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Provost Assures Staff of Welfare Package



Participants at the New Year Prayer Meeting held at the Olusegun Obasanjo Auditorium

The Provost of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, Dr. Samuel Akintunde has assured staff of the institution that their welfare has been his main priority since he assumed office in November 2018.

Dr. Akintunde gave the assurance in his New Year message to the staff of the institution during prayer meetings to mark the beginning of work for the year held at the College's Olusegun Obasanjo Auditorium and the College's Central Mosque on Monday, 4 January, 2021.

He stated that there had been rumours making the rounds that he had abolish the end of the year palliatives for staff. He revealed that the largesse had not been abandoned by his administration at the end of the just-concluded year.

“I cannot stop that kind of largesse. I want to continue to do good to all staff

and staff welfare has been my priority like all other principal officers of the College. I want staff to be happy that is why I paid productivity allowance,” he revealed.



Provost

The College's helmsman said: “No doubt, 2020 was a difficult one – very tasking. It was not easy for management

to manage the year. The College, like all other institutions in the country, was closed from the end of March to October. The College only resumed in November.

He explained that the College had not been defraying the cooperative societies' deductions used to augment staff salaries in the past.

He expatiated that the last time the College made payment to the societies' coffers was in 2019 and it was duty-bound to make payment to keep them alive.

“It was a dilemma deciding whether to pay cooperative societies' deductions or make palliative available to staff. The College eventually decided to pay the societies in 2020 with the available funds. Palliatives have not been cancelled but no funds available to provide them,” he clarified.

The chief administrator of the foremost teacher training institution, however, thanked God for keeping all members of staff

alive in spite of the covid-19 pandemic that ravaged the whole world.

He also appreciated the ad-hoc staff comprising of security operatives and cleaners, who worked assiduously, in spite of earning as low as six thousand Naira a month due to covid-19 induced salary cut. “It marvels me how they survived with six thousand Naira,” he exclaimed. ●



Cleric Advises Couples to Tread Softly in Matrimonial Journey

... as Provost's Daughter Weds in Ibadan

The Assistant Chaplain of the Chapel of Resurrection, University of Ibadan, Dr. Victor Idowu Oladele, has admitted that the journey of marriage is not an easy one, and therefore appealed to young couples to tread softly on it.

The Venerable, was one of the officiating ministers at the wedding ceremony of the daughter of the Provost, Dr. Samuel Akintunde, Miss Ifeoluwa Debby and her heartthrob, Tolulope Olorunfemi, which held on Saturday, 19 December, 2020 in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

The Cleric, congratulated the couple for abiding with God's instruction on issue relating to marriage and added that the advice has become necessary because it is not an easy one.

Dr. Oladele admonished couples to tread softly while undertaking the journey of marriage.

The ceremony, which held in two phases, began first with engagement ceremony, which took place on Friday, 18 December, 2020 at the Faith Joe Event Centre located at Akobo area in the ancient city.

During the engagement exercise, which was anchored by two women representatives from Ibadan Anglican Communion Women Department, several friends, relatives and families of both the groom and bride witnessed the occasion.

Activities held during the colourful ceremony, include introduction of dignitaries, blessing of the engagement ring and offering of prayers by the officiating ministers

from the Anglican Church, who later prayed for the success of the marriage.

Venerable Oladele quoted from the Bible in Luke Chapter 14 Verse 28 to buttress his points while making comparison between marital and heavenly journey.

He explained that the comparison has shown that the two, though occurring in different circumstances, bear similarities because they both require perseverance, patience and endurance.

According to the religious leader, "The journey of marriage is not an easy one. It is similar to the race we run to heaven. Marriage journey is not a race that you start and quit midway, it is one that has to be completed."

While stressing the importance of successful marriage, Venerable Oladele said this could be achieved when married couple prepare themselves spiritually and emotionally before going into marriage.

He harped on the need for married men and women to constantly seek the face of God through prayers rather than depending on their strength, understanding and parental experience.

The cleric admonished the couple to have strong faith in God and abide by the marital vow made to each other. He cited 2nd Corinthians 5 : 7 to support his statement, saying: "When you have strong faith in God, you will be able to overcome."

"Remember to stand by the promise you made today. This is because you made it before God and man, hence you are responsible for

the covenant you made," he remarked.



Venerable Dr. Victor Idowu Oladele

As a means of fostering amicable relationship and peaceful co-existence in the home, Venerable Oladele also admonished the couple on the need to apply emotional intelligence, stating that the step would help in stabilizing their marriage.

