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*"It is not by might, nor by
power but by my Spirit saith
the Lord" (Zachariah 4:6)*



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TO ALL MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

Dear Pastor,

DROP OR DESIST FROM THE USE OF HONORARY TITLES

Calvary greetings

As directed by the Executive Presbytery (EP) at its May, 2024 meeting, all Pastors are required to respect and abide by the tenets of the regulators of tertiary education – Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC).

This letter therefore serves to remind all Pastors that, regarding the use of academic titles like "Dr." the position of our Organisation is that:

- No Pastor should use honorary doctorate degrees as academic or professional titles (Dr.);
- Pastors who had honorary doctorate degrees conferred on them (whether by accredited or non-accredited institutions), should drop or desist from the use of the title "Dr.";
- Again, all Pastors who have studied for and obtained various degrees – First Degree, Masters Degree, Doctor of Philosophy etc., should be prepared to submit their certificates to GTEC for confirmation or clearance, if they want their certificates to be recognised by our Organisation.

Any Pastor who flouts these directives and does otherwise, or gets into trouble with GTEC will be suspended.

We encourage all Pastors to follow the example of our General Superintendent, Rev. Stephen Wengam, who publicly announced last year, that, though honorary doctorate degree had been conferred on him, he had dropped the use of the title "Dr." and called on other Pastors to do same.

Thank you for anticipated cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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