

ADDRESS BY OUR HOLY FATHER

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TO THE

Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Leader's Representatives
at Calabar on June 26th, 1976.

Brethren, the Father knows why you are here today. As you have been told before, 1976 is a wonderful year. You have been called by the Holy Spirit to bring gifts to the Father's House and receive His blessings. Do people go empty-handed to see a Priest?

Do you recall what Saul said? His father, Kish, had lost some asses and asked Saul to take one of the servants and go to find them. After passing through many lands in fruitless search for them, Saul made up his mind to return to his father to prevent Kish from leaving worrying about asses to worry about the searchers. Then the servant told him that there was a man of God in the city whose sayings always come true, and suggested that they go and consult him that he might tell them where to direct their search efforts. Then Saul replied to the servant, "But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God. What have we?" (1 Samuel 9 : 7).

The servant replied that they had the fourth part of a shekel of silver: "that will I give to the man of God to tell us our way." And what about you? Have you really come empty handed to respond to the Father's call? During Pentecostal Assemblies, you are told to take note of,

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and put into practice all instructions from the Leader's Office. It is obedience to those instructions that casts away all your problems, not your struggles. As you can see, I have a new pamphlet entitled "Revelations". It embodies revelations through two officers of government and not our usual visioners. The revelations give us new insights into the kingdom of God. The officers who are vessels of these revelations were very strong persons who could not possibly believe in visions. One of them drops in and out of Brotherhood services and meetings at will. You should read the whole message for yourselves. For now, I want to draw your attention to two aspects:

1. July 7 is set aside as a day for Change of Age celebration. We have only a few days to go. One reason for this assemblage of Leader's Representatives is to plan effectively for that occasion; to plan how to sing and dance to glorify God on this wonderful occasion and our privilege to be involved in it.
2. All brethren in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are to celebrate the birthday of the Leader. When was the Leader born? The Father knows the answer, but the annual celebration is scheduled for December 31st and January 1st. You will read the rest of the story in the new pamphlets. This is the second person to receive this revelation: You are to bring gifts yearly and make feasts to glorify the Father. I myself am afraid of these revelations, they do not portray my personal desire.

Release Your Revelations for publication

The revelations now published for your consumption, and now warning you about the penalties of not releasing revelations that you receive, are from people not presently within the fold of the Brotherhood as you know it. How many of you have responded to my appeal to bring your significant revelations for publication? You have been told what to do. The rest of the matter is up to you.

Joy for God's children

All evil is taken away and only joy is left for God's children. You fail to rejoice because your minds are focussed on earthly things. If this were not so, every minute of everyday would be a moment of rejoicing for you. Your desire for things earthly is insatiable. If you were to abstain from worldly things and concentrate on the riches of this new kingdom, you would be happy always.

It surprises some of you that I am not quoting the Bible to you. However, what I am saying to you is greater than biblical quotations. You quote from books when you are in court to support your case against someone else. In this new kingdom, we are not concerned with establishing cases against anyone, but with enjoying with the Father always.

This meeting is for Accredited Leader's Representatives

Are all of you here Leader's representatives? Or are you responding "as Father likes"? Are you all sent by your Bethels as accredited representatives? Has any Bethel sent more than two representatives?

You are duty bound to carry back today's message to brethren at home

What you learn from me, will you pass on to the brethren in your bethels or quietly pocket it as usual? Listen. This is the first extraordinary meeting of Leader's representatives with the Leader. You have been holding other meetings in your areas and bethels and taking whatever decisions you like, making yourselves kings and rulers over the brethren; playing politics with the work of God in His fold, and not bothering to come here and learn from the source.

Are you all, I ask again, accredited Leader's representatives? The first thing you will do on your return to your areas and zones is to ensure that every bethel has a brother and a sister as Leader's representatives, even if those are the only two members of the bethels.

Hierarchy of Representatives

In each area, make a special note of this, I have one person when I make my representative. Take Lagos for example: I have one overall representative there. But, in due course, I shall create more groupings within each area or zone and place more representatives there so that the work of Brotherhood will not be too difficult or heavy on any one person. In the whole of Rivers State, I presently have one overall Leader's representative. But in each bethel within the area, there must be two representatives (a brother and sister) who are to keep us fully informed on what is happening in their bethels Later on, I will have a representative in each Division and still Later in each district of the State to facilitate the work of Brotherhood.

