

THE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH ASSEMBLY

This awe inspiring assembly was opened with a short Service by the Father with the Leader O. O. Obu, the Sole Spiritual Head of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star on the 3rd day of July, 1965 at 10 a.m. The text of the Service was taken from 2nd John 1:9.

The Leader went straight on to exhort us in the things concerning the Holy Spirit Church Assembly and in good deeds.

YE ARE NOT OF THE WORLD

Christ had twelve disciples and they were separated from the world. You have been washed out of the World. Brotherhood will be divided into four sections. This is the Supreme Court that Surpasses all others in the Spirit and so there must be good discipline here. There shouldn't be talking, sleeping and argument.

The punishment for an offender will be expulsion from the assembly. You have got to hold this meeting every first day of the week in your stations as you see it done here. You have got to forsake your sins and be a pure Christian to maintain your position as a Prophet or Prophetess. Your Band will be taken away from you if you indulge in sins. What a disgrace and sorrow that such will bring to you.

NO ONE IS GREATER THAN THE OTHER IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

You are all preachers, Ephesians 4:11—15. There are diversities of gifts by the same Spirit 1st Cor. 12:4—11. A prophet is a preacher, Leader, and should baptise. You may have many gifts of the Spirit and one may be outstanding but this does not make you greater than any other.

Love surpasses all gifts 1st Cor. 13:3. You are called in love and so you must love for without love you can't please God and you are waisting your time. Brotherhood values love and not money. So let love dwell in you richly.

BROTHERHOOD HOPES ON THINGS UNSEEN (INVISIBLE THINGS)

We glory in the invisible things. Visible things bring quarrel and divisions among you. If you rest your hopes on the things you see, your mind will be there and not with God. If your mind is clear and clean then you are whole from inside. If you quarrel, cheat, fight, fornicate and accuse or judge others as sinners, you have no love.

David was refused the building of the temple because his hands were unclean. Is your mind clean? We see your minds. To forsake sin and to love, read Col. 3:5—17.

IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

No Brotherhood member should take alcohol, not even minerals. Don't offer to people, and don't remain in their company. Don't consult herbalist and Sockerers. Don't swallow pills. You must not be a polygamist, don't fornicate. You should not be a politician. You should not be a member in worldly Societies. There should be no divisions among you. Don't sue people to court and avoid being taken to court too.

PAMPHLETS PUBLISHED

“The path way to Life” was read out for all to hear. You should read all the pamphlets published in Brotherhood and teach people to keep the instructions written there. The Path way to Life is a guide to every member, preach it and practise it yourself.

HEALING IS A SIGN AND NOT SALVATION

Healing from the time of Elijah, Elisha and Jesus did not save us but the blood of Jesus. You rejoice over healing but we don't. Our happiness lies in your forsaking sin. Our main duty is to extract you from sin. What is your gain to live and die in sin? Matthew 7:20--23.

You cannot be one with us unless you forsake all your evil ways. You cannot do the work of God when you are knee deep in sin. John 8:34—35.

An outsider who refrains from sin is better than a Prophet or Pastor who holds on to sin. Matt. 11:20—23. How can you teach others when you are guilty? A prophet should be holy and out

of the World but have you accepted the honourable Office? Judgment begins with the Church and the turban will be taken away from you unless you change. We have given you many incentives to change you from sin to Salvation, Heavenly mysteries and your own glory have been revealed to you, but have you changed? No! Because you have not taken any of these things seriously, there is no other Salvation except through the gospel you hear.

REFORMATION IN THE CHURCH

You take delight in creating Offices instead of preaching and baptising people. You discriminate between the rich and the poor. You ordain rich people, polygamist as Elders but from today, do not preach if you are a polygamist. Don't ordain Elders again. You are the Elders and the Prophets. Stop "nam wut ima" in all stations as Thanksgiving Service. From today henceforth we don't want to see two plates but use the covenant box Charity, Freewill Offering and Tithe.

Women's Association meetings on Mondays could be used as "nam wut ima" or Freewill Offering. There should be Men's Association meeting on Tuesdays. First Tuesday of every month is General meeting for building Fund. Money raised is for assisting the Church. Follow the hand book which is one of the pamphlets. No one should write a request letter to the Lord with a vow. Whoever taught you to do that? When you use such money you are inviting trouble and death to yourself.

We do not swear and do not give oath James 5 : 12. Don't charge people for healing. Advise them to confess their sins, to go on Ministry work to pay Tithe, Freewill Offering and Charity. Remember the story of Elisha and Naaman and his deceitful servant and the punishment he received. I have been praying hard to God to forgive you. It is God who cures you. Your Salvation comes from putting all these into practice.

