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## BROTHERHOOD OF THE CROSS AND STAR

The Holy Father having observed that certain things are still being done wrongly in this Kingdom made the following corrections. The Father advised members to adhere strictly to these corrections with humility because it comes directly from God. He observed that some brethren whenever corrected are angry. You can not be perfect if you are not corrected. 2nd Timothy 3: 16 - 17. He further stated that a humble man likes correction. Proverb 3: 11.

## GUIDE TO UNIFORMITY:

- 1. HYMNARY: The Hymn book of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star was formerly called "Sure Foundation Hymnary", but now it has been corrected by the Holy Father, and is to be called "Brotherhood Hymnary".
- 2. Do not say, "All Stand", or "Kneel Down", when you conduct the Hymnary, but just hum and start the song.
- 3. HOLY OIL/WATER: "Sprinkling of Holy water on the flower is meaningless", says the Holy Father. The holy oil represents the Blood of Christ, and the holy water represents the water that came out from the side of Christ when He was pierced with a spear by one of the soldiers: John 19; 34 (But one of the soldiers pierced)

His side with a spear, and the three there came out blood and water. Their function is, when someone confesses his/her sins, and the holy water is sprinkled and is anointed with holy oil, the man's sin is forgiven. James 5: 14 - 15. The Holy Father then asked, "What sin has the flower committed?".

- 4. Sprinkling of holy water in the bethel is always directed by the Holy Spirit. Anybody directed by the Holy Spirit. has right to sprinkle holy water.
- 5. PRAYER: Offering of short prayer is now required during any services. Apart from the conductor in the altar, who on behalf of the Holy Father, may include many things in the world in his/her prayer, which could make the prayer long, even though it is not a rule that unless he does so. That is to say, he too (the conductor) can offer short prayer as well. But after the conductor's prayer, the rest members should be brief and should be prayer of thanks. Believing that the one offered by the Holy Father is sufficient for us.

PATTERN OF PRAYER: If you pray after the gospel, start off at once to thank the Holy Father for that gospel. If after going on blessing, or after the special song by the choristers, do it in the same way. If you want to bless feast, bless it at once like this: "Thank you Father for the feast given to us, Father bless it, let it be good with us in body and in spirit. Now and for ever more Amen". There is time for everything. That is not the time to ask the Father to go and bless the hospital, the

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- prison, etc. Some brethren when praying will even forget to include the feast in their prayer. The stated pattern will help to make your prayer short and beautiful Matthew. 6: 7.
- 6. Always start your prayer with the word, "LET". No other word should precede it. Words like, 'Father Let' is wrong. It is known that the word 'LET', is powerful It is a creative word and command. God used it to create the Universe. e.g. When He wanted light, He commanded, LET there be light". Genesis 1: 3. And the light came to being. So it was with all other things. Even the time he wanted to make man, He first of all said ,, "Let us make man in our image". Gen. 1:26. You can now see that, 'Let' precedes before any other word.
- 7. When someone prays in a vernacular, e.g in Efik language, at the time of saying 'EDISANA' which means holy, it is wrong to answer back with the same word, 'EDISANA by the congregation. The correct way is to answer in English, 'Holy'. The same applies to other varnaculars like, IBO, 'Nso' YORUBA, 'Mimo', RIVERS, 'Fiafia'. It does not sound good to hear the congregation answering Fia-fia, fia-fia, fia-fia, fia-fia. Therefore to avoid disturbances and to maintain UNIFOR-MITY, English 'Holy' response should be used. Do not join the 'holy' like holy holy holy. Let it go periodically like this, when you say 'Holy', pause for brethren to answer before you say it again, Holy' and allow another pause for brethren to answer before you go on your full prayer.

- 8. If a person is brought out for prayer, the prayer should be offered one after another. Everybody should not pray at the same time like the orthodox churches. One to four persons can pray one by one.
- 9. Benediction should not be long like praying. Very few words are alright.
  - Conductors have right to recite the special prayer in the Hand Book of B. C. S. during silent prayers, if they like to do so. It was written by the HOly Father Himself. It must be read aloud while all members stand up till the reading is over.
    - SPIRITUAL WORK: On Sundays, during 10.00a.m. service, spiritual work should not disturb the service. It is the Day of the Lord Rev: 1: 10. A blessed Day. Only testimonies, thanksgiving and praises must be used in remembrance of the good things God has done for us throughout the week. Spiritual works can be done during 5.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. services on Sundays and other week days.

The Holy Father has once more reminded visioners and all spiritual workers in this New Kinddom to stop charging money in whatever services they render to people. That, they should remember what happened to the servant of prophet Elisha. The Holy Father refered to Mtt. 7. 21 - 23. That what is written in those verses are what will happen to those who continue to charge money on whatever spiritual services

they render to people. On the other hand, those who are blessed should not fail to provide good things to visioners. That is not a sin. Try to reciprocate the grace of God with carnal things.

In Brotherhood, we do not burn candle, or incence. We do not make sacrifice of any kind. Apart from fasting and prayer. Nobody is authorised to make holy oil by himself. Do not bath people by 12 midnight or any time in the form of spiritual work. Do not go to river side in the form of spiritual work, in order to make a sacrifice. Do not throw the love feast on the top of the roof or any where else in form of spiritual work. Do not give vision concerning witchcraft, juju, coffin, death in Brotherhood.

All spiritual works should not be done in secret or in a private room, you have no right to ask someone to go naked before healing.

CONDUCTING: If you go on ministry work to another bethel, and you intend to conduct service. First of all get permission from the person in-charge of the bethel, before you enter the altar. It is not good to go and lie or sit down in the altar, waiting for the time of service. Conducting of service should not be by struggling but by negotiation. Jingle the bell immediately you enter the altar, kneel down and pray silently. Jingle the second one, the angels descend and the service starts. You can see now that to go and sit down in the altar without doing anything is

not permitted. Some brethren do make mistake when leaving the altar and waving of hand. It is wrong to wait till the end of the first stanza of the song raised by conductor before waving hand. Immediately you raise a song, wave hand at the same time and move out from the altar. That is the correct way and the Holy Father does it that way

Both brothers and sisters, even children can conduct services from the big altar.

Order of conducting meeting. In starting the second part of a meeting, ring the bell only once, then sing Father lead us aright, O the loving Shepherd". Then Prayer and the meeting starts.

Conductors should try to hold to the topic of the texts quoted when preaching. We should not fix time limit for preaching. We believe that anybody in the altar is being controlled by the Holy Spirit. Whatever he does is between him and the Holy Spirit. Do not impute sin on such a person so that you do not clash with the Holy Spirit.

