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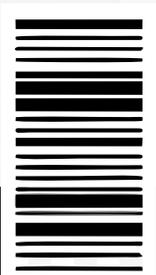


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# Editorial NOTE



**I**t is no longer news that something new is happening to us as a Church. A new breed of people are in town. Who are they? They are the called out ones that can be aptly described as people of Grace. Indeed, grace found us since last year 2024 as our theme for the year was "Great Grace" and that grace has refused to let go of us, rather the evidence of it is the overwhelming glorious triumph we are experiencing now.

*This is indeed a new era: an era of new things, era of grace, era of breaking boundaries and triumphing over obstacles and hindrances. We have entered into a new chapter as a Church and a lot is expected of us. God has made room for us (Rehoboth) and so it is no longer business as usual. The era of playing Church is over. There is no more time to sit on the fence. It is action o'clock!*

*Evangelical people are those that emphasizes the authority of the Bible in its entirety. Their personal relationship with God is of utmost priority. As they devote time knowing the Lord, their spiritual growth will be evident and lives will be transformed as they reach out to others.*

*As you go through the articles in this magazine, resolve to have a mind shift where necessary. As you open up your heart, something new will drop and your life will not remain the same.*

**Shalom!**  
**Iheoma Onumadu**

# HISTORICAL TRANSITION

## Transition Into A New Evangelical Anglican Church

**T**he year 2025 started with the usual 21-days prayer and fasting like most other Churches.

On 19th January, St. Mathews Anglican Goshen worship Centre was closed down for members to attend a supposed Sunday unification service in obedience to the Bishop of DNDN, Rt. Rev'd Wisdom Ihunwo's order as a route to a reconciliation of 2 years division.

Efforts by the Goshen faithfuls towards a successful synergy of ministries proved abortive in spite of many consultations with the authorities. This led to an extension of the prayer and fasting to 40 days for further directions from God.

On the 40th day, a meeting was planned at a school hall to conclude the prayer and fasting, after worship service. The gathering turned out to be a significant outing as over 500 people hungry for a liberated fellowship of brethren were in attendance.

The prayer gathering turned out to be a mass cry out to be free from every form of strife and distractions; from limiting religious structures; one, based on biblical

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principles such as the Word, the truth from the scriptures, freedom to worship, work and serve in various ministries, and the discernment of God's perfect will together and not one bound to traditional practices. It was obvious that people wanted a move that was urgent, needful, imminent and expedient.

As a result, a fellowship of Anglican Background Brethren with Unique Missions emerged and with concurrent adjustments in time of meeting every Sunday, the number increased.

It was a movement from limitations to liberation, from membership to fellowship, from doctrination to discipleship, from breaches to building bridges, from traditions and trends to truth, from monuments to missions extended beyond walls.

The Biblical movement of God's people from Goshen to the promise land began to replay right in front of all with a cloud of pillar in the day and that of fire in the night.

The song that began to resonate in the minds of many was...

The cloud of glory is moving,  
 Move with the cloud (x2)  
 Let your spirit arise,  
 And your strength be renewed,  
 Come, let us move all together.  
 As we follow His lead,  
 New heights we attain.

## Move with the cloud (x2)

The number of worshippers in fellowship grew gradually to 1000 over the first four weeks, and a demand was made that a Church be established with services every Sunday from 8:00 A.M and no longer from 11:00 A.M after worship at the 51 Trans Amadi location.

There was a divine unified consensus to leave every asset in terms of property, finances, and equipment behind and move forward to the new things God was leading us into. Further on, it was also agreed that a Church be registered with CAC. The process started, and the name search was published for the required legal days. God provided all the finances to rent the hall used every Sunday and funds to further procure a land for permanent site. A land was also acquired, and by June 1st, it was prayerfully possessed, cleared for the design and construction of a physical worship centre. This was to put a stop to the weekly hall rental.

To put a face to the core values of this new community of believers, the first evangelical and mission trip was planned and embarked on. An evangelism and medical mission trips to two communities in Andoni Rivers state were successfully carried out to the glory of God.

By the 8th of June, the name St. Matthew Evangelical Anglican Church was licensed and published. By the end of June, it was pertinent that God wanted the congregation to move to the permanent site, and July 6th was divinely set for this fundamental landmark in the history of the new Church.

