CONGRESS OF NORTHERN NIGERIA CHRISTIAN
CONVENTION AND ELECTION AT CATHOLIC SOCIAL CENTER, KADUNA
DATED 12TH AND 13TH DECEMBER, 2019
COMMUNIQUE

1. **PREAMBLE**

Congress of Northern Nigeria Christians was inaugurated on the 11th November, 2017 in Kaduna, under the distinguished Chairmanship of General Yakubu Gowon, GCFR. Since then, the Congress was under the leadership of an interim Management.

The first National Convention and Election took place on the 12th and 13th December, 2019 and was attended by delegates from the 19 Northern States and Abuja. Several Stakeholders and BoT members were also in attendance.

2. **ACTIVITIES**

The first day of the Congress on the 12th December, 2019 was for the registration, orientation and lecture as the main event. The lecture was titled ''Christianity in Northern Nigeria: Evangelism, Sustainability and Unity'' by Prof Dauda Ishaya from ABU, Zaria, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Obadiah Mailafiya, who was represented by Pastor Emeka Eleazer. He enumerated the advent of Christianity in Northern Nigeria, internal/external challenges and proffer ways of tackling the challenges. The main event was the election of the first National Executives which resulted as follows;

1. President - Prof Adamu D Baikie
2. Vice President – Elder B Bangoji
3. General Secretary – Pastor Aminu Yusufu
4. Assistant General Secretary – Mr Usman Thomas Adamu
5. Financial Secretary – Mr Shafiu Danjaji
6. Public Relation Officer (PRO) – Mr Larry Yammai
7. Treasurer - Evangelist Bulus Daset
8. Internal Auditor - Mr Job Kura
9. Legal Adviser – Justice Usman Bwala
10. Women Leader – Mrs Dudu Manuga
11. Youth Leader – Eng. Daniel Kadzai

After the election, the elected executives took their oath of Offices which was ministered by Barr. Markus Y Sale (SAN)

The final event was the presentation of 34 awards to the deserving distinguished elders and members of the Congress by the outgoing Interim National Chairman, Prof Adamu Baikie, under the following categories;

1. Distinguished Leadership Awards
2. Distinguished Merit Awards

3. Merit Awards
4. Achievement Awards

3. **RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were made during the convention;

- CNNC should be given every necessary support to achieve the set goals and objectives
- There are internal challenges resulting mainly from the lack of unity of the church. CNNC's new Executive was therefore strongly advised to work on this problem for a lasting result.
- External challenges were viewed as the result of the internal weakness of the church. The church was strongly admonished to use its numerical and spiritual strength to resist every external challenge.
- Evangelism was identified as a powerful weapon for defeating the enemy by conversion through the gospel preached. The command by Jesus to go and preach the gospel to every creature was strongly emphasized.
- Early Missionaries were successful because they were fearless, humble, obedient and wordless like Jesus and the disciples. Unless the Church return to these lost virtues, it would be difficult to overcome the challenges.
- Individuals in the Church are so rich enough to provide every necessary financial support and empowerment to the church, but they are powerless and visionless to do so. The new leadership of CNNC was advised to consider ways out of this problem.

4. **CLOSING**

After the Congress Anthem and Prayer, the Convention closed at 7:30 pm. State delegates, who were all accommodated in the Catholic Social Center hotel, departed the following day, 14th December, 2019.