It is not proper to interrupt or challenge a conductor on the altar by members while preaching. People should be very carefully so as not to clash with the Holy Spirit.

TURBAN: Using of turbans for prayer was not autorised by the Holy Father. He has never directed

that the turbans should be dipped in water for people to drink or to lay it on someone's head to pray and beating people with it in form of spiritual work. According to the Holy Father, the ordination with turbans was only for the remembrance of the old prophets and the beauty of this Kingdom. The basis of our faith should not be on any other thing apart from the Holy name of our God. Matt. 12: 21.

Visioners should not give vision contrary to the Holy Father's instruction or directives. For example, the Holy Father says, ordained ones should no longer use their turbans. Take note of such. It is wrong to give vision to an ordained one to use his or her turban in the form of a spiritual work.

AMEN: Failure to answer Amen, when the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is mentioned is a sin.

NEW SONG: It is good to fulfil all that have been written about us in this New Kingdom. One of them is, that we shall sing new songs. The Holy Father recently corrected a choir which came to sing from the Church Hymnary. He stated it as general correction to all choir-masters/composers to do compose new songs to comply with what was written about us. Psalm 33:3. Psalm 40:3. Psalm 96: 1. Isaiah 42:10. Rev. 5: 9. Rev: 14: 3. Rev. 21:2. Rev. 21: 5. Isaiah. 65: 17 - 18.

The Holy Father has approved all the Efik songs in the Hand Book of the B. C. S. to be translated into

English provided they maintain their original meaning This should be done by educated brethren from Efik or Akwa Ibom States.

Choirs should not copy the tone of the worldly Churches. They should maintain the natural tone in order to get difference from Church choirs, since Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is not a Church, but the New Kingdom of God. It is not only the Christ's Student's Choir or Biakpan Choir, and Nsofang IKom Choir the Holy Father should call Natural Choirs. But it is because they hold to their natural tone and voices.

TITHE: Misusing of Tithe money is a fearful thing. The misconception by some bethels that the first blessing collection is only for the tithe box, while the second one is for the use of the behtel, is wrong. The correct thing is, the first collection, second to third and fourth collections all go into the tithe box. All Fellowships in Brotherhood should not fail to pay their tithe. This is the way to pay it: At the close of any meeting, the total amount realised should be divided into ten parts. One part is the tithe and it should be paid into the tithe box. An individual should also try to pay tithe for his/her own good. Constant paying of tithe attracts progress to Fellowships and individual.

The tithe money can be changed but care must be taken to avoid shortage and missing.

Visioners should not ask people to pay tithe to a man. No angel or man has right to receive tithe apart from God. You can only ask people to give alms to people.

BROTHERS/SISTERS: The Holy Father since 1988 has decreed that members should not address/ call themselves by rank i.e prophet, Deaconess, pastor etc. at His presence. Members should call or address themselves as brothers and sisters which is the greatest and last rank in this Kingdom. It is only that we are not yet worthy to be called by it, because we are not practising the botherly love which is Brotherhood Brotherhood is oneness. A family of one father and one mother. Unless we understand ourselves to that extent then we shall stop fornicating with each other. Why do you not have the urge of fornication with your real sister? It is because you believe and know that she is your sister from the same womb. There is nothing like FEAST:

'Virgin feast', 'silent feast' in this Kingdom. There are only three kinds of feasting in Brotherhood. They are, the Love Feast, The Feast of Hope and The Feast of Faith. Do not give name to any other one. Let the Holy Father alone introduce some thing into this Kingdom.

BLESSING: Order of going on second blessing in the bethels should be done in uniform. Choristers are the first to go, followed by children, men congregation must follow the children behind without leaving a gap. Women congrgation, spirited and ends up with the elders on the same line and the same song. Then the ordanied ones, Christ's students, Christ's Servants, Christ's Witnesses and the Children of God who must go last. Whenever the Children of God are going on blessing, the whole house or members must kneel down till they finish their blessing before everybody stands up and dance with the conductor in the altar.

When the first blessing song is raised, the section - concerned should stand up, bow and move. Do not wait for the first stanza of the song to finish before you bow.

BAPTISM: The Holy Father has permitted all the children in B.C.S. to be baptised, irrespective of their age.

Members should not be baptised the second time. In case of missing the Baptismal Certificate Card, or forgeting the date and name of the person who baptised him. What they must do is to go to the person in-charge of issuing the card for a new one. Anybody in the Office has right to bear the name of the person who baptised him before. The office in charge of Baptismal Certificate Card has been informed about this.

WEDNESDAYS: The order of service on Wednes-

days should be done according to the comprehensive directives in the Hand Book of B. C. S. The 7. 00 p.m. service on Wednesdays, the reading of John 17: 1 - end should be read in place of Psalm. 15. Any service conducted by 12 mid-night on Wednesdays is authomatically watch and pray. It must be conducted in order of watch and pray in the comprehensive Hand Book. It is wise to make feast during the watch and pray service.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The adoption of minutes of meetings should be done before prayer.

FEAST: Every bethel ought to have a feast committee. The Feast Committee is to select those to buy and cook the feast. The mother is to act as an overall Supervisor, to make sure that things are done properly. Whenever the mother is told about a feast, she must in turn inform the Leader's Representative for proper announcement.

There is no rule as regards order of buying feast. The buyers can put on white or any dress and can eat or fast during the time of buying and cooking the feast. However, during the preparation of feast one must be in spirit and love one another. They should not sing carnal songs. They should not engage in carnal conversations, discussion and should not quarrel.

There should be no answering of "It is" when feast

recitation is being read.

There is no fixed amount for celebrating feast but the celebrant should know that it is very Good to give enough money.

Child blessing feast is not compulsory, but it is good to celebrate it.

It is not good to cook the bethel feast outside and bring it to the bethel, while there is a place to cook it in the bethel. Unless there is no place in the bethel, then it can be cooked outside.

The procedure of serving feast in this Kindom is one way. The feast should be shared equally, and everybody must kneel down before taking the feast, irrespective of rank.

The sharers are not supposed to kneel down before serving becase they represent the Holy Father.

Do not sprinkle holy oil or holy water on feast before blessing it. Just bless it with few words as earlier stated.

Ordained ones should not be served with special plates of feast. Everybody should take feast from the same plates.

It is not only the ordained ones that are to bless feast.

The right person to give feast money to, is the Bethel Mother who will in turn inform the Full Time Worker in charge and Bethel Leader's Representatives. They will therefore arrange for suitable date and proper arrangement.

COURT CASE: The Holy Father does not permit his children to take others to court. But has permitted them to go if someone takes them to court. 1 Corinth 6: 1-7.

MATTERS: If the State Executive cannot resolve any issue between members, the final Council is at Calabar. They can come or send for the warring parties, Matt. 18: 15 - 17.