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*“It was a movement from limitations to liberation, from membership to fellowship..”*

# MOVEMENT – MINDSETS, MOTIVATIONS, MISSIONS AND MOMENTUM

**O**n our life's journey, we go through many experiences that makes one engage in a kind of movement. These movements are processes that progresses one from one level of glory to another in life individually and as a Church or fellowship. It takes personal or corporate motivations to keep moving forward or pushing boundaries, and to develop strategies that can maintain a sustainable and realistic pace or momentum.

A movement is a significant action or series of actions taken by individuals or groups in response to divine guidance or social circumstances. It can be seen as a progress, transition, transformation or advancement, development from one stage, level, or phase in the faith and life of people.

Movements range from:

# INDIVIDUAL - Abraham's move from family and kindred (Gen. 12:1-4)

# NATIONAL - Israel's move from bondage and mountains to promised land (Deut. 1:6-7)

# CHURCH - Apostolic - Protestant-Reformation-Revival (Mark 16:15)

These include the establishment of new faith communities or reformations within existing ones, like the Protestant Reformation.

# SPIRITUAL - (2 Cor. 3:18) The transformation and growth of individuals and a community of believers from one level of glory to another in their relationship with God.

# GLOBAL - (Matthew 28:19) The Great Commission in the New Testament represents the first global movement to spread the Gospel and expand the Kingdom of God.

To embark on a movement, one needs a certain mindset. By Mindset, we mean a person's way of thinking or mental tendencies or pattern of thinking. From the scripture, we have: Renewed mindset (Romans 12:2) and Growth mindset (Hebrews 6:1) to progress one from Traditional way of thinking (Mk 7:7-9,13; Mat. 15:6-9) and beyond Trends (Eph 4:14-15) to embracing Truth (John 8:31-32; 2 John 1:9)

To move beyond thinking, everyone needs some form of motivation. Motivation can be the underlying reason for your actions, or the enthusiasm or need for what you want to do, or the purpose and internal drive that is influencing your pursuits in life or passions and interests, or that pushes you to take action.

It involves asking yourself certain pertinent questions like the one Hagar was asked – Where are you coming from and where are you going? (Genesis 16:8). Hagar was moving away from an oppressive family environment. The JAPPA syndrome in this country, Nigeria, reflects this movements. Movements also demands that you also ask yourself, "What are you doing here?" (1 Kings 19:9- 10) English Standard Version. Elijah's response was to Serve God zealously. To the Israelites in Exodus 9:1, it was to Serve God freely; and from 1 Corinthians 7:35, (NLT) it is to Serve God with few distractions. It says, "... not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible."

Where you are moving to must have a mission in fore. For every believer, you are expected to move in compliance with the Great Commission (Mat.28; 18-19) and to Increase the faith of disciples & expand your area of influence (2nd Cor. 10:15). In whichever place you are moving to live, serve or worship God, let it be in line with sharing to save people.

To sustain your movements and achieve your mission, you must set a momentum. Momentum is the positive pacing, stride, and progress that builds over time as you work towards your goals. To have a momentum, you must identify the part you are called and assigned to. (Ephesians 4:16). God desires to make a whole body of believers to fit together perfectly, and for each person to do his or her own special work. By this, "it helps the other parts grow so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." With reference to 1 Peter 4:10-11, you must use whatever "gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." In accordance to Hebrews 6, you have to grow beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and move toward to maturity." Finally, to maintain momentum according to Gal.5:1, you must "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Movement since from the Bible days encompasses a wide range of actions and events, each contributing and unfolding God's ultimate purpose where many will come to the knowledge of the truth and be free from all forms of bondage to trends and traditions of man. Whether through divine intervention, human response to situations, spiritual growth, or historical shifts, every movement in the life of an individual or a Church is a dynamic force that is to propel the earth to be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God (Hab.2:14) For you to be a part of this global missional movement, find your gift and serve as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms with as few distractions as possible. God has set you free to serve Him. Christ has set us free! This means we are really free. Now hold on to your freedom and don't ever become slaves of the Law" again. (Gal.5:1, CEV)

# REHOBOTH:

## GOD IS MAKING ROOM FOR YOU TO MOVE FROM STRIVING TO

# THRIVING

**W**e exist at a time when many are striving - making strenuous efforts, struggling, working very hard, earnestly, and persistently to thrive - grow, develop, achieve something, be successful and settle down with a stable flow of resources.

