



EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GHANA

MAJOR DECISIONS OF THE 10TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Preamble

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

Gathered in solemn fellowship, the 10th General Assembly prayerfully deliberated and hereby proclaims the following decisions for the mission, growth, and witness of the Church:

Resolutions of the Assembly:

1. Moderator's Address

The Assembly Receive with appreciation the address of the Moderator and commend it to the Presbyteries and Districts for study and action. General Assembly notes especially the elements that need to be implemented and urge the Church at all levels to be diligent especially in the following:

- a. To promote the Prime water project of EPCG in the financial interest of the church taking into account quality production, in a sanitary environment, storage and marketing and prudent accountability. All homes, congregations, members, schools, colleges and institutions related to the EPCG are to loyally patronize the Prima water.
- b. Promote additional training and capacity building for Church Agents with measurable indicators towards human capital development.
- c. Construction of a multi-purpose conference center (175th Anniversary Hall) at the headquarters.
- d. Undertake a national evangelization mission that creates and maintains congregations that are multi-ethnic, and lead to members staying in the church. In addition to our traditional Ewe, to use the language spoken by the community where the Church is located.
- e. Promote the use of modern technology to reach out to all people in and out of the church. We need to engage in deliberate TV worship services to show presence and reach out to the unchurched.
- f. Pursue financial liberation by investing in viable economic opportunities to boost the Church's financial resources. We should engage in resourceful ways of raising funds for the Ministry.
- g. Develop an up-to-date database that captures the personal details of every member of the Church: address, location, occupation, and capabilities, to make for easier Church Management and outreach to members.

- h. To create two Presbyteries out of the current Western Presbytery which has twenty-six (26) Districts. This will make for more effective administration and management.
- i. Engage the state and government of Ghana in identifying deprived areas and collaborate to impact on such areas with the most needed amenities such as schools, water and health posts.

2. General Assembly Council Report

Receive the General Assembly Council Report with gratitude for all the work done. The 10th General Assembly endorses the decisions of EPCG and EEPT on LGBTQ++ issues as the stance of the EPCG and mandates that there should be education around it in E. P. Church and its Educational Institutions.

3. EPDRA Report

Receive the EPDRA report with thanksgiving. The General Assembly commends EPDRA to invest more capital in the Pharmacy business because it is viable and currently one of the fast cash flow ventures on returns.

4. Church Logo

The General Assembly affirms that the re-branded Church logo of the EPCG is under registration and therefore the church has copyright to it. Therefore, any use of the Church's logo for commercial purposes must have the express authorization of the Church. This includes any level of the church using the logo for printing souvenirs, etc. for harvest, anniversaries and other celebrations.

5. National Counselling Centre

That the EPCG National Counselling Center be rebranded. Under the rebranding, the Centre will now be known as the "Very Rev. Dr. Livingstone Komla Buama Counselling Centre" or "L. K. Buama Counselling Centre" for short. The Counselling Centre has the following aims;

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- To set up a team of counselling professionals who would provide all aspects of psychological counselling and therapy.
- To accompany clients with arrangements for pastoral care where necessary.
- To serve as a referral centre and make arrangements for referrals where necessary.
- To run counselling related training programmes.
- To explore possible ways of financially resourcing and sustaining the Centre.
- To work towards establishing satellite centres in all Presbyteries utilizing trained church agents and members on the ground.
- To advertise services offered by the Centre periodically.
- To submit annual reports to the leadership of EPCG through the NCC Board.

6. Climate Justice and Environmental Stewardship

That the E. P. Church becomes more committed to Climate Justice and the environment. There should be a clear and actionable plan for the environment. This includes awareness creation, tree planting, re-cycling of wastes, and participating on the World Environment Day. The church is urged at all levels to include care for environment in events such as confirmation services, marriage services and other major congregational events. Confirmands, newly married couples are urged to plant trees or be engaged in activities aimed at preserving the environment either in a location designated by the local congregation, the presbytery or the General Assembly leadership.

7. Data Management

To utilize modern technologies in data management in such a way that critical information from Congregations, Districts and Parishes is available at Presbytery and General Assembly levels simultaneously and vice versa. This would enhance probity, accountability, transparency and fairness in our body polity in pursuit of righteousness.

8. Evangelical Presbyterian University College (EPUC)

To support the effort of the EPUC to become a fully chartered University in the next two years. This includes Congregations and Presbyteries publicizing the EPUC's admission drives and sponsoring a fund for E. P. Church member-students. To this effect, all levels of the Church should show their commitment and contribution to this fund in their budget.

9. Policy Drafting Committee

- i. To make the Policy Drafting Committee more helpful in decision making processes of the church, the following have been designed as the means by which the committee receives material for processing into policy decisions of the General Assembly:
 - a. Inputs from the General Assembly Executive Council led by the standing committee
 - b. Inputs from the Moderator's Address to the General Assembly
 - c. Inputs from Presbytery Synods addressed to the General assembly.
 - d. Inputs from the Congregations and the Districts shall be processed through the Presbytery Synod to the General Assembly
- ii. All sections of the Church who want to propose a policy for consideration by the General Assembly shall use any of these channels
- iii. The Policy Drafting Committee shall for future General Assemblies present a document to the General Assembly on how major policies previously decided by Assemblies are being implemented.

10. Church Projects

Projects started by church in the past should not be laid to waste. They should be re-evaluated with feasibility study on them for a possible continuation.

11. Technology in Consultations/Meetings

As much as possible the Church should use modern technologies for consultations and meetings in order to cut down cost and risk associated with traveling.

12. International Relations

The Assembly affirmed the relationship between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana, and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Pakistan.