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CONVENTION: A CASE STUDY OF IMOLE-OLORUN-NTAN BAPTIST  
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## ABSTRACT

In religion, it is said that experience plays a key role to people's adherence. Forerunners in Christianity are burdened for the course of Christ in their days because of the revelation or vision they caught. But many product of such vision like the Royal Ambassador organization usually become institutionalized. This is because the vision fizzled out.

This project review the vision of Royal Ambassadors Youth Organization of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. The case study of the organization at Imole-Olorun Ntan association is examined.

The book review covers the Biblical perspective, historical perspective and psychological perspective of the organization.

Chapter three of this project deals with the history of the Royal Ambassadors in Imole-Olorun-Ntan Association. The stages of development, the leadership role and the activities of the organization are equally presented.

Moreover, there is research into the activities of Royal Ambassadors in the association. The interpretation of the results of the analysis are located in the four mission tasks of R.A. organization.

Concluding the project, this writer give some recommendatios and suggestions.

## RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION

The recommendation of this chapter on Royal Ambassadors organization is for accomplishment of mission task given to the churches. When the objective of an organization is not achieved, there is a need to examine the problem and find the solution.

This writer recommend that the revamping of the Royal Ambassadors organization is ciritcal to fulfilling their mission task. Therefore, the result of resuscitating the vision is also a panacea to indiscipline found among the Royal Ambassador members. To achieve the objective of any organization, the leadership is very important. The leadership directs the organization to a common goal of a group. Also, leadership facilitate the accomplishment of the goal of an organization. The following leaders that affectively pertinent to Royal Ambassador organization are: (a) The Pastors (b) The parents and (c) the counselors.

It is important for these leaders to know their role to be effective. Henceforth, this writer put as suggestion for revamping Royal Ambassador organization, teaching about leaders' role. The role of each of the leaders are hereby presented. It is taken from piece

written by Revd. S. Ola. Olaniyan.

#### A. Role of Parents

- (a) Parents should spend time with the boys to encourage them towards their organization interest.
- (b) They should attend R.A. activities planned especially for the parents.
- (c) They should learn all they need to know about R.A. purposes and objectives.
- (d) They should inquire from the counselors if there are assistance they could offer to counselors and any help they can give to the chapters.
- (e) Learn about missions together with their sons in their homes through "Christ Ambassadors".

#### B. Role of Pastors

- (a) Pastors should work with the church nominating committee to select and have elected qualified and effective leader. As explained earlier, the leader is responsible for the appointment of counselors (see chapter three on counselors).
- (b) Pastors should be a member of Men and Boys' Council and actively plan with the officers the goal and work of Men Missionary Union, M.M.U. (R.A. is an arm of M.M.U.).

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<sup>1</sup>S. Ola. Olaniyan, "Royal Ambassadors in a Baptist Church of Nigerian Baptist Convention," (Men, Youth and Boys Department, n.d.), pp.6-7.

- (c) Through the various avenues available to him, the pastor should encourage the involvement of men and boys in mission.
- (d) Pastor should manifest his keen interest in the progress of Royal Ambassadors. He could visit the organization in their meeting and recognize the R.A. members who advance in their ranks. He should recognize their activities during church service.<sup>2</sup>

### C. Role of Counselors

Counselors are very important in the accomplishment of the mission work of Royal Ambassadors. Counselors are builders through example and direction.<sup>3</sup>

- (a) The counselors should suggest missionary activities for the program of R.A.
- (b) He should act as guide to the boys and also encourage them in their spiritual development.
- (c) Counselors are the link between the boys and their sponsor that is Men organization in the church.
- (d) Counselors should report to the men on the activities of the Royal Ambassadors.

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<sup>2</sup> Counselors' Guide for Chapters of Royal Ambassadors,  
p.30

<sup>3</sup> Counselors' Guide, p.22. M. Wendell Belew, The Purpose and Plan of Baptist Brotherhood, (Memphis: The Brotherhood Commission, 1979), p.47.

- (e) He should plan with the boys the program of activities and also make sure these activities are included in the church calendar.

D. Suggestions on What R.A. Members can do

- (a) They can make a survey of all homes where there are boys, in order to secure prospective members.
- (b) R.A. chapter can have track rack in the bus station and fill it every time.
- (c) They can help in church census and visitation campaigns. These are usually done when new church is to be planted.

E. Conclusion

With the above roles and the efficient execution of them, it is believed that R.A. of Imole Olorun Ntan Association will be up to the standard.

In conclusion, the Royal Ambassador organization is still the best method of reaching out to the boys. It has been proved that this organization's major achievement is in the evangelization of the youth.<sup>4</sup> The R.A. of the association had produced two pastors,

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<sup>4</sup> Moses O. Oyetunji, "An Appraisal of the Royal Ambassadors Youth Organization of the Nigerian Baptist Convention," (Term paper, University of Ibadan, 1985/86 session, p.16.)

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Therefore, our churches need to harness all the  
resources to make sure Royal Ambassadors perform up to  
the expectation. The responsibility of building the  
Royal Ambassadors into a mission-minded organization  
is on every member of the church. And all hands  
should be on deck to make this organization what it  
ought to be.