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JULY 2018

Konongo YMCA Clean-Up

The Y Club in Konongo YMCA was at the Catholic Denary Youth games of the Konongo – Mampong Diocese that took place at the Konongo- Odumasi Secondary School on Monday 2nd July, 2018. They also cleaned the environment in Konongo. They were grateful to Itartmann UEBACH (nachrichttechnik Gmbit) who donated beautiful reflector jackets to support the clean-up exercise.



Youth Inclusive Entrepreneurial Development Initiative for Employment



The third phase of the Youth Inclusive Entrepreneurial Development Initiative for Employment started its entrepreneurial training at the Ghana YMCA Auditorium for young people who had been selected under the training module by equipping them with entrepreneurial skills. Participants are with their master trainers for the six -month training after which a graduation and a certificate will be given to trainees.

19th YMCA WORLD COUNCIL 2018 in Chiang Mai

19 staff and volunteers from Ghana embarked on the 19th YMCA World Council Meeting in Chiang Mai in Thailand in July 2018.



An Account of change agent a the 19th World Council

Group work sessions (facilitation and presentation), was one of the key highlights of the just ended World Council Meeting in Chiang Mai with respect to the theme “Youth Empowerment 4 Good”. Change Agent leadership, networking and peer support were some of the elements that were keenly

explored in this session. As I reflect on the whole experience as a Change Agent of the Ghana YMCA, the opportunity afforded me to facilitate this session alongside the older generation of Change Agents was a great experience with good moments of enlightenment as well as a platform to demonstrate and grow my leadership skills.



All delegates were divided into groups of 20 members; each group being diverse including a

mix of delegates from across regions of the world. The groups worked together from Monday afternoon and then every morning from Tuesday through Friday. Each day's group work was scheduled for 150 minutes with breaks in between. Groups worked independently on Monday

through Thursday; on Friday each group met with other groups and shared part of their work through short plays, songs, poems and other creative ways of presentation.



The group work sessions combined interaction, individual reflection, collective learning, and an opportunity for planning for both the Change Agent facilitators and members of the group, all as participants of the 19th World Council. During these sessions, delegates were encouraged to share, reflect, and grow.

From the creative and energetic presentations of each of the groups at the meeting of the groups to share what they had experienced and achieved towards our goal of youth empowerment, it came out that the 19th World Council delegates:

- **Personalized the untold story of youth injustice.** The delegates understood the stories in new ways, and saw themselves—as well as their YMCAs—in relationship to the stories of youth injustice shared from around the world.
- **Gained new insights and energy for youth empowerment.** The delegates felt individually excited and aligned with the YMCA’s focus on youth empowerment, understood the unity of the movement related to this focus, took pride in what the YMCA can accomplish collectively, and increased the sense of responsibility for empowering young people through the YMCA.
- **Became part of a new YMCA network.** Every delegate got to know a diverse set of people from across the movement—and was introduced to the possibilities of engaging this network after World Council.
- **Was motivated and considered a new action to empower young people.** Delegates out of the group work experience were able to generate ideas and found practical steps than can be taken



individually or collectively following World Council to strengthen their YMCA's positive impact on young people.

As an individual delegate I had a positive and empowering personal experience through the group work process. The group work session truly provided me a means to be creative, strengthen friendships, explore collaborations as well as engage with the youth empowerment strategy of our YMCAs.

By week's end, it was clear that our group had built trusted relationships, a deeper understanding of the global movement, and a greater motivation to empower young people through the YMCA.



It is a shared hope and prayer that group work as experienced during the just ended 19th World Council will form the building blocks for our entire global movement as we enter the next four years.

Nana Peperah Antwi
Ag. Western Regional Director and Change Agent

All on Board – OB 2

“ALL ON BOARD“ is a media development project that started mid-march 2018 in Accra, Ghana. It brings together filmmakers, filmmaking trainers and aspiring filmmakers from Ghana, Sierra Leone and Liberia to develop and produce short films on crucial social issues in their respective countries.