The striving of many ranges from economic pressures, government insensitive policies, opposing political authorities, traditional religious manipulative doctrines, environmental influences, spiritual forces, social media pressures, educational institutions' exploitative practices, marital mental issues, and financial embarrassments. These all poses resistance to many reaching their rightful place in destiny.

The scriptures say there is no striving that you are going through in this era that was not common to man in the early days. He always makes a way of escape.

1 Corinthians 10:13 says, "The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure." Another version says, "There isn't any temptation that you have experienced, which is unusual for humans. God, who faithfully keeps his promises, will not allow you to be tempted beyond your power to resist. But when you are tempted, He will also give you the ability to endure the temptation as your way of escape."

Isaac and his people faced striving till God brought them to a place of thriving. He named that place ... Rehoboth. Gen 26: 22 says, And

he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

Rehoboth in the Bible is more than just the name of a well. It symbolizes the blessings of the Lord, which put an end to strive and contention. Additionally, it's a place of rest after the season of struggle is over.

Striving is a prerequisite to thriving.

Striving is the process.

Thriving is the progress.

To progress in life, God passes one through processes- breaking, melting, moulding, and filling. Striving are oppositions and obstacles that certify one as an overcomer, victorious, and one who can triumph over trials, temptations, and tests.

The question to us today is: How should the people of God respond in times of striving?

- Should we be blindly positive and deny the fact or reality that we will be affected by the strivings during these hard times?
- Should we begin to worry about how we are going to survive?
- Should we join the greedy groups and grab as much as possible through wicked ways?
- Should we faithfully put our trust in God and look up to Him for the

\*NEW\* things He is providing for His people as ways in this wilderness (Is.43:18-22) or as innovative solutions for these times?

A man thirsty for water never gives up. The scripture in Mathew 7:7 says we must keep asking, seeking, knocking. We must keep our eyes on the prize, our purpose, and goals in life until breakthrough, multiplication, and fruitfulness come.

Striving necessarily does not mean physical fighting, as many believe. It means passionately, purposefully, patiently, persevering, pressing forward to be better, and greater as God said we ought to be. "Greater shall you be." (John 14:12) "Meant for better thing" (Heb.6:9)

Thriving, on the other hand, implies not just success but also being in a significant, flourishing, or prospering state, often as a result of one's gifted capabilities and belief in His promises. Thriving is the stage beyond striving, where your efforts have borne fruit, resulting in growth, health, and prosperity. God's desire is for one to prosper in all things, enjoy good health, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 1:2)

To transition from today's strivings to thriving, you must first believe God has a plan and that new things always emerges from every strivings.

He is using "Rehoboth" to refresh and renew our minds today. Rehoboth is reminding us of God's divine plan to make His children flourish in their endeavors. It is reminding all that God has a plan to make a room for our growth and prosperity. Rehoboth is compelling us to make room for Him, our spiritual growth, and the increase of faith levels. It is encouraging you and all believers to consistently look up \*TO\* God and not any man, politicians, and personalities to thrive.

Many people can testify of tracing their thriving to overcoming strivings in the form of confrontations, obstacles, persecution, unfair judgement, and unpleasant experiences to mention but a few.

Different people decided in certain ways to work towards thriving achievements. John the Baptist suggested taking it by force. Others applied passive resistance or quietly walked away in search of peace like Abraham and Isaac. Isaac had to keep moving, digging and stepping out from places where he was resisted to an environment where he found a better, suitable, and peaceful place. They had to keep digging until they found a well that they were not striving over it. This well was called Rehoboth meaning - "The Lord has made room for us and we shall be fruitful."

Today, many people and businesses have relocated from their initial or original location cum attachments to find a greener grass. This could be by reason of expansion or discovering a better value to the purpose or finding a better platform to fulfil their significance.

But, today, in the midst of our current strivings, God is doing new things to provide our "Rehoboth" space and capacity to thrive. It comes with fruitfulness, productivity, purpose, and peace with God. There's always a better space if we seek the Lord in prayer for directions.

