

**A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 160TH GENERAL
CHURCH COUNCIL (SYNOD) OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH-NIGERIA, (CRC-NIGERIA), HELD FROM MONDAY 30TH
JUNE- FRIDAY 4TH JULY, 2025 AT CRC-N NO1, TAKUM.**

The Christian Reformed Church-Nigeria (CRC-Nigeria) held its 160th General Church Council meeting from Monday 30th June-Friday 4th July 2025, at CRC-N No.1 Takum, Taraba State. Present at the meeting were the President of the Church Rev. (Dr.) Isaiah Jirapye Magaji, the Vice President, Rev. (Dr.) Bulus W.E Surupe, the General Secretary, Rev. Joseph Agbu Ahmadu Garba, the Assistant General Secretary, Rev. Japheth Vosine Ayuba, Human Resource Manager (DPM), Rev. Bulus Danjuma Oded, Director of Finance Elder Victor Timothy, members of the Board of Trustees, Committee of Advisers, RCC and LCC Chairmen, Provost, Principals and Directors of institutions, programmes and Boards, Women's Fellowship Leaders, voting and non-voting delegates from the 20 RCCs of the Church spread across Nigeria.

After extensive deliberations on crucial matters affecting the church and sensitive issues affecting the nation at large, the General Church Council resolved as follows:

1. The Synod strongly condemns the recent killings in Benue, Plateau, and Taraba states, (Karim-Lamido and Tapga in Ibbi LGAs) highlighting the growing insecurity in Nigeria. It urges the Federal Government to take concrete actions, as outlined in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to address these violent acts. The Synod also calls on the government and philanthropists to prioritize the welfare of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and to station permanent security agencies in affected areas to prevent future incidents and allow displaced individuals to safely return home.
2. The Council commends the Taraba State Government for establishing the Karim Lamido Peace and Justice Commission of Inquiry. They urged the government to implement the commission's findings and recommendations. Additionally, the Council calls on the people to support the peace initiative by being vigilant, setting aside tribal, cultural, and sectional differences, and working together to maintain peace and stability in the society. This

collaborative effort can help foster a more harmonious and secure community.

3. The Church reminds believers of their biblical responsibility to pray for their leaders, rather than criticizing or insulting them especially on the social media. This approach fosters a spirit of intercession, respect, and positivity, allowing believers to support their leaders through prayer and constructive engagement. By doing so, believers can contribute to a more peaceful and harmonious society.
4. Synod expresses profound gratitude to Almighty God for the restoration of peace and harmony in Bissaula town, Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State. It warmly commends the Takum Regional Council for its exemplary leadership and efforts in facilitating reconciliation and rebuilding trust among the people following recent disputes. The Synod earnestly calls on the Taraba State Government to urgently station security personnel in Bissaula to protect the lives of the people and ensuring safety.
5. Synod extends its heartfelt appreciation to an esteemed Elder statesman, Gen. Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma GCON (Rtd) for his remarkable act of generosity, through which the CRC-N Clinic in Takum was comprehensively remodeled and upgraded to the status of a modern hospital, now equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, advanced medical equipment, and well-trained professional personnel. The newly transformed hospital will be managed by Development Africa, a reputable service provider, for a transition period of three (3) years. At the end of the period, the hospital will be formally handed over to the CRC-N almost with a take-off grant to ensuring sustainability operations and continued service to the community.
6. The Council highlights the significance of evangelism and church planting in passing on the gospel to future generations. By actively sharing the good news and establishing new churches, the Church can fulfill its mission of spreading the gospel, reaching more people, and promoting spiritual growth in diverse communities. This effort ensures the continuation of the

Church's work and the dissemination of Jesus Christ's teachings to all areas.

7. Synod felicitates with five serving Pastors of the Church who have successfully earned their Doctors of Philosophy (Ph.D) and Doctor of Ministries degrees. They are:
 - i. Rev. Dr. Nuhu Bala Akoga, Provost Veentra Theological Seminary, (VTS) Donga.
 - ii. Rev. Dr. Stephen Philip Danladi, Resident Pastor, LCC Nyaya, Abuja
 - iii. Rev. Dr. David Salihu Fachano, Resident Pastor, CRC-N LCC No.1 Takum.
 - iv. Rev. Dr. Stephen Salihu Hamidu, Deputy Provost Veentra Theological Seminary, (VTS) Donga.
 - v. Rev. Dr. Ezekiel James Sudu, Resident Pastor, CRC-N LCC Akate, Donga.

The Synod expresses deep gratitude to God for this accomplishment and conveys its heartfelt congratulations to them. The Council hopes that this significant achievement will not only strengthen their individual ministries but also serve as a great asset to the Church and the advancement of the gospel.

8. Synod directs all CRC-N Churches to place discipleship at the fore front with the goal of deepening members' knowledge and understanding of God's word. To achieve this vision, each Regional Church Council is mandated to send three (3) delegates to the upcoming Discipleship Train the Trainer workshop at CRC-N headquarters Takum scheduled for July 15th- 18th, 2025. The initiative will equip church leaders and members with effective tools and practical knowledge to disciple others thereby fostering sustained spiritual growth within the church.
9. Council congratulates, Hon. Justice Paul Adamu Galumje, a distinguished retired supreme court Justice, on his recent appointment as Commissioner one in the Police Service Commission. The Synod is confident that Justice Paul Adamu Galumje will bring his wealth of experience and godly values to bear in transforming the Commission.

10. Council approved the establishment of House Care Fellowships to be designated as Prayer Centres across all CRC-N Families. This impactful initiative is designed to deepen member's knowledge of the Holy Scripture nurture spiritual growth, and strengthen bonds within the body of Christ.
11. The Synod extends its deepest condolences to the Family of late retired comptroller of Customs, Elder Nahum Haruna Angyu, a member of the Board of Trustee who was called to eternal rest on the 17th June, 2025. The Synod acknowledges his dedication to faith, peace, service and offers prayers for his family and all CRC-N members who have lost loved ones. May the Lord comfort the church and the families of the deceased

Rev. Dr. Isaiah Jirapye Magaji
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