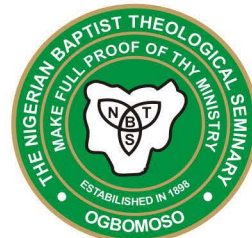




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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HEART: RELATIONSHIP FOR RESEMBLANCE

Resemblance is generally a thing of joy and identity. Culturally, resemblance is emphasised; it is a matter of pride to resemble one's parents, unless they have a bad reputation.

A Yoruba song I grew up singing states

"Mo dúpẹ́, mo jó'yá mi (2x) tìrẹ̀nkẹ́...

Mo dúpẹ́, mo jó'yá mi

B'ómo ò jo sokoto, yòò jó kijiṣá.

Mo dúpẹ́, mo jó'yá mi."

This simply means, "I am grateful that I resemble my mother. If a child does not resemble the trousers, he will resemble the durable top-wear. I am grateful I resemble my mother." A variant of this song is the one sung by traditional drummers, "Eni bini laa jo (2x) B'omo o jo sokoto, yoo jo kijipa; Eni bi ni laa jo." This means one resembles their parents, if not the father; they will resemble the mother. In essence, based on heredity and DNA, each child will bear some resemblance with the immediate or extended family and for that, they would be thankful for not being illegitimate offsprings.

In other Nigerian cultures, there are proverbs that emphasise resemblance. For example, an Hausa proverb states, '*Tafiya da madaukin kanwa ke kawo farin kai*,' meaning 'Walking around with a limestone carrier brings about a white skull.' A proverb on resemblance in Igbo language states '*Nwa obula agwo muru aghaghi inwe odu ogologo*'. Its English translation is 'Every offspring of a reptile (snake) must have a long tail.' These illustrate how resemblance naturally rubs off on people.

What is then is resemblance? Resemblance simply means to look alike. It can also mean exhibiting the same characteristics as another person; having traits that are alike. In our theme, resemblance emphasizes the necessity of drawing from Jesus the conspicuous characteristics that must be evident in His followers. The word 'conspicuous' here means obvious, visible, undeniable. It describes characteristics that cannot be hidden and that is why even the Jewish leaders could testify about the disciples. They saw the resemblance clearly.

Resembling Christ requires spending time with Him. Acts 4:13 expands on this theme: "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

This verse is a confession by the Sanhedrin, men who were highly knowledgeable in religion. In Acts 4:8 - 12, Peter spoke. Yet, the Jewish leaders looked at both Peter and John and concluded they had been with Jesus. Why? Because the same boldness and wisdom that characterised Jesus was now visible in them. Jesus Himself was bold. He taught the truth plainly and openly (Mark 8:32); confronted religious hypocrisy (John 7:17 - 19), and drove out money changers from the temple with authority (John 2: 14 -15). The disciples reflected this same boldness because they had been with Him.

The Jewish leaders knew this resemblance was not from education; Peter and John were ordinary men. It was divine impartation, the result of companionship with Christ. The lessons for us are as follows:

1. Companionship with Christ transforms us: A true relationship with Him produces visible results that others can see and testify. Christianity cannot remain hidden.
2. This transformation impacts our inward life: What we absorb from Jesus comes out in the open when challenges arise.
3. We can be with Him anywhere: Whether at work, or even in casual moments, we should remain conscious of His presence - through short prayers, asking for guidance, and depending on Him. Send 'snap shot' prayers to Him as you face various matters at work.
4. Our relationship should be frank, full and familiar: We can speak honestly with Jesus about everything in our lives, even matters that seem trivial. He is interested in every detail, and He welcomes us with a smile. There is nothing that concerns us that He is not interested in.

Have that intimate relationship with Christ that enables you to resemble him fully!

Prayer: Lord, help me to keep a serious relationship with You as my friend and elder brother. Let people see You in my words, actions, behaviour, interactions, and in the way I handle my responsibilities. Help me to turn a new leaf, to improve in demonstration of Your characteristics more clearly.

**This text is an adaptation of the Devotion led by Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye at the Retreat for Faculty and Management Staff on July 25, 2025 at Union Baptist Church, High School Area, Ogbomosho.*

**Rev. Prof. Stephen
Ola Ayankeye
President, NBTs**



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COMING UP SOON!

Please be on the lookout on all NBTS social handles and be a part of these coming programmes:

- * Theology of Work Workshop;
- * Chaplaincy Retreat
- * Retirement Preparation Workshop

From the Desk of the

DEPUTY PRESIDENT ADVANCEMENT

We appreciate all stake holders: our proprietor, the Nigerian Baptist Convention, represented by the President, Rev. Dr Israel Adelani Akanji; the Governing Council ably led in a professional, spiritual and sensitive manner by Dr Sarah Alade, OON for her first tenure of three years; and all Faculty, Staff and students of the Seminary; ably led by Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, our amiable President. God has granted us many unforgettable experiences and testimonies from February till July ending and He is still at work caring for, blessing, and granting us His unparalleled grace and mercy.

This July 2025 edition of NBTS Newsletter is a good mix that showcases the Seminary's core values of spiritual vibrancy, sound academics and ministerial competence. Beginning with the spiritual retreat devotion in which the President challenges all to resemble Christ based on a real, relevant, responsible, relationship with Him to spiritual celebrations of Founders' day and other such events; to the 5th inaugural lecture and other academic reports of groups in the Seminary to Supervised Ministry reports showing ministerial competence training and acumen; the whole package is encompassing. Not ending there, intra, inter and other relationships through partnership reports, Student Body reports and other reports are in this edition as well.

Various officers and staff of the institution share their stories and testimonies in words and through photographs. Many of these articles are the abridged version. You can get more detailed news and more current information on the NBTS website www.nbts.edu.ng and through our X, Facebook and Instagram handles. The icing on the cake in this edition is the emphasis on the facelift of Seminary's hospitality ministry. You cannot afford to miss reading this section and having a taste - as the taste of the pudding is in its eating. Ensure that you visit our Guest house and plan to lodge there sometime soon for your personal and family rest, recreation and rejuvenation.

Unending thanks goes to the total of 119 people who responded to the evaluation of the *Strategic Plan* for 2020 – 2025. The one for 2026 – 2030 is in its final stages. Thank you for your input and prayers. While the bi-vocational and multi-staff ministry workshops advertised in the January edition have held; others are to come up later this year, as the dates needed to be changed. Please keep on the lookout on our social media handles. Access, like, share, tweet, subscribe to ... our social media handles and listen to Parrot FM every Tuesday, 7. - 7.30pm.