PROMISING NOTE: Members or those who made promise during launching can be reminded but not by force. Some will pay while some might have forgotten about it.

POSTS: Posts given to brethren by the Holy Father Himself are neverchanged without the consent of the Holy Father.

Elections in the bethels, areas and zones should not be done by one person. It is done by the whole members of the bethel. One person has no right to appoint somebody to any post, irrespective of the rank. Majority carries the vote. GREETING: There should be no greeting when you come late to the bethel or conversing in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Silence should be observed in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

BETHEL: No object should be used to cross the doors of the bethels during services, in attempt to prevent people from entering the bethel, you can enter the bethel through any door during services.

SUTANE: Do not drive anybody out from his seat in the bethel during services because of not wearing white or sutane. Do not ask such person (s) to go and sit at congregation.

ORGAN: The Holy FAther has permitted any bethel to use organ if they like.

CHILD BLESSING: All the collection of money realised during child blessing belong to the Holy Father. It should be dropped into the Tithe box and must not be given to the child or parents. Rather parents should show thankful hearts to God who kept watch over the mother throughout the conception period.

CHOIR: Members of a newly created choir in a bethel should not be selected from the existing choir in the bethel. They should be selected from other sections in the bethel.

MARRIAGE: MARRIAGE BLESSING CAN BE DONE ANYWHERE IN B. C. S. bethels. Write

to the Marriage Committee at Calabar and they will come to bless the marriage. Couples can bless their marriage after getting issues.

A real child of God cannot marry another wife, because the former one is barren.

POLYGAMISTS: If you have been married to many wives before you were called into this Kingdom, you are not asked to drive some away because you did not know. You are still a child of God, but you or such person(s) are not allowed to preach in the altar.

From now onward, a polygamist should no longer be elected as an elder.

A polygamist is not permitted to preach in the altar But can preach elsewhere. They are still Brother-hood, the children of the Holy Father.

A ROSTER: A roster should be prepared in every bethel for conducting services.

TESTIMONY: 15 minutes is the timing period allowed for giving of testimony or vision at 34, Ambo Street, Calabar or at 26 Mbukpa Road Calabar. Please try to comply with it. This will enable others have chance for their own testimonies

There is no special rule or law to show that ordained ones are to testify last in the bethel. The Holy.

Father has never said it. Take for instance at Calabar, the Head Quarters, the Holy Father can call anybody for testimony at any time. Both ordained ones and other members.

HAND BOOK: In the conprehensive Hand Book, there is one serious mistake you must not follow. It is in page 12. The silent prayer is not permitted to be read during the burial service, please it is rather permitted to be read by the Conductor during the normal silent prayer in the bethels.

SISTERS: The sisters under menstruation should not be forbidden from paticipating in any activities in the bethels.

PENTECOSTAL PROCEEDS: Pentecostal proceeds should be fully sent to the Brotherhood Treasury in the Headquarters, 34, Ambo Street, Calabar, Cross River State of Nigeria. On no account should any money be deducted from these proceeds except the Father's ten percent tithe. Each pentecostal Centre should ensure that, 'Show Love Donation' is made for the daily feasting exclusive of the pentecostal proceeds.

CHILDREN: Children should not be brought into the pentecostal Hall at 34, Ambo Street, Calabar Cross River State of Nigeria, because, noise making is not allowed there.

HALLELUJAH: It is wrong to shout hallelujah for yourself when testifying, while the Father is on the altar, be you M.C., etc.

SENIOR: In the whole B. C. S. world, the word 'SENIOR' is only attached to the ranks of prophets/ prophetesees. For example, Senior prophet or Senior prophetess. Apart from these two ranks, there are no ranks like Senior Pastor, Senior Apostle, Senior Evangelist, Senior Deaconess, Senior Elder, Senior brother or Senior sister yet.

FULL TIME WORKERS: All the Full Time Worker are representatives of the Father. They are authomatically in charge of any Bethel they are attached to, and should be aware of whatever is happening in the Bethel.

The Holy Father has permitted Full Time Workers to be in attendance of all meetings in the Bethel they are, and chance should always be given to them for words of advice. This shows regard to them as the representatives of the Holy Father.

If members of any bethel are fed up of their full time workers, what they must do is to hold a general meeting and agree that they do not want him any more. After this they write to the State Leader's Representative first, before Peace Board at the head quarters for a change. Tangible reasons must be stated in the letter why they do not want him any more. One or two or group of people have no right to do so, except, by the whole members.

If the Full Time Worker discovers that the members have no more confidence in him. And they no longer cater for him nor tell him to go away; The Worker has right to report his feelings by a letter to

the peace board at the Head Quarters, Calabar for a change. Such Bethels will be denied the services of a full time worker for sometime.

TEACHERS: All Christ's Students/Witnesses are teachers. The Holy Father has permitted them to teach and put things in order in the Bethels/ Area/Zones/States and the whole world of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. They have been with the Holy Father from the year 1968 till today. They understand more about Brotherhood than all others.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Announcements in the Bethel should be made by the Bethel Leader's Representatives. The female Leader's Representative can make it in the absence of the male L/R. if the gathering is at the Area level, the Area Leader's Representative is the right person to make it. If at the State level, then the State Leader's Representatives.

The bethel Leader's Representatives are in-charge of the tithe box.

HAND CLAPPING: Remember to sit down before you clap hands whenever you are asked to.

ELDERS: Elders should no longer be appointed by visioners. Nobody has right to appoint a person as an elder. Be you a Conductor or Pastor or Leader's Representatives etc. The election of elders is done by the members of the Bethel or the Bethel Executive. The Area or State Leader's Representative must send the names of the elected elders to the

Holy Father at Calabar for approval. After the approval, a day must be fixed for the Official or formal ceremony of the ordination by the State or Area Leader's Representative, before they are using in to the Elder's seat. The books of Titus Chapter 1: 5-9 and Timoty 3:1-13. must be read to them.

CHANGE OF MONEY: It is not fair to change money while service is still on. But, can be changed outside the Bethel.

TRIBAL MEETINGS: There is no division in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. All members in the Bethel are one, irrespective of the different. tribes they come from. Tribal meetings are not permitted in the Bethels. Such as, Ibo tribe meeting/Anang tribe meeting/Yoruba tribe meeting/ Ibibio tribe meeting or Oron tribe meeting are not permitted. Apart from the authorised meetings of Women's Meeting/Men's Meeting/General Meeting/ Elder's Meeting/Choristers'/ Ordained ones/Spirited/ Visioners etc. No other meetings should be formed. Brotherhood does not belong to a particular tribe or Country. It does not belong to the Blacks or Whites. Brotherhood is Universal. The Headquarter of Brotherhood is Love. Where there is Love, Peace and Unity, that's the Headquarters.

