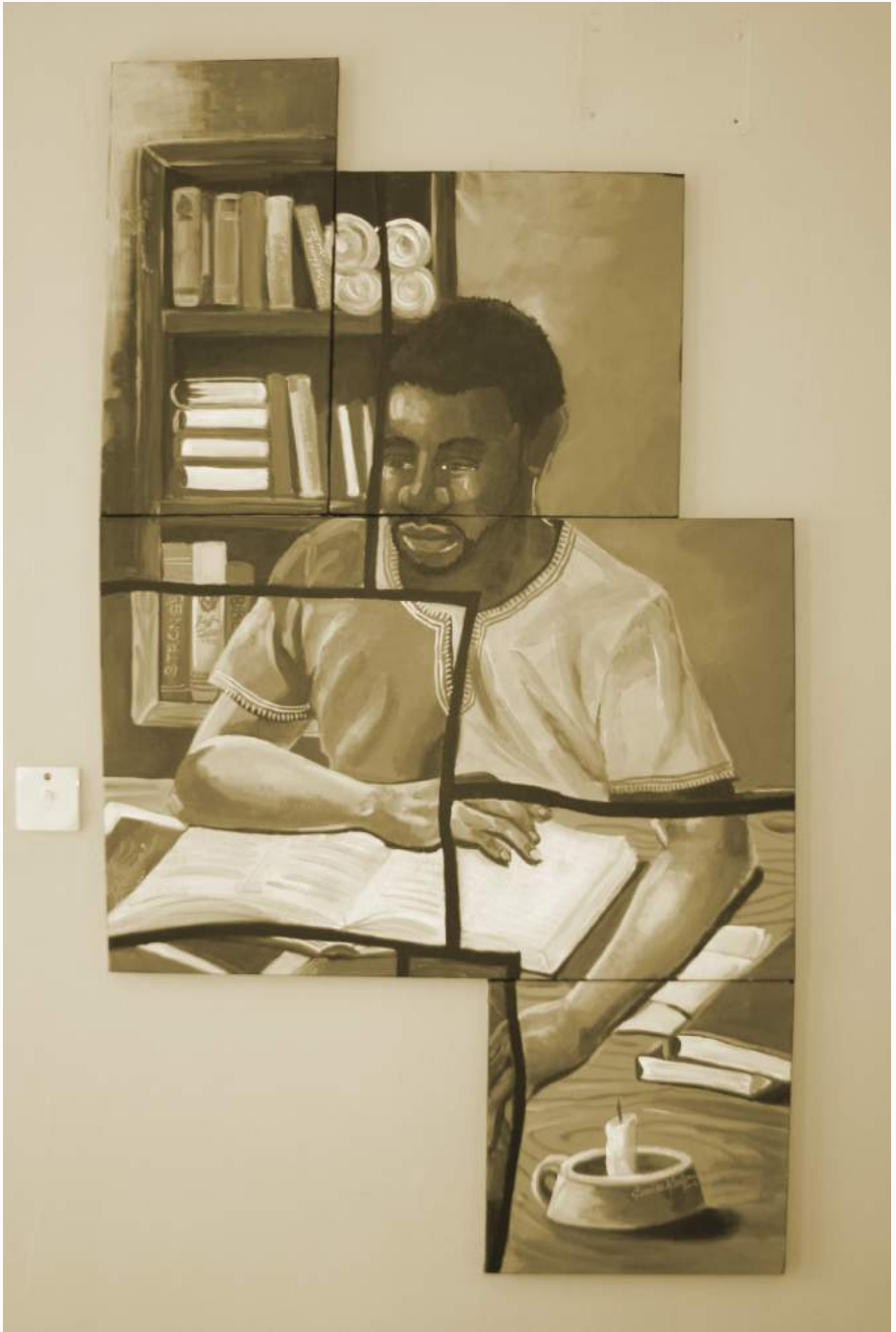




# 2023 School Year Brochure





EKKLESIA: SCHOOL OF LOCAL CHURCH

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## About Ekklesia

The vision of The Carpenter's Church (formerly known as Royal Evangel Church Ministry) was given to Pastor Charles Omofomah, with the purpose of achieving excellence through the message of power, direction and integrity to his generation and generations yet unborn.

This purpose is to be fulfilled through various arms of the ministry, one of which is the local assembly, The Carpenter's Church. Other avenues of passing this message under the umbrella of the Ministry are Freshdew (TornVeil Television), Broken Wall Healing School, Body Life for Family Meetings, Generation Shift and the online church (tcchurch.online).

Ekklesia: School of Local Church is an arm of The Carpenter's Ministry. It was established in January 2005, with the aim of preparing men and women who sense a call to full-time pastoral ministry in the local church.

The School formally began in January 2005 in an air-conditioned facility on the ministry grounds on Greenville. In 2013, the new school block was completed and dedicated on Sunday 24th March, in loving memory of God's General, Pastor Charles Omofomah, the founding president who went home to be with the Lord on 27th February 2013.

At its inception, the vision of Ekklesia was a School for the "called out ones," a School of Local Church, where someone who sensed a call into the full-time ministry could be trained; a school where 2 Timothy 2:2 could be fulfilled: "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." At that time the focus was to equip men and women for full-time ministry (clergy) based in a local church.



## The Vision Expands

At the end of the 2012/13 School Year, the Lord expanded the vision of Ekklesia to include programs that would give Christians who don't have a call into full-time ministry the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of God and provide them with practical hands-on knowledge in certain aspects of Christian endeavour so that they could be effective Christians with results. In order to meet this need, the creation of a curriculum for laity was made. This led to a total restructuring of the curriculum of the school. Thus, Ekklesia now provides instruction on two paths as follows:

**LAITY PATH:** Here, we equip believers with a deeper knowledge of the Word of God, and practical, hands on relevant knowledge in various aspects of Christian endeavour including service, leadership, music, and business. As Christians, we have "The Blessing advantage" and we are meant to excel in everything we set our hands to. Unfortunately, this is not always what we see. The courses of study on the laity path will equip students to excel and maximize their potential in their areas of interest. Only then can we truly shine as believers in the midst of a dark dying world.

**CLERGY PATH:** It's a sad sight to see so many sincere young men and women with a call of God upon their lives and yet without any knowledge of what to do next. They wander without purpose and direction because they were never really fully equipped or guided into the most honourable, most rewarding and yet most challenging "job" on earth!

Here, we train men and women for full time pastoral ministry based in a local church. The training is not just theoretical as students have the opportunity to have real practical training in a dynamic, growing, Bible based ministry and mission field. The opportunity to learn and receive impartation at the "feet" of a faculty of men and women of God who have proved their ministries in integrity, simplicity and sincerity over the years is one that the students cherish for a lifetime.

At the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year, the clergy program was spread over two years, with classes held in the evenings of some weekdays (Tuesdays and Fridays) and some Saturdays. This change became necessary in order to accommodate those who would want to be part of the clergy

program but cannot afford to shut down their work in order to school on a full-time basis. With this adjustment, they can work and come to school on a part-time basis. It is our firm belief that with this change that conforms to the realities of our time, more people with a call to the ministry will enrol for the clergy program at Ekklesia.

In the 2023 school year, the school expands its modules to include online learning. The online option will transit gradually starting with some select programs, where students will have the option of onsite, online, or a hybrid of both in select programs.



