, high inflation, poverty, corruption, infrastructural deficiencies, environmental degradation and social inequalities.
- The Synod urges the Nigerian Government for State Police creation to curb the numerous crimes in the State.

10. Issues of serious concern

- The Synod strongly condemns the numerous security challenges in the country ranging from armed robbery, kidnapping, human trafficking, religious motivated killings, inter-tribal or communal wars, terrorism, nefarious activities of gangster/cultist insurgence and banditry and urges both the Federal Government and State Government to look inward and curb the above menace.
- The Synod urges the government to effectively address the issue of insecurity by prioritizing education and uplifting socio-cultural standards by investing in education that respects and celebrates Nigeria's diverse cultures while promoting critical thinking and civic responsibility that can transform from State of insecurity to one of stability and progress.
- The Synod makes an urgent clarion call for every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ to engage vigorously in the work of evangelism so that it will not be said after our time that "there arose a generation that did not know God" (Judges 2:10-12).

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