TITHE, FREEWILL OFFERING AND CHARITY BELONG TO GOD

Remember how Achan stole the gold which belonged to God and how he brought death to himself and family, anyone who tampers with God's money is a murderer and has brought destruction to many. What gain has the world in cheating God? Jesus had only one bag containing the money for ministrations.

The man who steals God's money is like Judas Iscariot. That was written for you to beware Matt 27 : 3. Flee from God's property because it is a trap which has its bitter result. The whole Church has no concern with the box for it is the covenant of God. The money collected should not be announced. Everything connected with the box should be treated with reverence.

I choose in every station one man who believes in God to have the Key to the covenant box. Fulfil the Gospel by practising what is in Matt 6 : 3—4.

LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD

Leader O. O. Obu is the Sole Spiritual Head of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the whole world. You must take instructions from him. As Labourers, you have the whole world and no particular station. No one should claim a station. Go into the world and preach!

Love and Unity is what we want. You are to advise a member who goes wrong. Rebuke and advise him in love Matthew 20 : 25—28. You all must work hand in hand to serve the Lord. One man cannot do everything. Peter was given wisdom, yet he couldn't do every work alone Gal. 2 : 11—14. I am interested in only those who have refrained from sins. God is no respecter of person. If there is a controversy about method of worship, bring the matter to Calabar before the Leader.

YE ARE THE LIVING ALTARS OF THE LORD

No Altars should be made for worship anywhere. Candles, Circles and invocation of angels are not the work of Brotherhood. The angels are under us. We deal straight with God. I teach you to ask everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Report anyone who gives injection or who is a herbalist to me. Don't quarrel but bring the person to the Leader with some delegates. Some Churches descend from herbalist Acts 15 : 1—21.

USE YOUR TALENTS IN HUMILITY AND IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Where Paul could not succeed, Peter came in. There are diversities of gifts, you may have many but one is outstanding, use your gifts in Love and Service. There should be no partiality and divisions and favouritism amongst you. Let Love abound: What is Brotherhood? Luke 3 : 9—11.

Share your talents with the world. You have no special station. John 10 : 16. Go to the lost sheep and bring them into the fold so that there may be one flock and one shepherd. Don't hide your light under the bushel. It must shine to the world and the sheep must come to the fold.

SPREAD THE GOSPEL

Your house is a Church, School and prayer house. Your body is a sanctuary Matt. 24 : 1—2, preach everywhere. Many Stations want to hear the Gospel, Acts 20 : 7—12. A sickman should confess his sins, pay his tithe, freewill offering and charity and should go out for ministry work. Jerusalem is not the only place of worship John 4:21—33. Preach from house to house, town to town, this is worshipping God in Spirit and in truth. Acts 19 : 8—12.

ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS: 2ND CORINTHIANS 8 : 12

Don't force or introduce contribution. Has the Leader ever asked you for money? Anyone called by the Father must carry his own Cross. Give back freely to God what he has given to you. Luke 12 : 30—34, (See Memorandum vi).

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Buy all publications, read, study and teach others when you go out for ministry work. Our duty is to teach, to exhort and to admonish. Study and discuss the Bible.

NO MONOPOLY

1st Corinthians 14 : 26—32 and Romans 12 : 4—11. Use your gifts distributively to bring growth to the Church.

PENTECOSTAL PERIODS

We have three pentecostal periods which are in other words refresher courses for the renewal of power. They are the Birth, The Crucifixion and the August periods. We should call them study periods and not functions.

VISIONS: MARK 16 : 16—18.

Give visions that bring growth to the Church and not earthly things, don't give visions which scare away people such as witches and medicines. Such visions can bring death to a weak heart. 1st Corinthians 14 : 1—6 When death is revealed to you about someone, pray secretly to God to prevent the death.

Visions and prophecies should bring encouragement to people and growth to the Church. Matthew 12 : 36—37. Ephesians 4 : 29. Visions, Prophecies, Preaching, should not be used sarcastically: From today henceforth such practices are dead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. A-men! 1st Cor. 4 : 15. Give important points and don't be too wordy. Don't disregard visions, prophecies and dreams any more.

Don't hide things revealed which will save a brother or sister. Obey the visions and you are saved. If the same visions are revealed to three people and one of them delivers the message, the rest should be silent. God is not a God of confusion. Quench not the Spirit. Go through the spiritual part of the service patiently and reverently. 1st Thess. 5 : 19—22.

PRAISE AND DO NOT CONDEMN OTHERS

Count yourself unworthy and others better than you. John 1 : 29, Matthew 11 : 11 and John 5 : 30.

PRAYER IS THE KEY

Pray always day and night as many times as possible. Pray for the Governments and all sorts of people and the Brotherhood. Act 6:4

Do not refrain from preaching the gospel and praying, for it is the shield. Offer a short, faithful prayer before and after meals, before a conversation. In short, before you start and end anything, a short, faithful prayer is essential.