## Our Vision

At the start of each Ekklesia year, we see a picture of the end of that school year.

We see –

Men and women of:

Character

Confidence

Commitment

Courage

Charisma

with a deeper knowledge of the Word of God, and practical, hands on relevant knowledge in various areas of Christian endeavour.

AND

At the start of each Ekklesia year, we see a picture of the end of two school years.

We see –

Simple

Sober

Spiritual

Supernatural

Sincere

Submissive

Stable

men and women fully equipped to fulfill the most honourable calling on the face of the earth – the call into the Ministry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Our Mission Statement

### Our mission is to:

**Equip** believers with a deeper knowledge of the Word of God, and practical, hands-on relevant knowledge in various aspects of Christian endeavour including service, leadership, music and business; enabling them to manifest “The Blessing advantage” and excel in everything they set their hands to.

**Train** men and women for full time pastoral ministry based in a local church.

We aim to achieve this through intensive training both by instruction and practical involvement and examples from a faculty of seasoned and successful believers and ministers with years of proven integrity in their careers and ministry.

Our focus is the spirit behind each class in Ekklesia rather than the academic prowess of the student where assessments are concerned. We desire that every word taught in an Ekklesia class will be like what our Lord Jesus Christ said in John 6:63.

*63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

*John 6:63 (NKJV)*

*63 It is the Spirit who gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.*

*John 6:63 (NLT)*

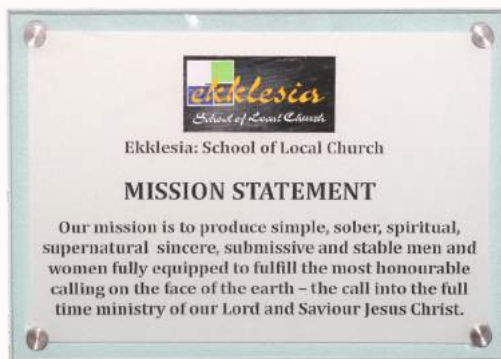


## Our Doctrinal Statement

### **We believe and affirm:**

1. In one God who is the Creator of all that ever was, that is, and all that ever will be. And that He is infinitely perfect and eternally exists in three persons: Father, Word and Holy Spirit.
2. In the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, death on the cross, bodily resurrection, ascension to the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.
3. That God gave His only begotten son Jesus that all could be saved and reconciled to God, but that this salvation and reconciliation becomes effective only at one's acceptance and confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Redeemer.
4. That it is only by the cleansing blood of Jesus that a man experiences the forgiveness of sins. That the remission provides not only spiritual salvation for everyone who believes, but bodily healing and material prosperity as well. That all these are, if we will walk in the light of the redemption with faith in God's word.
5. That the entire Bible is the inspired word of God, with special emphasis on the New Testament and the Prophets as an infallible rule of the faith and conduct.
6. That the true church is composed of all those who are born-again. Through this new birth we are united together in the body of Christ. He (Jesus) is the lord and Head of the Church.
7. In the ministry of and the baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. In the manifestation of the nine gifts of the Spirit and in the five-fold ministry gifts as stated in the scripture. In divine miracles including bodily healing and spiritual deliverance.

8. That water baptism and the Lord's Supper (breaking bread in communion) are ordinances to be observed by the church during this present dispensation, however, they are not to be regarded as means of salvation.
9. Every born-again spirit-filled believer should live a holy life through the renewal of the mind with the word of God and maintain a consistent prayer life. This should be true both in praying with understanding and in the Spirit (i.e. in tongues).
10. In the personal pre-millennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: "The Blessed Hope", has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
11. In the bodily resurrection of the dead: of the believers in Christ to everlasting joy with the lord and of the unbelievers to eternal conscious punishment.
12. In the institution of marriage: that marriage was instituted and ordained by God. It is honourable and the bed undefiled. Monogamy is the scriptural standard for marriage. Fornication, adultery, lesbianism, homosexuality, bestiality and all other forms of sexual immorality are forbidden in the life of a Christian.



## *The Founding President*

### **Pastor Charles Omofomah**

Pastor Charles Omofomah, the founding president of Ekklesia: School of Local Church was a full-time minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and served as the Presiding Pastor of The Carpenter's Church. He was born in Esan, in Edo State, Mid-Western Nigeria and spent most of his early years in Kano, Northern Nigeria.

He was a sociology graduate of Bendel State University Ekpoma (now known as Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma). Pastor Cee (as he was fondly called) could be truthfully described as a man after the heart of God. He was an amazing mix of foresight, integrity, principles, compassion and an utter abhorrence of mediocrity.

Pastor Charles was a “pastor of pastors” and powerfully taught the Word of God with a prophetic grace expressed in charisma and character. He was married to Joan (nee Idumesaro), a banking and finance graduate and they were blessed with two sons, Osose and Osememe.

The voice and legacy of Pastor Charles Omofomah still lives on in Ekklesia as his messages are used as part of the media instruction for the students.



## The President/Director of School



### **Pastor Nkechi Ene (Mrs.)**

Pastor Nkechi Ene (Mrs.), is a full-time minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. She is the President/ Director of School of Ekklesia: School of Local Church. She served as the Associate Pastor to Pastor Charles Omofomah until he went home in glory on the 27th of February 2013. She now serves as the Presiding Pastor of The Carpenter's Church.

She was born in Accra, Ghana and spent most of her early years in Lagos, Western Nigeria. She is a graduate of University of Nigeria, Nsukka with a first-class honour's degree in electronics engineering.

Pastor Kech (as she is fondly called) is a woman of God who possesses a passion for excellence in the things of God and does so with transparency and tireless dedication. Truly a "mother in Israel" her love for God's people is at the centre of her heartbeat to see them move from one level of glory to the next as they apply the same principles she lives by which she learnt under Pastor Charles and now teaches to millions on Freshdew – a 30-minute TV programme which gives inspiration and direction and is aired around the world via multiple platforms including myFaith TV and its sister networks, and on different stations around the country.

She has inspired many into taking the bold step to discover and enter into God's purpose for their lives with her switch from a well-paying engineering career in the oil industry to the "most fulfilling job of all" - that of being a full-time minister of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Nkechi is anointed to prophetically teach the Word of God with grace expressed in clarity and charisma. She is married to Emeka Ene, an engineering executive and they are blessed with two daughters, Zoe and Chloe, and adopted daughters, Tracy and Osinachi.

## The Dean of Studies



### **Pastor Sola Akinwale**

Pastor Sola Akinwale, is a full-time minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Dean of Studies of Ekklesia: School of Local Church. He serves as the associate pastor of The Carpenter's Church. He became the associate pastor in January 2014 having served faithfully for several years as an assistant pastor. He was born in Ibadan and spent most of his early years in the United Kingdom.

He holds an LL.B from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, and a B.L. from the Nigerian Law School, Abuja. Himself a pioneer alumnus (Class of 2005) of the Ekklesia: School of Local Church, Pastor Sola has an inspiring grace to teach the Word of God. His God given ability to open up truths in the Word of God, bringing people to a clear understanding of those truths is a hallmark of his ministry. He has aptly been described as a "true son indeed" and a "chip off the old block" by his fathers, Pastor Charles and Pastor Nkechi.