The German NGO WELTILFME.org’s goal is to empower media competence of young people. The creation of own movies activates medial participation



and develops the ability to understand media and their use. In addition, they are also emphasizing on public awareness, since films support intra-societal discussion, transparency and democratic participation.



In March 2018 the project was launched with a workshop in Accra at Ghana YMCA. 12 filmmakers, directors, directors of photography and editors were trained to become trainers for the second phase of the project - OB2 that came off from 23rd July to 17th August, 2018 in the Eastern Region in Kofordiua at the community centre of Ghana YMCA.

The project brought on board 12 trainers and 21 trainees from Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone to develop and produce short films on marginalized groups in their countries.

In the 10 days' workshop in Koforidua, the trainers who had been trained during the first phase in Accra trained the 21 aspiring filmmakers in how to make films and how to educate other interested young people in directing, editing, producing fictional and documentary films. At the same time, the trainers were trained in Media for Peace by a facilitator from the NGO Xchange Perspectives to expand their understanding of media.

After the 10 days' workshop, participants were put into six group according to their field of profession to produce three short fictional and three documentary films in Accra. They had two weeks to do the shooting and create a rough cut of the films. To do so, they were supported by filmmakers and editors during the time and for the finishing of their productions at the computer lab at the YMCA Technical Training Centre in Accra.



After four weeks, one of the groups came up with a documentary 'This Ability" about people with disabilities living in Ghana, and another group has produced the movie "Xoese" telling the story of an ex-convict who tries to find her way back into normal life after her release.

"Carrying Dreams", a movie about teenage pregnancy and "Up in Alms", a documentary telling stories of people living in the streets are two more movies that have been produced within the project. All these movies are bringing to the fore, the untold stories of young people in Ghana.

"ALL ON BOARD" is a project by WELTFILME.org, Ghana YMCA, SLADEA



(Sierra Leone), NAEAL (Liberia) and Xchange Prospective e.V.(Germany) that gets financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Bread for the World, Germany.



Jumapo Elke Heinemann School Graduation

Elke Heinemann Memorial YMCA School, Jumapo, one of the schools for Ghana YMCA had their second graduation and Speech and Price Giving Day on 25th July, 2018, The school which is having 140 pupil started with only 6 pupil some years ago. The school is an ongoing project of putting up extra classroom buildings to house growing of the pupils. Chairs and tables were donated to the school on the graduation day by the Eastern Regional Director of YMCA.



Elections for Regional Youth Executives in the Ashanti Region

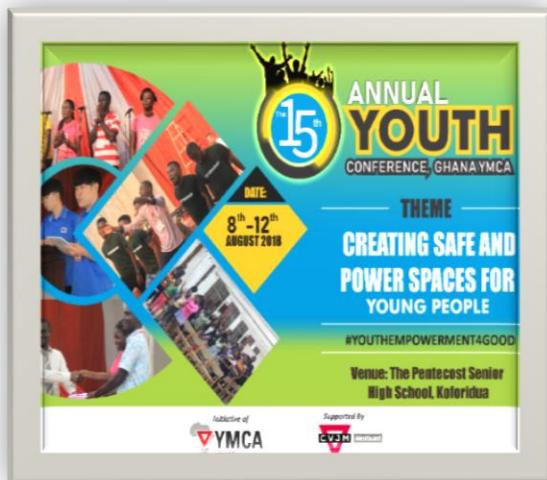
On 28th of July the YMCA of Ashanti Region held elections for their new regional youth executive during their regional meeting. They meeting was to focus on leadership skills, members commitment and certification to members who took part in a youth transition programme for seven weeks. .