There are many spirits God, Christ, Lucifer, Devil, Angels, Fallen Spirits. Don't listen to elementary Spirits. Don't invoke things, pray in the simple way I have taught you to the Father through to Son.

HOLY OIL

Work with Holy Oil and water only and nothing else. Please don't sell the Holy Oil again, it is no Oil but the Blood of Christ. Don't distribute the Oil commonly, work according to the Divine instruction.

WOMEN

Women are not incharge of Stations. If you are a visioner, get on with your work but do not rule or give orders. 1st Cor 14 : 34—36. 1st Tim. 2 : 11—12. Women are caretakers of the Church Luke 8 : 1—4.

There should be no external adornment of ear-rings, finger-rings, painting of nails or adornment of hair, unless you can prove your authority from the Bible. Don't bore any girl's ears in the Brotherhood. You did that in ignorance yesterday but it is a sin today Rev. 17 : 2—5, 1st Peter 3 : 1—3, 1st Tim. 2 : 9 - 10.

The first minutes of the inauguration of the Holy Spirit Church was read out by the Secretary as follows:-

The Holy Spirit meeting was inaugurated in Calabar on the 2nd of May, 1965; the first day of the week at 5 p.m. by the Father and Leader, The Sole Spiritual Head of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

The meeting comprises the Prophets, Prophetesses, Pastors, Evangelists, Apostles, Deacons and Deaconesses residing in Calabar Head Quarters.

The Leader make it clear to us that the main purpose of the meeting convened is to unite us more in Love and in the Service of our Lord. It is our duty to be hospitable to every one particularly to visitors who look up to us for good examples of Love, Unity, Service and hospitality. Everyone should be vigilant to fish out strangers and make them comfortable. The body must be comfortable to be prepared for spiritual food. Whatever impressions given to the strangers to go a long way to encourage or discourage them and portray us badly to the outside world. Ye are the pillars of the Church and so you must stand firm and give good impressions by the life you live inside and outside your homes. Find out each others house and other members and visit them and minister to their needs.

An unbelieving husband seeing the Love shown in serving a sick sister or brother will be converted and will testify of the true Church. It is your duty to light the Lamps and to put flowers and do other duties in the Church. Any work well done is done unto the Lord and has its blessings and reward. The work in the Church should be portioned out and done in turns. Prayers, Bible Reading, Interpretation and general orders must be done by the members of this assembly in order and reverence because where you sit is secret and mysterious. All must be in uniform always. You are Soldiers of Christ and as Soldiers you can't go on duty in plain clothes. You must be in uniform. Be proud of your

calling and your uniform. Do not discuss things of this meeting with someone who is not a member. This is the highest Church assembly which Governs other meetings because it is Spiritual.

Live a good life, respect yourselves and the Pastors and all due for respect. The Pastors have set a pattern of humility. Humble yourselves and serve one another. If any member misbehaves, bring the one to this meeting to be reprimanded and it should end there, and should not be discussed again. Prophetesses should sit on the right and Prophets on the left. Those who will read the Bible or pray should be in the middle. Everyone should use his or her own gift fully and with humility.

PATTERN OF PRAYER

The pattern of prayer and testimony must be thus respectively:- ^{LE}May thanks praises and honour be to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^{LE}May Thanks praise and honour be to God in the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^{LE}May Thanks praise and honour be to God Now and For-ever More, A—men.

TESTIMONY

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, In the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Now and For-ever More, A—men. These patterns are very important and must be followed strictly.

Prayers should have meanings such as this:-

Fasting has its form of prayer. Healing prayer should concern the man or people and a short one it should be. Food blessings should concern the food and should be short. Prayers should be short and up to point. Don't mention people's names in the public but in your private prayers in your room.

LOVE FEAST

Fruits are to be brought and eaten in Love. The assembly should be held every first day of the week at 5 p. m. Anything not headed or approved by the Leader is ineffective. Prophetess Mary Abiom was chosen as Treasurer and Propetess Itam E. Itam as Secretary. After reading the minutes, the Leader continued his lecture.

MONEY

You give freely to the Lord as your spirit directs you and

the money collected every first day of the week must be sent to the Treasurer. Don't sing 'Nam wut ima' You give to God in private. There should be no voting, rioting or argument amongst you. A drunkard should not be admitted into the assembly. Only the anointed ones should be here no matter your Office in the B. C. S.

You are one from today. Don't report quarrels to me. If there is some confusion or argument concerning the method of doings in B. C. S. bring such matters to me for enlightenment.