Rehoboth could be a change of name, location, purpose, upskilling, unlearning, relearning and improvements. In all, it provides peaceful fulfilment of our existence and value. It will need a fervent spirit of service, sacrificial lifestyle, unwavering faith, free expression of divine calling both as a people and individuals. Ultimately, Rehoboth is leading you to heaven, where there's absolute rest from struggles and strives, but peace, love, and joy forever.

Dear reader, this Rehoboth experience can apply to you today if you surrender to Jesus Christ and walk in the purpose of God. When you do this, undoubtably, God will make room for you to excel and fulfil your destiny of thriving.

***Bro. Paul Blessing***





# New Market Places For Emerging Workforce - God Making Ways In Wilderness

This generation of Workforce are facing some kind of wilderness experiences. God is saying that He is creating new ways in this wilderness many are trying to navigate, but so many people are not perceiving it. He is also implying in Isaiah 43:19 that He is bringing out new streams of income in our seemingly barren wasteland. In verse 20, He said He was doing these new things to provide for His people.

Are you one of His? If you are not one of His, we want to assure you that God has your best interests at heart. He is doing everything possible to show He is loving, forgiving, and inviting you back into His arms, no matter how far you have strayed from Him. He wants you to find favour, fruitfulness, and fulfilment in these new marketplaces He is blessing this generation of workforce with.

This is because the global workforce is undergoing a seismic shift, causing considerable anxiety, especially for a growing number of young adults facing unemployment and underemployment and for a large proportion of households experiencing stagnating incomes.

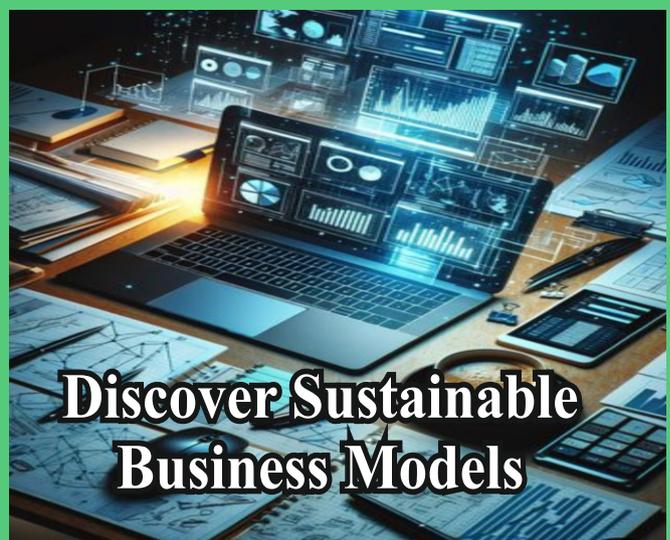
Reductions in the employment sector, particularly in manufacturing and administrative roles, are manifesting due to various trends and factors. Advanced technology and automation are replacing tasks previously performed by humans, leading to workforce downsizing. Digital platforms and new things in terms of

witty inventions and innovations are causing a paradigm or major shift, especially for the emerging generation of workforce.

The shift is signalling how work is to be discovered, defined, delivered, and valued in the modern economy. Work is no longer where you go to, but what you are occupied with or what you can deliver with your hands, gifting, talents, and abilities.

To keep His promises to provide for His people, God created new marketplaces. These new marketplaces are becoming enablers of economic and spiritual empowerment. It is no longer about seeking jobs but becoming co-creators of work with God.

While many are still dwelling in the former ideas of a workplace - environments where individuals seek and perform jobs in offices or factories, marketplaces are becoming new platforms where work is created and transacted with various producers, consumers, and vendors.



**Discover Sustainable  
Business Models**

# Market the Word Online, offline!



These marketplaces range from local, physical to digital or remote for global impacts. God is creating new ways in the wilderness and new streams of income.

These new marketplaces are forcing unemployed individuals to acquire new skills that will enhance them, make them empowered and employable in various sectors. There are not just emerging but empowering, facilitating economic opportunities for individuals or groups.

There is no more excuse for anyone to say, "I do not have a job." These new marketplaces are accessible, available, and affordable to start off. It is just right in front of you. Surprised?

There are now technology-driven, utilizing digital or e-platforms to enable you get involved in global transactions and exchanges. They are meant to make you

empowering and to upgrade you with updated tools and skills for economic freedom. These new marketplaces are now more on need - basis, productive, and export driven, allowing you, even as an artisan to sell your products directly and find contacts

and contracts through a consumer chain, collaborations, contributions, and lately, crowd funding too.