### **Professor Duro Adegboye**

Professor Durojaiye Adegboye is the founder and president of Gospel Unlimited, a ministry dedicated to reaching the lost with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and equipping believers to effectively carry out the great commission.

Uncle Duro (as he is fondly called) bagged his B.sc from the University of Zaria and then proceeded to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, FAAl New York, USA for his Ph.D.

Thereafter he returned to Nigeria to pursue a career in teaching. He taught at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria where he rose to be the head of department of biological sciences and the dean of the faculty of sciences. A professor of biological science, he was also the head of the biological sciences department and dean of science and technology at the National Open University, Abuja.

In 1988, he voluntarily retired to face his God given vision of “Every Christian a soul winner”. In pursuit of this vision, he has ministered in campuses, churches, ministries and fellowships in the 36 states and the FCT of Nigeria and outside the country. He is a consultant on evangelism, church growth, mission to several denominations and Christian organisations. He is a visiting professor of soul winning to several seminars, bible colleges, theological colleges and schools of mission. Acts 20:24 is his watchword.

## The Faculty



### **Reverend Joe Uwareme**

Reverend Joe Uwareme is the senior pastor of House of Glory Christian Centre in Port Harcourt and has served in that capacity for over two decades. He holds a B.Sc. in agriculture from University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), Ife-Ife, Nigeria. He is said to have a passion for carefully unpacking the truths of Scripture. He has ministered in over twenty countries.

He and his wife have five children: Christopher, Andrew, Afegbai, Peter and Grace.



### **Dr. Efe Obuke**

Dr. Efe Obuke is a trained Medical Doctor who is presently engaged in preaching and teaching the Word of God. He is the president of the Pneuma Force Foundation Ministries, which began in 1985 in Benin City, Nigeria. It is a ministry that is involved in church planting, various outreaches to the prisons, villages and reaches out to young people.

The ministry has different churches under the name of Glory Pavilion Church. It also has

different university campus and secondary school fellowships under the name of Word Clinic Fellowship.

Dr. Obuke constantly travels to different countries holding conferences and leadership seminars. He has also been the host of the TV programs: A Date with Destiny and Moments of Praise based in Benin City.

Dr. Obuke's ministry is backed with supernatural manifestations of miracles, healings, and diverse great manifestations of the Spirit.

He presently resides in Louisiana, USA, with his wife Priscilla and their two children, David and Dara.



### **Engineer Emeka Ene**

Engineer Emeka Ene is the oldest member of The Carpenter's Church and has been a faithful member right from the early days of the church over 30 years ago. He has been serving and leading in various capacities and is currently the super-head of the Public Address Department, and a superintendent in The Carpenter's Church, the highest non-clergy role in the Church. He is also the chairman of the Building Committee of the

6,000-seater auditorium. He is the husband of the presiding pastor of The Carpenter's Church, Pastor Nkechi Ene (Mrs.) and they have three daughters Zoe, Chloe and Tracy. He is a stellar example to Christians in service, leadership and business.

He is a geophysical engineer by training and holds a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Lagos. He is an OPM alumnus of the Harvard Business School.

He brings to Ekklesia a rich and diverse experience from a career in different capacities in the oil and gas industry spanning over three decades. He is the CEO of Oildata and Xenergi, both leading technical service companies operating in the Nigerian oil and gas industry.

He is currently a director of the World Free Zone Organization (International Body of Free Zones), and vice chairman (E&P), International Gas Union. He is the immediate past chairman of both the Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria (PETAN), and Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Nigeria Council. He is also the chairman of different editorial boards that publish bulletins on the Nigerian oil and gas industry. He is the pioneer of the MIND Foundation, a non-profit initiative working with rural children ages 10 to 15 years in the Niger Delta. He is also a volunteer instructor/business mentor for the FATE Foundation in Port Harcourt.



## The Faculty



### **Mrs. Namsey Okung**

Mrs. Namsey Okung is an anointed music minister who ministers with passion. Her music career in the New Wine Choir of The Carpenter's Church spans over two decades. Over the years, she has been distinguished as veritable music minister serving as a member of the choir, a soloist, and a praise and worship leader. She currently serves as the super-head of the music ministry of The Carpenter's Church with a remarkable ministry branded with relevance and grace.

She brings to Ekklesia her music ministry as well as experience from a rich career in human resources and corporate management for about 15 years and is presently the corporate services manager of The Carpenter's Ministry. She is a microbiology graduate of the University of Port Harcourt. Her professional career has been adorned with a number of certifications and qualifications from trainings in various institutes including the prestigious London Management Centre (LMC). She is married to John Okung and they are blessed with four children Akan, Adayah, Asher and Adner.

## The Faculty



### **Dr. Adie Okari**

Dr. Adie Okari is a faithful member of The Carpenter's Church. Since he became born-again, he has consistently followed the Lord and passionately served in the body of Christ in different capacities. In The Carpenter's Church he serves as a Believers' Classes teacher, an assistant head of the follow-up department and a pre-marital counselor. He brings his passionate service and rich walk with the Lord to the students at Ekklesia.

He is an alumnus of the University of Port Harcourt, and the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. He has his medical practice with a major multi-national company. He is married to Tamunoyowuna, a paediatrician and their union has been blessed with two sons, Micaiah and Oraibi.



### **Dr. Iyowuna Okari**

Dr. Iyowuna Okari is a faithful member of The Carpenter's Church. She loves the Lord and serves Him in several capacities. She is a Believers' Classes teacher, the head of the prayer team, a Family Outreach Group coordinator in The Carpenter's Church. She brings her passionate service and rich walk with the Lord to the students at Ekklesia.

She is a graduate of the University of Port Harcourt. She is a paediatrician by training and works with the Braithwaite Memorial Specialist Hospital. She is married to Adie and they have two sons, Micaiah and Oraibi.



### **Mr. Chibuisi Onyebueke**

Mr. Chibuisi Onyebueke is a faithful member of The Carpenter's Church, serving and leading in various capacities. He is the super-head of the Protocol Department, and a superintendent in The Carpenter's Church, the highest non-clergy role in the church. His indefatigable spirit of service is a model to Christians in service and leadership.

He bagged a Higher National Diploma in

Marketing from the then College of Technology, Owerri (now The Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Owerri) and was the best graduating student his class. He also holds a degree in Banking and Finance and an MBA from Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. He holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Negotiation Studies from the Graduate School of the International Negotiation Academy, Republic of South Africa.

He is the MD/CEO of Teras Logistics Services Limited. He brings to Ekklesia experience from over 25 years of continuous hands-on experience in the logistics, administrative and managerial functions of the Oil & Gas sector of the economy. He was the Special Projects Manager / Assistant to the Managing Director's Office at INTELS Nigeria Limited, Onne Oil & Gas Free Zone, Rivers State. As a man with a strong passion for knowledge and learning, he is a fellow and member of numerous professional bodies within and outside the country. He is happily married to Victoria, and they have a daughter, Hope and twins, Rhema and Sophia.

## The Faculty



### **Pastor Esther Sunday**

Pastor Esther Sunday is a full-time minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. She serves as an assistant pastor in The Carpenter's Church, Port Harcourt.

She holds a B.A in French and a PGD international affairs, both from the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. She is an alumnus of 2013 Ekklesia School. Among other responsibilities she carries out, Pastor Esther currently supervises the church's

prayer squad and serves as the zonal pastor to the Topaz giga zone – one of the giga zones in the church.