NEW OFFICES

Pastor Inok, Pastor Itam, Prophetess Abiom and Prophetess Mong have been appointed to collect a pound each from members as levy for the School. They will travel far and wide to collect this money, to establish peace and order and to straighten the work and report back to me their findings. If the money is not ready when they come, each station will choose someone to bring the money to Calabar. They have to see about the organisations of the Men's and Women's Association. I will begin now to excommunicate people to make room for people who are ready to obey orders.

POLYGAMIST MUST NOT PREACH

Prophet Columbus was elected to be incharge of Owerri jointly with prophet Francis Otu Etim. Anything not signed by prophet Columbus will not be countenance. 1st Cor. 5:11 and 2nd John 10:11. Make peace and don't judge. Your attitude debars people from coming into the church. But for the great light and the Love of God people could have left the church because of your lack of love.

NAME

Don't call it circle 'Ekuk' again because the Native Doctors call it so. The name is Brotherhood, you are disciples of Jesus. You are all one in the whole world.

The Leader's name is on the stamp and so you should address him correctly as Leader O. O. Obu. The Sole Spiritual Head. "All angels honour and obey me but you don't because you don't know me." No one should be in the worldly society.

The greatest work of God is to preach the Gospel Matt. 11:12, John 4:35—37, James 5:19—20, Romans 10:8—9.

Brotherhood is nothing but the Gospel. Your talent is to spread the Gospel to all Nations. You are saved by the love of spreading this Gospel and by converting people. I am revealing this to you so that you will not regret.

The Father has just revealed that this meeting will be held every first day of the Pentecostal Assembly. This should be August and December Assembly. The Leader will from now be present in all meetings. Very soon there will be Women's and Men's conference. The Leader closed the meeting with benediction and blessing after the Love Feast.

THE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH ASSEMBLY

The second general meeting was held on the 4th day of July 1965. The meeting was opened with a short service and the passages read were Romans 15:2 and 2nd Timothy 2:24—26. The Leader O. O. Obu, The Sole Spiritual Head of the B.C.S. went straight on with words of exhortation.

BE PEACEFUL

The Lord's Child should be peaceful. Do not revenge nor quarrel. No matter what one does to you. No matter what offence, do not retaliate. Whether you are accused falsely or your things are stolen don't make a noise about it. Meet at 5 p.m. and study the Bible in your different stations on the first day of the week. We don't want fornicators, snuffers and drunkards.

Bring a culprit to the H. S. C. for hearing and dissolve the matter amicably. No secret story should be taken outside this meeting. If the matter can't be dissolved among you, write a letter to me and head the letter H. S. C. You have no right to suspend any one. Respect yourself in the congregation, you are one. Don't backbite. If you refrain from sin and quarrelling, you will see me and have communion with me. Reprimand with Love.

DEMONSTRATION

If you like, keep a bed in a separate room with Chairs and keep it holy and you will see me when you concentrate in humility and holiness.

BE COURTEOUS

Fish out new people in the congregation and be nice

to them. Don't slight anyone. You are one in Christ. Humility and Holiness will bring you to me. Don't imitate people but follow the right path. You are the Church and the pillar.

Have Holy Water in every station. People have faith in different ways. Don't sell this Oil please, for it leads to destruction. Don't take things here as common and funny. You see me more when you think I am hidden. I don't want to hear complaints because you all are sinners.

I was enlightened by the Father about the people in the World and their state of sins when I was five years old. I don't want anyone to be lost and so I tell you these things before they are late. You complain of want, because you don't work and you are not respectful to your members. Distribute work in your stations.

People who are capable are anxious to help. The elected one should not start work till I have seen their names and have approved your choice. If you had respected yourselves, the way I respect you, you could have known your glory. You are Christ's disciples and so you must respect yourselves. There is no position greater than your calling.

NEW OFFICES

Prophet Ekong is the Key holder at Oron. Everything passes through him. Prophet Columbus is in charge of Owerri. Sister Obu has an equal right as I have and so she is to be in every meeting. She is greater than I and is even my teacher. She has been elected from time and is a wonderful woman.

She is a mother elected by God and she alone gives Oil. If you need advice, go to her. If you don't respect her, you don't respect me because we are one.

Don't allow dirty conversations to come out of your mouths. This is a secret meeting which has gone round the world. This is the highest meeting and you are in Heaven with me.

The whole world has known about this meeting and are jealous. Rejoice for the opportunity you have to be elected. Endeavour to maintain the position. Arrange the room for your meeting every first day of the week in the way you have seen it

done at Calabar. Have a collection plate in a separate apartment and give your money secretly. Money collected should be sent to the Treasurer, Prophetess Abiom at Calabar.

Listen to your Spirit and give gifts according to the Spirit's instruction. Meeting should be every 5 p.m. The Spirit will want you to come to Calabar occasionally and you should obey.

The Leader closed the meeting after the Love Feast, with Benediction and Blessing.

Thank You Father.