Spiritually, the marketplace today is not only a centre for trade and commerce but also now a mission field to seek, share and save souls. In

Acts 17:17, the Apostle Paul used the marketplace as a platform for evangelism. He particularly used the marketplace as a strategic location for spreading the Gospel, engaging with both Jews and Gentiles in dialogue about his faith.

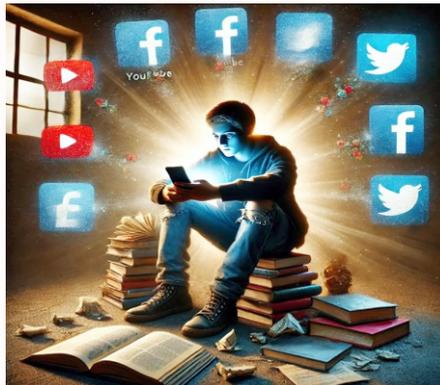
Today, the new shift is to use these new marketplace as a place where the principles of faith can intersect with the practicalities of daily life, and as opportunities for witnessing, ministering, and demonstrating godly character. Do not be left out or behind. Be a co- partner with God to finding and serving new needs. God loves to do new things. So today, decide to be like Him and become an innovative solution provider. Just think, act, and find what your hands can do, and God will accelerate and multiply you as He promised.

*Ekemini Ema Gbole-Nwikina*

# GOOD NEWS THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL ENGAGEMENTS

no matter where they are. God is using technology to engage many more people with the Good News even across the globe. Churches are adopting these new technologies to engage a larger audience. Individuals and faith-based organizations now have Live-streamed Church services reaching millions beyond physical walls; Bible and devotional apps providing God's Word in countless languages; YouTube sermons, podcasts, digital testimonies, and inspirational blogs engaging seekers at their convenience and social media platforms becoming spaces for prayer groups, Bible study communities, and spiritual encouragement.

In a world filled with overwhelming challenges and distressing headlines, the message of the Gospel remains the greatest news anyone can hear. But how can this timeless message reach today's distracted, tech-driven generation? God is doing something new—He is opening fresh avenues for evangelism, and technology is right at the center of it.



What Problems Do We Want to Address? Our generation is battling serious issues.

Anxiety and fear dominate conversations as economic instability, political unrest, violence, and moral decay continue to spread. Many people, especially the youth, have turned away from traditional Church settings, seeing them as disconnected from their everyday digital realities.

There is a gap between the Gospel and the digital world, where misinformation, ungodly content, and shallow entertainment flood social media feeds. Some Christians remain uninformed or untrained in digital evangelism, causing the Church to lose ground in online spaces. This growing disconnect needs urgent attention if the Good News is to impact modern lives effectively.

What New Thing Is God Doing to Address This Issue? — The Good News.

God is not silent in this digital age. He is fulfilling His promise as spoken in Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" The Good News, Jesus Christ was sharing from a scroll was :

Hope for the hopeless  
Healing for the broken  
Freedom for the bound  
Peace for the fearful

In Bible times, Jesus preached from scrolls and speakings in temples, on hillsides and boats; while the Apostles traveled on foot from place to place to share what He passed on to them and with letters.

Today, God is now amplifying this message in new ways, ensuring that no one is left unreached,

Through these digital channels, God is opening a new mission field—one that knows no boundaries or barriers. Accessing this Good News is easier than ever before. We now have:

- Smartphones, laptops, tablets, and TVs serve as personal pulpits, delivering spiritual content anytime, anywhere.
- Bible apps like YouVersion or Bible Gateway offer daily scripture reading plans and devotionals.
- Online Christian communities (on WhatsApp, Telegram, Facebook, and Zoom) are places for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.
- Websites, blogs, and Christian media platforms share testimonies, articles, and teachings that inspire and uplift.