1. NBTS YouTube handle
2. Facebook: The page name is NBTS PUBLIC RELATIONS
3. X/Twitter is <https://x.com/thenbtsogbomoso/>

We sincerely love you all with the love of the Lord and appreciate your contributions to NBTS. Please be blessed as you read and also be ready to join God at work - be one of those God will use to lift the Seminary up and propel her forward all the more through prayers, positive recommendations, payment of bills and plenty other things to the glory of God and the blessing of His people.



Rev. Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi

Deputy President Advancement



CHAPTER 126: 126TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso opened another chapter in the institution's rich history of training leaders for ministry as she held her 126th graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 7, 2025. On this occasion, a new batch of graduates was commissioned to serve in various capacities; having been equipped with a strong spiritual foundation, knowledge, and skills needed to make a lasting impact in their communities and beyond. The 2025 graduates were 503 in all and consisted of the following graduating from each programme: Certificate and Diploma Programmes - 30, Bachelor's Degrees - 81; Post Graduate Diploma - 89; Master of Divinity - 149; Masters' Degrees - 88; Doctoral Degrees - 66.

A very significant milestone in this year's graduation was the certification and graduation of 175 Alumni of NBTS who had benefited from the affiliation of NBTS with University of Jos. One hundred and thirty of these were at Masters' level and forty five at doctoral level in various areas of specialisation. The long-awaited certification was received with appreciation as the Seminary President, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, ably led by the Convention President, Rev. Dr Israel Adelani Akanji gave a brief history and congratulated the recipients of the long-awaited certificates.

Graduation events which had held before the grand finale on Saturday were the Commencement Service, the 5th Inaugural Lecture by Prof. Simon Adebayo Kolawole titled: 'Faith, Reason and the Quest for Authentic Life: A Philosophical Discourse'; the Senior Banquet for principal officers, faculty members, graduating students and their spouses and the combined Awards Service and WTC Graduation. We give God the glory for the successful week of graduation events.



Joseph Taiwo Amoo

Student Body PRO for NBTS Advancement Office

NBTS FACULTY OF CHURCH MUSIC

To God be the glory for seeing us through an events-full semester from resumption in February 2025 through graduation in June 2025. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

The following are some of the events that took place:

1. The Annual Bachelor's Degree Graduating Class public recital held successfully in April.
2. The 2025 annual postgraduate lecture was delivered by Prof. Femi Adedeji, an Adjunct Professor of the Faculty of Church Music and a Professor in the Department of Music, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. Lecture topic: "The Place of 'Spiritual Intelligence' in the Pursuit of Transformative Theological Education and Worship in Africa."
3. 2025 Founder's Day Choral (Orchestral ministrations) held as well.
4. The 2025 picture-taking event that features students and Faculty members held. The NBTS President, Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, joined us in the picture-taking.

5. Other events that held are: the 2025 Commitment service and Graduation service, choral and orchestra ministrations.

Soli Creare Gloria' (meaning 'To the Creator alone be all the glory!')



Recital, 2025



Faculty of Church Music Picture Taking

Rev. Dr Samuel Auda,

Dean Faculty of Church Music

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SCHOLARSHIP

The 36th International Conference of National Association of Biblical Studies (NABIS) was held in honour of the patriarch of the Department of Biblical Studies, Rev. Dr S. Ola FADEJI at the NBTS chapel between 15th and 18th July, 2025. The theme of the conference was "Biblical Studies and Suffering in Africa". The Seminary, through the Department of Biblical Studies welcomed the presence of Biblical scholars across Nigeria. The conference witnessed both online and onsite participation.

The Opening Ceremony and posthumous award service was attended by dignitaries from the society, and Professors from various fields of study. The Imperial Majesty, the Soun of Ogbomoso land was ably represented by His Royal Highness, Oba Joseph Oyelola Oyedele (Are Alasa of Ogbomoso) and Oba Sunday Oyeyiola (Iba Abogunde of Ogbomoso). The family of Rev. Dr S. Ola Fadeji was duly represented by his wife, Mrs Elizabeth Fadeji, children (represented by Prof. Akin OlaOlorun, Dr Mike Ayo-Obiremi and Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi), mentees (represented by Rev. Dr Samuel A. K. Olaleye), family friends (Mr and Dcns Ogunronbi and others) and well-wishers. The welcome address was given by the President of the Seminary, Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye.

Six commissioned papers focusing on suffering motif from both Old and New Testaments were presented. The commission paper presenters were: Prof. Godwin Nyijime Toryough, Prof. Olusayo Oladejo, Prof. Emmanuel Ordue Usue, Prof. Igbakua Lorjaah, Dr Ochenia Faith Opade, and Dr Gesila Nneka Uzukwu. A total number of 58 articles were presented during the conference, 32 of which were presented onsite. The presenters gave well researched insights into the papers presented and there were robust discussions by the participants.

Financial donations were made to NABIS by the family of Baba Fadeji, the Seminary, Churches and individuals to aid in the publication of the conference proceedings. The participants who were from various denominations praised the Seminary for maintaining a serene environment that prioritized the preservation of nature.



President NABIS presenting photo to Mrs. E.O. Fadeji

Dr Ochenia Faith Opade

for NABIS Local Organising Committee



PHILOSOPHY TAKES THE DAY AS NBTS HOLDS FIFTH INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, held her Fifth Inaugural Lecture on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. The lecture titled "Faith, Reason, and the Quest for Authentic Life: A Philosophical Discourse" was delivered by Reverend Professor Simon Adebayo Kolawole at the Multipurpose Hall of the Seminary. The inaugural lecture served also as the Graduation Lecture for the year.



Prof. Kolawole delivering Inaugural Lecture

The event was chaired by the Seminary President, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, supported by other principal officers of the NBTS. Representatives of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, several traditional rulers (including the Onipee of Ipee and other traditional leaders from Kwara State), scholars from sister theological and other institutions of higher learning, retired and serving church pastors, faculty, staff and students of the Seminary and other distinguished guests, were in attendance. In appreciation to God for this event, the Kolawole family donated dozens of plastic chairs to the Seminary for her use. We praise God for the success of the event and all things related to it.