She is married to Mike, an accountant, and they are blessed with three children: Chinomso, Jessica and Chinedu.



### **Pastor Helen Nwuzi**

Pastor Helen Nwuzi is a full-time minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. She serves as an assistant pastor in The Carpenter's Church, Port Harcourt.

She is an Ekklesia School alumnus of 2015 Dynamics of Business, and 2021 Clergy. She carries out administrative functions in Ekklesia. Among other responsibilities, Pastor Helen supervises different departments in church on a rotationary

basis, serves as a zonal pastor to the Sapphire giga zone – one of the giga zones in the church, as well as supervising the Generation Shift with some of the other assistant pastors.

## The Faculty



### **Pastor Derrick Isaac-Iselobhor**

Pastor Derrick Isaac Iselobhor is a full-time minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He serves as an assistant pastor in The Carpenter's Church, Port Harcourt.

He is a trained medical doctor holding an MBBS from the Ambrose Alli University, Ekopma, Nigeria. He is an Ekklesia School alumnus of 2019 Dynamics of Business, and 2021 Clergy. He carries out administrative functions in Ekklesia. Among other

responsibilities, Pastor Derrick supervises different departments in church on a rotational basis, serves as a zonal pastor to the Topaz giga zone – one of the giga zones in the church, as well as supervising the Generation Shift with some of the other assistant pastors.



### **Pastor Ucheawaji Egop**

Pastor Ucheawaji Egop is a full-time minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He serves as an lead/founding pastor Purpose-Life Community Church (PCC), Port Harcourt.

He is a graduate of Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Nigeria. He is an Ekklesia School alumnus of Ekklesia 2021 Clergy.

## Available Programs

***Please be informed that the school reserves the right to cancel any program from the School Year, if it does not receive the required minimum number of five students necessary for that program.***

Currently, Ekklesia offers different certificate programs for laity students and a diploma program in pastoral studies for clergy. Some of these programs are entirely online and can be taken at one's pace, hence they are known as self-paced programs. Other programs occur based on the School's calendar and they hold online and onsite.

### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

#### **(Calendar - Based)**

Ekklesia offers three different certificate level programs as follows:

- Basic Level – 2 Programs
- Advanced Level 1 – 4 Programs
- Advanced Level 2 – 3 Programs

As seen above, there are 9 laity certificate programs spread over three trimesters. The successful completion of one certificate is as a prerequisite for another certificate in a subsequent trimester.

Students who complete Christianity Basics 1 in the first trimester may proceed to Christianity Basics 2 in the second trimester. Completing Christianity Basics 2 would qualify the student to proceed to Christianity Basics 3 in the third trimester.

Students who complete Christian Service in the first trimester have 3 options to choose from in the second trimester. They may opt for Leadership, Music, or Business. In the third trimester, students who took the Leadership, Music, or Business certificate programs in the second trimester may take Leadership 2, Music 2, and Business 2 respectively.

It is not compulsory for a student to go beyond the First Trimester. Students can choose not to proceed beyond the Basic Level. Students can also choose to defer their movement to the Advanced Level 1 or Advanced Level 2 to

another academic session. The prerequisite Certificates for the Advanced Level 1 and 2 Programs will be valid for three years. However, a student will only graduate when they complete a program.

Onsite classes hold on 7 Saturdays (usually every fortnight) from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., over a period of about 3 months.

At the end of each trimester successful students will be awarded with a Certificate in their program.

## **CLERGY DIPLOMA PROGRAM**

The training of students on the clergy path covers six trimesters in two school years.

Each trimester, onsite classes in the clergy program hold on Tuesdays, and Fridays between 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. The trimester is made up of 7 weeks over a three-month duration.

At the end of the program over two school years successful students will be awarded with a diploma in pastoral studies.

The School is very intensive and demanding for both paths and thus requires a lot of self-drive and self-motivation on the part of students.



## What We Offer

We offer a range of diploma and certificate programs that are calendar-based or self-paced.

The calendar-based certificate programs last one year and sessions begin in January, May and September of each year. This means intending students of these programmes have three opportunities every year to apply.

The calendar-based diploma program for clergy lasts for 2 years with sessions beginning only in January.

## CALENDAR-BASED PROGRAMS

### DIPLOMA (CLERGY): CURRICULUM

The curriculum for students undergoing clergy training for full-time ministry at Ekklesia covers a vast variety as follows:

- Taught Courses
- New Testament Studies
- Media Seminars
- Book Studies
- Evangelism
- Community Development (CD)
- Mission Field Training/Trip
- Project Work
- Character Assessment

#### **Taught Courses**

The taught courses are spread over 6 trimesters in two calendar school years and add up to over 350 hours of instruction.



## First Year

### First Trimester Courses

- BO-101-LC – Bible Overview LC: A summary of how the Bible came to be.
- NC-102-LC – New Creation Nuggets: This course emphasizes basic truths for a believer.
- TH-104-LC – Theology LC: The study of God.
- CC-105-LC – Christian Character LC – This course focuses on the development of spiritual character and godliness.
- CH-106-LC – Christology LC: The study of Christ.
- PN-107-LC – Pneumatology LC: The study of the Holy Spirit.

### Second Trimester Courses

- LB-201-LC – Little Beginnings LC: This course shows God's pattern for growth: begin little and grow thence..
- TY-202-C – Typology C: The study of Biblical types and shadows.
- ANG-203-C – Angelology C: The study of angels.
- ANT-204-LC – Anthropology LC: A Biblical study of man.

### Third Trimester Courses

- FA-301-C – Faith C: The study of Biblical faith.
- GR-302-C – Grace C: A study on grace.
- PR-303-C – Prayer C: Studies the different kinds of prayers as well as the principles that guarantee answered prayers.
- SP-304-C – School of the Spirit: Studies practical truths concerning the realm of the Spirit and how to follow the leading of the Spirit.

## Second Year

### Fourth Trimester Courses

- EC-401-C – Ecclesiology C: The study of the church.
- SO-402-C – Soteriology LC: The study of salvation.
- ES-403-C – Eschatology C: The study of the last things and days.

### **Fifth Trimester Courses**

HM-501-LC – Harmatology LC: The study of sin

EF-502-C – Evangelism & Follow-Up LC: Focuses on the study of evangelism, missions, church planting and follow-up.

PM-503-C – Pastoral Ministry C: A very practical course covering a variety of issues relating to the pastoral ministry.

### **Sixth Trimester Courses**

C CO-601-C – Covenants C: The study of the different covenants God has with man.

PI-602-C – Purpose & Identity C: This course teaches on discovering and walking in God-given calling and purpose.

MC-603-C – Marriage Covenant C: A study of the marriage covenant.

### **Key:**

***L – Course for laity students alone.***

***C – Course for clergy students alone.***

***LC – Course for both laity and clergy students.***

### **New Testament Studies**

The New Testament Studies consist of over 300 hours of media instruction of the New Testament books especially the Epistles.

### **Media Seminars**

These seminars are essentially recorded messages of the instructors as well as other seasoned ministers. For instance, clergy students take Healing School HS-204-LC via media.

