

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GHANA FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS – 5TH JUNE, 2011**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Members of the Executive Council, Partners, Associates, Staff, Students and Friends, once again it is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to this year's Annual General Meeting of the Ghana Fellowship of Evangelical Students. Connecting with this generation may I say **Know Christ!!!.....**

### **The Executive Council**

The Executive Council seeks to lead the Fellowship in the desired direction of the Aims and Objectives of the Fellowship. Though this has not been easy we believe that with our Father's enabling grace, we are on course. My report will capture the IFES Living stones vision's firm foundations namely:

- **Governance**
- **Organizational Development**
- **Global Partnership**
- **Human Resources and Pastoral care**
- **Research and Innovation**

### **Governance**

Recognizing that strong growth needs firm foundations, GHAFES continues to be governed at the Executive Council level by dedicated Members. During the period under review there was no marked change in Membership of the Council. As at the last AGM there have not been any major changes on the council except the new Students representatives on the board. Below is a brief profile of the new SNEC Chairman and Secretary who are yet to be officially introduced to the Council at the next Council meeting.

#### **PROFILE OF SNEC CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012**

Ankobiah Kofi Tabi is a level 400 BSc Marine Engineering Student at Regional Maritime University. He is currently the President of Regional Maritime University Christian Fellowship. (RMUCF)

#### **PROFILE OF SNEC SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012**

Ansa-Bel Seyram Tania is a Level 300 BSc Port and Shipping Administration Student at the Regional Maritime University, Accra. She serves as the Head of Ushering Department for Regional Maritime University Christian Fellowship (RMUCF)

## **The Staff**

For the work of the Ministry to proceed as planned, there is no doubt about the fact that we need staff Members who are committed to working among students to help them know Christ so that they will in turn make Him Known. The General Secretary, the Training Secretaries and the Office Staff continue to apply themselves to achieving these aims. If you could recall, last year, I mentioned in my reporting about the review of the ministry's administrative and organizational structure. During the last council year, Council appointed Mr. William Comodore as the Admin and Finance Manager and he has been at post since .....

All other staff Members remain in their respective responsibilities.

## **Organizational Development**

In 2001, GHAFES embarked on a Ministry review which we will call today, Strategic Plan. We are reviewing it now. The MR was just validated with the students at their SNEC Congress during the Easter break and has been received wholeheartedly and with enthusiasm. It is a clarion call. There will be a Stakeholders consultative meeting after which it will be launched. The Building Project which was launched in 2009 has suffered a few setbacks on documentation. That is over and we are on course now. We have began molding blocks which will enable us begin the foundation as soon as the building permit is granted. We believe when work is fully in operation, our most cherished students would volunteer to help in labor just as in days when the walls of Jerusalem was rebuilt by God's people.

## **Global Partnership**

**During the year under review**, we continued to receive sister movements across the sub region and beyond. Over the period we hosted an HIV/AIDS Consultation of the IFES/EPISA region. Participants were made up of 23 member movements of English and Portuguese speaking Africa. In all, close to 18 participants were represented. After the consultation, the General Secretary of SLEFES, a staff from TAFES, Tanzania and a re-pioneering staff of LIFES spent a few more days to understudy our operations.

## **Human Resources and Pastoral Care**

The Staff and Executive Council retreat took place during the period. At the retreat, Council Members and staff sought the face of God together about His direction for the Ministry. Some of the topics treated were assessing your Inward disciplines of Meditation, Fasting, Prayer and Study as you grow in Life and Ministry, GHAFES: Making ourselves relevant in the years to come, Outward Disciplines of Simplicity, Solitude, Submission and Service in this fast moving world, Strategic Planning Session and Strategic Prayer for the Ministry of GHAFES",

The ministry of GHAFES has been resourcing the Churches and Para-Church ministries in the area of expository preaching. Since 2005, we have successfully run **National Expository Preaching Seminar (NEPS)** to the completion point which was last two years with a Trainer of Trainers of NEPS. As reported last year, a maiden local NEPS where all facilitators have benefited from this training, was organized in Kumasi. Thirty seven pastors and Church leaders had the privilege to be trained. We are trusting God to replicate this in the other sectors.

### **Research and Innovation**

During the period, not much has been done in this area since Rev Ahljah's thesis work on "Theological Reflection on GHAFES' Short Term Rural Missions – Student-In-Church-Evangelism (SICE)". One of our Training Secretaries has undertaken a research on Ethnicity and Politics using Kumasi as a case study. The research has been published and launched.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, I would like to say we have greater challenges ahead owing to the growing nature of the Fellowship and particularly, challenges facing the next generation. All the same I would also like to say there are better days ahead as we trust the Lord even more and draw closer to Him.