Librarian receiving a copy of the inaugural lecture from the Ag Registrar



Prof. & Mrs Simon Kolawole with Principal Officers & some Faculty members

Seyi Ojelade
NBTS Advancement

OAKCONSULT TEAM VISITS NBTS OGBOMOSO EN ROUTE OOO

The OAKonsult Disabilities Outreach team visited The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary during chapel service in the month of April, 2025. OAK means Olufunke Adeboye Konsults Disabilities Outreach and the ministry is a ministry towards families and individuals living with disabilities. On April 22, 2025, in Oolo; OAKonsult had a ground breaking ceremony for her disabilities community centre - OAK Centre Prime. NBTS was represented there as the Deputy President Advancement, Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi represented the President to deliver fraternal greetings on the occasion.

Also present were the Deputy President Administration, Dr Gabriel Oyeniyi, Dean, Faculty of Education, Dr Mrs Ruth M. Oyeniyi; Dr Omolara Areo, Head of Department, Department of Teacher Education and Dr Stephen Oyelowo, (one of the hosts in Oolo and also instrumental in many ways towards the success of the endeavour) and Some NBTS students attended and participated as well. Many non-Seminary dignitaries were also present, one of which is Physiotherapist Ashley Sparkman from the Bowen University Teaching Hospital, Ogbomosho. Other clergy men, Government representatives and the people of Oolo community also attended in their numbers. We praise God for this! The relationship of NBTS and OAKonsult is a pointer to the inclusiveness of NBTS in her ministry for the transformation of society to the glory of God. More details on this news are found on the NBTS website – www.nbts.edu.ng



Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement



SUPERVISED MINISTRY EXPERIENCE REPORT FOR 2024/2025 ACADEMIC SESSION

All glory be unto the Lord, for his mercy endures forever. Despite the current economic hardship in the nation; the faithfulness of God sustained us as a community until the end of the session. Glory be to God!



We thank God for the new students who have been officially enrolled for the Supervised Ministry Experience (SME) in Baptist Churches within and outside the Ogbomosho Baptist Conference. It is our joy that a good number of the students have been granted field experience in local churches, for which we are very grateful. We appreciate the leaders of the Ogbomosho Baptist Conference for their cooperation with the Seminary in making the exercise a result-oriented one. We also appreciate the church pastors (the field supervisors) for mentoring our students posted to their churches. Furthermore, we appreciate the commitment of the immediate past SME Coordinator, Rev. Dr Marian Ishola, for setting a good standard, particularly on the new evaluation forms.

We rejoice with the recipients of the 126th graduation SME-related awards. The winner of the Rev J. A. Adekunle Pastoral Ministry Award of Excellence in Pastoral Ministries was Dayo Oluwatobi Ademola; while Timothy Adeniyi Oyegun won the Deacon Benjamin Aderinto and Mrs Esther Eboade Adewusi Awards for the Best Graduating Student in Supervised Ministry.

We appreciate the Seminary leadership and all faculty members for their good work to keep the system working. May God grant them the grace to continue the excellent work in His vineyard. God bless the Seminary and all Baptist Convention churches in Jesus' name. Thank you.

Rev. Dr Adedotun A. Adeola
NBTS SME Coordinator

Rev. Dr Bolaji Olagoke
(Asst. SME Coordinator)

BI-VOCATIONAL AND MULTI STAFF MINISTRY WORKSHOPS 2025

The two-in-one Bivocational and Multi staff ministry workshops held from May 20 to 22 and July 22 – 24, 2025 in the Multiple Purpose hall and Conference Centre of NBTS respectively. The Deputy President Advancement, Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi, ably assisted by the Coordinator, Rev. Dr Olalekan Fatiloro, presided over the workshops. Other facilitators and worship leaders included Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, Prof. Olusayo Oladejo, Dr Ademola Oyeniyi, Dr Gbenga Adebayo, Mrs. Dorcas Olaleye, Dr Emmanuel Oladejo, Dr Victor Oyelowo, Dr Olayemi Akande, Dr Olaide Ajeigbe, Dr Faith Opade, Dr Stephen Oyelowo, Dr Ayobami Ayanyinka, Pastor Mrs Chesirri Talla and Rev. Isaac Akanbi and the Acting Doves Drama Ministry team of NBTS among others. The class governors were of tremendous assistance also.

About 308 people participated in the May edition while around 103 participated during the July edition with an additional minimum of 30 people online. All the facilitators were present and they contributed to the success of the map twin workshops. There was a practical discussion in each edition on experiences of invitees on the field. The sessions were moderated by Doctors Ayo Oguntade and Kehinde Olusanya respectively. The discussants were Reverends Gabs Awolola, Sayo Akano, and Doctors Dele Oyedokun, Tunde Falade, Sanjo Ogunkunle and E. K. Akano. Other aspects of the workshop included times for devotion and worship, prayer sessions, health breaks and audience participation.



One significant feature was the privilege given by the DP Academics to Dr. Olusanjo Ilufoye to share excerpts from his dissertation on bi-vocational ministry. Another matter of significance was the increase in online participation during the July edition which included NBTS students from Ghana Baptist University and College partnership programme and some of the fully online students for the first time. We praise God for this progress and pray for even greater heights for NBTS in Jesus' name.



Dr Olalekan Fatiloro
Co-ordinator

NBTS REPRESENTED AT ABTEN KENYA 2025

It was a great joy and privilege to represent NBTS at the Africa Baptist Theological Education Network (ABTEN) Conference held in Brackenhurst, Limuru, Kenya between July 8 and 12, 2025. A total of over one hundred in-person and online attendees represented more than 20 institutions from across Africa and beyond. Countries represented at the conference were Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, United States of America, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The theme for the Conference was 'Sound Doctrine, Sound Living'. The keynote speaker was Dr Conrad Mbewe, the founding principal of Christian University, Zambia. There were fourteen plenary sessions in all; two of them being times for group discussion. In addition to Dr Conrad Mbewe, there were twelve other resource persons from different countries from both within and outside Africa. There were also onsite and online sessions for librarians led by Dr John Kutsko along with Mrs Margaret Tarpley (both from USA), supported by Ms D'Anna Shotts and others.

There were times of lively daily worship, a resource fair (where materials were made available for sale from various countries and providers of Christian resources); a business session; a meeting by Regions and consistent fellowship over meals, among other things added variety and beauty to the conference.

During the business meeting on July 11, 2025; some of those who had served in the Continental Steering Committee rotated off and new ones were elected through their Regions. Details of the officers, teachings and other matters of interest are available in fuller form on the NBTS and ABTEN websites respectively – www.nbts.edu.ng and www.abten.org. In all, the journey was one worth taking for multiple reasons. The rich Christian fellowship, the education received, application of topics to theological education and the implications for NBTS are all not to be forgotten in a hurry.