### **Book Studies**

Students are given books from notable authors to further enhance their knowledge along certain lines of instruction. Some of the books are mandatory, while the optional ones, afford the students the opportunity to choose from. However, students are expected to achieve an expected quotient before graduation. The studies also feature Book review sessions as well as group discussions of the different books.

## **Evangelism**

Students will be occasionally sent out to evangelize, as this would among other things, afford them the opportunity to practice what they are taught in the Evangelism & Follow-Up course.

## **Community Development (CD)**

It is compulsory for every student to take part in community development. The School reserves the right to decide what form of community development the students may be involved in.

## **Mission Field Training/Trip (MFT)**

In the course of the second school year, the students are sent on Mission Field Training to remote areas in any part of Nigeria. They will work with the local pastors/missionaries in the area, and the trip is aimed at equipping them with hands-on knowledge of what the mission field entails. Each student is expected to submit a report on the Mission Field. The pastor, minister, or missionary they worked under will also submit a report assessing the performance of the student. In the past, Ekklesians have gone to places such as Gwoza, Borno State, and Offa, Kwara State.

## **Project Work**

In the sixth trimester, clergy students are asked to submit 2 or 3 ministry-related project titles. One of these titles will be approved as the student's dissertation. The project work includes a defense/presentation of the project to the Faculty and in the presence of other students. The project work will be assessed.

## **Character Assessment**

At the end of the School Year, students receive a detailed character assessment from the school authority. The purpose of this assessment is to show each individual the areas of strength they need to consolidate and areas of weakness that need to be improved upon.

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

### Certificate in Christianity Basics

#### First Trimester

- BO-101-LC – Bible Overview LC: A general summary on how the Bible came to be.
- NC-102-LC – New Creation Nuggets: A course emphasizing basic truths for a believer.
- TH-104-LC – Theology LC: The study of God.
- CH-106-LC – Christology LC: The study of Christ.
- PN-107-LC – Pneumatology LC: The study of the Holy Spirit.

#### Second Trimester

- HM-202-LC – Harmatology LC: The study of sin.
- AN-203-LC – Anthropology LC: A Biblical study of man.
- HS-204-LC – Healing School LC: A study on receiving and ministering divine healing.
- PB-205-L – Prayer Basics L: Studies the different kinds of prayers as well as the principles that guarantee answered prayers.

#### Third Trimester

- IC-301-L – Introduction to Covenants: An introduction to the study of covenants.
- SO-302-L – Soteriology L: The study of salvation.
- GF-303-L – Grace and Faith L: The study of grace and faith and the balance between them.

### Certificate in Christianity Service

#### 1. Certificate in Leadership

##### First Trimester

- NC-102-LC – New Creation Nuggets: A course emphasizing basic truths for a believer.
- SV-103-LC – Servanthood LC: Focuses on the importance of the place of service in ministry.

- CC-105-LC – Christian Character LC: Focuses on the development of spiritual character and godliness.
- EF-108-LC – Evangelism & Follow-Up LC: Focuses on the study of evangelism, missions, church planting and follow-up.

### **Second Trimester**

- PB-205-L – Prayer Basics L: Studies the different kinds of prayers as well as the principles that guarantee answered prayers.
- DL-206-L – Distinctive Leadership I LC: A course on principles of distinctive leadership.

### **Third Trimester**

- GF-303-L – Grace and Faith L: The study of grace and faith and the balance between them.
- DL-305-L – Distinctive Leadership II LC: A course on principles of distinctive leadership.

## **2. Certificate in Dynamics of Business**

### **First Trimester**

- NC-102-LC – New Creation Nuggets: A course emphasizing basic truths for a believer.
- SV-103-LC – Servanthood LC: Focuses on the importance of the place of service in ministry.
- CC-105-LC – Christian Character LC: Focuses on the development of spiritual character and godliness.
- EF-108-LC – Evangelism & Follow-Up LC: Focuses on the study of evangelism, missions, church planting and follow-up.

### **Second Trimester**

- LB-201-LC – Little Beginnings LC: A course focusing on how God-ordained things begin little and grow to be great.
- PB-205-L – Prayer Basics L: Studies the different kinds of prayers as well as the principles that guarantee answered prayers.
- DB-208-L – The Dynamics of Business I L: Studies the principles for succeeding in business God's way.

### **Third Trimester**

PW-304-L – The Covenant of Wealth: Focuses on God's purpose of wealth.

DB-306-L – The Dynamics of Business II L: Studies the principles for succeeding in business God's way.

## **3. Certificate in Music**

### **First Trimester**

NC-102-LC – New Creation Nuggets: A course emphasizing basic truths for a believer.

SV-103-LC – Servanthood LC: Focuses on the importance of the place of service in ministry.

CC-105-LC – Christian Character LC: Focuses on the development of spiritual character and godliness.

EF-108-LC – Evangelism & Follow-Up LC: Focuses on the study of evangelism, missions, church planting and follow-up.

### **Second Trimester**

PB-205-L – Prayer Basics L: Studies the different kinds of prayers as well as the principles that guarantee answered prayers.

MM-207-L – The Art of Music Ministry L: A course on the art of music ministry.

MT-208-L – Music Theory L: A course on the basics of music ministry

### **Third Trimester**

MM-307-L – The Art of Music Ministry II L: A course on the art of music ministry.

MT-308-L – Music Theory II L: A course on the basics of music ministry

# SELF-PACED PROGRAMS

## **Certificate in Diakonos Studies**

- What The Church Universal Is Not
- Membership of the Church
- Seven (7) Truths about the Local Church
- The Purpose of the Local Church
- Nuggets To Remember When You Have A Call
- The Confirmation of A Call
- Who Is A Pastor?
- Hermeneutics
- Homiletics
- Ministerial Ethics

## **Certificate in Identity School**

- Salvation Basics
- Redemption
- New Creation
- The Name Of Jesus
- The Holy Spirit
- Purpose And Identity

## **Certificate in Healing School**

- Finding The Root Cause of Sickness And Disease
- What Divine Healing Is Not
- Is It The Will of God To Heal All Diseases
- Why Sickness Is Not From God
- Roadblocks To Your Healing
- Methods of Healing
- Appropriating And Maintaining Your Healing
- The Lord Who Heals You
- Now Is Time To Take Your Medicine

## **Marriage 101 - Modules 1 - 10**

## **The Carpenter's Church Believers' Classes**

- Lesson 1 – The Reality of the Word

- Lesson 2 – The Reality of our Redemption
- Lesson 3 – The Reality of our New Creation
- Lesson 4 – The Reality of our Righteousness
- Lesson 5 – The Reality of the Name of Jesus
- Lesson 6 – The Reality of the Indwelling Spirit
- Lesson 7 – The Reality of our Fellowship
- Lesson 8 – Holy Spirit Baptism
- Lesson 9 – The Renewal of Mind (Part 1)
- Lesson 10 – The Renewal of Of Mind (Part 2)
- Lesson 11 – Worship and Praise (Part 1)
- Lesson 12 – Worship and Praise (Part 2)
- Lesson 13 – Giving (Part 1)
- Lesson 14 – Giving (Part 2)
- Lesson 15 – Faith Basics





## 2023 Application Process

The application and admission process is now completely online and requires that you have created a profile. The application form linked to your profile enables you to keep saving any data provided until you are ready for final submission. Before you submit your completed application, take a few moments to ensure that you have filled all required fields. The detailed application form shows the components that are mandatory and which are optional.