The preacher used the occasion to advise married women in the contemporary world to show moderation in their dressing, eating habits and social interactions, while calling on the men not to shy away from their responsibility of taking care of their families.

Important personalities who attended the occasion include representative of the Osemawe of Ondo kingdom, His Royal Majesty, Oba Dr. Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, Jilo III, High Chief Olusola Adeduro, the Sasere of Ondo kingdom; the Oba of Ilora, His Royal Highness, Oba Dr. Stephen Olorunfemi; the Registrar, Adeyemi College of Education Ondo, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede; Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Olaniyi Abdul and Librarian, Mr. Azino Akpokurerie. ●



Every Failure Starts from the Mind – Rev. Esrom

An alumnus of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo who is also a minister of the gospel, Reverend Gabriel Esrom has charged participants at the New Year Prayer Meeting held at the College's Olusegun Obasanjo Auditorium to realize that every failure begins from the mind.

Esrom made the declaration in a message, "No Excuse for Failure" delivered at the prayer meeting, on Monday, 4 January, 2021 when he charged the staff to avoid giving excuses for failure in service delivery in the New Year.

According to him, "God will not

place you high if you have not been tested low, maintaining that: "Every failure starts from the mind."



Reverend Gabriel Esrom

He urged the congregation to renew their minds with the word of

God, citing Romans 12 : 2 to encourage members of staff to develop themselves in the New Year to be relevant in their fields of endeavours.

"Invest in your life. Be a master of what you are called to do," the musician-cum-preacher stated.

The preacher advised the public servants to be obedient to their "masters according to the flesh."

The cleric dropped a bombshell when he stated that: "If you are working for a boss and your boss is not happy with you, God equally is not happy with you."

The minds of the worshippers had been refreshed by songs of worship led by John Babarinde, followed by danceable songs in praise of God.

“Awa dupe o Baba, Awa dupe Omo, Emi Mimo e se tire ni ogo,” filtered from the sonorous voice of the Registrar of the College, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede, while informing the gathering that the College did not lose any staff to covid-19 pandemic.

“If you know what people go through in 2020, you will understand why I sang that song,” she said.



Registrar, Mrs Olufisayo Fakorede during the New Year Prayer Meeting

“I wondered whether staff will attend this prayer meeting based on the Federal Government circular which directed that staff on level 12 and below should work from home,” she enthused.

At the event, the Provost, who was impressed by the massive turn out of staff of the College, thanked those who attended and presented gifts to him during the wedding of his daughter in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital on Saturday, 19 December, 2020. ●



Mimiko, Others Celebrate ACE History Teacher, Adegboyega Ajayi

Eminent personalities from all walks of life including renowned professor of political science, Olufemi Mimiko, on Thursday, 16 December, 2020 converged on the campus of the Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo to celebrate one of the most senior Chief Lecturers in the institution, Dr. Adegboyega Ajayi.

The occasion, which was a public presentation of a book, *A Festschrift in Honour of Adegboyega Ajayi: Issues in Socio/Political History of Nigeria*, also had in attendance

the Provost of the institution, Dr. Samuel Akintunde.

Other principal officers of the College present were the Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede; Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Abdul and immediate past Chairman Committee of Deans, Dr. David Falade.

Also among personalities who attended the event were Dr. Adegboyega Ajayi's academic colleagues, associates, teaching and non-teaching staff from various directorates, schools, departments and units as well as several former and current

students from the Department of History in the College.

In his remarks at the event, the Provost of the institution, Dr. Samuel Akintunde, represented by the Dean, School of Languages and Chairman Committee of Deans, Dr. Raphael Adesuyan described the occasion as novel in the history of the College.

The College administrator lauded Dr. Adegboyega Ajayi for rendering selfless service to the institution and his well-acknowledged contributions to the Department of History, stating

that the decision to honour him was done in demonstration of his scholarship and dedication to duty.

Also, the Head, Department of History, Dr. Mrs. Raliat Olusola Adu-Peters described the occasion as memorable. She stated that the event was organized in appreciation of positive contributions made to the growth of history and impact made by Dr. Ajayi on the lives of past and present students of the department.



Dr Mrs. Raliat Olusola Adu-Peters

Adu-Peters referred to the honoree as a role-model – truthful, humble and hardworking personality – whose leadership qualities are worthy of emulation.

In his own remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Olufemi Mimiko, one-time Vice-Chancellor of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, lauded the organizers of the programme for their initiative.



