



# EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GHANA

## MAJOR DECISIONS OF THE 7TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### **Preamble**

In steadfast faith in God the Father, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we affirm His guidance in every sphere of our life, thought, and development—both physical and spiritual—within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana.

Gathered in holy fellowship at Mawuko Girls' Senior High School, Ho, from the 19th to the 23rd of August, 2015, in the Year of Our Lord, the 7th General Assembly prayerfully deliberated and hereby proclaims the following decisions for the mission, growth, and witness of the Church:

### **Resolutions of the Assembly**

#### **1. Biennial Assembly Meetings**

The General Assembly shall henceforth convene biennially, effective 2016, notwithstanding the provisions of the 2010 Constitution currently under review.

#### **2. Post-Tenure Assignments**

Former Moderators and Clerks of the General Assembly who have not attained the age of 70 at the end of their tenure may be re-assigned as District Pastors.

#### **3. Restructuring of the Central Finance Committee**

The Central Finance Committee shall be reconstituted into a robust body comprising technocrats, business executives, selected Presbytery Moderators, and designated staff from the Finance and Audit Departments.

#### **4. Suspension of Group Celebrations for Review**

Group celebrations and fundraising activities for individual church agents shall be suspended for one year (2016) to allow for comprehensive restructuring. However, centenaries, anniversaries, annual harvests, and activities of Women, Men, Youth, and Children Ministries may continue.

#### **5. Uniform Signboards Nationwide**

EPCG shall adopt a standardized signboard design nationwide, incorporating all the official colours of the national church.

**6. Publication of Donors' Names**

The names of donors to the General Assembly shall continue to be published in the Year Book, as has been the practice over the years.

**7. Educational Development in Ashanti Presbytery**

The proposed College of Education at Ejisu, Ashanti Presbytery, shall first be established as a model basic school, with progression to a College of Education in due course.

**8. Children's Ministry Teaching Manual**

The Teaching Manual developed by Rev. Prof. Gilbert Ansre and his team shall be adopted for use in the Children's Ministry across all EPCG congregations.

**9. Assembly Theme**

The theme "*Go, Make Disciples*" shall guide the Church throughout the 2015/2016 Assembly year, to be used in all Presbyteries, Districts, congregations, rallies, and group activities.

**10. Venue for the 8th General Assembly**

The 8th General Assembly shall be held in West Volta in August 2017.