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Apostle Raymond Okocha: National President

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HANDBOOK

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CHAPTER 1

ABOUT IDUMUESAH CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

ICA VISION STATEMENT

To be a formidable Christian body who unites all Idumuesah Christians for their growth and peaceful coexistence and for the development of Idumuesah community.

ICA MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure the growth of Idumuesah Christians and the development of Idumuesah Community.

ICA SLOGAN

ICA has come to stay!

ICA has succeeded!

ICA MEMBERSHIP

ICA membership is opened to :

- a. Every Christian that is from Idumuesah community or is based in Idumuesah community and
- b. Christians that are non indigenes and believe in the vision and mission of the association.

Membership Requirements

To become a member of Idumuesah Christian Association, you must :

- a. Be a Christian who believes in Jesus Christ and attends a church or should be ready to become a Christian and start attending Church.
- b. Obtain a registration form from any of the ICA Administrators or Coordinators.
- c. Do any other thing instructed by the president or coordinators.

ICA Membership Obligations

Every member of this association is expected to :

- a. Be committed to the vision and mission of the association,
- b. Pay monthly dues (which is presently #500 per month for workers and #100 per month for students and apprentices,
- c. Participate in all ICA programs by attending the programs and giving towards it,
- d. Participate in ICA WhatsApp platform created for the growth of the members in pursuit of ICA vision,
- e. Pay welfare contributions for any ICA member and
- f. Carry out any other responsibility assigned by the any of the leaders of the association.

ICA Welfare Contributions and Benefits

Every member of ICA is expected to participate in the Welfare contributions for other members. Currently, members are expected to pay #1,500 for Workers and #500 non-workers/students/apprentices.

Every financial member of ICA who is actively contributing ICA welfare levies for others and monthly dues is entitled to #25,000 Welfare Package twice for a life time. This could be for marriage, burial, naming, graduation or other ceremonies. Apart from this, ICA members can also invite the body to any ceremony without the association giving money.

CHAPTER 2

HISTORY OF IDUMUESAH CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Idumuesah community has always been known as a dark community. In fact, it was a community associated with all kinds of evil and people were proud to be associated with devils. In the year 2004, a tragic experience happened in the community. Some youth out of zeal for Jesus went for a vigil and tampered with a particular sacred tree called (Agbegbu tree). This tree was worshipped by many in Idumuesah then. This action made the native doctors in cooperation with some Chiefs to arrest all the pastors in the community and gave them heavy beating. Apostle Raymond Okocha then Evangelist Okocha, the president and founder of this great Idumuesah Christian Association heard about this incidence that took place in Idumuesah. This led him to seasons of prayer. Every great vision has always been born out of a burden with God. The burden became stronger on the founder. In the process of praying and crying to God, God took him to Nehemiah in the Bible and he saw how Nehemiah rebuilt the broken walls of Jerusalem. God told him to do same for Idumuesah Community. In January 2005, he went to a camp ground in Benin City where he decides to begin the year with God in prayers. Then, the vision was made clear to him about the work to do in Idumuesah community. This great vision and work is what is now know as Idumuesah Christian Association.

Apostle Raymond Okocha took the burden and continued praying. God led him to meet Reverend Uwefiri of Miracle Baptist Church and Reverend Wadi of Church of God Mission Idumuesah. This union birthed the first program held in September 2005 under the umbrella of "Prevailing Gospel Outreach" with Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria. Deacon Oshagwu of Miracle Baptist Church who was then part of the governing council of Idumuesah. He lead the President to the Royal Highness of Idumuesah Kingdom (Mr. Raphael Oshagwu). ICA major program was held. In this program, one of the miracles that happened was a young girl who was crippled from birth, she walked. This caused major revival outbreak in Idumuesah. Major revival broke out in Idumuesah from this moment. Many women who were

given to sorcery got saved and burnt their idols. Particularly, 32 women burnt their idols and left sorcery to serve Jesus. Most of them started worshiping in Miracle Baptist Church Idumuesah with Reverend Uwefiri who was strongly in support of this great vision. Many pastors witnessed these miracles and revival in Idumuesah community. People like Apostle Mafile Obioma and Pastor Emeke Modesty Obiazikwor (who was the National Secretary from 2012 to 2015) and Pastor Lucky Agbatai saw these early days of ICA.

No vision has ever succeeded without oppositions. Apostle Raymond Okocha in the pursuance of this great vision has seen so many oppositions. In one 2006, a particular program was held in Ali Obume mini market. Four men came with Apostle Raymond Okocha from Benin for this program which was held with PFN pastors in Idumuesah. The four pastors not understanding the vision wanted to be paid for their coming. They had to beat the founder and compelled him to pay them #4,000 (four thousand naira) to each of them. This took Apostle Raymond Okocha about 7 months to pay. Raymond Okocha is a man of vision, hence, he was never discouraged by these oppositions. In fact, on one occasion, he fixed a program and another pastor who was opposing him fixed a program with Anglican Church. All these never deter him and the people working with him. ICA is all about sacrifice. No plan of God on earth can ever succeed without men willing to make sacrifices. So many persons from Idumuesah bought into this vision from the onset. This great work has withstood so many oppositions. Hence, we must be ready to commit to the vision no matter any opposition that may arise.