During meetings, it is not necessary to ring bell against someone speaking. If it is seen that the speaker has gone out of the points, the Chair-person has right to say, point of correction, please, and point out the mistake to him. After that, more

chance should be given to him to finish his speeches. Or the Chair-person can wait until he finishes his speeches before he corrects him.

The two bethel L/R are to work as a team. The male L/R must not ignore the female L/R inwhatever he does in the bethel. Likewise the female L/R, In the absent of the male L/R, the female L/R has right to make announcement in the bethel.

There are only five ways for healing in Brotherhood:

- (1) Confession of sin (iv) Ministry Work
- (ii) Prayer (v) Feasting.
- (iii) Fasting.

Tell the sick one to confess sins first, before you offer prayer for anyone If the problem is not over, tell him to fast and pray. If it still not over, ask him to go on Ministry Work and thereafter make feast. The merciful Father will solve the problem for him. James 5: 16. Mark. 9: 29. (King James Version) If the problem still continues, tell him to remain in faith and wait patiently on the Lord, for His proper time. Tell him to remember the righteous man, Job. James 5: 11. James 1: 12.

The Full Time Preachers are permitted to go blessing behind the elders or behind the congrgation.

At 34 Ambo Hall, or 26 Mbukpa Road, Calabar, only the children of God, (Virgins) are permitted

to pray and to read, especially, the English Bible.

Members should no longer reject any Full Time Worker sent to them. Doing so will result in not sending any more Full Time Worker to them forever. "Stated by the Holy Father Himself on the 9th January, 1993".

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### HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

This meeting is held every Sunday after the 10.00 a.m. service.

### ORDER OF CONDUCTING

- 1. The conductor jingles the bell first. He kneels down and prays silently. He jingles the second time.
- 2. Everybody kneels down and recites Psalm 1.
- 3. Someone conducts Hymn.
- 4. All standing and sing, but kneeling during the last stanza.
- 5. Prayer by a member.
- 6. Hymn again. (All standing but kneeling during the last stanza).
- 7. They continue to kneel and recite Psalm 23. The Lord's prayer and Doxology: (Come Holy Spirit of God).
- 8. Benediction by the conductor.
- 9. All kneeling and sing: "Hear our prayers O Lord
- 10. Blessing of feast.
- 11. Song (s) by Choir (s) while the feast is being served

- 12. Text and short sermon and advice by the conductor.
- 13. Prayer by a member.
- 14. Closing Hymn.
- 15. Psalm 23. The Lord's prayer.
- 16. Doxology: (Come Holy Spirit of God .....)
- 17. Benediction by the Conductor.
- 18. All kneeling and sing, "Hear our prayer O Lord.."
- 19. Closing by the conductor.

### ORDER OF CONDUCTING BAPTISM

- 1. Reading of the portion, enumerating sins in the "First Step To God" to the converts.
- 2. Suitable texts and short advice to the converts by the conductor. Eph, 4: 5; Gal. 3: 27 Ist John 5: 7 8 Matt. 28: 19.
- 3. Confession of sins one by one, by the converts to the conductor.
- 4. Prayer of forgiveness by the conductor.
- 5. Marching to the waterside and singing spiritual songs: "Se mmong do, nkasangade mbe, anie.

oyom ndiyere, kpa do ke ami nkeyere" or " Eyak nnyin ika ke Jordan, ererimbot idotke ye nnyin" (2times).

The conductor takes his stand in the stream. He offers prayer and blesses the water.

Baptism starts (by emersion) three times. In the Name of the Father, and the son, and the Holy Ghost.

Prayer by a member. (if any)

Spiritual song: by the conductor and the converts or baptised members. "Ami meyet Ubok mi, ami meyet Ukot mi, ke uwem ererimbot emi nkedude, idahaemi ndu ye Abasi.

The conductor moves out from the water to join the members back to the bethel, with spiritual choruses suitable for the occasion.

Blessing of the baptised members at the Altar and the rubbing of holy oil on them by the conductor.

Registration and issuing of Baptismal Certificate, Membership Cards to the converts.

Advice to the converts by the conductor.

Closing: by the Conductor.

## ORDER OF BIBLE CLASS'

- 1. The Conductor jingles the bell first, he kneel down and prays silently. He jingles the second time.
- 2. Everybody kneels down and recites Psalm 1.
- 3. Someone conducts hymn
- 4. A member stands up and prays.
- 5. A chapter from the Holy Bible, quoted by the conductor.
- 6. Someone stands up and read, from verse one to the end.
- 7. Individuals start to draw their lessons from the verses of the chapter of the Bible quoted by the conductor.
- 8. You are not to preach, but to tell what that particular verse drawn, teaches you, with one sentence only.
- 9. The verse (s) drawn by individuals should be always read by another person, not the drawer.
- 10. At last, the conductor stands up and shouts Hallelujah (3) times) to give his full explanation to a particular verse (s) he/she has chosen.
- 11. Someone stands up and prays.

- Closing hymn: All standing and sing, but, kneeling during the last stanza.
   They continue to kneel and recite Psalm 23. and the Lord's prayer.
  - Doxology: "Come Holy Spirit of God"....(All sing)
- 5. Benediction: by the conductor.
- 6. All singing: "Hear our prayers O Lord...."
  - The conductor stands up, he renders a song correspondable to that day's gospel. He waves his/her hands and moves out from the Altar.

# SILENT PRAYER' TO BE READ ALOUD BY THE CONDUCTOR

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of human race. Look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thine Altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be but to be more surely united with Thee. Behold each one of us freely consecrates himself to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never know Thee. Many too despising Thy precepts have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all most merciful Jesus and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart.

Be Thou King O Lord not only of the faithfull who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee. Grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of all those who are decieved by erroneous opinions or who discard keeps aloof and call them back to the harbour of truth and unity of faith so that soon they may be one flock and one shepherd. Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in darkness of idolatry and Islamism. And refuse not to draw them back to the light and Kingdom of God.

Turn Thy eyes of mercy towards the children of that race once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the blood of the Saviour. May it now descend upon them a lover of redemption and of life. Grant O Lord to Thine Church, assurance of freedom, immunity from harm. Give peace from pole to pole with one cry: Praise! to the Divine Heart that wrought our Salvation To it be glory and honour for ever and ever, Amen.

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

It is of great importance that all distant members, that is those members who are living at places where there is no branch of Brotherhood to keep prayer twice at 5. 00 a.m. and 7. 00 p.m. daily in their homes.