Qualifications of a Leader's Representative

Our second major consideration is: what are the responsibilities and duties of Leader's Representatives? What is the meaning of the term "Leader's representatives"? I know that you sit in your Bethels and appoint as Leader's representatives drunkards, fornicators, adulterers, liars and others who behave contrary to the teachings of the Brotherhood. I want you to get this absolutely clear: anyone who is to represent the Leader must be similar to the Leader in one form or another.

To speak literally, his hands, eyes, ears, hair, his manner of speech, action and/or behaviour must bear some similarity to those of our Leader.

One cause of troubles in your Bethels is that you have as Leader's representatives unbelievers, unruly and unrighteous people—people who fight rather than serve the cause of trust. When you are told to select Leader's representative, you select anyone regardless of his personal attributes. Some of you select yourselves and your wives. Others appoint themselves because they started B.C.S. in their own houses or villages and announce to all brethren that they were specially chosen, man and wife, by the Leader. I want to make it abundantly clear that the Leader's representative must be a believer and must adhere to and practice the teachings of the Brotherhood. What matters is not who started or brought the Bethel to where; God works through people to open any Bethel. The important thing is to seek God's guidance in the choice and to allow whom God directs to serve as Leader's Representatives.

There is no conflict between the post of Leader's representative and the fact of anyone being the channel through whom God opened a particular bethel. The Leader's representative must be a believer, a man of truth, a practitioner of the gospel, a righteous brother or sister. Otherwise, you cannot look forward to peace and progress in any individual bethel.

Duties and Responsibilities of a Leader's Representative

The foregoing apart, I want to move to my next point. What are the duties of the Leader's Representatives? Note that we have a saying to the effect that a messenger does not speak in parables. But what do we now find in Leader's Representatives? They do whatever they like: sign documents on their own; issue instructions not founded on Brotherhood teachings; make laws, rules and regulations to bind the brethren; settle cases according to their own knowledge and wisdom, otherwise act as if independent of the Leader.

Note from now on that a Leader's representative is merely a channel through whom I pass all instructions to the bethels and through whom all project ideas, plans, problems, achievements and all matters affecting the general well-being of the bethels flow as information to the Leader for approval and blessings. The Leader's representative has no power to do anything by himself; he acts only on the basis of specific instructions from the Leader. This proviso covers representatives at all levels: bethel, district, divisional, area and zonal levels.

Whenever you gather together in any Bethel, district, division or zone to do anything in the name of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, if my Representative is not there, the meeting is null and void. Any non-personal correspondence that comes to me from Bethels, meetings etc. that do not pass through him is tantamount to wasted effort. You can, of course, still write directly to the Leader about your personal problems; this provision does not cover that category of correspondence.

The Leader's Representative is a Physical Symbol of the Leader

Do you not understand that my representative stands for me? He is the person sitting or standing in my place in your midst when you are doing anything. And he will deliver to you exactly what I have instructed him to deliver, without adding or subtracting therefrom. Therefore, you must accord him due respect and not rebel against him or show any disobedience to him when he is acting according to my instructions.

Zonal meeting of representatives

What I want is that when you go back to your respective areas or zones, convene a meeting of all Leader's representatives in the area or zone, with my zonal Representative as Chairman. That meeting will select Divisional or District representatives. Is that clear to you? I now draw your attention to the practice in Government or the Civil Service wherein you have a hierarchy of authority from Commissioner through Permanent Secretary, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary, etc. down to the clerical

each having his own work, with all the functions properly co-ordinated, and everyone at every level helping to ensure that the burden of office is not too great on any person. We have a similar objective and organisation in view.

The Spirit of Brotherhood Service

Now let us move on to our next point. When you go back, summon a meeting in your respective bethels and narrate exactly what I am telling you here. I do not want you to feel or say that since you paid your own way to Calabar to hear it, it must remain your private property and anyone who wants to learn should find his way to the source at Calabar. That is not in keeping with the spirit of Brotherhood. Now, pass the information and instruction to all the brethren you come in contact with. The same practice applies to all area meetings of Representatives, all other meetings and all Gospel messages of Brotherhood.

