



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NIGERIA

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST AND TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

Serving the People and Communities of Nigeria
North, Northeast, Central and Southern Nigerian Conferences



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Dear United Methodists of Nigeria

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

I believe God has a great future for The United Methodist Church in Nigeria. I have seen your passion to serve Jesus Christ and witnessed your commitment to be faithful United Methodists. Praise God!

I have been in conversations with several leaders in Nigeria and taken time for prayer and discernment about District Superintendents for Nigeria. The role of a Superintendent is critical to the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church as we carry out ministries of witness, mercy and justice in our communities.

Qualities and Skills of A Superintendent

A Superintendent needs to have the following qualities to serve well during this phase of the Church's life:

- Loves God and preaches salvation through Jesus Christ. This requires a deep and abiding faith and spiritual life. A Superintendent is first and foremost a spiritual leader.
- Loves people and wants the best for others.
- A broad and deep theological understanding of God, the Church and the world and the ability to teach biblical and theological concepts.
- Listens to learn. We need leaders who listen to laity and clergy and desire to continue to learn and grow, especially by listening.
- Curiosity. Leaders who are genuinely interested in understanding by asking good questions.
- Respect others and the office of superintendency by keeping confidentiality.
- Committed and loyal to serving congregations and The United Methodist Church to advance their mission and ministry.
- Excellent administrative and communication skills.
- A coach and mentor to clergy. I expect when Superintendents meet with clergy, they will ask the following questions:
 - Where have you witnessed God at work in and through your congregation?
 - What is going well and why?

- What has been your most important learning during this month? How are you applying this learning?
- What is one important challenge are you facing and how are you overcoming these challenges?
- What support do you need from me to excel in your leadership and ministry?

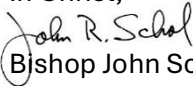
No leader is perfect but the superintendents that I am appointing all have committed to continue to grow in these qualities and skills.

Priority of A District Superintendent

The priority of the superintendents I am appointing today is to recruit and develop clergy to serve effectively in the church and the world. Superintendents are also to grow and develop congregations. This requires assisting congregational leaders to set priorities and goals and support the pastor and lay leadership to achieve their goals by deepening the faith of the members and teaching them to connect with the people in the community through witness, mercy, and justice ministries.

I have been in conversation with several Nigerian leaders and the following superintendents all demonstrate a commitment to serve as I have outlined above. Some have been superintendents already, others are coming to the role for the first time, but all of them love God, love the Church and in time, want to get to know and love you. Please pray for the superintendents and please continue to pray for me and the Episcopal Leadership Team assigned to Nigeria.

In Christ,


Bishop John Schol

The United Methodist Church of Nigeria
Appointed District Superintendents

Dean of The Nigeria Episcopal Area Cabinet – Rev. Eli Yakku Sule

District	District Superintendent
NORTHEAST CONFERENCE	
Bambuka	Rev. Nelson T. Mincha
Dadiya	Rev. Titus Behula
Munga Dosso & Munga Lelau	Rev. Ali Alim Thomas
Benue Yamma and Benue	Rev. Elisha Lowi
Adamawa	Rev. Alfa Thomas
Arewa and Sakko	Rev. Dimas Samuel
Makka	Rev. David Tah
Nyanah and Yannah	Rev. Ishaya Lamido
Tewi and Karim	Rev. Alison Idi Karim
NORTH CONFERENCE	
Abuja and Bauchi	Rev. Nibron Haruna

Gombe and Filiya	Rev. Matthias Ali
Chonge and Filiya North	Rev. Atiku Bappah
Pero East Central	Rev. Antiya Ishaya
Dondolo and Wurkun West	Rev. Matthew Daniel Dangombe
Wurkun North	Rev. Simon Danfiliya
Gwandum and Gwandum Raddi	Rev. Eliphaz A. Jeule
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Bambur	Rev. Yahuza Ali Dauda
Wurkun Central	Rev. James Burema
Didango	Rev. Danladi Maaji Yashi
Muri West	Rev. John D. James
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Ampandi	Rev. Lami Simon
Kode	Rev. Dalibi B. Sati
Haske	Rev. Iliya Elisha
Yamma	Rev. Shehu A. Bature
South Central	Rev. Clement Abaka
Sallah	Rev. Bulus Mmamashi
Pitiko	Rev. Augustine Kantoma
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Jalingo	Rev. Eli Yakku Sule
Kona	Rev. Dr. Abel Lamido
Iware	Rev. Markus Jauro
Sugba	Rev. Nuhu Maikanti
Fan	Rev. Musa Shadi
Taraba West	Rev. Christopher Ahmadi
Taraba Central	Rev. Wakare Musa
Taraba South	Rev. Samuel A. Ahmed
Eugene Wesley	Rev. Ezra D. Ali
Kunini	Rev. Nicodemus Atimas
Yugorobi, Lau Central, Sayonti	Rev. David Mungopack
Zing Area	Rev. Dr. Eunice Iliya