AUGUST

Ghana YMCA 15TH Annual National Youth Conference

The 15th Annual National Youth Conference of Ghana YMCA with the theme “**Creating Safe Power Space for Young People**” was held from Wednesday 8th to 12th August, 2018 in Koforidua in the Eastern Region. More than 120 Youth representatives from our five regions converged at the Pentecost Senior High School for the event.



The annual Youth Conference is one of the activities of Ghana YMCA that attracts and empowers young people. The Ghana YMCA has the vision to include youth by giving them a place or environment in which they can be innovative and confident and be creative without any fear of discrimination. YMCA creates spaces where young people will not be exposed to criticism and harassment, and where they feel free to learn and free to create.

To meet those requirements and expectations the conference offered some workshops to the participants in which they could bring to the fore their skills and learn some new ones, useful for income generating opportunities.

The workshops focused on providing skills training in areas such as preparing of liquid soap, taking of photographs in a professional way and making hair bands and beads.

On the first day of the conference the participants embarked on an excursion to the Boti Waterfalls a few kilometers away from the Regional capital Koforidua. They explored the natural environment by hiking to the nearby Umbrella

Rock. They enjoyed it so much, that during the Opening Ceremony on Friday, 10th of August, a group of young people did a performance by connecting their experience at the Boti Falls to their aspirations of the “Africa We Want, Agenda 2063” in presenting cards with connecting meanings to the Agenda.

The Annual Youth Committee engaged for the Opening Ceremony key personalities like the Eastern Regional Minister, Honorable Dr. Kwakye Darfour, the Juabeng South Municipal Chief Executive, Honorable Isaac Apau Gyesi and

the Executive Director of 4H Ghana, Mr. Appiah Kwaku Boateng, who again represented the Acting Regional Director of the National Youth Authority. He emphasized on the genuine involvement of young people through the sharing of Christian ideals of building of human community of justice with love, peace and reconciliation for the fullness of life for all and this he said was in line with the SDG goal 16. He also urged that the youth be concerned about the



insufficient attention to youth issues in national development policy and the lack of effective youth participation in the various sectors of Ghana's development. He concluded that the youth need safe spaces where they can come together to engage in activities related to their diverse needs and interest, participate in decision making processes and freely express themselves. He pointed out that the YMCA is one of the NGOS that is interested in making that happen.

The National Chairman of the Ghana YMCA, Mr. Reynolds Kissiedu urged the



young people at the conference and those in the YMCA movement that they must renew their hopes and commitments for greater service and volunteerism for the Y. He said there was ample evidence beyond doubt in Carlos Sanvee, who became the first African General Secretary of the World Alliance of the YMCA. He further stressed that there is a higher reward for service and sacrifice. This was also demonstrated at the past World Council of YMCAs meeting in July 2018 in

Thailand, where Patricia Pelton, was elected as the first female President of the World YMCA.

This was a bold demonstration by the YMCA to all young women and minority groups that our spaces and indeed all spaces and opportunities in the YMCA is for all. He pointed out that the YMCA is truly committed to empowering young people in reaching their fullest potential.



The National Youth President, Joel Arthur encouraged the youth to come up with strategies to reduce unemployment, create safe power spaces and as well as engage in decision making processes at all levels. Furthermore,



change and he wants to encourage them to do so.

In the evening there was an inter- regional quiz with questions concerning the YMCA and the Bible, where the five regions competed against each other. In the end the team of Greater Accra YMCA won the trophy.



Another key event was when the young people were engaged in various games as part of building their physical nature.



he pointed out that everybody needs skills to become a bread winner.

Kwabena Nketia Addae, the Executive Director of YMCA stated that there is still a lot of work to be done in the future. But he knows that young people can become catalysts of



As part of the process towards the National Council Meeting of Ghana YMCA, the National Executive Committee used the occasion to meet to discuss and to agree on the revision of the Constitution for Ghana YMCA.

The governance process of the National Youth committee came into full play when new National Youth Executive Committee members were elected to take over the leadership responsibilities for the next two years. This election witnessed breaking of barriers as the committee had more females elected to the Youth Committee for the first time. This included the first female National Youth Vice President.