Prof. Olufemi Mimiko

He regarded Dr. Adegboyega Ajayi as a distinguished individual, reliable companion, man of

impeccable character and erudite scholar, "who made valuable contributions to scholarship and educational advancement in Nigeria."

The renowned professor of political science described the title of the book as apt, stating that its contents "as an intellectual work, which are wonderfully packaged, would be relevant in the task of proffering solutions to various security challenges currently facing the nation."

While eulogizing the history lecturer, Prof. Mimiko called him a quintessential leader, versatile academic and prolific writer whose work and services would continue to be needed in the cause of advancing Nigeria's political, social and historical advancement.



Dr. Moses Omoniyi Ayeomoni

Speaking while reviewing the 33-chapter book, a lecturer in the Department of English, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Dr. Moses Omoniyi Ayeomoni commended all the authors for effective use of language, lucidity and orderly presentation of their points.

He described the book as a compendium of knowledge, saying that its contents, which dwell on education, economic history, religion and gender, would add to the body of knowledge.

While recommending the book, Ayeomoni said: "This text is

highly recommended for scholars and students of religion, political science and free readers in search of acquiring knowledge."



Dr. Raphael Adesuyan who represented the Provost at the event

Responding, Dr. Adegboyega Ajayi, who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Caroline Olumuyiwa Ajayi, and son, Mr. Adewonuola Adegboyega Ajayi, thanked the organizers and all the authors. He stated that the honour done to him would spur him to do more for the betterment of society.



Dr. Dolapo Olupayimo

The well-attended event held at the New Centre for Educational Technology featured presentation of a short play by students from the College's Department of History and the unveiling of the festschrift, edited by Prof. Osaro Edo from the University of Ibadan and Dr. Dolapo Olupayimo from Adeyemi College of Education, by Prof. Mimiko. ●



Cleric Tasks Parents on Children's Upbringing ... as ACE Deputy Provost Buries Mum in Grand Style

A notable religious leader in Igbokoda, headquarters of Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State, Venerable Philip Abe has advised parents to always teach their children the way of the Lord, saying such would make their life meaningful and enable them achieve the purpose of their existence on earth.

Abe, the vicar of the Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral in the coastal town, gave the advice on Friday, 11 December, 2020 in a sermon delivered at the funeral held for Mrs. Margaret Ojuetimi Ikuejube, mother of the Deputy Provost, Adeyemi College of Education Ondo, Dr. Ajigbade Ikuejube.

Harping on the need for parents to pay attention to bringing up their children on the path of righteousness, the cleric said this was necessary to prepare them "for battles of this world because the world is laced with challenges and other calamities."

Describing death as inescapable, the vicar said, "The fact that death is a price that would be paid by all mortals should compel people to become conscious of it and choose to do good at all times instead of evil."

Venerable Abe, speaking on "Death cannot be begged", explained that the inability of people

to know exactly when death would come, in what form and place it would come should make people to check their lifestyles.

According to him, neither wealth nor position or status in the society can prevent death from coming, whenever it wants to come. He, therefore, admonished the congregation to show more interest in things of God "so that when death comes, they would not be afraid of it, because Jesus has conquered it."



Venerable Philip Abe

The religious leader, who quoted from the Bible in the book of Hebrews Chapter 9 Verse 27, Genesis 3 Verse 19 and Ecclesiastes Chapter 12 Verse 6 to buttress his assertion, urged the congregation to spend their lives wisely "because there is no second chance."

He extolled the virtues of the late Margaret Ojuetimi Ikuejube, describing her as a good community leader and devout Christian who served God well during her lifetime.

In his brief remarks during the service in the church on the life and times of his mother, Dr. Ikuejube described her as a role model, lover of education and good mother who made positive impact on her children.

The colourful church service was attended by important personalities from all walks of life including the Provost, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, Dr. Samuel Akintunde; Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede; Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Abdul and College Librarian, Mr. Azino Akpokurerie.

Also present were religious leaders which include Venerable Olabode P.A; Reverends Ogunbodede Rosin, Adedun Oluwafemi and Oni Timothy.

Other personalities present were deans and directors from various schools, directorates, divisions and units in Adeyemi College.

The internment of the deceased was followed by entertainment of invited guests at the Caring Heart Mega Primary School, Kurugbene, Igbokoda, where a prominent musician, Faj Bello, was on stage to add colour to the ceremony. ●



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Provost, Dr. Samuel Akintunde and his wife during the traditional marriage of their daughter.