The following steps serve as a guide to helping you complete your application process:

- Create an account by clicking on the create an account button
- Fill in the required information on the account opening form and Submit
- Check your email inbox or spam folder for your login details
- Go back to the Ekklesia home page and click on sign in
- Once you are signed in, you can apply by clicking the apply now button on the home page or in the admissions tab
- Select a program of choice i.e, calendar-based or self-paced. You can read what we offer for more details.
- Fill in all the required information on the form
- Click save draft if you want to continue your application at a later Time
- Your unsubmitted application can be accessed from the registration page.
- Submit your application if you are done
- Your application will be reviewed and a decision will be sent to you via email

## Application Fee

Payment of a non-refundable application fee of N5,000.00 (Five Thousand Naira) only is required. For students outside Nigeria, a non-refundable application fee of \$10 (Ten Dollars) is required. Payment can be made

directly into Ekklesia's Bank Account (details below) or online. Kindly submit your proof of payment — a Bank deposit slip or receipt printed online with your application form.

**Bank:** Guaranty Trust Bank  
**Account Name:** The Carpenter's Church Ekklesia  
**Account #:** 0113068653

### **Upload of Personal Picture**

You are required to upload a personal passport-sized picture as part of your application.

### **Qualifications**

Copies of your educational qualifications should be included with your application.

### **Short Answers to Application Essay Questions**

There are short essay questions to be answered as part of the application process. Please write your answers clearly or type your responses.

### **One Page Testimony**

Your personal testimony should be neatly written out in your handwriting and should be between 400-500 words. Content, grammar and presentation should be your best. It is important to include your salvation experience, your current commitment to God including describing your service in your current church, and why you desire to attend Ekklesia: School of Local Church.

### **Referrals**

We require 3 referrals: Personal Referral, Professional Referral and Pastoral Referral. The email addresses of these referees would be required so they can be sent a link to the reference forms. Be sure to follow through with your referees and ensure they have completed and submitted the form. Your application cannot be processed without all three references. You would not be able to see the filled forms or to discuss them with your referees.

### **Interview Appointment**

This is only necessary for candidates who are applying for the clergy path. An interview will only be conducted for candidates on the laity path if the Admission Board deems it necessary. The School will contact applicants and schedule an interview appointment with them.

### **Optional Components**

CV and Resume

If you have a presentable curriculum vitae or résumé you may include it in your application submission.

### **Personal Works**

If you have any original personal works such as literary work, Biblical expository, topical presentations or musical composition, you may include it in your application submission.

### **Financial Aid Request Form**

Financial aid is only open to applicants on the clergy path. Applicants who think they may have challenges meeting up with the financial obligations may fill this form to make a case for financial aid. Financial aid requests may be turned down, may result in varying discounts on the tuition and book fees, or may result in a complete tuition and book scholarship. Applicants are advised not to make spurious applications for financial aid.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL APPLICATIONS IS AUGUST 26, 2023. ONLY COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE PROCESSED.**

## **2023 Application and Admission Timeline**

- August 25, 2023 – Submission deadline.
- September 8, 2023 – Decision letters.

As a general rule, there will be no interview for admission into the laity certificate programs – except where necessary. The forms will be processed, and a decision letter will be sent to the applicant giving admission or stating otherwise. An interview will only be conducted if the Admission Board deems it necessary. However, applicants for the clergy path will be interviewed. An interview date will be scheduled once the applicant's Application has been processed and the applicant will be informed of the date of the interview.

## **Fees and Finance**

### **Application Fee**

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<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>The Carpenter's Church Ekklesia</b>
<b>Account #:</b>	<b>0113068653</b>

### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS: Tuition Fees**

The school year is divided into 3 trimesters.

For students taking the certificate programs in any of the Christianity Service disciplines (i.e. Leadership, Music and Business) as well as those students taking the certificate program in Christianity Basics, the tuition fee per trimester is N35,000.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand Naira) only. This brings the total fees for the School Year to N105,000.00 (One Hundred and Five Thousand Naira) only.

For students outside Nigeria, the fees are \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) only per trimester. This brings the total fees for the School Year to \$300.00 (Three Hundred Dollars).

Upon admission, payment is due before the first trimester begins. However, students may choose to pay the fees in two instalments of N20,000.00 and N15,000.00 with the second instalment due a month after the resumption of school. For students outside Nigeria, payment may be made in two equal installments of \$50 each. A student is not registered for a semester until fees for that trimester has been paid partially or in full. Where a student fails to pay the second installment of fees as at when due, his or her studentship will be put on hold for two weeks until payment is made. During this period, the student will not be able to access the student's portal and attend lectures. After the two-week period the student will lose his or studentship for that trimester. It would be up to the student to catch up with all assignments, tests assessments etc., and there would be no grace shown for late submissions of assignments, tests, assessments etc.

### **DIPLOMA (CLERGY) PROGRAM: TUITION FEES**

The clergy program is divided into 6 trimesters spread over two school years. In the first trimester, clergy students will pay 35,000.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand Naira) only as tuition fees. For students outside Nigeria, the fees are \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) only.

From the second trimester, the tuition fee per trimester is N60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand Naira) only. For students outside Nigeria, the fees are \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) only. In addition, the cost of a compulsory mission trip is N40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Naira) only. For students outside Nigeria, the fees are \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) only. This brings the total fees for the program to N375,000.00 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Naira) only over a period of two school years. For students outside Nigeria, the total fees for the program is \$1,200.00 (One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) only over a period of two school years.

Upon admission, payment is due before the first trimester begins. Subsequently, payment is due before or at the beginning of the trimester. Students who fail to pay a month after resumption will pay 20% on the fees

as penalty. Failure to pay fees may prevent a student from writing the Assessments at the end of the trimester, and this may eventually result in the loss of studentship.

### **SECURITY DEPOSIT (FOR CLERGY STUDENTS ONLY)**

Upon resumption, clergy students are expected to pay a refundable fee of N20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira) only as a security deposit. This fee will indemnify the School for any damages the student may cause to its property. If the student caused no damage to the School property, at the end of each trimester the fee will be automatically moved to the subsequent trimester as the student's security deposit for that trimester. Should a student cause damage to the school property the money will be taken from the security deposit, and the balance will be brought forward to the subsequent trimester and the student will be expected to pay the difference. Where there is no balance and/or extra to be paid, the student will have to pay it as well as the security deposit for the subsequent trimester. At the end of the student's program, the security deposit, or whatever is left of it will be returned to the student.

### **Financial Aid Request Form**

Financial aid is only open to applicants on the clergy path. Applicants who think they may have challenges meeting up with the financial obligations may fill this form to make a case for financial aid. Financial Aid requests may be turned down, may result in varying discounts on the tuition and book fees or may result in a complete tuition and book scholarship. Applicants are advised not to make spurious applications for financial aid.

## **2023 School Year Calendar**

Ekklesia: School of Local Church is an intensive one-year school program for laity students, and an intensive two-year school program for clergy students.

A school year is divided into 3 trimesters.

The 2023 school year begins on September 23, 2023, and ends on July 22, 2024.