One notable introduction to this years' Youth Conference was the organization of a bon fire night which was one of the climaxes of the programme. It ensured that there was social networking among all the youth from the different regions as well as sharing in different traditional songs from the various Regions.

Preparation Seminar for young folks traveling to Germany to visit their partner YMCAs

Preparation seminar for a partnership visit of delegates of YMCA Ghana at the various CVJM branches in Germany in September, 2018. On 17th to 19th August, 2018 delegates that will leave Ghana YMCA and travel to Germany have been informed about their travel, the family life,

society, Christianity in Germany and they have been prepared to survive in Germany in a host family. They learned some German Phrases and experienced in a role play the airport procedures.



New interns at Ghana YMCA– Volunteers from CVJM Westbund

In July 2018, we had to say goodbye to Nils Jasper Otminghaus and Sebastian Frigger. They had been with the YMCA in Mpraeso for one year as volunteers at the YMCA Senior High School. We say thank you and wish them all the best for their near future.

Four new interns namely Manuela Sabrina Heilemann, Ronja Alice Bald, Max Justus Südhoff and Thorben Christian Hölschfor this year with Ghana YMCA have already started on the yearly placement internship and will end in next year 2019. This time two of them are with the Western Regional YMCA, the Vocational School precisely and two in Mpraeso. With the help of CVJM Westbound, they sponsored the four interns for two weeks Twi classes in Akrofi Christaller Institute,



Akuopong to know the basics of Twi Language. They will be involved in various activities and programmes that will be organized by the Ghana YMCA apart from helping Ghana YMCA schools.

Ashanti/Brong Ahafo Region hold branch strengthening meeting at Wawase

The Ashanti/Brong Ahafo regional office has met with the Wawase branch as part of its branch strengthening exercise. The meeting looked at ways the branch could adopt to improve the activities of the branch. That is ensuring that the focus of the association as a whole is not missed.

The Regional Director, Gabriel Ofor Appiah took time to explain the vision and mission of the YMCA, by waking them through the reviewed constitution of the YMCA. The branch also held its executive election and entrusted the development and improvement of the Wawase branch in their hands. The branch by far has the youngest branch president in the person of Mr. Agyemang Addai, 30 years. The new executive body of the branch promised to give out their best to ensure that the vision of the association is upheld in high esteem. The two successful meetings held also had the traditional leaders present. They also pledged to give the needed support to the executives to discharge their duties with all diligence.



SEPTEMBER

New Staff – Programmes Director

Ghana YMCA have a new Director of Programmes - Samuel Asamoah, who has started work in September, 2018 at the National Office in Accra.



Ghana YMCA Partnership Programme 8th to 23rd September 2018 with CVJM

Ghana YMCA and CVJM Westbund has been in partnership for over Fifty (50) years and the partnership has been one that allows for exchange visits among the partners in every two (2) years. In 2018 the partners from Ghana were scheduled to visit their partners in Germany, a visit that usually last for two weeks.



This kind of trips has always been led by a senior staff of Ghana YMCA. In selecting who leads this delegation, the Administrative & Human Resource Coordinator, Mrs. Veronica Ampofoah Nanor was considered. This was because she has personally been involved in the training of the Day Care Centre teachers of Ghana YMCA for 2 years and these Day Care Centres are all projects financed by the CVJM Westbund partners.

The journey started on Friday 7th September 2018.

The first point of call was at the Retchenbach YMCA centre where all participants were welcomed with snacks and lunch. A brief welcome ceremony was organized in our honour and all participants were introduced. At the end of the ceremony all participants were driven to their various homes by their hosts.



Each partner had an itinerary for their Ghanaian counterpart which was followed.

My duty as the leader of delegation was to visit all the participants in their various destinations to know how they were faring.