All it takes is intentionality—search, click, listen, and engage with godly, life-giving content in the digital space. Many are catching this digital vision and responding with creativity and boldness. Churches now are streaming Sunday services and midweek meetings to reach both members and online visitors. Members are creating devotional videos, e-books, podcasts, and online Bible courses for spiritual growth; Trainings for members on digital evangelism, to empower them to use their social media platforms for spreading the Gospel; and the building of online small groups, virtual discipleship programs, and prayer chains that foster spiritual connection despite physical distance. Forward-thinking individuals and Churches understand that the mission field has expanded—and they are rising to the challenge with innovative digital outreach.

Be Part of God's New Move. The Good News has not changed—but the methods of sharing it are being transformed. God is raising up digital evangelists, creative storytellers, and online witnesses to flood the internet with hope, truth, and salvation. Will you be part of this new move? Will your phone, your status updates, your videos, and your posts carry the fragrance of Christ to a lost and searching world? This is God's new thing. The time is now. The Good News is here. And the world is waiting.

Sandra Alexander

# NEW THINGS AND SHIFT FOR GLOBAL EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

**E**vangelism, the zealous preaching and spread of the gospel, has been the foundation of Christianity since its inception. Over the centuries, methods, styles, strategies, and cultural contexts of evangelism have shifted and evolved dramatically. Historically, evangelism from the early Church to the present day highlights key shifts in each era. Each era had unique evangelistic approaches.

Evangelism in the early Apostolic days focused on spreading the faith and making disciples for Christ. Historically, the first apostles emphasized preachings and missional outreaches. Preaching in public spaces, such as temples, marketplaces, and synagogues, was common. Evangelistic efforts were also carried out in private homes to foster a close-knit community and facilitate the spread of the gospel through personal evangelism, relationships, and hospitality. Acts of healing and miracles were frequently used to authenticate the message of the gospel and attract attention to the missional Christian movement.

As Christianity gained legal status and later became the official religion of the Roman Empire under Emperor Constantine, evangelism began to take on new forms. The collaboration of the Church and state facilitated mass conversions, often through the influence of Christian rulers and the establishment of infrastructures. Crusades were primarily military campaigns with an evangelistic dimension, aiming to reclaim areas and spread Christianity.

This was followed by an era of Reformation movements spearheaded by Martin Luther, John Calvin, and other reformers. This brought significant changes to evangelism with the invention of the printing press and widespread distribution of the Bible. Use of printed materials, like pamphlets and books, became prominent during the Reformation. Cultural Impact. Roman Catholic Churches and Protestant communities emerged to claim geographical grounds through missionary efforts.

The Great Awakenings brought revivalism to the fore. John Wesley preached to large crowds in open fields, reaching those outside the traditional Church setting. The distribution of religious tracts became a widespread method for spreading the gospel according to particular methods. It added social movements, like slave trade abolition. Evangelists sought to apply Christian principles to societal issues. This led to persecution from established religious and political authorities. This also gave rise to the proliferation of non-denominational and mega Churches, which contributed to the emphasis on an increase in number of members. This was more of a cultural shift. Changes in societal values and a search for community and sense of belonging drove individuals to be registered members of large established denominations. Evangelistic efforts shifted to active Church planting initiatives by various denominations to emphasize targeted areas for expansion and numbers of branches. This resulted in competition among congregations and potential fragmentation within religious communities. Tensions between established big Churches and new congregations began to emerge over theological differences, traditional practices, and community dynamics.

The 20th century saw evangelism shift to the use of radio and television. Pioneers utilized radio and television to reach millions worldwide, making evangelism a mass-media enterprise.

With the Internet and social media, the 21st century, known as the digital age, introduced new platforms for teaching on evangelism, with online sermons, social media campaigns,

and Christian websites reaching a global audience. The younger generation began to use evangelism to express their faith through art, music, movie, media content creations, and literature. Evangelism was becoming more about preferences, traditions, and trends at the detriment of the Gospel or Biblical Truth. Churches became so tied to practising their own traditional, contemporary, personal pastor, leadership, or popular preferences that it became the main goal and not the glorification of God.