This will enhance that spiritual affiliation which is assential in an organisation such as ours. Such members should follow the order of service as stated below:-

- 1. Psalm 1: 1 to the end.
- 2. Hymn.
- 3. Prayer.
- 4. Read Psalm 121
- 5. Closing Hymn.
- 6. Psalm 23.
- 7. The Lord's prayer
- 8. Doxology: (Evening) "O Olumba behold us her...." (Morning) "In the morning".
- 9. Benediction.
- 10. Hear our prayer O Lord, we beseech Thee......
- 11. Spiritual choruses.

The above can be used by a brother or a sister and his/her family.

### ORDER OF WATCH AND PRAY

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star observes vigil night on Wednesday as a very important occasion.

This is in remembrance of the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ in Getsamane the night before His Death. When he prayed until His sweat turned to blood pleading with the Almighty Father to take away the death from Him.

It is conducted after the normal prayer on Wednesday starting from 12.00 mid-night - 3. 00 a.m. or till dawn.

- 1. The conductor jingles the bell, he kneels down. He prays silently. He jingles the second time.
- 2. Someone stands up to conduct hymn.
- 3. All standing and sing, but kneeling during the last stanza.
- 4. Prayer by the conductor.

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- 5. All continue to kneel and recite Psalm 1
- 6. Prayer by a member.
- 7. Someone reads Matt. 26: 1 to the end (kneeling)
- 8. Hymn or song (s) by Choir (s)

- 9. Prayer by a member.
- 10. Text and sermon and spiritual choruses by conductor. (The Conductor can also seek spiritual choruses from the members during the sermon period).
- 11. Prayer by a member.
- 12. More spiritual Choruses.
- 13. Blessing of the Love Feast (while the feast is being served)
- 14. Choirs render their songs; vision, prophecy, dream and testimonies.
- 15. Closing hymn. Psalm 23. The Lord's prayer. Doxology.
- 16. Benediction by the conductor.
- 17. All sing; "hear our prayers O Lord...."
- 18. Closing by conductor.

### ORDER OF CHILD BLESSING

Child blessing often takes place in the morning prayer. For, according to the directive of the Holy Father, that, a child must be blessed on the eighth day from his/her birth. For this reason, we cannot fix a day of our own for a child blessing. It is blessed according to the completion of the eighth day from his/her birth.

The Conductor announces the commencement of the child blessing after around the Altar of morning prayer.

The parents and other relations of the child kneel before the Altar.

A sister carries the child kneeling before the Altar.

Someone reads the first Bible Lesson: Luke 2:22.

Song by the Choir. (In the absence of any choir, hymn could be sung by congregation. All kneeling.

Prayer by two sisters and two brothers, started by a sister, and followed by a brother, a sister again, and ends up by a brother.

Someone reads the second Bible Lesson: Eph. 6:1-4.

The choir and the congregation sing hymn - S. F. H. 186. (All kneeling down while singing).

The conductor comes down from the pulpit to the Altar.

The child is presented to the conductor.

- (a) He places him/her on the Altar, turning the Child each time onto the four corners of the World with silent sanctification.
- (b) Sprinkling of Holy water on the forehead. Rubbing of Holy oil on both hands and legs and making sign

of cross on the forehead. The child is given holy water to drink..

- (c) Lift up the Child, bow three times before the pulpit, and hand over the child to the sister.
- (d) The Conductor moves back to the pulpit.
- . Someone reads the Golden Text: 1st Tim. 2: 15.
- A short sermon by the Conductor.
- Ist spiritual song: "Eyen Erong uwa (3times) amana mfin emi" Members of the family and the parents of the child dancing pass the Altar three times, and get back to their seats.
- 2nd spiritual song: "Eyen amana ono nnyin (2 times) Ekom Edidem Ubong Ekondo, eyen amana one nnyin The whole congregation thank the Father by dancing pass the Altar beginning from the choristers.
- Someone conducts feast song.
- 6. Testimony from the parents of the child.
- 7. Announcement by the Leader's Representative.
- 8. Admonition and closing by Conductor.

# NOTE:

The congregation must not stop singing the hymn S. F. H. NO. 186, till the conductor finishes the

blessing of the child on the Altar and gets back to the pulpit. If the verses of the hymn should get finished, they must repeat it again from the first verse.

## ORDER OF MORNING DEVOTION: 5. 00 A.M.

- 1. The conductor jingling the bell first, kneeling down and pray silently. He jingles it the second time.
- 2. Someone stands up and conducts hymn.
- 3. All standing and sing, but, kneeling during the last stanza of the hymn.
- 4. The conductor standing up, he/she offers prayer.
- 5. All continue to kneel and recite Psalm 1.
- 6. A member stands up and prays.
- 7. All continue to kneel and recite Psalm. 121.
- 8. Hymn.
- 9. All standing and sing, but, kneeling during the last stanza,
- 10. Someone stands up and prays.
- 11. Silent prayer: All standing,

The conductor jingles the bell and all kneel down.

The first spiritual song: "Very early in the morning" all kneeling while singing.

The conductor jingles the bell and stop singing

A member stands up and prays.

The second spiritual song: "O Lord hear my prayer" All kneel while singing.

The conductor jingles the bell to stop singing.

A member stands up and prays.

The Third Spiritual song: "O Lord send down or (us) thy power". All continue to kneel down.

The conductor jingles the bell to stop singing.

Someone stands up and prays.

Closing Hymn.

All standing up and sing, but, kneeling during the last stanza of the Hymn.

They continue to kneel and recite Psalm. 23.

They continue to kneel and say, "The Lord's Prayer"

Doxology: "In the morning, bless us O Lord"

Benediction: by conductor.

All singing: "Hear our prayer O Lord". while kneeling.

AROUND THE ALTAR: (Here all members kneel around the Altar).

Spiritual song: "Around The Throne of God in Heaven".

The conductor jingles the bell.

2nd. Spiritual song: ("Children of God Awake")

The conductor jingles the bell.

3rd. Spiritual Song: "I am a sinner O Lord wash me clean".) (during this song, any ordained or christ's Student or Servant or Witness or the person in charge should sprinkle Holy Water on everybody).

The Conductor jingles the bell.

4th Spiritual Song: (The Blood had been spilt on the ground").

The conductor rings the bell.

2 sisters and 2brothers stand around the members and offer prayer. (The prayer always started by a sister, followed by a brother, and again by a sister, and ends up by a brother). Spiritual Chorus: (Since the day our Lord Jesus was crucified on the tree). Everybody leaves the Altar to their respective seats.

The conductor jingles the bell.

Spiritual Choruses: The second blessing starts from the choristers as usual.

The conductor jingles the bell. and shout"Hallelujah" (3 times). Everybody sits down.

