

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH LIFE AND NURTURE**  
**YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP**  
**MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT MENSAH SARBAH**  
**HALL, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA- LEGON IN THE GA PRESBYTERY FROM**  
**THURSDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**DAY 1: THURSDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**1.1 ARRIVAL / REGISTRATION**

Delegates started arriving as early as 4am. They were taken through the registration process and rooms were allocated to them.

**COURTESY CALLS**

The National Officers and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the 16<sup>th</sup> National Assembly paid courtesy calls on the following persons:

- Ga Presbytery Chairperson – Rev. Dr. Abraham Nana Opare Kwakye
- Ga Presbytery Clerk – Rev Isaac Quist
- Haatso District Minister – Rev. Rev William Quaye
- Madina District Minister – Rev. Adoteye Asare

**SUPPER**

Supper was served from 6:10pm. The following meal was served;

- Jollof rice with chicken or fish

**CONSTITUTION OF ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly was presided over by Dr. Philip Kwaku Kankam, the National President. He started at 7:38pm by asking members to stand for 30seconds to invite the Holy Spirit into our midst. After that he led members to sing PH 1, all the four stanzas. After which he welcomed members to the 16<sup>th</sup> National Assembly by reading Col. 1:2. He assured members that there are secrets God want to reveal to us but he has kept it and at the right time, it will manifest itself. On that note, he constituted the 16<sup>th</sup> National Assembly in the name of the Triune God.

**EVENING REFLECTION**

The President invited Rev. Williams Quaye, District Minister for Haatso to lead the house through the evening refection. Papa thanked the Lord and the organizing committee for the opportunity given him to be part of the National Assembly. He thanked the Executives for the privilege given him to lead the evening reflection. He said, he believes Christ himself will lead members to have a successful Assembly.

Papa led members to sing PH 345, the first two stanzas. He further led the house to read Acts 7:55. He read the theme for the year “Christ in You, the Hope of Glory: Abiding in Christ as a Young Adult for His Glory (Col. 1:27). Papa emphasized his message on the second part of the theme, “Abiding in Christ as a Young Adult for His Glory”.

Rev. Quaye extended greetings from the District session and the local congregation to Assembly. He expressed his delight in engaging with YAF at the National level for the first time. And encouraged members to be unwavering in these challenging times but only abide in Christ and things will change for our good. He hinted that the world is in crises as he recounted fire outbreaks in the US, France and other countries as well as other financial crisis facing the entire universe, of which Ghana is not exempted. Things are not promising but if YAF Members will Pray, seek the presence of the Holy Spirit and live according to the will of Christ, the Triune God will intervene for things to change.

On Prayer: (Ephesians 6:12), he mentioned that sometimes God allowed the forces of darkness to come against us so He will show His mighty deeds. He called on members to pray without ceasing for things to change. He prompted the delegates to trust God and not migrate to Europe in search of greener pastures for things are not rosy there as most Ghanaians have regretted traveling there.

He stressed that, the resources in the country are enough to make us comfortable so the country should invest more in industries instead of lotteries as being championed in recent times

The Presence of the Holy Spirit; He said Paul was not eloquent but the power of the Holy Spirit saw him to do great things. He advised members to be committed to vision 1.5 not only as a slogan but put into action. He advised the house to allow the Holy Spirit have impact on them.

Holy living: God is Holy and we must be holy, we must strive to pursue holiness with full vigor and seriousness. He advised the delegates to promote inter marriage. We should be committed to Holy life not funny activities on social media. We should use the opportunity for this gathering to impact the church, group and national at large.

He ended the reflection with prayers.

The President thanked him on behalf of the house for the word.

### **Welcome Address By Host Presbytery President: Brother Richard K. B Mensah.**

He invited all his PEC Members present to join him welcome delegates. He welcomed all delegates from the world. He reflected on the history of the fellowship as the piloting of YAF started in Ga in May 2006 in 3 congregations, namely Ramsyer, Prince of Peace and La Trinity and expressed his delight in hosting the 16th National Assembly.