ABTEN Steering Committee Continental For 2024

Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement

PARTNERSHIP & NETWORKING CENTRE NEWS

Selected activities of the Partnership and Networking Centre are hereby reported.

LEAH Foundation

On March 3, 2025, her Excellency Dns. Omolewa Yetunde Ahmed (the wife of former Gov. Abdulfatai Ahmed of Kwara State) led her team from LEAH Foundation on a visit to the presidency of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS) Ogbomoso. LEAH Foundation is a non-governmental, non-religious, and not-for-profit organisation, established to raise awareness and spur affirmative action on issues affecting the survival and development of humanity. The aim of their visit was to seek areas of partnership with the NBTS for creating awareness, screening and subsidized treatment of breast, cervical and prostate cancers respectively.

The visit was repeated while Sandwich (Modular) students were on campus on July 23, 2025. The doctor in the team sensitized seminarians on the 'big three cancers' and how it is important to prevent them. The big three he enlightened the community on are breast cancer, cervical cancer and prostate cancer. Details of how to register for screening were also discussed and participants had opportunity to ask questions and receive responses. We look forward to good partnership with LEAH foundation, which will be an additional blessing to already existing partnership with the Bowen University Teaching Hospital, Ogbomoso with regards to health matters of members of the Seminary community.



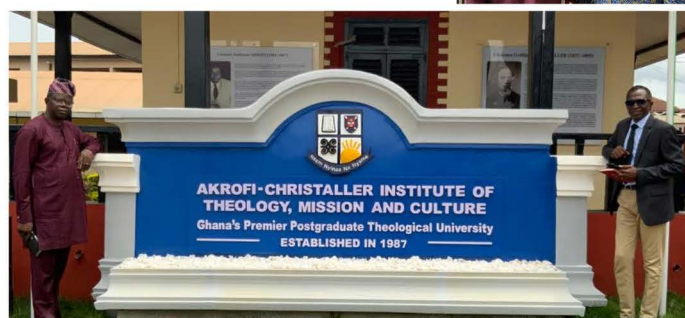
Christ Ekklesia Institute

Christ Ekklesia Institute, a body burdened with the pursuit of unity among various Christian organizations, visited the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS), Ogbomoso on March 25, 2025, to deliberate on areas of collaboration on common interest. The six-man team consisted of Prof. James Tobih (Provost), Bro. Olufemi Adebayo (Director of Admin), Mrs Mercy Adebayo (Director of Student Affairs), Bro. Osazee Isonarae (ICT/Media), Pastor Raymond Lucas (Ag. Registrar), and Pastor Segun Daod (Facilitator). We are looking forward to developing a workable MoU toward collaboration for Kingdom advancement. Present on the side of NBTS were Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye (President), Dr. Gabriel A. Oyeniyi (DP Admin), Dr. Ruth Oyeniyi (Dean Education), Dr. S. O. Auda (Dean, Church Music), Dn. Olutunde Fasipe (Bursar), Mrs Adebola Olatoye (Librarian), Mrs V. A. Akerele (representing the Ag. Registrar), and Dr Ben Akano (Director, Partnership and Networking).



Akrofi-Christaller Institute (ACI) of Theology, Mission & Culture

On 19th May, 2025, the President of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS) Ogbomoso, Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, and Director of Partnership and Networking, Dr Ben Akano, were received by Rev. Prof. Philip Tetteh Laryea (Rector) and Rev. Dr Michael S. Nortey (Registrar) at Akrofi-Christaller Institute (ACI) of Theology, Mission and Culture, Akropong-Akuapem, Accra, Ghana. ACI is owned by the Presbyterian Church, and it is Ghana's premier postgraduate theological university, with a similar history and vision to the NBTS. The visit aimed at renewing the relationship between the two theological institutions toward strengthening indigenous theological education in West Africa. Some of the possible areas of collaboration include research, publication, student viva, and faculty/student exchange.



The Institute 2025 (MESA Global)

The President of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS), Ogbomoso, Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, and the Director of Partnership & Networking, Dr Ben Akano, were part of The Institute 2025, between May 20 and 23, 2025, at Hephzibah Christian Centre, Accra, Ghana. The theme of 2025 modules is "High Impact Collaborations and Partnerships for the Effective Theological Education in Africa." 'The Institutes for Excellence in Christian Leadership Development' is organized by Mesa Global. Mesa Global is an amalgamation of United World Mission and Overseas Council International. In addition to people from the hosting country of Ghana, there were participants from Nigeria, Liberia, and Sierra-Leone present. The main facilitators were Prof. John Jusu, Dr Paul Allan Clark, and Prof. Momo Kisau. Every participant was awarded a certificate.

NBTS Extension Centre, Abuja matriculation of new students was held on Friday, March 28, 2025 and Graduation Service for year 2024 set of graduates held on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Another contact session will commence by October this year by God's grace.

WOMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE

The Women's Training Centre (WTC) recently engaged in several activities:

Love in the Air: The 2025 Valentine and Love Enrichment Programme recognised Prof. Ezekiel and Dr Olukemi Adejuwon as the 'Model Couple of the Year'. This was based on emphasis on the importance of love through the SOW and REAP principles. SOW means submission, openness and watchfulness (in prayer etc) and REAP (means Respect, Encourage, Appreciate, Pray/Protect).

Craft and Cookery: A bag making craft workshop was held on March 28, 2025, led by Rev. Zechariah and Mrs Christianah Ayorinde, using donated ankara fabric. Additionally, a baking session was facilitated by Dr Evelyn Olusanya on April 8, 2025.

Celebration of Special Days: Environmental Stewardship Day took place on March 20, 2025, followed by a Mother's Day Celebration on April 21, 2025, with the theme "Mothers as Home Builders," featuring Mrs Folasade Fatunbi as Guest Minister.

Donation: A Lenovo ThinkCentre M715q computer was donated anonymously to support pastors' wives in their academic pursuits. We are very grateful for this and other ways God blesses us.

Educational Tour and Year Book: The graduating class of 2025 went on an educational tour on May 19, 2025, visiting various Nigerian Baptist Convention offices and receiving encouragement from Directors and staff. The class also produced its first-ever "Year Book," capturing testimonies and activities from their training, with the electronic copy available on the NBTS website (www.nbts.edu.ng).