Provost, Dr. Samuel Akintunde and his wife dancing during the traditional marriage of their daughter.



Mrs. Akintunde presenting request for their daughter's hand in marriage to her husband, Dr. Akintunde



The bride, Deborah with her friends during the traditional marriage ceremony



The Akintundes praying for their daughter during the traditional marriage ceremony



The bride-groom, Mr. Tolulope Olorunfemi with his family members during the traditional marriage ceremony



The Akintundes and the family of the bride-groom



The groom and his friends prostrating to greet his parents



The bride-groom, Mr. Tolulope Olorunfemi sitting between Dr. and Mrs. Akintunde



The bride-groom sitting between his parents



The bride-groom and his relatives



Excited Akintundes during the traditional marriage ceremony



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The bride and the bride-groom at the centre with Dr and Mrs Akintunde



The bride and the groom exchanging marital vows in the presence of officiating ministers



Flanked by the officiating ministers, the new couple displaying their marriage certificate



The bride, the groom, the best man and the chief bride's maid



The new couple with the friends



The Akintundes



The bride's parents and the groom's parents



Former ACE Provost, Professor Olukoya Ogen at the wedding reception



L-R College Librarian, Mr. Azino Akpokurerie; Registrar, Mrs Olufisayo Fakorede; Deputy Provost, Dr. Gbade Ikejube and Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Abdul at the Provost's daughter's wedding



The Provost and some guests after the wedding reception



A cross section of deans and directors from Adeyemi College at the wedding reception



Some staff of the College at the wedding reception



PHOTO SPLASH



Dr. Ajigbade Ikuejube and his wife at the entrance of the church



Ministers at the funeral of late Madam Margaret Ojuetimi Ikuejube



Dr. Ajigbade Ikuejube and his wife at the funeral singing inside the church



Officiating minister praying for the children of the deceased



Dr. Ajigbade Ikuejube and his siblings about to collect offering during the funeral



A cross section of the attendees at the funeral inside The Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral, Igbokoda



Children of the deceased at the funeral



Pall bearers carrying the casket containing the remains of late Madam Ikuejube



Sibling of Dr. Ajigbade Ikuejube during the funeral inside the church



Dr. Ajigbade Ikuejube and officiating ministers outside the church



Pall bearers carrying the casket of late Madam Ikuejube



One of the children of the deceased performing the funeral rite



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L-R Provost, Dr. Samuel Akintunde and College Librarian, Mr. Azino Akpokurerie during the funeral



L-R Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Abdul and Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede during the funeral



Some staff of Adeyemi College at the funeral



Vice Chairman of COEASU, Dr. R. F. Olaniyan (centre) and some COEASU members at the funeral



A cross section of dignitaries at the funeral



Dr. Ikuejube (at the centre) with members of the College Management



Dr. Ekundayo Ogunmosin, his wife (right) and College staff at the reception



Dr. Raphael Adesuyan (right) with some deans and directors at the reception



Some College staff as guests at Igbokoda for the funeral



Mrs Ikuejube (standing right) with some guests at the reception



Dr. M. O. Oyetayo, Dr. Ikuejube with Rev. Gabriel Esrom and his wife



Some Registry staff as guests at the reception



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Prof. Femi Mimiko, Dr. Gboyega Ajayi with his wife and son



Dr David Falade and Dr Moses Ayeconi as guests during the presentation of a book in honour of Dr. Gboyega Ajayi



Dr. Taofeek Ekundayo and Dr. Matthew Ojo as guests at the presentation of a book in honour of Dr. Gboyega Ajayi



Prof. Femi Mimiko being assisted at a presentation of a book in honour of Dr. Gboyega Ajayi to unveil the book



Dean, School of Languages and Chairman, Committee of Deans and Directors, Dr. Raphael Adesuyan speaking at the book presentation



College Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Abdul speaking at the book presentation



Board members of the Adeyemi College Microfinance Bank, Mr. A. O. Abimbola and Mr. Andrew Adebayo at the book presentation



A cross section of guests at the book presentation at the new CET



College Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede presenting a gift on behalf of the Registry staff to a retired staffer, Mr. Sunday Pewon



College Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede presenting a gift on behalf of the Registry staff to a retired staffer, Mr. Lanre Akinnusi



College Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede presenting a gift on behalf of the Registry staff to a retired staffer, Mr Adesoji Ajana



College Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede presenting a gift on behalf of the Registry staff to a retired staffer, Mrs Christiana Adepoju



