

## PART 13

# ECUMENICAL & UMBRELLA BODIES/NETWORKS



*The Adinkra symbol “HWE MU DUA”. This means “measuring stick” and stresses the need to strive for the best in human endeavors.*



# DORON MEDICAL CENTER



*The Doron Medical Center is a 24 hours full-service hospital set up with the desire to improve access to health care in the communities of Afienya, Appolonia, Tema and beyond. Doron prides itself in being a Christian facility that believes in quality, coordinated, comprehensive, compassionate, Cost-effective and patient-centered care.*

*As part of our corporate social responsibility, DMC has embarked on several free medical outreaches in some deprived communities and institutions in Ghana. Among these communities/institutions are; Asadame, Savior Children Orphanage (Kasoa), Alikekope, Ashiaman, Madina, Koforidua, Ho, Afienya and New Jerusalem. We have also organized medical outreaches for the following churches; Grace Baptist Church, Global Evangelical Church and Apostolic Church all in the Afienya District. In all, a total number of 2700 people benefitted from our medical outreaches*

*As a health facility, Doron Medical Center is taking the following steps in the wake of the deadly Covid-19 pandemic happening around the world;*

- 1. Constant education or Training on the prevention of COVID-19 by DMC for all clients as well as individuals in the community.*
- 2. Management of DMC has made a clear and outlined protocol for all staff to follow to prevent and avoid the spread of COVID-19.*
- 3. Management has also made available soap with running water and enough hand sanitizers at advantage points within the facility to encourage frequent washing and sanitizing of hands.*
- 4. Availability of PPE's to protect all staff.*
- 5. Availability of affordable alcohol hand rubs at different volumes for all members of the Community and clients of DMC.*

*Home care services • Primary Care (General Consultations) • Child & maternal care • Geriatric care • Specialist Services • Occupational Health and Safety • Laboratory Services • Pharmacy services • Diet Therapy Services • Physiotherapy • Pre- & Post Medical Examinations • Effective follow-up system to check on client's wellbeing • Preventive health programs • Telemedicine • Reproductive Health Services • Family Planning Services • Ambulance Services*

## Our Services

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# DIRECTORY OF ECUMENICAL & UMBRELLA BODIES/NETWORKS

There are several umbrella bodies among the Christian circles in Ghana. However, this maiden Mission Handbook has outlined seven of them that has member churches partnering with GEMA over the years for missionary task, and mission-oriented programs and activities. Subsequent editions may feature others as we affirm their existence and their goals.

## 1. CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA - CCG

The Christian Council of Ghana (CCG) was founded on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1929 by five churches namely African Methodist Episcopal (AME), Zion Church, English Church Mission (Anglican), Ewe Presbyterian Church (now Evangelical Presbyterian Church); Presbyterian Church of the Gold Coast (now Ghana) and Wesleyan Methodist Church (now the Methodist Church Ghana). The purpose was the search for unity and to work with members on issues of social concern and be the voice of the voiceless in society. Currently, the CCG comprises twenty-six member churches and three other Christian Organizations.

The vision of CCG is to be the Triune God's instrument for change in Ghana where the highest value is placed on Peace, Justice, Unity, and Respect for the Dignity and Integrity of Creation.

The mission is to strengthen the capacity of members to contribute to achieving Justice, Unity, Reconciliation, and Integrity of Creation among various sectors of Ghanaian society and provide a forum for joint action on issues of common interest. In seeking to achieve this, we are guided by the Holy Bible and, in all matters of national interest, remain non-partisan.

The Christian Council apart from its core business of ecumenism is a Research-Based Advocacy Institution in these four areas; **Governance, Human Rights and Gender, Interfaith and Ecumenism, Social and Economic Justice**

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## 2. GHANA PENTECOSTAL AND CHARISMATIC COUNCIL - GPCC

The vision of GPCC is to unite the Church and Christian organizations to be a voice that shapes the growth and development of our people and impact society through the gospel of Christ. The mission is about building a mission-minded united Christian family that proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ within and beyond the borders of Ghana through acts of love, compassion, and remaining relevant to the spiritual and socio-economic needs of society.