The first point of call was at CVJM Eidinghausen partners of Koforidua YMCA represented by Daniel Dankwa and Abigail Hammond Ansong. We were taken to the Lord Mayor's office at Badrinhausen. In discussion with his second in command, Stephane Totemann, he showed us their parliament hall. From there we were taken to the Kurhaus. A big and beautiful part for recovery from sickness.

The next visit was to CVJM Hülscheid-Heedfeld, partners of the Tema YMCA. Joel Arthur, David Boyan, Ebenezer Abayateye and Pauline Bawa were the delegates from Tema. It was on Thursday 13th September 2018 and I visited the EV. Kindergarten Heedfeld. There was a board meeting with their partners where I was invited to speak on behalf of the National Council of Ghana YMCA

The third place of visit was CVJM Büschergrund partners of the Konongo YMCA who invited Clement Appiah, Peter Whyte Kwaning and Gabriel Ofori Appiah. On Friday 14th September 2018, I went with all three participants together with a partner to the Buschergrund Kindergarten where we had a wonderful time with the children introducing some aspects of the African culture, specifically the Ghanaian culture to them.

On Saturday 15th September 2018, the visiting train landed at CVJM Dreis-Tiefenbach partners of the Nnudu YMCA who invited Enock Koranteng and Patrick Asare. We took part in their annual feast where the old and new members of the CVJM meet together.

On the Sunday there was a service at the centre and the Ghanaian participants were fully involved as a Bible passage was read in Twi and benediction was also given in Twi.

The fifth place of visit was the CVJM Hilchenbach, partners of Oda and Mampon YMCA who invited Edmund Kwasi Armah and Anette Okwabiwa Ohene respectively. I joined them at the kirmes festival where they supported their partners to raise funds through the sale of waffles at the festival. In the evening we had a partnership meeting with both delegates.

On Monday 17th September 2018 after the meeting at the Kreishaus, I went to CVJM Frohnhausen, partners of Anfoeta-Tsebi YMCA who invited Agnes Serwa Anyadoe and Micheal Dogba. We visited the Läderach chocolate factory and were taking on a tour at the factory.

The last partner to visit was the CVJM Rechtenbach partners of Kpone-Bawaleshie YMCA who invited Patience Mensah, Emmanuel Abladey and Manasseh First-Okoe. We visited the river Rhine, started on the cable cars, walked through the forest for over an hour after lunch, took the Sesil barn and finally cruized on the river Rhine in the Rhine Dream. It was an interesting and tiring day as well.

On Wednesday 19th September 2018 all participants and their partners met at CVJM Wuppertal for a final meeting. We had a brief service at which the General Secretary gave a message. Delegates presented in forms of sketches to their German partners, life in the Geman home, Life in a German park and Life in a German YMCA.

Gabriel and I had the opportunity to participate in the CVJM – Westbund annual General Meeting on the following day, where the partnership agreement between Ghana YMCA and CVJM – Westbund has been signed.

On Saturday 22nd September 2018, Gabriel and I met with three (3) former German Interns of the Ghana YMCA. and we discussed the positive changes through local branches in local partnership strengthening in Ghana.

On Sunday 23rd we said our goodbyes to our partners most of whom have become close friends and family due to how we related. Some had to share tears but we had to return home. We all arrived safely to Ghana and our luggage arrived on time too.

As scheduled before the trip, all delegates were to meet in Koforidua for evaluation from 5th to 7th October 2018 again.

We are grateful to God almighty for the gift of life and traveling mercies in the past weeks. We sincerely appreciate our partners so much for the support and love shown us to make this visit a success. We equally thank the Ghana YMCA, our local branch executives and members for granting us the opportunity. We pledge our sincere allegiance to the Ghana YMCA and to our branches for a continuous commitment and dedication. God bless Ghana, God bless CVJM – Westbund and God bless Ghana YMCA.