Vision, prophecy, Dream and Testimonies,

Announcement by L/Representative.

Admonition and closing by the conductor.

### NOTE:

Spiritual songs during 'Around the Altar" can be found in "Songs For Special Occasions Hymnary" pages/14 - 16.

#### SPECIAL PRAYER:

At the close of Evening/Morning prayer, sick ones and those who desire special prayer should kneel before the altar. And some brothers and sisters should pray over them.

### ORDER OF HOUSE BLESSING/LOVE FEAST.

The conductor jingling the bell first, he kneels down and pray silently. He jingles it the second time.

Somenone conducts the Hymn.

All standing up and sing, but, kneeling during the last stanza of the hymn.

The Conductor stands up and prays.

All continue to kneel and recite Psalm 1.

A member stands up and prays.

The Conductor stands up and quotes a text from Holy Bible.

Somebody stands up and reads.

The Conductor delivers his sermon.

A member stands and prays.

Silent Prayer: All standing.

The Conductor jingles the bell, and all sit down.

Closing hymn.

All kneeling and recite Psalm 23, and the Lord's prayer.

Doxology: "Come Holy Spirit of God ....."

Benediction by the Conductor.

All kneeling and sing: "Hear our prayer O Lord. ."

Spiritual Choruses.

The holy water must be sprinkled around the house.

The Conductor jingles the bell.

All kneeling down and sing "The Feast Song" NO. 201.

Blessing of feast by a member in the absence of any ordained.

Reading of (a) John 6: 51; (b) Acts 2: 46.

Spiritual Feast Song: While the feast is being served to everybody.

The Conductor asks for Vision, Prophecy, Dream and Testimonies.

Offering of Special Prayer for the members of the family, by all members.

Admonition and closing by conductor.

#### NOTE:

The recent method of offering prayer for the family

who celebrated the feast, before the blessing and eating of the feast was not so from the beginning. The members of the family used to be prayed for efter the eating of feast.

The fear that people will go away should not make us to change the original method of doing things in this Kindom. Even if it remains two to three people at the end of the feast, it is very good to bless the family with the few persons.

## ORDER OF FUNERAL SERVICE - AT THE CEMETERY.

When any member is dead, all the members must rally round and help in any way possible. If the corpse is to stay overnight, the members should keep awake and sing as far into the night as possible or till dawn. All the members should give the deceased the last honour by taking its remains to the cemetery for interment.

During the procession with the corpse to the cemetery, there should be continuous singing of hymns or spiritual songs.

#### SHORT SERVICE AT THE CEMETERY

- 1. Someone conducts hymn.
- 2. Prayer by the conductor.
- 3. Hymn again
- 4. Prayer by a member.

Silent Prayer.

The conductor claps hands or rings bell to end up the prayer.

Closing hymn.

Psalm 23 - The Lord's Prayer.

Benediction by conductor.

All sing, "Hear our prayers O Lord. ... "

The coffin is dropped into the grave.

Interment - Reading of "dust to dust" by the Conductor.

#### **ENGLISH:**

For as much as it has pleased the Almighty God of His great mercy to take unto Himself the soul of our beloved brother/sister here departed, we therefore commit his/her body to the ground, earth to earth, ash to ash, dust to dust being sure and hopeful of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ: Amen.

#### NOTE:

During this interment, the conductor holds some earth-sand in his hand to drop each time he says, earth to earth, ash to ash, and dust to dust.

Spiritual choruses suitable for the occasion until the

- grave is completely filled with earth.
- 14. Prayer for the deceased and his/her relations.
- 15. Closing by the conductor.

#### NOTE:

After burial, prayer shall be kept daily at the deceased or the nearest relation's compound for seven days with all members in attendance. During such prayer the order of service laid down for burial should be used omitting items 11 - 12 and 13. In the place of item '11'. Spiritual choruses should rather be rendered.

After the prayer on the seventh day,. Blessing Service shall be observed in which all members present will join in the feast together. The refreshment used for this purpose should be freely contributed by members even when the deceased relations can afford to make their arrangement to provide these things. These should be used in addition to the ones freely contributed by members.

#### ORDER OF MEMORIAL BLESSING

- 1. After the Second Blessing on Sunday service.
- 2. The bereaved family kneel down before the Altar.

Someone reads the 1st Bible lesson: Rom. 14;7-9

Song (s) by Choir (s)

Prayer: Two sisters and two brothers. In the usual way of starting by a sister, followed by a brother, another sister and ends up by a brother. All prayers should be entirely for the safety of the family).

Bible Lesson: Rev. 14: 13. Heb. 4: 10 - 12. Ist Thess. 4; 13 - 18.

A brief advice to the family by the conductor.

Spiritual song: Hallelujah joy, Hallelujah joy, Hallelujah joy shall be on that day"... The bereaved relations who knelt down before the altar get back to their seats. Everybody dancing and praising the Father with them.

Announcement by the Leader's Representative.

Admonition and closing by conductor.

Members of the bereaved family are escorted home. Free-will donation is conducted and the money derived is handed over to the bereaved family. Prayer by a member.

The Love Feast.

Testimonies by members of the bereaved family.

closing by the conductor.

#### ORDER OF MARRIAGE BLESSING

Marriage Blessing in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star has a far-reaching effect on couples spiritually than any such one solemnized either in the court or in churches.

Such an occasion is always preceded by a full service.

Part 2 is conducted in the following order:

- 1. Bride and Bridegroom and relation sit before the Altar.
- 2. Bible reading Matt. 19: 4-9.
- 3. Special songs by the Choir. During the songs the officiating brother offers silent prayer over the couple and sanctifies them by moving his hands over their heads (the Bride and the Bridegroom.)
- 4. Prayers by 4 members. Two sisters and two brothers.
- 5. Washing of the couple's feet and anointment, while the congregation sings the song "Amayom ndisanga ye Ami".
- 6. At the end of anointment, the Spiritual songs for blessing the couple continue: "Akamba Doctor".

  Akwa Etubom Ekon".
- 7. Prayer by the officiating brother.
- 8. The Lord's prayer.
- 9. Feast citations. "I am the Living Bread" Holy sacra-

ment is served to the couple. Choir continues to sing until the sacrament is over.

- Bible Texts: Eph. 5:22 27 John . 13: 13 15;
  Ist Cor. 7: 1 -5; Ist Cor. 7:39; Ist Cor. 11: 3;
  Peter 3: 1 -12; Ist Tim. 2;8 -12; Heb. 13; 17.
- Presentation of marriage certificate to the Bridegroom who after reading, hands it over to the Bride. signing of Marriage Register by families for the couple.
- 2. Closing by officiating brother.