The Council seeks to provide a united platform that projects the voices of its members, and Ghanaian citizens both within and outside of the country on important national policies through regular engagements to ensure that Godly leadership and accountable governance permeates all facets of our national lives.

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## 3. THE GHANA CHARISMATIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

The Ghana Charismatic Bishops' Conference is a powerful body made up of Bishops of several different charismatic denominations in Ghana. Today, its

membership is made of over 100 bishops located in every region of Ghana.

A Bishop is a most senior and revered person among the clergy and is an overseer of several churches. Consequently, 4000 churches yield to the authority of this powerful conference. The Ghana Charismatic Bishops' Conference has a widespread influence in Ghana and holds sway over no less than 1 million Ghanaian Christians.

The Ghana Charismatic Bishops' Conference founded some years ago by Dag Heward-Mills, intercedes and prays constantly for the nation Ghana and also speaks prophetically into national matters.

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#### 4. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHARISMATIC & CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (NACCC)

NACCC is an Association of over 200 charismatic churches across the country. As of 2015 Archbishop Nicholas Duncan-Williams was chairman of the NACCC. The NACCC plays a supervisory role to ensure that ministers maintain high moral standards. The NACCC was founded on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1999 by Dag Heward-Mills who was also elected twice as Chairman. It had existed informally before that date. The word "Christian" was included in the name to show that the organization was open to churches that shared its vision even if they did not consider themselves charismatic.

The National Association of Charismatic and Christian Churches, also refers to as "The Association" or "NACCC" was established to provide a biblically and nationally accepted standard of practice for churches in terms of procedure, morality, ethics, etc. NACCC seek to provide a medium for fellowship and interaction between ministries and churches and also provide opportunity for the strengthening and edifying of ministers through periodic NACCC conferences. NACCC was setup to assist member churches where possible in matters of administration, management ethics and inter-ministerial relationships, encourage and develop interpersonal relationships of ministers. It also provide a biblically and nationally accepted standard of practice for

churches in terms of procedure, morality, ethics, etc. NACCC serve as a united body for Christians and churches in relating and negotiating with other religious bodies, government bodies and any other organized bodies. It provides opportunity and exposures member for the gifts and ministry offices in the world, which otherwise may be difficult and financially impossible for the individual churches to bear.

NACCC serve as and when necessary, as a licensing and ordaining body for up-and coming ministers. It also serve as a united force in upholding and defending the human, civil, legal and constitutional rights of the Church of God and its ministers. It will defend the Church and its leaders from external aggression and intimidation. It will contend for recognition, respect and proper representation of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ and its Ministers in national issues which concern and affect the well being of the Church of God.

#### 5. GHANA EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - GEC

The Ghana Evangelism Committee is an indigenous, interdenominational, and service agency. The Committee came into existence in 1974 to introduce the New Life for All movement into the churches of Ghana. GEC's concern is that the Body of Christ in Ghana ought to be working directly at the disciplining of the whole nation, including all people groups, in response to the command of the Head of the Church – the risen Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20).

The vision is to cooperate with God in a unified movement so that every Christian, church, and Christian organization in Ghana and beyond will be thoroughly disciplined and committed to fulfilling the Great Commission.

The mission of GEC is to serve Christ through the churches and other Christian organizations of Ghana by mobilizing the said churches and Christian organizations to disciple the whole nation and beyond.

GEC's role is to be a catalyst through survey and the dissemination of information in seminars and publications; through the orientation of leaders and local churches on ways and means to grow, plant churches, and reach the unreached; and through pioneering new programs and strategies geared to the

growth and multiplication of churches – especially amongst the unreached.