Those who are writing this message should reproduce it as a full narrative story and not a precis of it, and submit it for publication and circulation.

Again, let me stress that the two representatives in any Bethel are "Myself". You must know that they have no powers of themselves, whatever I tell or write to them is what they pass on to others.

Similarly, whatever the Bethels request them to pass on to the Leader is what they will pass on to me.

I do not want anyone to say that he built the Bethel or brought Brotherhood to the village or town and therefore must reign supreme over the other brethren. No, God merely used him or her to achieve His end. Those who cannot obey me can go and build their own organisations—not Brotherhood.

Again, the Representative must be given all due respect, but he has no authority of his own. Brotherhood is not the kind of place in which or for which anyone does anything and credits it all to himself. Nor is it a place wherein anyone speaks and behaves as he likes, No.

Study all B.C.S. Publications for your Guidance

All brethren must study all Brotherhood publications and adhere strictly to their teachings. All brethren take their instructions from the Leader; no one is permitted to add thereto or subtract therefrom. All Representatives should attend Pentecostal Representatives Meetings. In the Brotherhood, we have three Pentecostal Assemblies per year—April, August and December/January. The first day of each Pentecostal is a day for Representatives Meeting. Representatives from all part of the world should attend these meetings; under no circumstances should a representative miss them. One of your sources of trouble is non-attendance at those meetings. And if you don't, ask yourself the question; "Are you still my Representative?"

Reporting Responsibility of All Leader's Representatives

I want you to note that since you are my representatives, beginning from today, you must keep me fully informed on everything that goes on in the Bethels. Whether things are in good or bad order, you should know. And you are duty bound to bring the full report to the subsequent Pentecostal Representatives' meeting for study, advice, direction, commendation or other appropriate action.

Your report should indicate which brethren are active in the work of God, who are backsliders, who are doing their best to promote the Father's work, any indebtedness of the Bethel, the self-sufficiency or surplus funds situation of the Bethel, etc. The report must reach the secretary of the Representatives' meeting at least two weeks before the opening of the Pentecostal.

All Brotherhood work Hangs On the Leader;

learn from the Source

Brethren, you know that all B.C.S. work hangs on me. Your role is that of obedience and strict adherence to instructions; you are not to add to or subtract from those instructions or apply your worldly wisdom to them. As a Representative, you should know all B.C.S. rules and regulations, procedures, made and manner of conducting meetings and affairs, etc. so that you are able to play your role to the full at all meetings, other gatherings, and in respect of every aspect of life affecting the interests of Brotherhood.

There is Unity in Brotherhood

Each bethel must submit the correct names of its two representatives to the area/zonal representative who must in turn forward a complete list in respect of the area or zonal to Headquarters, Calabar. Brotherhood is one. But as a result of the insubordination and stubbornness of some of you, you set up mini-kingdoms for yourselves and ignored the Area representatives. The Area representative is empowered to go to any bethel and find out everything as well as check everything about it: the money in hand and in the bank, bethel property, everything.

Do Not keep messages to yourselves

One difficulty we have in Brotherhood is that Representatives receive letters or circulars and keep them between themselves and their sisters, or leave them under Bibles in Bethels and forget about them. Brethren in bethels consequently remain ignorant of instructions from Headquarters.

Another thing is that as you come here and learn from the source, on your return you keep what you have gathered to yourself on the flimsy excuse that you used your money to travel to Calabar and since the bethel did not contribute towards meeting the cost of your trip, you owe them no obligation in respect of what you gather. Once you become a Leader's representative, you come here as such and must act as such. Everything you see the Leader do or refrain from doing, you must learn to do likewise.

No Room for worldly knowledge or wisdom

The next point I want to emphasise is that you must study all Brotherhood publications. You must not bring the knowledge from your previous job, or political wisdom, or other extraneous knowledge or wisdom to bear on B.C.S. work. Every knowledge you need for the Father's work is to be found in B.C.S. publications. You should know their contents thoroughly so that you can teach and direct other brethren correctly.

No Room for Divisions in Brotherhood

One other point I want to draw your attention to is that there is too much division among you in the sense that you do not trust other brethren. Hence, it has become necessary to have everything written down and signed before you can believe. If it is not done, all progress is held up. Why should this distrust prevail among you? The right approach is that you agree on whatever the Bethel or area wants to do in the presence of my representative as Chairman, he communicates the agreement to me for approval and once I say or write "approved", that one word should be sufficient basis for action.