'Model Couple of the Year' with other WTC Staff/Faculty Members



Bag making at WTC



Dr Olukemi Adejuwon, WTC Supervisor

PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE REPORT

We bless the name of the Lord for the grace to report some operations of the Physical Planning Office for the period January to June 2025.

The following activities were carried out by the Physical Planning Office:

1. Completion of the construction and dedication of the Executive Suite building project.
2. Renovation work in the Apartments 4, 5 and 6 in Lagos Conference hostel and allocation of same to faculty members.
3. Renovation of SRQ 10
4. Routine maintenance works on other Seminary facilities such as building, road, vehicle servicing and repairs, electrical and plumbing works. Generator servicing and repairs were also carried out during this period.

Thank you.

Adeleye J. Adeduyite

NBTS Physical Planning Officer



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY HOLDS EFFECTIVE YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

Glory be to God for another milestone reached by the International Centre for Youth Ministry (ICYM). The Effective Youth Ministry Training held in four places in the northern part of Nigeria between June 10 and 25, 2025 starting with Abuja. The team of Rev Dr Joshua Sunday Ibukunoluwa, (the Director), Rev Aderemi Adeloye, (the Administrative Officer), and Mr Olayode Olatunbosun (the driver), left Ibadan for Garki Abuja on June 9, 2025.

The training took on a hybrid mode as some facilitators taught virtually while the team from the office taught in person. The training held in Baptist Churches in each venue as follows:

1. First Baptist Church, Garki Abuja from June 10 to 12, 2025 - 34 participants.



2. First Baptist Church Jos from June 16 to 18, 2025 - 13 participants.
3. Victory Baptist Church Karu, Abuja from June 19 to 21, 2025 - 33 participants
4. First Baptist Church Keffi from June 23 to 25, 2025 - 39 participants.

The facilitators included Rev. Dr Randy Smith, Rev. Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi, Rev Dr Olawuyi James, Rev Dr. Joshua Sunday Ibukunoluwa and Rev Aderemi Adeloje. The series of training in the various venues was a huge success, as the participants appreciated God for the inspiring and timely training. The participants were certified after each training period and there was a group photograph in each venues, as seen here.



Photograph at First Baptist Church Garki Abuja

Photograph at First Baptist Church Jos



Photograph at Victory Baptist Church Karu, Abuja

Photograph at First Baptist Church Keffi

Rev. Aderemi Adeloje, Administrative Officer ICYM

WELCOME, MR REGISTRAR!

We appreciate Deacon S. A. Oyeniran who served as Acting Registrar for six months. May God lift him to greater heights in Jesus' name (Amen). The Seminary family welcomes Rev. Olusegun Okunlola and his family to the Seminary as he begins his services on July 1, 2025 May God make his stay and service a blessing to us all and may he also be blessed as he joins God at work through the ministry in NBTS Ogbomosho. Welcome sir!

Rev. Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement



2025 NBTS FOUNDER'S DAY

The 2025 Founder's Day service and Appreciation Service for the 2024 retirees of The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho and the Directorate of Commercial Services held on Monday, May 5th, 2025, at the Multipurpose Hall of the Seminary.

At the event, one of the former Presidents of the Seminary, Rev. Prof. Deji Ayegboyin, was the guest speaker. He charged the Seminary management, staff and students not to jettison the heritage of the founding fathers of the institution. He encouraged them to work hard to preserve the tradition of sound theological training that attracts global attention.

The Seminary President, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, presented gifts to retirees. The gifts were in appreciation of the retirees' dedication and commitment to work while in active service of the Seminary and their respective contributions to the development and growth of the Seminary. A few of the photographs taken during the event are shared here.



Seyi Ojelade,
NBTS Advancement Officer

STUDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

Among many other things of note that happened from February to July, 2025; the inauguration of new Student Executive Council, handing over service to them and sendforth programme for graduating students have been singled out.

A. INAUGURATION SERVICE

The inauguration service of the Student Executive Council of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, Oyo State, took place on Monday, 14th April, 2025. The ceremony officially marked the leadership transition from the outgoing executive to the newly elected officers. Following the formal appreciation and dissolution of the outgoing executive, the newly elected executive members were formally presented to the Seminary community. The Seminary President, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye inaugurated the new executive and led them to take the pledge of office. The Deputy President, Administration, Rev. Dr. Gabriel Ademola Oyeniyi, delivered a solemn charge to the incoming executives and the Seminary Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Olaide Ajeigbe committed the new executive members into God's hands through prayer.



Outgoing President, Rev. Akusa Gajere

Student Executive Council for 2025/26 Session

Rev. Oluwafemi Peter Abolanle

B. HANDING OVER SERVICE

The handing over of the service of the Student Executive Council, NBTS took place on Tuesday, 6th May, 2025. The programme commenced with an opening prayer, followed by a brief exhortation centred on leadership as stewardship and service unto God. The outgoing executive members presented a comprehensive report of their activities. The outgoing president, Rev. Akusa Danlami Gajere, gave a farewell address and the newly inaugurated president, Pastor Oluwafemi Peter Abolanle, responded with an acceptance speech. The Assistant Director for Student Affairs, Rev. Dr. Raphael Oparinde led in the prayer of commitment.

C. 2025 SEND-FORTH PROGRAMME FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

The Sendforth programme for graduating students of NBTS, which held on Monday 2nd June, 2025, was a grand and Spirit-filled event designed to celebrate and honour the accomplishments of students who had completed their academic journey at various levels; ranging from Bachelor's degrees to Doctoral studies. The event also served the purpose of showing appreciation to the outgoing Student Executive Council for their dedicated service. It was a day of joyful reflection, heartfelt thanksgiving, and celebration of divine faithfulness. Rev. Dr. Kehinde Olusanya delivered the message of the day. Each graduating set was recognised, and their efforts celebrated as they individually received their certificates. The outgoing SEC members and the graduating class governors were honoured with certificates of service and awards. There was a thanksgiving session, where the graduating students, outgoing executive members, faculty, and the entire Seminary community offered heartfelt thanks to God via songs of gratitude, testimonies, and prayers. Indeed, the atmosphere was both joyful and reverent.