This would be the entire school year for laity students. However, it would be the first year for clergy students. The details of the second year of the clergy (tentatively 2024 school year) will be given at the beginning of the school year. With the online module, students have the liberty to begin any of the calendar courses either in September 2023, January 2024 or May 2024.

Full attendance of all lectures is required for the award of a certificate or diploma.

The calendar\* is as shown below:

### **LAITY PATH: CALENDAR**

#### **Trimester One – Laity Path**

The trimester is made up of 8 Saturdays over a period of about 3 months with classes holding from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on each school day.

The trimester breakdown is as follows:

- School Year/First Trimester Resumes – September 23, 2023
- (Orientation/Lectures).
- Lectures End – November 25, 2023.
- Lecture Days – September 23 – November 25, 2023:
  - ▲ Weekend 1 – September 23, 2023.
  - ▲ Weekend 2 – September 30, 2023.
  - ▲ Weekend 3 – October 14, 2023.
  - ▲ Weekend 4 October 28, 2023.
  - ▲ Weekend 5 – November 4, 2023.
  - ▲ Weekend 6 – November 11, 2023.

- ▲ Weekend 7 November 25, 2023.
- Assessments – December 9, 2023.
- Trimester Ends – December 9, 2023.

### **Trimester Two – Laity Path**

The trimester is made up of 8 Saturdays over a period of about 3 months with classes holding from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on each school day.

The trimester breakdown is as follows:

- Trimester Resumes with lectures – January 20, 2024.
- Lectures End – March 30, 2024.
- Lecture Days January 10 – March 10, 2024:
  - ▲ Weekend 1 – January 20, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 2 – January 27, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 3 – February 10, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 4 – February 17, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 5 – March 2, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 6 – March 16, 2024.
- Weekend 7 – March 30, 2024.
- Assessments – April 6, 2024.
- Trimester Ends – April 6, 2024.

### **Trimester Three – Laity Path**

The trimester is made up of 8 Saturdays over a period of about 3 months with classes holding from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on each school day.

The trimester breakdown is as follows:

- Trimester Resumes with lectures – April 27, 2024.
- Lectures End – July 13, 2024.
- Lecture Days – April 27 – July 13, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 1 – April 27, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 2 – May 11, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 3 – May 25, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 4 – June 8, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 5 – June 22, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 6 – June 29, 2024.
  - ▲ Weekend 7 July 13, 2024.
- Assessments – July 27, 2024.
- Trimester Ends – July 27, 2024.



***\*This calendar is tentative as the School reserves the right to make necessary adjustments to it as it deems fit and should the occasion demand so.***

## **CLERGY PATH: CALENDAR**

### **Trimester One – Clergy Path**

The trimester is made up of 7 weeks over a three-month duration with lectures holding 3 days in those weeks as follows:

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This schedule does not include assessments. There will also be a break after the assessments. Details will be provided upon resumption.

The trimester breakdown is as follows:

- School Year/First Trimester Resumes – September 23, 2023 (Orientation).
- Lectures Commence – September 23, 2023.
- Lectures End – November 25, 2023.

### **Trimester Two – Clergy Path**

The trimester is made up of 7 weeks over a three-month duration with lectures holding 3 days in those weeks as follows:

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This schedule does not include assessments. There will also be a break after the assessments. Details will be provided upon resumption.

- Trimester Resumes/Lectures Commence – January 20, 2024.
- Lectures End – March 30, 2024.

### **Trimester Three – Clergy Path**

The trimester is made up of 7 weeks over a three-month duration with lectures holding 3 days in those weeks as follows:

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This schedule does not include assessments. There will also be a break after the assessments. Details will be provided upon resumption.

- Trimester Resumes / Lectures Commence – April 27, 2024.
- Lectures End – July 13, 2024.

### **Trimester Four – Six – Clergy Path**

This schedule will be made available at the commencement of the School Year.

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### **Contacting the School**

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## Alumni

*Ekklesia is highly recommended for anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of God's Word and gain practical, hands-on relevant knowledge in various aspects of Christian endeavour including service, leadership, music, and business. It is also for those who want to fulfil their God-given call to full-time ministry especially those who sense a call to the pastoral office. In order to help you make up your mind about why you should attend Ekklesia, hear what some graduates have to say:*

## Testimonials



**PASTOR TAYO SPENCE**  
**Assistant Pastor**  
**The Carpenter's Church**  
**Port Harcourt**  
**Clergy Student**  
**Class of 2012/2013**

I am most fortunate to have been a student of Ekklesia: School of Local Church. To say my life can never be the same is an understatement.

Ekklesia gave me a complete paradigm shift in my values and priorities as a Christian. In Ekklesia, I realised that the most important thing in life is fulfilling the purpose of God for my life and maximizing my covenant benefits here on earth.

Unlike my imagination about a Bible school, I was surprised and excited about our academic work. Every day was full of new revelations and life-changing teachings. My instructors were anointed and dynamic. I was most privileged to learn under Pastor Charles and Pastor Nkechi, my fathers and mentors in the Lord. One of the things Ekklesia taught me is complete and unreserved integrity in all I do. I also learnt that the call to ministry is a noble call and I was taught how to magnify my office as a minister, and rightly divide the Word of truth through an in-depth study of God's Word. I also learnt that in order to achieve excellence, I must have a zero tolerance for mediocrity.

Our instructors were disciplined, and discipline was the rule of thumb for every student. Our academic/spiritual work was very demanding, but if you ever felt weary and overwhelmed by the work load, a second look at our relentless and tireless instructors who have heavier work schedules will cause your seeming work load to pale into insignificance. Our instructors were simply amazing and stood as our role models for service to God.



**PASTOR HELEN NWUZI**  
*Business Student*  
*Class of 2014/2015*

I am a self-motivated, enthusiastic Christian woman. I am an entrepreneur and operated an SME for years before co-founding Haddocks Marine Services Ltd., with my husband Chima Nwuzi. We have two lovely daughters, Chikanka and Chimdindu, and a delightful son, Chijiako.

Ekklesia Business course opened my eyes to the exact way Christians should conduct their businesses. Business ethics was the peak for me. I learnt that possessing ethical value is an outward sign of an unshakable faith in God.

The personal testimony of our instructor Engr. Emeka Ene is a great faith booster. Now, I'm confident of God's favour on every effort I make. Ekklesia School is just awesome. For instance, Christian Character and Servanthood teaches on love and humility, while Little Beginnings encourages you to keep at what you're doing no matter the challenges that seem to suggest you aren't making progress. Today, I'm well furnished with necessary tools to stand out and be successful in my endeavours.



**PRECIOUS AWAJINOM**  
*Business Student*  
*Class of 2014/2015*

Having a communications background and work experience in the non-profits and real estate, the Ekklesia certificate in business was a wise choice.

One thing that sets Ekklesia apart from other schools is its emphasis on values, and its ability to bridge the gap between the sacred and secular divide. We were taught the traditional foundation needed for starting up and managing a company well and the importance of blending in creativity and innovation in order to remain relevant in the future, and all these were rooted in godly principles. The culture at Ekklesia is one that highly regards excellence both personally and professionally. The teamwork at Ekklesia gave me the opportunity to form great relationships with instructors and course mates who still provide valuable support.



**FELICIA SAMUEL**  
*Leadership Student*  
*Class of 2014/2015*

I work full time, I'm a wife and mother, so getting into Ekklesia was a sacrifice, however it was worth it all.