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College Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede presenting a gift on behalf of the Registry staff to Mrs Fapohunda who received it on behalf of her husband, Mr. Joseph Fapohunda



Rev. Gabriel Esrom, Pastor Paul Adebayo and Pastor Olukayode Akinola singing hymn during the New Year Prayer Meeting



Rev. Gabriel Esrom with the Principal Officers of the College



A cross section of participants at the New Year Prayer Meeting



Chairman, Muslim Community, Dr. Suleiman Raji speaking during the New Year Prayer Meeting held at the College Mosque



Chief Imam of ACE Ondo, Alhaji Suleiman Shittu Zubair speaking during the New Year Prayer Meeting held at the College Mosque



Provost presenting gift to Mr. Oladunmoye at the New Year Prayer Meeting held at the College Mosque



Provost presenting gift to Mr. Aroyehun at the New Year Prayer Meeting held at the College Mosque



Chief Imam of Ondo Kingdom, Dr. Bashir Alimi speaking during the New Year Prayer Meeting held at the College Mosque



Cross section of participants at the New Year Prayer Meeting held at the College Mosque



Cross section of participants at the thanksgiving service in honour of late Rev. Canon Olajide Oromogunje



Deputy Bursar, Mrs. Taye Adedoyin holding her fellowship plaque at the ANAN programme in Abeokuta



Muslim Community Celebrates Two Retired Prominent Members

The Muslim community in Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo has celebrated two prominent members of its fold that retired from the College in 2020 for the laudable contributions they made to the community's activities while they were in active service.

Prince Aliu Olabisi Oladunmoye retired as a Chief Lecturer from the Department of Physical and Health Education, while Mr. Azeez Adebayo Aroyehun retired as a Principal Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science both in the School of Science in the previous year.

The Provost, Dr. Samuel Akintunde, christened “Suleiman” by the Muslim faithful in Adeyemi College and “Salami” by the visiting Chief Imam of Ondo Kingdom, Dr. Bashir Alimi, on behalf of the community presented gifts to Oladunmoye and Aroyehun.

He eulogized the virtues of Oladunmoye, who had come from Iree and Aroyehun, who had come from Osogbo to attend the event held in their honour. The Muslim faithful at the event also joined the College's number one citizen to commend the retired staff as being dedicated and hardworking while

in active service.

Oladunmoye, who responded on behalf of the retirees, thanked the community for counting them worthy to be honoured, saying they never knew their little contributions while in service and participating in the community activities were being noted for future honour.

Dr. Akintunde, who said he was delighted to be at the annual event, promised to assist in building the Adeyemi College Central Mosque, saying he had expected that the building project would have gone beyond the level it was that day.

The Provost pleaded with the Chief Imam to thank members of the Muslim community in the College – staff and students – for not being partakers in rebellion and insurrection against College management.

The visiting Chief Imam prayed for the Provost, the College and for peace in Nigeria, saying it is only in an atmosphere of peace that progress can be made.

The community's chairman, Dr. Sulaiman Muhammadu Raji, who had welcomed the College's principal officers to the event, lauded the former Provost, Professor Olukoya Ogen and the current Provost, Dr. Akintunde for

contributing to the building of the mosque over the years.

He explained that the progress earlier recorded in the construction of the edifice was stalled by the introduction of the IPPIS (Integrated Personnel Payment Information System) in February 2020 which made it difficult for deductions to be made from members' salaries and the locked-down stemming from the covid-19 pandemic last year.

Present at the event were: Deputy Provost, Dr. Ajigbade Ikuejube; Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede christened “Rasheedat” at the event; College Librarian, Mr. Azino Oscarand Akpokurerie; Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Abdul; Acting Director, MIS, Dr. Kehinde Adenegan; Acting Director, Information and Public Relations, Mrs. Oluseto Olatuyi; and Chief Information Officer, Information and Public Relations, Mr. Paul Adeagbo.

Others were: Deputy Chief Imam of Ondo Kingdom, Alhaji Oluwatoyin Abubakre; Chief Imam of Adeyemi College, Alhaji Sulaiman Shittu Zubair; Deputy Chairman of the Muslim Community, Mr. Abdul-Rasak Aderemi Busari; Dr. Taofeek Ekundayo, Dr. Rasheed Oloyede. ●



Registry Honours Six Retired Members

The Registry of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo has honoured six of its members, who retired recently from the institution. Those honoured on Thursday, 15 December, 2020 were Mrs. Christiana Adepoju, Messrs Adesoji Ajana, Festus Adeoye Bada, Joseph Oluwole Fapounda, Lanre Akinnusi and Sunday Pewon.