#### NOTE:

If any couple wants to come to the Holy Father after finishing with the family of the Bride without going to the court, then the Bridegroom should provide a Bible and a ring which articles will be dealt with when blessing the couples at the Altar.

Marriage is recommended to all members of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star who so desire but this must be on the basis of one man one wife one woman, one husband, or one should remain a virgin. Trial or casual marriage is not allowed. All those whose marriages have been blessed have to comply strictly with Romans 7: 2 and 1st. Cor. 7: 39.

# ORDER OF FASTING ON THURSDAYS

At sharp 6. 00 a.m the conductor jingles the bell Everybody kneels down with complete silence. Someone reads Matt. 27: 1-44.

They continue to kneel and sing: "Obong fen dahado nno nnyin, koro nnyin mifioke se nnyin ikanamde" (3times)

The conductor jingles the bell. All stop singing.

A member stands up and prays.

Song (s) by the Choir (s). Prayer by a member.

Texts: Rom. 3: 10 - 12. Ist John 1; 8 - 10; James.

5: 15; (To be read before confession).

Confession of sins continues, one after another.

Prayer: by 4 persons for the forgiveness of sin.

Short sermon and instructions to the members by the conductor.

Reading of 1st Tim. 2: 1-7.

7 or 12 persons pray for the betterment of the world.

At sharp 9. 00 a.m., the conductor jingles the bell Everybody kneels down with complete silence. Someone kneeling and reads Mark. 15: 1 -32.

They continue to kneel and sing: "Obong fen dahado no nnyin koro nnyin mifioke se nnyin ikanamde" (3 times).

The conductor jingles the bell. All stop singing.

A member stands up and prays.

Song (s) by the choir (s).

Prayer by a member.

Spiritual choruses.

Vision, Prophecy, Dreams and Testimonies: by the members.

Short sermon by the conductor.

At sharp 12, 00 noon: The conductor jingles the bell. all kneeling down with complete silence. Someone kneeling and reads John 19, 1-37.

They continue to kneel and sing: "Obong fen dahado nno nnyin, koro nnyin mifioke se nnyin ikanamde" (3 times).

The Conductor jingles the bell. All stop singing.

Prayer by a member.

Song (s) by the Choir (s). All kneeling.

Prayer by a member.

- 27. Spiritual choruses.
- 28. The conductor jingles the bell. He gives short sermon.
- 29. Prayer by 7 or 12 persons again for the betterment of the whole world.
- 30. Testimonies, Vision, Prophecy, and Dreams, continuous
- 31. At sharp 3. 00 p.m., the conductor jingles the bell All kneel down with complete silence. someone reads Luke 23: 1-49.
- 32. They contine to kneel and sing: "Obong fen dahado no nnyin, koro nnyin mifioke se nnyin ikanamde". (3 times).
- 33. The conductor jingles the bell. All stop singing.
- 34. Prayer by a member.
- 35. Song (s) by the choir (s). All kneeling.
- 36. Prayer by a member.
- 37. Spiritual Choruses.
- 38. Short sermon by the conductor.
- 39. Prayer by 7 or 12 persons again, for the whole world.

Testimonies, Vision, Prophecy, and Dreams.

At about 5. 55p.m. the conductor jingles the bell. General confession takes place, two by two and prayers for each other.

At sharp 6. 00 p.m., the conductor jingles the bell All kneel down with complete silence. Someone kneeling and reads Luke 23: 50 to the end. Or John 19: 38 to the end.

All sing: "Obong fen dahado nno nyin....

Prayer by a member.

Song by a choir.

Short prayers by two sisters and two brothers.

Closing hymn.

Psalm 23.

The Lord's prayer.

All kneeling and sing Doxology: "Come Holy Spirit of God. . . . ".

Benediction by the conductor.

All kneeling and sing: "Hear our prayers O Lord.."

The conductor standing up: he jumps and shouts "Hallelujah" about 7 times. He jumps and shouts, Hosannah" about 7 times. He jumps and shout, "Amen" about 7 times. All the members follow in the same way.

- Feast Song: All kneel down and sing.
- 54. A member blesses the feast.

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- 55. Reading of John 6: 51. And 1st Cor. 10: 16 17.
- 56. Announcement by the Leader's Representative while the feast is being served.
- 57. Admonition and closing by conductor.

# ORDER OF FULL SERVICE ON SUNDAYS - 10.00 A. M. & FRIDAYS/SUNDAYS EVENING 7. 00 P.M.

- The conductor jingles the bell first, kneeling down and pray silently. He jingles it again the second time.
- Introit: All sing "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" while kneeling down.
- 3. All continue to kneel and recite Psalm 1.
- I. The conductor stands up to pray.
- Hymn: To be conducted by a member. All stand up and sign, but kneeling down during the last stanza.

- 6. A meinber stands up and prays
- 7. Ist Bible lesson, quoted by the conductor, and to be read by a member.
- 8. Hymn: conducted by a member. All stand up and sign, but kneeling down during the last stanza.
- 9. A member stands up and prays
- 10. 2nd Bible lesson. Quoted by conductor, and to be read by a member.
- 11. Song (s) by chior (s). The Choir (s) and the whole congregation knell down.
- 12. A member stands up and prays
- 13. The conductor stands up and quote the Golden Text from the Bible. Here the first Bible lesson must be read first again, followed by the second Bible lesson, before the Golden Text be read last, then the sermon by the conductor.
- 14. A member stands up and pray.
- 15. Silent prayer: All standing.
- 16. The conductor jingles the bell, and all stop praying and sit down.
- 17. (a) The blessing and collection: "The Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, etc., is the first blessing song for children only. They walk pass the altar, putting

their collection, Tithe, Free-will offering and Charity (if they have) with joining palms and bent heads. They keep on standing till the last person comes up to the seat, then the conductor jingles the bell, they all bow the same time and sit down.

- 17. (b) "My disciples be ever ready", etc. is the second blessing song for women/men congregation only. Both women and men stand up, and the women go frist, followed by men in the same manner done by the children. They keep on standing till the last person comes up to his seat, then the conductor jingles the bell, they all bow the same time and sit down.
  - (c) "I will make you fishers of men" is the third blessing song for choristers only. They all stand up, the sisters go first, and the brothers followed behind in the same manner done by (a) and (b) above.
  - (d) "Do Thy Work O Lord" is the Fourth blessing song for the spirited children, Elders, Ordained Ones, Christ's Students, Christ's Witness, Christ's Servants and the children of God. They should do as in (c) above. The ordained ones should not need the ordanied sisters to go first before the ordanied brothers. They should go mixed according to their seat positions.
    - N. B. There should be no sound making by the feet while walking. The legs must move orderly.
- 18. A member stands up and pray.