Submitted by
Veronica Ampofoah Nanor

Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Campaign Workshop

The incidence of teenage pregnancy has been very high and is still increasing in Ghana. This challenge is partly attributed to inadequate information targeted at the right people in the right places.

The new YMCA project focuses on reducing the prevalence and incidence of teenage pregnancies through an education campaign targeting both boys and girls between the ages of 12 to 19 years in Greater Accra, Ashanti, Western and in the Volta Regions of Ghana.

Fortunately, Ghana YMCA has received some funding by the German Embassy in Accra to train peer educators to assist in reducing the prevalence of teenage pregnancies in the country.

That is the reason why from 14th to 15th September 12 peer educators were trained in a workshop at Ghana YMCA. The young participants came from the various regions of Ghana YMCA – Eastern, Western, Central, Ashanti and Volta Region - for the workshop at the conference hall of Ghana YMCA. Beside the conference hall on the ground, the YMCA runs a guest house conveniently, where the participants had been accommodated.

At the end of the training, the peer educators have been enabled with information, education and communication materials to implement campaigns in their particular regions, specifically in Kumasi, Ho, Takoradi, Jamestown and Chorkor.



The project has been set up on the idea of using youth friendly mediums that attract both girls and boys like theatre plays and cultural troupes that should be involved in the project programmes at schools and centres where teenage boys and girls are found.

Therefore, the project seeks to create awareness of teenage pregnancy and its implication among 1000 youth from low income backgrounds, as well as to educate 1000 boys and girls on how to prevent teenage pregnancy by taking them through various modules.



The two-day programme has been facilitated by two former peer educators of a previous training done by YMCA as well, Susana Osafo Otiwaa and Joyce Koomson

The two experienced peer educators work as teachers currently and were eager to hand over their knowledge to the younger generation. The new peer educators were equipped with the required skills and knowledge to educate their peers on teenage pregnancy in their various regions.

With a manual given to them, every step in the process of how to educate and facilitate the topic for young people has been explained to all the trainees. In the manual some tools and methods were introduced to the trainees and they went through practical steps on the use of these tools.



The programme was supported by an input of a young female doctor and two midwives of Marie Stopes International, an NGO that works on reproductive health in Ghana.

Dr Judith Owusu, a Medical Practitioner, who gave some input about menstruation and pregnancy, said that people have weird perception about the topic and needed to be educated to get rid of that mindset.

The two midwives, Eunice Kufoalor and Elorm Ahadome of Marie Stopes International showed the participants how to avoid pregnancy by demonstrating to them the different contraceptive methods available on the Ghanaian market. This intervention is related to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3) - Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.



The 28th quadrennial council of the Greater Accra Regional Branch

The 28th quadrennial council of the Greater Accra Regional Branch of the Ghana Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) was successfully held on the 15th of September, 2018 at the National Secretariat at Ridge, Accra.

Over forty delegates from all the branches of the association in the region attended the gathering to review its performance over the past four years and elect a new leadership for the regional body.

In welcoming the gathering to the programme, the Regional Vice Chairman, Rev. Fr. Cyril Otoo, who served as the Chair for the event in the absence of the Regional President



commended the leadership and membership of the association for the strides the association has made in the past four years. However, he noted that the association ought to do more to empower more youth and stay relevant to the lives of young people.

Rev. Otoo noted thus in his address, "We have many young men and women who are hungry for change but simply cannot find any avenues for mentorship and coaching on how best to utilise and add value to their talents. We would therefore spend the next four-year period to engage more youths; to conduct research on the youths to better understand their situation, design more efficient programmes that deliver maximum benefit to the youth, and most importantly connect them to role models in societies to coach and guide their efforts as they seek to become change agents in their communities.



The Council elected a new crop of leaders to manage the affairs of the association over the next four years. Odeneho Kwame Amponsah was elected as the Regional President, Robert Nartey was elected the Vice-President and Ernest Amoah was elected the Regional Treasurer. The new leadership was sworn into office by Rev. Cyril Nii Lante, who admonished the new leadership to be servant leaders who always put the interests of the YMCA and the youth first.