Moving beyond preferences requires a new motivation and outlook that is more missional. By missional, a Church's approach had to shift to engaging with the world, prioritizing outreach and service. This meant adapting to cultural contexts to effectively communicate and embody faith. It had to be community focused with emphasis on building relationships with the locales to serve them as a core aspect of mission work. This shift is moving evangelical Churches towards collaboration with community stakeholders rather than sticking strictly within Church denominations. This shift now allows evangelical Churches to extend their influence beyond traditional Church settings to foster a more inclusive approach to community needs. This shift is moving Churches to embark on Evangelical Crusade Community Initiatives that focuses on outreach and support programs aimed at improving local communities. These initiatives often include various social, educational, medical, and spiritual activities designed to meet the needs of individuals and families within every community they step in. Evangelical Churches that build lasting relationships with their communities tend to have a more profound impact

To sustain this new move, Church members of all ages and professions are encouraged to participate in missional community engagements and initiatives. This collective effort not only meets tangible needs but also builds a sense of purpose and unity within the congregation. Serving together helps

believers grow spiritually, fostering humility, empathy, and a greater understanding of the struggles faced by others. As 2nd Corinthians 10:15 says, our hope is that as the faith of many increases, our area of influence will greatly increase as well.

To meet the needs of a growing number of faithful across the globe, a new shift is emerging. This next shift is adapting and utilising the new technologies for globalization. Today's modern shift calls for evangelical Churches to leverage technology and globalization to reach unprecedented global audiences whose attention is drawing towards testimonies of what miracles God is manifesting in the lives of many involved. This is tagged as a "Global Mission" and is to be characterized by cross-cultural partnerships, networks, holistic approaches to evangelism, and an emphasis on reaching people no matter how far they are in this world. This continuous shift calls for the commitment of evangelical Churches to collaborate with other communities of believers to spread the Gospel across diverse contexts and cultures. Understanding this shift provides insights into how evangelism can continue to thrive even in an ever-changing world.

Social media platforms or handles are God's new things designed to bring the message of hope to those outside the Church walls and on a global basis. To sustain this momentum, evangelical Churches are now also prioritizing discipleship, training, and mentorship to empower the next generation. Through youth ministries, leadership training, and mentorship programs, young people are being equipped with Biblical knowledge, best practices, character development, and a sense of calling. These investments hope to ensure the continuity of evangelical effort and engagements or outreaches and prepare future generations to serve with the same vision and zeal.

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# Revival

## MOVEMENTS

**R**emember the adage, “There is nothing new under the sun”. Yes, there is nothing you have ever seen or heard that is absolutely new and so when you hear about revival movements, they have been in existence and will continue to be.

When we talk about revival, what is it about? It is a period when people begin to yearn for more in terms of change, commitment, passion, intense fervor for the things they hold dear to heart. This majorly is as a result of perceived decline, upheaval (dissatisfaction) or change which can no longer be condoned. Revival can also be personal or societal. Note that revival does not just happen, something must trigger it.

So why revival? \* To address perceived shortfalls or breakdown of established Church system in existence.

\*Deep yearning for transformation and a deeper commitment to faith

\*To renew and uphold spiritual growth at the verge of collapse or perceived to be dwindling.

\* Hunger for mighty move of God and zeal for God's work and His kingdom

\*Total obedience to God and His will rather than sheepishly following man

\*To fan to flame perceived deadness in any aspect of the Church

\*To also deal with issues of deep concerns in Church capable of causing error.

We can boldly say that all these points outlined here were evident in our Church that triggered the movements we experienced in the past years which eventually catapulted us to where we are presently.

Below are examples of revival movements in the past:

1. The Great Awakening (1730s – 1740s): A protestant revival movement in America led by Evangelists Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield. The emphasis was on personal conversion and spiritual rebirth.
2. The Second Great Awakening (1790s – 1840s): A wave of revival in the United States that was about evangelistic preaching, camp meetings that led to the emergence of new denominations like the Methodists and Baptists.
3. The Azusa Street Revival (1906): A Pentecostal revival in Los Angeles that ushered in charismatic worship, speaking in tongues and spiritual gifts.
4. The Jesus Movement (1960s – 1970s) :This was a counter cultural Christian revival among young people in the United States, that focuses on personal faith, social activism and communal living.
5. The Charismatic Renewal (1960s – 1980s): A global movement within mainline Christian denominations, with emphasis on spiritual gifts, healing and charismatic worship.