Speaking at the event, the College Registrar, Mrs. Olufisayo Fakorede expressed gratitude to God for sparing the lives the Registry staff to witness the end of Year 2020 "in spite of outbreak of corona virus pandemic and civil uprising, code-named #EndSARs#, which almost brought the country to its knees."

She explained that the event, held at the Olusegun Obasanjo Auditorium, was organized for the purpose of appreciating God and recognizing the Registry staff who retired in Year 2020 after serving the College meritoriously in various capacities.

Fakorede also stated that the parley was arranged for the purpose of creating avenue to "sensitize ourselves for Year 2021."

While stressing the need for workers in the College to re-dedicate themselves to the College for improved service delivery, she also advised them to abide strictly by the rules and regulations guiding official engagement and by living up to expectations in the discharge of their schedule of duties.

The Registrar urged the College staff to avail themselves of information relating to conditions of service, particularly in Year 2021 to be familiar with issues relating to annual and casual leave requests. She, however, stressed the need for unity and interpersonal relationships among staff, saying they would promote love and peaceful co-existence in their various offices.

She advised staff to constantly seek self-improvement, as she enjoined anyone who has acquired additional qualifications not to hesitate to bring it to the notice of her office to facilitate easy computation and record keeping.

The Registrar, reiterating the College's disposition to indiscipline, stated that: "As staff of Registry Department, it is necessary for us to show exemplary

behaviour by shunning noise-making, absenteeism, laziness and refraining from any act capable of bringing the College into disrepute."

While appealing for continued support, Fakorede, however, warned that anyone found contravening rules and regulations of the College would be appropriately sanctioned.

On the annual Registry party that was suspended in 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Registrar, believing it would hold in 2021, stated that information concerning the annual social events would be communicated to members after all issues concerning the amount to be contributed by each member would have been sorted out.

She expressed optimism of better days in Year 2021, while wishing all the workers merry Christmas and New Year in advance.

The well-attended event which featured presentation of gifts to the retirees, songs rendition, Bible exhortation, followed by prayers for the Registry, College leadership, Ondo community, staff and students of the institution and the Nigeria nation in general.●



“Don't Strive to Be on the Average” – Osun Cleric

The Provost of the Cathedral of Saint John, Diocese of Ilesa, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), Iloro, Ilesa, Osun State, the Very Reverend David Idowu Fadugba has charged Nigerians from all walks of life to be above average in every area of their lives to succeed in the New Year.

The cleric gave the advice in a sermon, “the pursuit of excellent spirit”, delivered at the thanksgiving service held in honour of the late Reverend Canon Theophilus Olajide Orimogunje on Saturday, 9 January, 2021 at the St. John's Cathedral.

“Don't strive to be on the average. Strive to excel in whatever you do to distinguish yourself,” the provost charged Nigerians who had come from various parts of the country to attend the special service to honour the late veteran journalist and public relations guru who passed on to glory on the New Year day of the previous year.

Citing Biblical David as an example of someone who had an excellent spirit in him, Fadugba urged those at the service to shun mediocrity in their daily living if they want to achieve something extra-ordinary in the course of their journey on earth.

He reminded the gathering that Daniel had three qualities which ensured that he was excellent in all ramifications in spite of being a slave

in Babylon.



Reverend David Idowu Fadugba

The clergyman revealed that Daniel surrounded himself with excellent friends, served an excellent God and had excellent habits in addition to strong faith in God.

He urged Nigerians to emulate Daniel by surrounding themselves with excellent friends, serving an excellent God and having excellent habits as well as faith in God in 2021 in order to succeed.

“Hard work doesn't kill. It pays. Honesty pays,” he maintained, while commending the late cleric-cum public relations professional in his homily.

The Provost urged the congregation to learn from the life of the deceased who brought up his children in the way of the Lord by leading an exemplary life.

He stated that having an excellent

spirit would enable you leave a legacy behind for future generations to learn from.

Commenting, the widow of the deceased, Mrs. Victoria Azeghowa Orimogunje revealed that her late husband of 52 years always wanted her to look good to the point that it became almost impossible for him to travel without buying lovely wears for her and gifts for their children, no matter how much he inconvenienced himself to make them happy.

She eulogized her late husband in the following words: “Oko mi, you were a strong pillar of support, a believer, a wonderful husband, a dependable father who taught his family the way of the Lord!”