PIONEER MDiv SET RETURN TO GIVE THANKS

June 4, 2025 is a date that will go down in the annals of history as a day of thanksgiving and pace setting. This was the date that six representatives of the pioneer set of Master of Divinity (MDiv) who graduated thirty years ago from NBTS returned to give thanks. On June 3, 1995; eleven individuals graduated as the first set of MDiv from NBTS – ten in theology and one in Religious Education. Having held their prayer time of thanksgiving to God on June 3 online, representatives were in NBTS on June 4, as granted permission by the NBTS leadership. They extolled the virtues of NBTS – her curriculum, faculty, staff and programmes; and shared various things they had learnt from NBTS during their period of studies which had become great foundations and building blocks for success for them in life and ministry.

The class governor of their set, Rev. Dr Olukayode Oyedemi gave a speech on behalf of the class and each class member shared success nuggets based on how NBTS had been a blessing to them. By divine design, the date granted for this 'come back thanksgiving' to meet the NBTS community – especially the students; was the same date the 2025 MDiv set had chosen to take photographs in their branded T-shirts. So it was that the occasion was seen as a divine coincidence as the 'returnees' appeared in their branded Kampala tops on the same day.

God has greatly blessed the 1995 set of MDiv graduates indeed! Among them are an Anglican Minister (Rev. Ogunleye), three who have served and are serving as successful Baptist church pastors (Dr Michael Ayo-Obiremi, Dr Olukayode Oyedemi, Rev. Ademola Adeyi); a missionary even at age ninety – Rev. Reuben Otolorin; a Baptist denominational worker (now retired) – Rev. J. A. Popoola; two who have served as Directors in the Nigerian Baptist Convention (Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi and Dr Femi Okunlola); one who has served as Convention Vice Chairman (Dr Samson O. Bankole), two currently serving in the Seminary as professors (Professors Olusola Ayo-Obiremi & Olugbenga Olagunju) and one who has served as Convention President (Rev. Dr Samson Ayokunle).

June 4 was a day of great rejoicing, sharing and taking of photographs. The 1995 set did not visit NBTS empty handed. They not only came to share wisdom and thanks but also brought financial contributions of a total of one million naira to be spent on the Seminary community, on the multiple purpose hall and as support of indigent students as identified by the institution leadership at a ratio of 3:3:4. The 1995 MDiv graduates believe that they have set the pace and others will follow suit to return to their alma mater to give thanks.



Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Assistant Class Gov., MDiv 1995 Set

New Session, New Assignments

The Seminary is as dynamic as any other 'living organism' with people rotating out of office and new appointees taking on responsibilities. We praise God for the lives and contributions of all who have served in various posts in the Seminary over the years. Particular praise is raised to God and thanks given to those who served in one post or the other till June 30 this year. We pray God will continue to prosper the work of their hands and use them mightily in their new areas of assignment. It is necessary to single out two whose assignments are not within NBTS as at July 1, 2025 and August 1, 2025 respectively: Rev. Dr O. N. Okorie and Rev. Adekola Alade. Their stories are attended to appropriately in this Newsletter.

As the duo and others have rotated off or retired from various responsibilities; other faculty members take on new assignments. Effective July 1 for the first term of these responsibilities, the following have taken up new assignments: Rev. Prof. Simon Adewuyi Ishola – Dean, Post Graduate School; Rev. Dr Clement Oyelakin – Acting (Ag) Head, Department of Theology and Philosophy; Rev. Dr Adetola A. Ipadeola – Ag. Head, Department of Biblical Studies; Rev. Dr Oluseyi Ejikunle – Ag. Head, Department of Teacher Education; Rev. Dr Oluwakemi Omotunde – Ag. Head, Department of Age-Grade and Family Education; Rev. Dr. S. Akinwale Oloyede – Director, Distance Learning Centre; Rev. Dr Oluwasogo Adegoke – Co-ordinator, Sandwich Programme; and Rev. Dr. Timothy Amao – Accreditation Officer.



Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement

Advancement Staff Appreciate Alade, Welcome Adebayo on Board

Rev. Adekola Alade has served as the Director of Development and Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Seminary for several years. In the month of August, he turns 65, the retirement age for ministers of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. As he would be on terminal leave for the month of August, Rev. Dr Samson Gbenga Adebayo shall begin work as the PRO of Seminary and this time, combine the role of Acting PRO with Acting Alumni Relations Officer.

In recognition of the contributions of Rev. Alade and by way of welcome to Dr Adebayo; on July 31, 2025; the Advancement Centre of NBTS had a mini in-house send-forth programme for Rev. Alade and welcome for Rev. Dr Adebayo as he steps into the new job. The staff enjoyed fellowship, testified to some of the virtues and characteristics of Rev. Alade and things he will be remembered for; and gave counsel to Dr Adebayo in his new role. Heartfelt prayers were also offered for the duo.



Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement



OKORIES MOVE TO OBINZE

Rev. Dr Okechukwu Okorie has served as Director of the Distance Learning Centre since July 1, 2019. God has found him useful through the Nigerian Baptist Convention, as he has been appointed the Rector of Baptist College of Theology, Obinze - Owerri Imo State; beginning July 1, 2025. The NBTS Faculty had a send-forth service for him and his family (represented by him and his wife) in the NBTS Conference Centre on June 26, 2025. There were testimonies about his life and ministry in the Seminary and about his wife as well.

The president of the Seminary, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye gave the charge and Faculty members prayed, led by Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi, the Deputy President Advancement; sending them forth in love. The Deputy President Academics, Rev. Prof. O. B. Oladejo was also on programme and the Deputy President Administration was there also as were many Faculty members. BUTH Chapel (where they fellowship) also sent forth the Okories at a later date. We pray that as Dr Okorie serves in Obinze; God will use him and his family to add value to the work there in multiple folds and to build lives for Christ to the glory of God in Jesus' name.



Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement

SPOTLIGHT ON NBTS HOSPITALITY BUSINESS RENOVATION OF IMASOGIE HALL

The Frances Jones Guest house is the main legendary Guest House of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary. The Guest House has evolved from a Guest House exclusively for Southern Baptist Missionaries with Nigerians just peeping and admiring from a distance (except when on duty to serve) to an inclusive Guest House run by Nigerians for all who are interested to stay in the Seminary.