It is pertinent to know that in all of these movements, there are notable characteristics each carried. We can see zeal for God and His kingdom work, spiritual regeneration and transformation and then leaders who

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# The Birth/dedication of A Godly Movement

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Members congregated before 7.30am, heeding as expected the Pastor Matthew Nwokoma's previous directive that everyone should arrive at 7.30am for commencement of pre-service Opening Prayers & formalities at the Church's new permanent site, which auditorium was constructed within three weeks through direct labour of members, among whom are infants, teenagers, youths and the aged, eighty years and above. No one wanted to be stopped because they were all zealous to be part of the project; their Heavenly Father's work. The Church's story is that of a 'Movement orchestrated by the passionate zeal of a people determined against all odds to do the will of God, the creator of Heaven and earth with everything in it. It took place on the fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 6th July 2025 at 12A Stadium/Rumuola Link Road (by Danab Filling Station) Rumuadaolu, Port Harcourt.

Evangelist Sam Adeyemi promptly conducted the pre-opening prophetic prayers ushering the Holy Spirit of God into the arena. The Service Reader was Bro. Michael Oghenejivwe who called for the singing of the A&M 239 Opening Hymn. Followed by it was a Call to Worship and the chant of Psalm 132 after it. The only Bible reading from Ezekiel 34: 1- end was done by Dr. Okere Nicholas Iragunima. Nicene Creed, Thanksgiving & Intercessory Prayers followed the reading of the only lesson after

which the Charisma Praise Band led through a Holy Spirit filled session of Worship in songs and praises.

Pastor Matthew Nwokoma who have led the Church through the period introduced Pastor Aniefiok Udosen who according to him (though already known) have hithert encouraged all efforts towards the manifestation of God's purpose until this dispensation that by God's grace we are made a 'Movement and a Church. Pastor Aniefiok Udosen was urshered in to deliver the Sermon and Dedicate the Church for the Service of God.

Pastor Udosen praised God, prophesied into the life of the people, Church as a 'Movement and Exhorted on the topic "Wisdom to Maximize Season of Transformation." The pivotal Bible text was taken from Joshua 1: 1-3. Supporting from appropriate Bible texts, he exposed five (5) cardinal steps to Maximize Season of Transformation as follows:

Discernment. Chronicles 12: 32.

Advance Preparation.

Eyes must be on the goal. Philippians 3: 13-14.

Make the right demands. James 4: 3; 2 Kings 2: 9.

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## THE BIRTH/DEDICATION...

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Deal decisively with enemies/opposition. Nehemiah 4.

Pastor Aniefiok Udosen prophetically dedicated the Church for a 'World Evangelical Outreach that'll draw people who are in utter darkness of sin into an everlasting light of righteousness through the word of God to Salvation in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Sermon was followed by Pre-communion Prayers and Communion Proper in the breaking and sharing of bread and wine as the body and blood of Jesus Christ in remembrance of Him, Jesus Christ who saved and redeemed us from sin. That was followed by High Praise.

The Choir led the Church through the Hallelujah Chorus bringing the service to an end as Pastor Matthew Nwokoma finally prayed to close the service for the day.

Grateful to God for His help throughout the moment of our journey, the Peace and Joy of God reigned over all.

Over one thousand three hundred and forty (1,340), were immediately served sumptuous meals in the Church auditorium.

Hallelujah!

~ **Bro. Alwell Chikwe Boms**



# Revival

## MOVEMENTS

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inspired and mobilized followers. Revival is a serious spiritual movement that requires visible outcome such as change in attitude, renewal of lives, mindset shift, spiritual growth, increase and intense outreach, renewed sense of purpose and commitment.

As a Church- St Matthew Evangelical Anglican Church, God has indeed enabled us triumph as we embarked on the revival movement. The road was rough and scary at some point but we saw God carry us on His wings. He indeed showed up and His greatness and mightiness is evident for all to see.

We have entered a new era that requires a deep and intense walk with God. It is a call for serious commitment and total obedience to God's bidding. God's expectation is high and we must not fail Him. Let us purpose and determine in our hearts to embark on this journey relying fully on the one that have called us out for His purpose, trusting in His power and unfailing & steadfast love that abides forever, His overwhelming grace that is undeniable which indeed will carry us to the end.

**Iheoma Onumadu**

## CALL TO SALVATION

Would you like to give your life over to Jesus Christ now?

This is how to give your life to Christ:

1. Admit you are a sinner and need forgiveness.
2. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
3. Through Prayer confess that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and commit to live for Him for the rest of your life.

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