Mrs. Victoria Orimogunje

“You left a legacy of holding family prayers at 6: 00 am, 12: 00 noon and 9: 00 pm daily; I have carried on this legacy even though I am the only one holding the forth at 'ule oore ofe,” she maintained.



Cross section of participants at the burial thanksgiving service

One of the children who took after her father in public relations practice, Mrs. Olusola Eniola Olagundoye, had this to say: “You were an accurate pointer to Christ and to everything that pertains to Christ Jesus, such that all your seven children embraced Jesus from youthful ages. Your God became our God, not just our father's God.”



Mrs. Olusola Olagundoye

“Dad, the Bible was your guide. You held the word of God in high esteem and you lived your days in obedience to the Word. You were a good hearted father and your goodness was not restricted to the people you knew,” she hinted further about the late sports administrator in Oyo and Osun.

Mrs. Oluseta Olatuyi, Acting Director, Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, and Mr. Ishola Lamidi, Chairman of the Ondo State Chapter, Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Akure have lent their voices to celebrate the departed icon of excellence in public relations.

Olatuyi said the late icon had contributed immensely to the development of public relations practice in Nigeria little wonder why his daughter took after him, adding that he would be remembered in the annals of NIPR history in Nigeria and

the southwest in particular.



Mrs. Oluseta Olatuyi

Lamidi stated that Baba's contribution to public relations practice would forever remain indelible in our minds, adding that in spite of not having modern tools to employ in his practice Baba Orimogunje excelled in the field. “He contributed greatly to our noble profession.”



Mr. Lamidi Ishola

Reverend Orimogunje, who died on 1 January and was buried on 5 May, 2020, was born on 16 September, 1937 to the family of Pa Daniel Awoleke Fawibe alias Orimogunje and Madam Florence Adeyolanu Orimogunje. He was a minister of the gospel, seasoned journalist, sports editor, sports administrator and public relations

professional.

He attended Thompson Advanced Journalism School, Cardiff, United Kingdom between 1972 and 1974 for advanced diploma course in journalism and did a correspondence course in public relations to obtain a professional certificate in public relations from the Institute of Public Relations, London in 1975.



Pa. Olajide Orimogunje

After five years of teaching, the young Orimogunje began his career in journalism with the Daily Times of Nigeria Ltd in 1964 and moved to Sketch Press Limited the same year as a proof reader in both organizations. Between 1966 and 1968, he became a reporter and rose through the ranks to become sports editor in 1972 still at the Sketch Press Ltd.

By 1976, he was apparently tired of the print media and he switched to the electronic media at the Western Nigerian Television/Western Nigerian Broadcasting Service (WNTV/WNBS), now Radio O-Y-O, as sports editor and later in 1977 to Nigerian Television (NTV) Ibadan, now NTA, as sports editor.

In 1979, in another career move, the cleric joined the Oyo State Sports Council, Ibadan as the pioneer Public Relations Officer and eventually became the council's Public Relations Manager in 1990. Following the creation of Osun in 1991, the Ijesa man relocated to Osogbo as one of the founding fathers of Osun State Sports Council and in 1995 he became the General Manager of the Council.

In 1990, the Oyo State Chapter NIPR member was ordained a priest, having earlier attended Immanuel College of Theology affiliated to the University of Ibadan between 1989 and 1991.

He served in various parishes of the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion in both Oyo and Osun states until he retired in December 2006. ●

Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors Elects ACE Director of Works Fellow



Mr. Babatunde Francis Ajayi

The Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors has elected Mr. Babatunde Francis Ajayi, Director of Physical Planning, Works and Services, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo as a fellow of the institute.

The investiture of Ajayi as a fellow of the institute was held on 13 November, 2020 in Minna, capital of Niger State.

In a letter transmitted to the College Registrar dated 16 November, 2020 to formally inform the College of the development and for official records, Ajayi thanked the College management for supporting and permitting him to attend the event where he was issued a diploma that conferred the new status on him.

Elated, the director wrote to inform the College Registrar, "Forwarded herewith is the certificate of my investiture as a Fellow of Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors for your information and records."

"I also wish to express my appreciation to the Management for the support and permission granted to

attend the investiture ceremony which took place in Minna, Niger State on 13 November, 2020," Ajayi stated.

According to the certificate numbered 000747 signed by the president and secretary of the institute, "This Diploma Certificate is to certify that Ajayi Babatunde Francis was on 11th day of November, 2020 elected a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors."

