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A CHALLENGE TO CHOSEN GENERATION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LAGOS

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## ABSTRACT

The essay, "Mission Strategy of the Apostolic Era: A challenge to Chosen Generation Baptist Association Lagos", is a research work that reflects on the mission strategies of the Apostolic Era and a possibility of gleaning from the exploits of the Early Church by Chosen Generation Baptist Association Lagos. The significance of the research lies on the ability of the Association to evolve strategies that will take mission to the next level through pragmatic Church planting methods. What the Convention is witnessing now on efforts to adopt or plant Churches that are viable and sustainable is also an issue to mention in this research. This project researches into problems observable in the way the mission enterprise of the Association is been executed and the result of such activities in the Association and the problems ranging from financial constraint to poor mobilization, adequate funding of mission enterprise. This essay adopts questionnaire, interview, library research, and online resource tools as methods. Through critical analysis of the research work on the mission strategies of the Association, mission enterprise can improve if mission statement are stated in a measurable and achievable terms more funds are committed to mission and Missionary Organizations are made to mobilize for mission and get involved in practical on the field. It is therefore recommended that if the Association should make mission a holistic enterprise in the Association, mission strategies should embrace all methods one can possibly engage with and couple with power evangelism productive link with other mission agencies should be advocated and reasonable amount of money should be set aside for mission.

## CONCLUSION

From the critical examination through the research work carried out in some Churches in the Chosen Generation Baptist Association, Lagos and the interviews granted with some pastors of the Association, One can safely conclude that mission done with right strategies will certainly create great impact on the Church and the society at large. The divine mandate given to Chosen Generation Baptist Association Lagos through her Churches who is willing to take the bull by the horn and showcasing pragmatic resolve will lead to mission explosion the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are the recommendations of the study with Chosen Generation Baptist Association, Lagos through her member's evangelism coordinators of the local Churches and the Association officers. These are the stakeholders within the Association who can determine the effectiveness and efficacy of mission strategies as the main factor of Church growth.

1. There is need for Baptist pastors to be proactive and be mission minded at the local Churches within the Association.
2. Church pastors in the Association are to encourage mission minded Church members in their local Churches by establishing mission school for the training of such people. Opportunities should be giving for such to embark on mission trips.
3. Missionary Organizations in the Association should do more to mobilize for mission order than mere observance of mission week of Emphasis. The need to mobilize through fund raising, adoption of mission fields, and training of

student pastors and lot more will go a long way in the mission enterprise of the Association.

4. Mission strategies of the Association should be a holistic approach. It should embrace power evangelism, visitation, One-to-One evangelism, Seminar on Church Growth Print and Media and lot more which are relevant to move mission to the next level.
5. Mission and Evangelism unit in the local Church of the Association should be thoroughly provided with funds, materials, and enough personnel that will help in the area of mission in the Church and Association at large.
6. Mission statement of the Churches within the Association should be the policy trust mission. Pastors are encouraged to come with measurable or achievable mission statement that will guide the Churches within the Association.
7. The Association should encourage Churches to be open minded with other mission agencies so that such link will result in collaboration and cooperation aimed forging the mission frontier to the next level.
8. The strategy of Church planting and organization reviewed in the Association and made more flexible so that Church planting and organization is done with greater ease.
9. Mission training for the Baptist pastors in the Seminary should be reviewed so as to accommodate missionary Evangelist who will be ready to take mission work on the field than to stay in the pastorate.



10. The place of prayer in mission is of paramount importance. Association should encourage the Churches to make prayer a priority in her efforts to spread the good news as witnessed in the Early Church.
11. The most important strategy for mission that the Association should encourage more than before is the direction and the leading of the Holy Spirit.