Do not bring petty matters to the Leader

My next point is that you bring too many petty matters to the Leader at Calabar. You should first try to deal with the problems level by level within the administrative hierarchy of the Brotherhood from association meetings through meetings of ordained ones, Pastors' meetings to the zonal Leader's representatives.

Only if the matter is beyond resolution, by the zonal Leader's representative should it go to the Leader. In Brotherhood, the Father has so organised affairs that no one is scheduled to carry excessive burden. You have a multitude of problems in out-stations only because you refuse to follow B.C.S. direction; because you are not entrenched in B.C.S. custom and practice.

Insist on Concrete Buildings for Bethels only if you have Ability

I observe that all Bethels are trying to put up concrete buildings and you have functions almost everywhere towards that end. Sometimes, you have envelopes from three or four stations soliciting funds in one day. In Brotherhood, if you have ability to build a bethel or perform any other particular act; do so. If not, take the matter to God in prayer and wait until God gives you the ability.

Do not bring the wisdom of the outside religious bodies to Brotherhood. If you have no money, do not insist on concrete buildings. It makes you complain about the heavy financial burden you carry in the Brotherhood—a matter entirely of your own making.

In Brotherhood it is not Rank but Faith and works that count

Now, all of you would like to become Prophets and Pastors and Evangelists etc. It is not being any of these things that counts. What Brotherhood needs is men of truth. A Leader's representative need not be Bishop, Pastor, Prophet or Elder, but any man of truth of any rank, a perfect believer in God.

I have told you repeatedly, and again let me repeat the point, that my ordaining anyone Pastor, Bishop, Prophet or to any other rank in Brotherhood has no relevance to his or her goodness. I do it only to give the individuals concerned power to carry out the specific work allotted to them. I know what that work is. I know each one of you through and through and know why I have chosen each one of you. Ordination has nothing to do with selection of Leader's representative. But I am saying that any man of truth and believer in God, whether Pastor, Prophet, Apostle, Evangelist or a brother or sister from the congregation can be a Leader's representative. I have already told you to stop complaining that you have no Pastor, Prophet, Evangelist or other ordained ones in your Bethels. That is not what counts, and that is not the criterion for selecting the Leader's representatives for your Bethels. I know why I ordain each person a Prophet, etc. May be because he is a great liar who needs to be changed whereas a Leader's Representative must be a man of truth and a believer in God.

Send Workers for Training

I have also said that the vineyard is large but the labourers are few. Therefore to keep the work progressing, you should nominate brethren who are not drunkards, who is a husband of one wife and has abstained from fornication and all manner of sin known to you, and send your nominees to me.

I will bless them and give them full powers to administer their Bethels. They will return to teach, heal the sick, baptize, bless marriages and do all manner of Brotherhood work. Is there any power greater than that?

One Spirit but Diversities of Gifts
(Read I Corinth 12 : 28-End):

“And God hath sent some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.”

Do you hear that? Why then do all of you want to be Prophets? Why do you ignore your own precious gifts of farming; of caring for sister in the house; of trading; of caring for visitors; of caring for the sick etc.? Why do you neglect all of these gifts and develop a craving to become Prophets? I know why: when the Prophets come to your Bethels, they bring greed worldly wisdom of the churches from whence they come and grab the highest positions and the lion's share of everything and so you, thinking that all Prophets are empowered to act likewise, want your own share of the cake.

**Power to Rule over anyone not yet
given to any Human-Being**

I want you to know that I have never given the power to rule over any human-being to any other human-being. I have given you power to preach, teach, heal the sick, prophesy, see visions, dream dreams, baptise and do everything to progress the kingdom of God on earth.

But the power to dominate and rule over fellow human beings will come only later, and then only to those who fight to the end and conquer. I am, in truth, very sorry for those Pastors, Prophets, etc. who insist that everything must be brought to them, and make themselves super-powers in their Bethels: such have no share with me in this kingdom.