On accepting their mandate, the new leadership reiterated their desire to serve and their passion to young people. The new President, Nana Odeneho however, further stressed that his tenure will mark an era of total inclusiveness, merit-based distribution of opportunities, and extensive membership drives via vigorous branch development. He also called on the membership and branch leadership to support the regional leadership to achieve their vision.

On that day the YMCA of Greater Accra Region held elections for their new regional executive. Programmes organized and strategies implemented between the periods of 2015 to August, 2018 were discussed before the programme has ended.



Second Quadrennial National Council Meeting

The National Council of the Ghana YMCA has held its 2nd quadrennial meeting in Accra. The event which was held at the national headquarters was attended by a number of distinguished personalities, members of the association and delegates drawn from the five administrative regions in Ghana.

The theme for the 2nd quadrennial meeting was: Our Call to Serve: Youth Empowerment for Good #YE4Good”.

The event which is organized every four years is to deliberate on the way forward for the Association and also elect into office new leaders to serve in various capacities for the next four years.



Mr Kwame Gyimah Akwafo, the outgoing National President called on all members to rigorously champion the empowerment of the youth to secure their future. He observed that the task of youth empowerment could have been seen as a simple but it was a mission that required patience, life-long dedication, wisdom, and most importantly staying young at heart to understand young people and chart a good path for their empowerment and development”.



Mr Akwafo, said the YMCA had made good strides since its inception 128 years ago by always coming up with new ways of engaging the youth in a manner that was exciting and effective at the same time. But that notwithstanding, “we must also strive to be more relevant to the young people we serve. We need to constantly keep up with the times and must be dynamic in our approach towards current trends.” He gave the assurance that the YMCA would lend all the support within its purview to any project that helps to empower young people and urged them to work together to propagate the message and secure a better future for the youth.

The Outgoing President called on all members to initiative innovative measures to create safe and power spaces for the youth.

The Executive Director, Mr Kwabena Nketia Addae, also called on government to expedite actions to ensure that the TVET initiative is sustained in Ghana



In his passionate address to delegates, Rev. Father Cyril Otoo called on members of the Ghana YMCA to demonstrate real commitment, humility, love and passion in the service of God and mankind. He called on members to sacrifice their time, talent and treasure to serve the next generation. He charged the new leadership to work together and have clear vision to serve the association.

Central to this year's 2nd quadrennial meeting was the amendment of YMCA's Constitution. Mr. Charles Habiah, on behalf of the Constitutional Amendment Committee presented to delegates and Council key areas amended in the Constitution. Among the key areas amended were the

positions of the National Chairman and the National Vice Chairman. These positions have been amended to become National President and National Vice President respectively. Unanimously approved by delegates, the Constitutional Amendment Committee's report was adopted and received approval of Council. As provisioned in the Constitution, delegates were tasked to elect members to steer

the affairs of the Association in every four (4) years. As a result, an Electoral Committee was constituted to manage the electoral processes. Having satisfied the rules of the election and successfully gone through rigorous vetting procedure, Mr. Reynolds Kwadwo Kissiedu and Mr. Charles Habiah contested the positions of National President and National Vice President respectively. Additionally, Mr. Thomas Boansi Sarpong and Dr. Cyril Appiah Baah contested the National Treasurer's Position. Overall, thirty (30) delegates casted their votes although thirty-two



delegates were expected to vote. In a transparent voting process, all delegates exercised their franchise and the entire exercise ended peacefully.

Elected into office from 2018 until 2022 were:

National President- Mr Reynolds Kwadwo Kissiedu

National Vice President-Mr Charles Habiah

National Treasurer- Mr Thomas Boansi Sarpong



Members and delegates at the conference pledged their support for the new leadership and wish them well in their various responsibilities.





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