He urged delegates to let go of any challenge they may have encountered since arriving at the venue and focus on the reason and impact they are here to achieve. He then welcomed all members to the 16<sup>th</sup> National Assembly.

### **ROLL CALL**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>No.</b>
Akuapem	17	Dangme – Tongu	19	Sefwi	2
Akyem Abuakwa	20	Europe	0	Sekyere	9
Asante	8	Ga	23	Upper	5
Asante Akyem	10	Ga West	20	Volta	8
Asante South	0	Kwahu	4	West Akyem	8
Brong Ahafo	14	Northern	11	West Brong	16
Central	16	North America & Australia	0	Western	10
National Officers	5			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225</b>

### **APPROVAL OF ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

The order of proceeding which is found on pages 4 to 7 of the National Assembly brochure were presented and moved for adoption by Bra Solomon Agyei mensah the General Secretary and was seconded by Brother Owusu Ansah.

Standing orders page 8 – 9, he moved for adoption and seconded by Mary Zaratu Alhassa

### **Previous Minutes from 15<sup>th</sup> National Assembly.**

It was presented by Deputy General Sec. from pages 10 – 26. He moved for its acceptance and was seconded by Hackman A. Awuku.

### **CORRECTIONS**

Page 14: there was a congregation and some names without heading,

Page 14: The numbering should be re-done

Page 14: District is Dambaga not Bambaga

The corrections the above are as follows:

#### **1.17 FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

The Chaplain General led the house to sing from Presbyterian hymn 551 (1-3) after which he mentioned the names of all the faithfully departed members according to their respective Presbyteries. A minute silence was observed after which the house sang from Presbyterian hymn 502 (1-3). A prayer was said by Dangme Tongu Presbytery Chaplain.

#### **1. WEST BRONG PRESBYTERY**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CONGREGATION</b>
1. Sis. Linda Serwaa Kwarteng	Berekum	Ascension
2. Bro. Ankamah Paul	Japekrom	Abuokrom

3. Sis. Margaret Asuako	Jejemireja	Gethsemane
4. Bro. Yaw Bright	Drobo	Prince of Peace
5. Bro. Boa Kwabena Augustine	Suma Kwatwema	Emmanuel

2. NORTHERN PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
1. Sis. Wilhemina Ofori Duah	Tamale Urban	Unity
2. Bro. Timothy Nyamese	Damango	C.J Natomah

3. AKUAPEM PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
1. Sis. Claudia Mantebea	Suhum Newtown	Providence
2. Sis. Racheal Asi Mante	Suhum	Emmanuel
3. Bro. Bismark Asare	Suhum	Calvary
4. Sis. Ernestina Danso	Suhum	Emmanuel
5. Bro. Christian Sampa Yirenkyi	Mamong	Trinity

4. AKYEM ABUAKWA PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
1. Sis. Ellen Anorwaa	Kusi	Rejoice
2. Bro. Moses Anane Sewu	Afosu	Afosu
3. Sis. Gifty Owusu	Kade	Calvary
4. Sis. Gladys Appiakorang Agbsi	Kade	Grace
5. Bro. Ahinful Richard	Kade	Peace

5. WEST AKYEM PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
1. Sis. Mercy Obenewaa Addo	Asene	Jeremiah

6. CENTRAL PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
1. Sis. Martha Nana Yaa Kadan	Kasoa	Emmanuel
2. Evangelist Kofi J. A. Badu	Kasoa	Zion

7. WESTERN PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
1. Sis. Kate Oparebea Owusu Frimpong	Twifo Praso	Riis
2. Sis. Christiana Nyarkoah Darko	Twifo Praso	Riis

8. SEKYERE PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
Bro. Oppong Kwabiah Sarpong	Mampong South	Hope

9. UPPER PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
1. Sis. Jessica Atswei Adjetey	Gambaga	Walewale
2. Bro. Isaac Adu	Navrongo	Bethel