Ordained Ones have no specific Bethels

I have told you earlier on that Pastors, Bishops, Prophets, Apostles and their sister counterparts have no stations. They should go from house to house, village to village, town to town, and country to country, preaching the Gospel of God. The people specifically attached to Bethels are the elders. But unfortunately, as seen as I ordain anyone, he or she hurries back to the Bethel of origin to set himself or herself up as Pastor, Prophet, Prophetess, Evangelist etc. in-charge, to make all decisions and run the Bethel as his or her personal property. Such ordained ones, I repeat, have no share with me in this kingdom.

Ordained Ones are the Principal Servants (Read 1 Peter 5: 3-4)

“Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.” Brethren, do you hear that? The spirit from Presbyterian, Apostolic or other denomination from whence you were called into Brotherhood, and their manners of behaviour and speech, if brought into Brotherhood, will only cause confusion and trouble

I have not prescribed that any ordained one or elder should get a lion's share of any feast, or specially prepared feast. There should be equal share for everyone. I do not give power to any Pastor, Prophet, Chairman, or whatever anyone may be to insist on the Bethel providing a special seat for him or her giving other people fans with which to fan him or her, giving some respect greater than that given to other brethren. I am not creating division in Brotherhood. All brethren must put their hands to the plough and do the Father's work to the end. In truth, the Pastors, Prophets, Prophetesses, elders, etc. are expected to set the best examples in the Bethels. They are the principal servants.

The Leader knows each of the Brethren Thoroughly

So many of you do not understand that our Leader knows you one by one; that you are passing before me all of the time and I see you through and through whether you are in a hole, in far away America or in any part of the world. All the brethren who take the lion's share of everything in the Bethels; who sit on very special seats and put all other brethren on the floor have no place with me in this kingdom. No one has a right in Brotherhood to say that unless what he decries is done, nothing will be done. No brethren are empowered to use worldly knowledge and wisdom or do other than execute the directives of the Brotherhood.

Do not behave as if any amongst you has personal knowledge or wisdom

(Read 1 Corinthians: 1 : 17-18) "For Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the Gospel; not

with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.”

This is what I have told you. You must in all deliberations and meetings seek to reach one accord and have one mind. Do not behave as if no one has wisdom in your midst. The world has no one to give them knowledge and direction. But here in Brotherhood there is one fountain of wisdom and knowledge. I am to look after your children, house, everything: when you try to do it yourself, you end up in disaster. Do not try to take on your shoulders loads that you will not be able to carry. Your role is to obey instructions and I have set everything in proper order for you.

**The Guiding Principle in Brotherhood:
Love one Another**

One order thing: whenever any individual member or group of brethren is to do anything in Brotherhood, the guiding principle must be “Love one another”. I know that in government, officers do all manner of things in the name of their employer, especially the Permanent Secretaries. This, in fact, is also the case outside government circles: in worldly meetings and affairs, certain people put themselves in very high positions and make laws governing their fellow men.

Not so in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Here, I set down everything that is to be done and put it plainly to you, and I also show

you how to do it. Other people try to impose certain things on you and that leads to chaos. If you believe that you are true representative of God, then everything you say and do, or refrain from, will reflect that relief and will conform to the guiding principal—Love one Another. Then you will not want to sit down and take a decision without me or your other brethren without considering other viewpoints. You will want us all to agree on what will promote God's Glory.

**When Peaceful Agreement Is not Possible,
Refer to Leader**

If there is any decision to be taken in your Bethel and there are pronounced differences of opinion, try peacefully to secure agreement. But if that fails, instead of quarrelling and fighting, put the matter to me point by point, embodying every shade of opinion, and await my decision. Ensure that divisions and quarrels do not exist in Bethels. After all, whatever you want to do should be aimed at glorifying God, and such aim is not achievable through quarrelling and fighting.

**Come to Headquarters and see How
affairs are conducted**

If you are in doubt about how to conduct any Brotherhood affairs, come to the headquarters and learn. In some areas, some Bethels have land and no money with which to build Bethels, others have money and no land; and still others have neither land nor money. Is that Brotherhood that we are practising? Here in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, there is no force exerted on anyone to do anything.

Any true believer will serve God with all his mind and ability. An unbeliever will not respond favourably no matter how much force you exert on him.

