

**ORDER OF DEACONESSES METHODIST CHURCH NIGERIA**  
**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2014**

The Order of Deaconesses in Methodist Church Nigeria met at their biennial retreat in May 2014. Deaconesses work as Coordinators of Women's Work which includes Women, Girls and Youth Fellowships. Some work as teachers and counselors in schools while another group works as nurses in hospitals.

The biennial retreat is always a time of coming together to discuss the challenges the sisters face in their day to day activities and it is always a forum to explore other ways of moving forward and dealing with the challenges. During the retreat there was a time of sharing the Holy Communion, discussions on Bible study, skill acquisition programme and a thanksgiving service.

**THEME**

The theme of the retreat was 'Let My People Move Forward'. Exodus 14:15. Among the topics discussed during the retreat was Financial Management and preparing for Retirement. The resource person encouraged participants to plan for their future by saving towards their retirement.

**NEW PROJECT**

Deaconesses decided to start a new project which will be beneficial to the Church and also assist the sisters with their finances. A project that will be a source of income the project is the making of Communion Wafers. The Deaconesses agree to approach Diakonia through the DIAKAID for support towards this project. Deaconess Oworu should discuss this at the Executive meeting in Germany.

The retreat was rounded up with a beautiful service of thanksgiving which was well attended. The next retreat will be in year 2016.

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTER FOR MENTALLY ILL DESTITUTE AMAUDO AND DISCHARGE SERVICE**

The Psychiatric Hospital at Amaudo in Abia State celebrated 25 years of existence and the event was well attended. The center is one of the hospitals being supervised by Deaconess Ronke Oworu. The center is supported by local and International organisations.

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