10. GA WEST PRESBYTERY

NAME	DISTRICT	CONGREGATION
1. Bro. Derrick Ekow Quayson	North Kaneshie	lut Christ Family
2. Sis. Mabel Pokua Agyemang	North Kaneshie	Love

Page 11: Volta was 1 when the roll was done and not zero

The president called for move for adoption and was done by Prosper Agbeli president of northern Presbytery YAF

### MATTERS ARISING

The National President took the house through the matters arising in relation to the decisions and recommendations of the 15<sup>th</sup> National Assembly

### INTRODUCTIONS

The following past NEC members were introduced to Assembly;

- i. Mr. Maclean Obeng Amaomah – Former Deputy General Secretary
- ii. Mr. Kumah Emmanuel – Former West Brong President
- iii. Bro. Frank Asirifi – Former Asante President

### PRESENTATION OF PRESBYTERY REPORTS

PRESBYTERY	PAGES	PRESENTED BY	SECONDED BY
Akuapim	35 – 45	Isaiah Donkor	James Foli
Akyem Abuakwa	46 – 51	Obed Anarfi Appiah	Andrews
Asante	52 – 59	Joseph Nketia	Enoch K. Mensah
Asante Akyem	60 – 63	Gen. Sec.	Dep. Gen Sec
Asante South	64 – 69	Gen Sec.	Deputy Gen Sec
Brong Ahafo	70 – 75	Mavis Agyewaa Osei	Daniel Antwi
Central	76 – 82	Mark Henry Ossom. O	Akyea Martin

D. T	83 – 86	Solomon T. Agyemani	Moses T. Narh
Europe	87 – 90	Gen Sec.	Agyenim D. Boateng
Ga	91 – 97	Richard K. D. Mensah	
Ga West	98 – 107	Samuel K. Boateng	Benjamin S. Obeng
Kwahu	108 – 114	Gen Sec.	Deputy Gen. Sec
NAAP	115 – 118	Gen Sec	Deputy Gen Sec
Northern	119 – 122	Agbeli Prosper	Lovina
Sefwi	123 – 125	Ansah Owusu	Gen. Sec
Sekyere	126 – 131	Agyenim D. Boateng	Apau Sarppiah
Upper	132 – 138	Joseph Abugri Talata	Ruth Abuntori
Volta	139 – 144	Kwabena Boafo	Priscilla Sakyi
West Akyeam	145 – 152	Charles Biritwum K.	Daniel Bosompem
West Brong	153 – 158	Yirenkyi Opape-Akuffo	Oppong D. Gyedidia
Western	159 – 165	Joseph Sam	Fred Amenor

## **INTRODUCTION OF FIRST TIMERS**

There were 112 first timers to National Assembly who were all introduced to the house.

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED** – Rev. Daniel Lankai Lawson led a service for faithfully departed members of the Fellowship. They included;

1. Rev. Kwame Aseidu Akrofi
2. Bro. Stephen Out Siaw
3. Bro Oppong Sarpong Kwabia

A minute silence was observed for them. He quoted Rev. 14:13 and prayed for their souls to be granted eternal peace and rest

PH 787 Stanzas 1& 2 were sung

### **Prayer session**

Psalm 121

He thanked God for the travelling mercies for all present. He led the house to sing PH 61 Stanza 1& 2, PH 322 Stanza 1 & 2

## **Offertory**

Offertory was taken and prayer said by Rev. Ernest Asiamah Crosby, the West Brong Chaplain

The Presbytery Chaplains were acknowledged by Assembly with a round of applauds.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The General Secretary made the following announcements

1. Delegates interested in any paraphernalia should place their orders through their presbytery presidents
2. Asante delegates should meet their secretary outside after adjournment
3. NEC will meet after the adjournment

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The president called for a motion for the adjournment of proceedings to Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at 7:00am

The motion for adjournment was moved and seconded by Bro. Emmanuel Dompseh of Ga West.

Closing Prayer was done by Rev. Daniel Lankai Lawson at 10:15pm.