Ajayi, with registered number 01332 of the NIQs, has attained the highest rank of his professional association having risen from an associate member grade to member grade and eventually attaining the highest certification in the field of quantity surveying.

Born Babatunde Francis Ajayi to the family of Chief and Chief Mrs. Solomon Alaga Ajayi on 4 June, 1963. He had his early education in Ekiti and Lagos before proceeding to Birch Freeman High School, Surulere for his secondary education from 1976-1981. He later attended the prestigious Yaba College of Technology, Lagos where he obtained both the National Diploma and Higher National Diploma in Quantity Surveying in 1984 and 1987 respectively.

He proceeded to the Federal University of Technology, Akure where he obtained a post Graduate Diploma in Quantity Surveying in 2002. He also attended the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka in Anambra State where he bagged a Master of Science degree in

Construction Management in 2007.

Ajayi started his professional career as an Assistant QS at Don Richardson Ltd, Lagos. He served as a corps member at the Works and Estate Department of the Federal Polytechnic, Idah, Benue State, now in Kogi State, from 1987 - 1988. After a meritorious national service, he was given automatic employment as a Higher Technical Officer (Quantities) in 1988. He rose through the ranks to become a Chief Quantity Surveyor in the Directorate of Physical Planning at the Federal Polytechnic, Idah from 2004 – 2007. He was appointed the Acting Director of Physical Planning at the Federal Polytechnic, Idah in 2007, a position that was confirmed in 2009.

He was appointed a substantive Director of Physical Planning, Works and Services at Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo in 2009, a position he holds till date.

While under these employments, Ajayi carried out conceptualization, planning and supervision of various high impact projects.

Ajayi is a community leader, who holds a cheifancy title of Aro of Ewu-Ekiti in Ilemeje Local Government of Ekiti State. He is a Knight of St. John of the Catholic Church and a matron to many societies in the church. He is married to Lady Olubunmi Olayinka Ajayi and the marriage is blessed with children. ●



ANAN Confers Fellowship on ACE Deputy Bursar, Inducts Seven Bursary Staff

The Association of National Accountants of Nigeria has conferred its highest rank, fellowship award on a Deputy Bursar, Mrs. Taiwo Funmilayo Adedoyin and other worthy members of the association while it inducted seven staff of the Bursary Department of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo into its fold at its last convention in Abeokuta.

The admission of Adedoyin on 2 November, 2020 to a fellow of the association is regarded as a privilege earned through diligence, dedication and commitment to ANAN. The award, according to those in the know, is a call to transparency, optimality, organization and orderliness for top-ranking members of the association.

According to ANAN, those promoted to the status of fellow of the association had spent ten years at the membership grade, discharged all their financial obligations to the association at the branch and national levels and participated fully in national and branch activities of the association.

ANAN hinted further that those awarded the fellowship were “expected to engage in exemplary professional conduct in line with

their elevated status and this could be achieved through adherence to good values and integrity,” adding that: Awardees are also to ensure quality service delivery through ethics and expertise.”

The association maintained that “with the conferment of this award, Awardees are to constantly optimize their knowledge and skills through the Association's training programmes as this would assist members in building their professional capacities and advancing premium brand of the Association.”

While Adedoyin attained the peak of the association's award, seven other members of College's Bursary staff were qualified as Certified National Accountants (CNA). The newly certified accountants are: Messrs Joshua Sunday Ogunbumuyi, Akinlolu Akingunsoye, Taiwo Adegbenro Ibini, Godwin Eliagwu and Oladapo Aruwajoye; Mrs. Olaolu Dorcas Lurogho and Helen Adebitoye Adedugbagbe.

Born on June, 1973, Adedoyin had a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the Ondo State University, now Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti in 1997. She followed this up with a Diploma in

Computer Techniques and Applications in 1998. The Deputy Bursar had earlier obtained, in 1990, the Senior School Certificate from the Federal Government Girls' College, Akure.

She started her career in the banking industry during her national service at the Trans International Bank Plc, Dugbe, Ibadan. She joined the services of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo in 1999 as Accountant II and rose through the ranks to the present position as a Deputy Bursar, having qualified as a Certified National Accountant in 2010.

Adedoyin is a member of several professional associations. In 2006, she became an Associate Member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria (ICPAN), while in 2010 she was made an Associate Member of the Institute of Finance and Control of Nigeria and an Associate Member of the Nigerian Institute of Management.

The ANAN fellow had attended various seminars and workshops within and outside Nigeria and served in various College committees as chairman and member. ●