- 19. Song (s) choir (s).
- 20. A member stands up and pray.
- 21. Closing hymn.
- 22. All kneeling and recite Psalm 23.
- 23. The Lord's Prayer. Still kneeling.
- 24. Doxology: "Come HOly Spirit of God" (By day time) And, "Olumba behold us here" (By evening or night still kneeling.
- 25. Benediction: by the conductor.
- 26. All sing. "Hear our prayer O Lord", still kneeling.
- 27. Spiritual choruses. Here we go on the second Blessing.
- 28. The conductor jingles the bell, all sit down, he asks for Testimonies, Vision, and Prophecy.
  - N. B. On Sundays, during 10. 00 a.m. service; vision and prophecy are not necessary, apart from testimony, praise and thanksgiving only.
- 29. Announcement: By L/Respresentative.
- 30. Admonition and closing by the conductor.

# ORDER OF SERVICE ON MONDAY/ TUESDAY/ SATURDAY: 7: 00 P.M.

- 1. The conductor jingles the bell first, kneeling down and prays silently. He jingles it again.
- 2. Someone stands up and conducts hymn. All stand up and sing but, kneeling down during the last stanza.
- 3. The conductor stands up and prays.
- 4. All continue to kneel and recite Psalm 1.
- 5. A member stands up and prays.
- 6. They continue to kneel while someone reading Psalm 15, to be recited by all.
- 7. Song (s) by Choir (s). All and the choir continue to kneel while singing. (In the absence of any choir, hymn could be sung by the congregation from Brotherhood hymnary.
- 8. Someone stands up and prays.
- 9. Everybody sits up.
- 10. The conductor stands up and quotes the Golden Text from the Holy Bible.
- 11. Someone stands up and reads it.
- 12. Short sermon by conductor.

- 13. Someone stands up and prays, while all are kneeling down.
- 14. Silent prayer: all standing, with joining Palms
- 15. The conductor jingles the bell; all sitting down.
- 16. Blessing and collection, from all sections, as usual, till the last blessing song: (Do Thy Work O Lord) The conductor jingles the bell, all kneeling down.
- 17. Someone stands up and prays.
- 18. Song (s) by Choir (s) while all kneeling.
- 19. Someone stands up and prays.
- 20. Closing hymn: All standing and sing, but, kneeling during the last stanza.
- 21. They continue to kneel and recite, "Psalm 23"
- 22. They continue to kneel and recite, "The Lord's prayer".
- 23. Still kneeling, and sing, doxology: "O-Olumba behold us here". etc.
- 24. Benediction by conductor.
- 25. All kneeling and sing, "Hear our prayer O Lord".
- 26. Spiritual choruses: Here the second blessing starts from choristers.

- 27. The conductor jingles the bell and all sitting down, he shouts "Hallelujah" three times.
- 28. Feast song: If there is any. All kneeling down.
- 29. The conductor calls for vision, Prophecy, Dreams and testimonies.
- 30. Announcement by the L/Representative.
- 31. Admonition and closing by condutor.

# ORDER OF SERVICE ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 7. 00 P.M.

- 1. The Conductor jingles the bell first, kneeling down and prays silently. He jingles the second time.
- 2. Introit; "The Lord is in His Holy Temple". All kneeling down.
- 3. Psalm 1: To be recited by all.
- 4. Prayer by conductor.
- 5. Hymn, conducted by someone.
- 6. prayer by a member.
- 7. (a) Wednesdays Services: 7. 00 p.m., John 17: 1 the end is read by someone, and to be recited by all.

- (b) Thursdays Services: 7. 00 p.m., Psalm 51: 1 to the end is read by someone, and to be recited by all.
- 8. Hymn.
- 9. Prayer by a member.
- 10. Ist Bible lesson: Quoted by the conductor. And is read by somebody.
- 11. Song (s) by the Choir (s). In the absence of any choir, hymn could be sung by the congregation from Brother-hood Hymnary.
- 12. Prayer by a member.
- 13. The conductor, standing up and quote the Golden Text from the Holy Bible.
- 14. Here the 1st Bible lesson is read again before the Golden Text be read last.
- 15. Sermon by conductor.
- 16. Prayer by a member.
- 17. Silent prayer: All standing.
- 18. The conductor jingles the bell, all sitting down.
- 19. Blessing and collection, as usual.
- 20. Prayer by a member.

- 21. Song (s) by the choir (s)
- 22. Prayer by a member.
- 23. Closing hymn.
- 24. Psalm 23.
- 25. The Lord's prayer.
- 26. Doxology "O Olumba behold us here"
- 27. Benediction by the conductor.
- 28. All singing. "Hear our prayer O Lord".
- 29. Spiritual choruses.
- 30. The Second Blessing, from the choristers.
- 31. The conductor jingles the bell, all sitting down, he shout hallelujah three times.
- 32. Feast song; if there is any.
- 33. The feast texts be read by two persons.
- 34. The conductor calls for vision, prophecy, dream and testimonies.
- 35. Announcement by L/Representative.
- 36. Admonition and closing by the conductor.

# ORDER OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS:

#### FIRST PART:

- 1. The conductor jingles the bell first He kneels down and prays silently. He jingles the second time.
- Someone conducts hymn. All standing, but kneeling during the last stanza of the hymn.
- 3. The conductor standing up, then offers prayer.
- 4. All continue to kneel and recite Psalm 1.
- 5. A member stands up and prays.
- 6. Text: And short sermon by the conductor. (All sit up)
- 7. Prayer by a member.
- 8. Silent prayer: (All standing).
- 9. The conductor jingles the bell. (All sitting down).
- 10. Closing hymn: (All standing, but kneeling during the last stanza.
- 11. They continue to kneel and recite Psalm 23. The Lord's prayer.
- 12. They continue to kneel and sing Doxology: "Come Holy Spirit of God . . . . ".

- 13. benediction by the conductor.
- 14. All sing: "Hear our prayers O Lord . . . . "
- 15. Spiritual chorus (es).
- 16. The conductor hands over to the chairman.
- 17. The chairman jingles the bell only once. (part two starts).
- 18. All kneeling down and sing, "Father lead us aright.."
- 19. The chairman jingles the bell. (All stop singing).
- 20. Prayer by a member.
- 21. Chairman's Opening Remarks.
- 22. The secretary stands up and reads the pervious minutes.
- 23. Adoption of minutes by one or two members.
- 24. Prayer of thanks for the minutes.
- 25. Matters arising from the minutes.
- 26. Finance: (a) Dues (b) Registration by new members.
- 27. General Discussions. Freewill Donations (Show-Love)
- 28. The Love Feast.
- 29. Closing by the Chairman.