Service to Brotherhood is a matter of individual effort

In the Rivers State, for example, Pentecostal tithes for the whole State yielded N1,500. One man's tithe from the same State yielded N2,000. Last April, all Bethels in the area had pentecostal tithe amounting to N1,026, whereas one man's tithe amounted to N2,500. You can see that it is not a question of Bethel numbers or numbers of brethren that counts. Brethren who do the most for the Brotherhood are those who appreciate what they are doing. Brotherhood service is individual service; do not look at what other brethren are doing.

One man, for example, donated the marble pulpit valued at around N6,000. He walked away noiselessly. But in outstations, if you contribute any sheet of corrugated iron, you want to put everybody to silence. In the Area General Meeting at Calabar, there are only a few people but strong contributors. The least contribution from a monthly meeting is around N600 from willing donors.

The trouble with some of you is that you treat Brotherhood as somebody else's property, not as your property or your father's property. Last Pentecostal, one person paid tithe of N4,000. He now wants to pay tithe of another N4,000 and he did not do it in the open hall. When some Bethels are able to collect tithe of N5, they fan themselves and declare Brotherhood "very hot here".

Payment of Tithes

Port Harcourt Zone have tried very well but the rest of you seem to put all what you have in your stomachs. Paying tithe is one of your key tasks as indicated by the new revelation I have just shown to you. According to the revelation, people are poor because they do not pay tithe; famine is frequent because people have failed in their duty of paying tithe. As for serving God in the Brotherhood fold, you are to follow no other person's example. A person's degree of drunkenness is in keeping with his character.

No Recognition of Bethels without Representatives

Do not backslide again. If any bethel is without representatives, I regard the bethel as not existing. I also do not want any representative to be ignorant of what is going on in his or her bethel. Nor do I want excuses about representatives not being consulted or being absent from prayer meetings on the days particular decisions were taken or events took place. You have to keep informed even if you have been absent from prayers on a particular day. I hope this is clear to everyone.

Brotherhood is all about unity and virtues

Today is the day for Women's Fellowship meeting. We thank the Father that Abasi Obori Bethel is available for their use. If it were not, since we occupy this hall, there would be no meeting place for them. This is the way I want affairs conducted: to have the Father's work promoted and not obstructed by anyone.

Periodic Meeting of this Nature help to Promote the Work of God

Brethren, take to heart the fact that you will meet from time to time to deliberate on how to make this new kingdom cover the whole world. Big meetings like this have power to attract souls to the Father. The pouring into Calabar of many Brotherhood brethren is bound to raise questions in the minds of enlookers, and they will learn from having their questions answered.

This meeting of representatives has something to do with all meetings in all bethels. If you absent yourself from two consecutive meetings of Representatives, you are in effect no longer a representative. (Who are the officers of this meeting?" Chairman: Pastor S. I. U. Etuk).

The meeting has to organise periodic tours to various bethels to set things right or the officers will be changed. I hope that you agree that all things have been straightened out as far as representation of the Leader is concerned. I believe that all will be well.

Brotherhood stands for joy, love, peace and patience. Everything is possible to all of you, but you are to serve God every day and night. When you get back home, remember that there is no room as Leader's Representatives for any husband of two wives. Also, do not drink or offer drinks; do not snuff or smoke or make any juju or any manner of thing for so called self-protection.

If you were married to two wives before, you must now stay as a person married to none. Even those of you who are married to one wife must similarly keep yourselves pure. The power in Brotherhood is supreme. Judge from within yourselves and from listening to the world. There is no more time to joke, for great angels are at work in the world. If you can do nothing else, stop fornicating and stop committing adultery right now, by all means. It is the one sin that kills and destroys and brings all manner of evil.

The degree of Brotherhood ascent is formidable. All the world has this accepted Brotherhood. What remains is for us to be joyous all the time; to sing and dance and give testimony about the wonderful work God.

I thank God immensely for bringing all of you safe and sound to this meeting. I also believe that He will similarly return you to your respective homes. Peace and blessings abide with each and everyone of you. Amen.

Sing this: "Ami Ijewe se mkpetinde; Olumba omosio nnyin ke ufin," meaning, "I know not what to say, Olumba has liberated us from slavery".

The Leader then proceeded to give special blessings to all Representatives, individually and collectively—a process which lasted from about 6.10 p.m. to 7.50 p.m. The meeting came to a close after the Father's feast.

THANK YOU FATHER.