NBTS Management, working through the Ag Director of Commercial Services embarked on and completed a good deed of giving the Guest House a Facelift. Imasogie hall, one of the halls in the Guest House was renovated. On November 18, 2024; the renovated hall of seven rooms was rededicated to God. The President, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, the three Deputies – Rev. Prof. Olusayo B. Oladejo, Dr. G. A. Oyeniyi and Rev. Prof. Olusola O. Ayo-Obiremi were present and on programme. Also on programme and present were the Registrar, Dr Dele Oluwole and the Dean, Faculty of Church Music, Dr Samuel O Auda. The erstwhile DP Admin Dr Mrs Yeside Odiase and the Ag Director of Commercial Services, Rev. Soji Ojo were also present. The renovation of Imasogie hall was like an introduction of the Executive Suite to come. All are for our esteemed guests to stay and be refreshed. Come lodge with us; you will testify!



Olusola Ayo-Obiremi,
DP Advancement

Dreams Become Reality

Dreams may be prophesies, wishes, revelations, warnings, and so on. The Seminary leadership had her own (prophetic) dream and Dr Tommy Oke had his. This story tells of the meeting and actualization of two dreams to the glory of God. Based in Houston Texas, USA but with his heart still in Nigerian and in the Seminary; God sent Rev. Dr Tommy Oke to NBTS to finance about ninety one percent of the building the new Executive Suite – a Seminary dream for an extension of the Seminary hospitality ministry cum business.

On expressing his desire to thank God in a special way, Dr Tommy Oke was encouraged by Pastor Olu Victor of 'Jesus House' to fulfil his heart's desire of showing gratitude to God by contributing significantly to Seminary development. Recalling that one of his children was born in Frances Jones in the 1960s, Dr Tommy Oke deemed it fit to play a major role in the actualization of NBTS leadership's dream of having executive suites as an extension of Frances Jones Memorial Guest House.

Frances Jones Guest house has developed over the years to about forty two rooms but the need for Executive suites where people can relax and have (family) privacy was apparent. So it was, that after a number of meetings since the time the erstwhile President, Prof. Emiola Nihinlola was in leadership; exchange of mails and defending of proposals, the dream became a reality. According to the Development Committee Chairman's report on March 20, 2025 to NBTS Governing Council; the Council, at her meeting of August 17, 2023, had directed her Development Committee to handle the nitty-gritty of the building of the Executive Suite.

The foundation of the building was laid on February 6, 2024 by the NBTS President, Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye flanked by the Chairman, Development Committee – Dr Thomas Niyi-Ojo. The raising of iron for roofing took place on October 22, 2024 and the building was dedicated on April 19, 2025 at 12 noon. Braving the economic crunch, change in exchange rate and the concomitant challenges, the Executive Suite building was completed in about sixteen months in all. Today, the Tommy Oke Executive Suite is a single-storey building of twelve chalets – six on the ground floor and six on the first floor. Each chalet consists of a lounge, bedroom, kitchenette, dining space, and two toilets. There are convenient steps to climb up the stairs to the first floor.

The dedication witnessed the presence of dignitaries on site and virtually. These included Dcn Musa Ubandoma (Nigerian Baptist Convention (NBC) Vice President Administration and Human Resources, representing the NBC President, Rev. Dr Israel Akanji); the Chairman of Council, Dr Sarah Alade, OON; Dcn Prof. Abel Ogunwale and some other members of Council, Rev. Prof. Emiola & Deaconess Eunice Nihinlola (erstwhile President, NBTS and his wife); Prof. Stephen Ola & Pastor Mrs Susan O. Ayankeye (President, NBTS and his wife), Rev. Dr Thomas & Dr Mary Niyi-Ojo (Chairman, Development Committee and his wife). Dr Gabriel and Dr Mrs Ruth M. Oyeniyi (Deputy President Administration and his wife who is Dean, Faculty of Education); Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi (Deputy President Advancement); Dr 'Dele Oluwole (erstwhile Registrar – online); Dcn Opeyemi Fasipe (the Bursar), Dcn Oyeniran (Ag Registrar), Dr Samuel Auda (Dean, Faculty of Church Music), and Rev. Dr Olaide Ajeigbe (The Chaplain) were all present and played various roles. Faculty and staff of NBTS as well as students graced the occasion. The Project Supervision Team (consisting of Dr Oluseyi Ejikunle - the Supervising Architect; Rev. Adeleye Adeduyite – Quantity Surveyor on site and NBTS Physical Planning Officer; and Pastor Akinade – Structural Engineer) were all available as well.

In her address, the Governing Council Chairman, Dr Sarah Alade quoted from Proverbs 19:17, appreciated the kind gesture of Dr Tommy Oke and his family and prayed that all who lodge in the Executive Suite will encounter Christ, find rest and go refreshed. Having greeted guests and acknowledged the efforts of all involved in the building of the Executive Suite, the President narrated part of the history of NBTS. He explained how NBTS had been handed over to Nigerians by the Southern Baptist Convention (American) missionaries since 1979 when Rev. Prof. Osadolor Imasogie took over the Seminary leadership and



that since then, direct full financial assistance started reducing. Now the Seminary gets help in terms of literature, etc. The Southern Baptist Convention missionaries used and ran the Guest House before but now, nationals use it and keep it running. Seminary needs more internally generated revenue.

Delivering the homily, the NBTS Chaplain, Rev. Dr Olaide Ajeigbe took his text from 1 Chronicles 17: 1- 14. In his timely, brief, yet on point message, he called attention to the fact that all people have things to thank God for. He emphasized the importance of good intentions. He stated that good intentions and the human heart are signs of gratitude. God notices and appreciates every good act like he did for David. God rewards good intentions and good hearts, he said (1 Chro. 17: 8 ff). He challenged the participants to reflect on God's faithfulness and that in so doing, we will become grateful (1 Chro. 17: 3- 8a). God appreciates good intentions and good hearts, he concluded. When people have good intentions, God will bless them and people will praise them too. He encouraged that people should not give up as good intentions will not be in vain. 'Keep giving to God', he challenged as no one can out-give God.

Dr Thomas Niyi-Ojo, the Chairman of the Development Committee led in prayer of dedication while Dr Seyi Ejikunle, the project supervisor led in a tour of the facility. Dcn Prof. Abel Ogunwale, representing the Council Chairman (who had to leave the online space at a point in the programme) was also available. On behalf of the Seminary, the President, Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye presented a Service Award plaque to Dr Tommy Oke in appreciation of the great feat accomplished. Cutting of tape and unveiling of plaque was done by Dcn Musa Ubandoma on behalf of Rev. Dr Akanji. Baba Dr Tommy Oke & his entourage consisting of Mrs Funmilayo Oke-Davies (his first daughter); Mrs Ireti Oladunni-Oke Polland (his daughter), his bankers, family members; Rev Olu Victor and his wife were present and involved in the whole dedication programme, the cutting of the tape and photographs thereafter. In his short speech, Rev Dr Tommy Oke testified of God's faithfulness and challenged people to come to salvation in Christ.