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## 6. CHRISTIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF GHANA - CHAG

CHAG is a Network organization of 344 health facilities and health training institutions owned by 25 different Christian Church Denominations. CHAG provides health care to the most vulnerable and underprivileged population groups in all 16 Regions of Ghana, particularly in the most remote areas.

The mission of CHAG is to promote the healing ministry of Christ and be a reliable partner in the Health Sector in providing the health needs of the people in Ghana in fulfillment of Christ's mandate to heal the sick.

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## 7. THE MISSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GHANA (MSG)

The Missiological Society of Ghana (MSG) is an international inter-confessional and intercultural society committed to the scholarly study of Christian witness and its impact in the world.

**Vision:** The Missiological Society of Ghana seeks to become a fellowship of Christians devoted to promoting Christian mission through scholarly study and dissemination of relevant information.

**Mission:** The Missiological Society of Ghana seeks to promote knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through the scholarly study of all issues relating to Christian mission and through research and publications that are of particular relevance to Africa and to disseminate such information among all partici-

pants in Christian mission.

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## 8. FORUM OF BIBLE AGENCIES (FOBA)

FOBA (Forum of Bible Agencies), Ghana is made up of Christian organizations that translate and / or publish scripture and its related products in all formats. Some of the tools/resources are Bibles in various languages, Audio Bibles, Jesus Film, Bible Literature/Devotions and many more.

These tools/resources are used by individuals, churches and other Christian groups for personal growth and ministry.

### The general objectives are:

1. Encourage churches, missions and agencies to use and confirm God's word at the heart of their life and witness.
2. Reaffirming our commitment to make the word of God available to Ghana and beyond, thus helping the churches fulfill their mission to proclaim the gospel to every person and make disciples of all nation.
3. Forming national networks of decisions makers for the purpose of promoting co-operation and partnership at these levels.
4. Sharing news of product development and providing updates on activates and future plans.
5. Building relationship and encouraging and strengthen one another in our common task.
6. Providing a forum for creative discussion of relevant issues and for formulating visionary and strategic thinking.
7. Identifying problems which require attention and reviewing key issues in depth.
8. Using every available way to communicate the scriptures both print and media

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## CAPRO MISSIONARY MOVEMENT, GHANA. a.k.a CAPRO Ghana.

We are globally known as “**Calvary Ministries (CAPRO)**”. An indigenous interdenominational African Cross-Cultural Missions Agency which originated in Nigeria in 1975, with the primary focus on making disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ among all the ethnic groups of Africa and globally, who are yet to hear the gospel. In 1999 CAPRO missionaries came to Ghana with this focus and registered as CAPRO MISSIONARY MOVEMENT, GHANA. We are involved in the following:

- ❖ **CHURCH PLANTING:** We currently have missionaries preaching / teaching the holistic gospel and planting indigenous and autonomous (non-denominational) disciple making churches among 3 UPGs namely; **Nanumba / Konkomba** in the Nanumba South District, N / R. and



**Gonja** in the Savannah Region. (*Our missionaries work with other people to bring about holistic change in the people's lives and communities. CAPRO offers*



*specialized cross – cultural training for those who have the call to serve as long term missionaries).*



- ❖ We do **Dangbme girls grooming** as an interception of the traditional puberty rite of the dangbme girl among the Krobos in the E / R.

- ❖ **Discipleship and Missions Exposure Program (DIMEP).** This is a series of 13 days - 52 hrs. (a

day in a week) teaching that equips believers with a deeper understanding of how to live the Christ-like life and impact their generation for Jesus Christ our Lord. We climax with at least a week visit to a mission field and graduation.

- ❖ **MOBILIZATION:** We inform and sensitize the Church with cross – cultural missions information and the necessary partnership with mission agencies on how to actively participate in the task of reaching the unreached. Information disseminated through the modulated teachings, conferences, and seminars seek to ignite our passion to identify and pursue our primary purpose of our existence as Church.