I started Ekklesia with a lot of anticipation and I was not disappointed. The course content was rich beyond what I expected; they were fully researched. I had to prepare for each class, knowing that my teachers were

also coming well prepared, having put in time and effort to bring a rich content. I remember being asked by my husband if I had assessment every school day, because I endeavored to come to class prepared to meet the prepared teacher. One of the things that was reinforced for me in Ekklesia is that as a professional in whatever field, you are first and foremost a Christian, and your profession should and would be enhanced by living out Christian principles such as exemplary character, charisma, service, faithfulness etc. You have to lead yourself successfully before leading others.



**AUGUSTINE GIDEON UBONG**  
*Music Student*  
*Class of 2014/2015*

The steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord and indeed they are. My coming to Ekklesia transformed my life and gave me direction for my God-given purpose.

I came into Ekklesia at a point in my life where I had so many questions because I wasn't at peace with the teachings I used to receive then.

The knowledge of God's Word I had received formerly

was challenged and I would leave each class dazed at the depth of God's Word taught. Some of our classes had great times of prophecy by Pastor Nkechi Ene and Pastor Sola Akinwale. On two occasions, those prophecies were directed to me and really positioned me in my decisions.

Our Music instructor, Mrs. Namsey Okung, was amazing. Learning under her was fun and interesting, and I was always looking forward to the next class.

I finished my Ekklesia year equipped with great knowledge of my music ministry and I thank God for leading me to Ekklesia.



**ULOMA CHINKE**  
*Leadership Student*  
*Class of 2015/2016*

I applied to Ekklesia: School of Local Church after the deadline, but God brought it together and made it possible for me. Learning in class was different from regular academic exercise. Our instructors were not just limited to a lesson-plan but were open to the move of God. They were passionate about what they taught. They are men and women of practical faith who

inspired us by their lifestyle. I attended each class with great expectation. Our Evangelism class taught me to recognize and take advantage of opportunities to share my faith in simple but effective ways. Christian Character was the bomb! I understood whose image I was. I desired more to live a life of integrity. I learnt to pray right with fewer struggles and guaranteed answers. Grace and Faith course was the icing on the cake! I applied the lessons I learnt in my secular life. I took baby steps at improving one aspect of my life after another and gradually became a better person.

Ekklesia wasn't just a teaching school but a training school where I learnt to apply God's Word. Ekklesia is a family-oriented school where you feel you are part of something bigger than yourself. God has used my time in Ekklesia to prepare me for amazing and greater times ahead.



**JOSEPHINE ENEKOLE AITAFO**  
*Business Student*  
*Class of 2015/2016*

My experience in Ekklesia has been truly awesome! I thank God for every single day has been life transforming, and to think I almost missed joining this class, but for the grace given by Pastor Nkechi for late registration.

Our first semester was an eye-opener! There was so much I didn't know. Thank God for our wonderful instructors who were able to patiently teach us God's Word, precept upon precept! All the courses were wonderful especially the class on Christian Character.

After our first semester assessments, I actually said to myself that if I was asked to repeat any course, I wouldn't feel bad because it would be such a blessing to sit through the class a second time!!

Second semester was amazing! In our business class, we received not only classroom instruction, we are actually mentored. As a Christian entrepreneur, I am being equipped with what it takes to be successful! Prayer Basics was inspiring. At every class, we are imparted with grace to be all God has called us to be.

Now I look at Scriptures differently! I find myself actually interested in reading between the lines and digging deeper. I listen to messages more keenly than ever before.



**STEPHENSON OGBOBULA**

*Business Student*  
*Class of 2017/2018*

I am married and blessed with three wonderful kids. I hold a bachelor's degree in Geology and a postgraduate diploma in Petroleum Engineering. I have also developed a career in oilfield formation evaluation (Coring Services) as a field engineer, consultant, and entrepreneur.

My time at Ekklesia has been a period of enrichment, impartation, and transformation. I now have the desire of manifesting the virtues of character, confidence, commitment, courage and charisma in every area of my life.

The Dynamics of Business course which was my major was a novel experience, as we were not only exposed to the core aspects of business, but also gained some practical tips from our instructor, Engr. Emeka Ene, an experienced and iconic figure in the oil industry.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the faculty of the school for their simplicity, excellence and commitment throughout the school year.



**PRECIOUS CHRIS**

*Leadership Student*  
*Class of 2017/2018*

I am a wife and a microbiologist.

My experience in Ekklesia has been a life changing one, which taught me a lot of things. Being conscious of my leadership potentials and needs, I realized the necessity to sharpen and broaden my leadership skills, and Ekklesia was and is the best place for that.

I found out about Ekklesia from my brother who is a member in TCC, and after I enrolled in the school, I have had no regrets. My character as a Christian has been strengthened. I am more aware of how to be a leader. Generally, the expectations I had for Ekklesia were exceeded. I am already putting my acquired knowledge to work in every aspect of my life.

I want to thank all my instructors for their impartation, their time and walking this journey with me; I can never take it for granted. I am sincerely grateful.



**PASTOR DERRICK ISAAC-ISELOBHOR**  
*Business Student*  
*Class of 2018/2019*

I am a medical doctor by training, working as a health management specialist having previously worked as a clinician. In my formal training as a medical doctor, business and management weren't learnt formally. A desire for personal development and the testimonies shared by alumni made the decision to enrol in Ekklesia easy.

Ekklesia has more than fulfilled the desires I had in mind when I enrolled. It demystified the concepts of entrepreneurship; taught that being a Christian and an ethical businessman in Nigeria was achievable; reinforced the power of character and so much more. The course content is rich, and the instructors have a real desire to impart knowledge.

My classmates were a unique group of people who made this journey all the more memorable as their individual uniqueness shone through making classes lively, group projects interesting and fostering bonds that will surely outlive our school year.



**DORMENE MAEBA**  
*Leadership Student*  
*Class of 2018/2019*

I have an engineering background and currently work as an environment, health and safety specialist. I am married and blessed with four beautiful children. My time at Ekklesia was a very special one. The Distinctive Leadership course revolutionized my approach to leadership. It showed me how to lead according to God's standards and that leadership can



be learned and perfected.

Amongst other things, servant-leadership gave me a clear insight that the key to true service is humility. I have applied the principles learnt in my family, local church and at work and I achieved great results.

The instructors were dedicated, and I looked forward to every class because I was always impacted positively.

I thank God for this great opportunity to get the tools to be excellent in everything I do, and I do not take it lightly.



**NNEKA LILIAN OKAFOR**  
*Business Student*  
*Class of 2019/2020*

I am an electrical/electronics engineering graduate with almost twenty years experience in the Nigerian oil and gas industry. I am also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pink Flamingo Farms.

I first met the Lord as a teenager in the university and my life has since been forever transformed. My love and passion for God and a desire to know Him more drives my life and direction and also influenced my decision to attend Ekklesia.

From my very first day in class, I felt the transforming impact of this decision. It was amazing to behold how deep spiritual truths are taught with world class academic standards. Within the vast and rich curriculum, I learnt the precepts of Christian character, and that I can achieve high flying entrepreneurial success in the Nigerian business environment while still remaining an uncompromised and ethical believer.

I am married to Pastor Chuks Okafor and we are proud parents.

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