Artisans on site were glad to be part of the programme and to introduce themselves. Eng. Moyegun, the contracted bricklayer and his team were present in branded t-shirts. Mr John Atoyebi – the carpenter; Pastor Solomon Adesina – the Welder, Pastor Hezekiah –the aluminium window sub-contractor; Mr Dotun Amao – the door supplier; Mr Matthew Fadipe – the steel door sub-contractor; Mr Benjamin Alao – the tiler; Mr Gabriel Ishola – electricity sub-contractor; Mr Bolaji Amosun – the mechanical subcontractor, the plumbing crew; and Mr Ademola Adewuyi – painting subcontractor were present and glad to showcase their work.

Supported by his family, Rev. Dr Tommy Oke has contributed substantially to NBTS. At ninety-one years of age, he is a reminder of the faithfulness of God and the fact that God always fulfils His Word. We thank God for Rev. Dr Tommy Oke, his supportive family, friends and others who were with him at various times during this project. Dr Tommy Oke and his family were used by God to actualise the need seen for a State of Art Guest house for individuals and groups. Now completed, dedicated and partly furnished, the Tommy Oke Executive Suite, NBTS, is a testimony of love for God, self-sacrifice, family unity, cooperation of Christian experts, tenacity, and much more. We praise God for these dreams that have become reality. Feel free to enjoy hospitality, serenity and spirituality in the Tommy Oke Executive Suite when next you are in Ogbomoso...and to be one of those God will use to actualise more dreams of the institution.



Olusola Ayo-Obiremi,
Deputy President Advancement

LIST OF DONORS FROM NOVEMBER 2024 TO MAY 2025

A. Convention, Conferences and Associations

1. The Nigerian Baptist Convention
2. Kwara Baptist Conference
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B. Nigerian Baptist Convention Churches (in Alphabetical order)

1. Bodija Estate Baptist Church, Ibadan
2. Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sabo Oke, Ilorin
3. Good News Baptist Church, Surulere, Lagos
4. Ikoyi Baptist Church, Ikoyi-Lagos
5. Laka Baptist Church, Ogbomoso
6. New Dawn Baptist, Church, Lekki-Lagos
7. Oritamefa Baptist Church, Ibadan.

C. International Churches, Bodies, Foundations and Trusts

1. Lakeside Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
2. Local Leaders International, Australia
3. Nigeria Faithful Works Inc., USA

D. Individuals (in alphabetical order by surnames)

1. Dr Sarah Alade, OON
2. Prof. and Mrs Deji Ayegboyin
3. Dr Michael & Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
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5. Prof. Abel Ogunwale
6. Rev. Dr Timothy Olawuyi Oke

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VISIT OF CMD, BUTH AND TEAM

On completion of the tenure of Prof. Akin OlaOlorun as Chief Medical Director (CMD) of Bowen University Teaching Hospital (BUTH), Prof. S. A. Adegoke assumed office as the CMD early in 2025. Around the middle of May, 2025; Prof. Adegoke and his team paid a courtesy visit to Seminary leadership, requesting for continued and increased collaboration with NBTS. The President and principal officers of NBTS received them warmly and confirmed a long standing relationship between both institutions, shared observations on what needed improvement and how the collaboration could be better, going forward. It was a friendly, yet frank exchange of pleasantries and expectations.

Officers from BUTH were: Prof. S. A. Adegoke - Chief Medical Director, Dr. (Mrs.) Y. T. Olasinde - Chairman Medical Advisory Committee, Mr. S. O. Oladejo - Director of Administration, Dr. O. O. Oyewusi - Deputy Chairman Medical Advisory Committee, Mr. H. A. Adegboye - Head, Human Resources Division and Mrs. O. O. Godwin - Head, Information & Public Relations Officer (PRO). From the Seminary, the officers present were the President - Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, Deputy President Academics - Prof. O. B. Oladejo; Deputy President Advancement - Prof. O. O. Ayo-Obiremi; Bursar – Dcn O. O Fasipe, the Librarian – Dr A. Olatoye the Ag. Registrar - Dcn S. A. Oyeniran and the PRO – Rev. A. Alade.



Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement



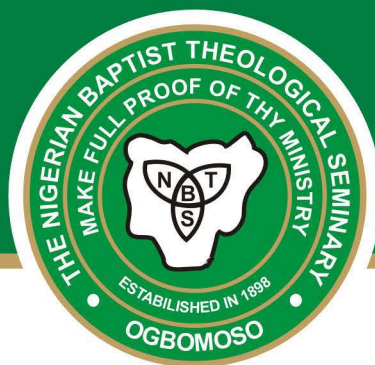


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SYMBOLISM OF THE SEMINARY SEAL

A new seal was adopted in 1970 for the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary. At the centre is a traditional Christian symbol called a triquetra, one of the most beautiful and satisfying symbols of the Holy Trinity. Eternal existence is expressed in the continuous lines, and they are interwoven to express unity. The centre forms an equilateral triangle which is itself a symbol of the Trinity. Each pair of arcs combines to form a “vesica”, indicative of glory. In this simple form is expressed equality, eternity, unity and glory. In the sections of the triquetra are the initials of the Seminary, identifying the school with the belief in the Triune God – a basic element of the faith and teaching of the entire Christian Church which the Seminary serves.

This symbolism is set against a background of the map of Nigeria, placed within the outer circles of the seal representing the whole world as the goal of evangelism. Although the primary focus of the Seminary is to train persons for ministries in Nigeria, students from other African countries (and from North America, previously) have studied in the Seminary. The challenge of the Seminary to each of its students - past, present and future - is expressed in its motto to “make full proof of thy ministry” to the glory of God.

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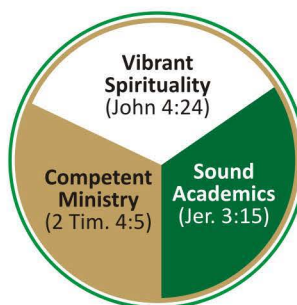
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To be a world-class theological institution, training God-called persons, and contributing to the transformation of society, to the glory of God.

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To provide high-quality theological education and professional training for God-called, Spirit-led persons; to help meet the need for effective ministry in theological institutions, church and society; and to facilitate the fulfilment of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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