The vision of ICA started taking more shape as more indigenes bought into the vision. It was now called IDUMUESAH BELIEVERS ASSOCIATION (IBA) no longer a personal outreach of Apostle Raymond (Prevailing Gospel Outreach). People like Reverend Friday Ejiniwe who was the vice president of the association from 2008 to 2012 and so many ministers from Idumuesah joined Apostle Raymond Okocha for the move, these people include; Rev Uwefiri, Pastor Solomon, Rev Ejiniwe, Pastor Lucky, Pastor Modesty just to mention a few. At this point, the name became Idumuesah Believers Association (IBA) and no longer an Outreach but still it was

being run in conjunction with PFN Idumuesah Unit. A time came, when PFN Idumuesah Unit members and IBA had clashed of program particularly in the year 2007, so IBA moved their Revival Meetings and All-night programs to Agbor, and only the yearly Crusade were held in Idumuesah. The Revival Meetings and All-night programs started in Rev Ejiniwe's Church (Dominion Grace Assembly) in Agbor. After about eleven (11) months, it was discovered that Dominion Grace Assembly Hall was no longer enough to occupy all the people that come for the program. Then Apst Raymond Okocha approached a Senior Man of God called Rev Jovial Eluro from Owa-ofi, his church was located at 89 Osian street by Efezemor, IBA was having their Revival Meetings and All-night Programs there for a space of two years before returning to Idumuesah.

Ica is not and has never been a money making venture. The association is known for sacrifices. Being in the association is committing to make sacrifices for the development of the association. So many persons have contributed immensely with their finance in this association. The president, Apostle Raymond is well known for his financial commitments even from the onset. At a time in this association, finance was a great challenge. This was because many of the persons committed to the vision were students and apprentices. Worthy of note is the huge contributions of Pastor Sunny Etumudor who singlehandedly bought some musical instruments for the association in 2011 among other contributions.

ICA is committed to raising ministers from Idumuesah community. Over time, several persons who have been blessed by this association are ministers today. In a bit to pursue this great vision of raising ministers, the president of the Association, Apostle Raymond Okocha started a ministers' forum called "Idumuesah Ministers in 2019. This forum existed for some time until it couldn't stand again when pastors who didn't fully understand the vision of ICA made attempts to hijack the forum. To the glory of God, Idumuesah Christian Association is still raising ministers despite the non existence of this forum.

Origin of Idumuesah Christian Association Prayer Ground

ICA is an organization marked with outstanding signs and wonders pioneered by the founder Apostle Raymond Okocha. One of such unique sign is ICA supernatural acquisition of a meeting venue now called ICA prayer ground. Over the years, ICA had venue challenge for meetings being a non denominational Christian organization. For some years, ICA was using Ibili Primary School for its yearly crusade. This was made possible with the help of some Chiefs like Chief Ozomor , Chief Frances Okoh and Chief Barrister Frank Nwugo. They intervened and write to the Government to ensure ICA has the school to use without paying for it . This is because the association is part and passé of the community.

In the year 2015, Apostle Raymond Okocha by the power of God and a prophetic encounter with his spiritual father, Apostle Johnson Suleman acquired a land at Ali-Egbo Quarters (now known as Idumuesah Christian Association Prayer Ground) for the association. This land has being an abandoned forest for about 77 years. It is gathered from history that the abandonment of the land was due to a feud between two families. This led to the death of so many persons from both families because of the curse in the land. After this incidence, the land was known as a curse in the community where no one dares cultivate. In fact, history has it that pythons do appear in the land at night. The land was known as a fetish ground for these years before Apostle Raymond Okocha got the vision to claim it for God. God told Apostle Raymond Okocha to claim the land, he entered into series of prayers then anointed the land and hired people to clear it. In fact, members of the community were expecting his death after this incidence. His mother begged him not to tamper with death and curse. We know that in Christ, an idol is nothing and all power belongs to God. This revelation was what backed Apostle Raymond Okocha in acquiring this land. After the successful acquisition of the for the association, many native doctors in the community submitted to the lordship of Jesus. They saw that what they couldn't conquer for many years was done by God's servant Apostle Raymond Okocha. In fact, A renowned native doctor in Ali-Egho Quarters brought wine and money to appreciate apostle for removing the curse from the community.

Where we are Today

Idumuesah Christian Association has over the years gained ground and structure. Since the inception of the vision in 2005, ICA has increased in so many areas. Now, ICA has different forums through which they achieve the vision. Worthy of commendation is the youth forum of ICA (Idumuesah Christian Youth Association (ICYA). Their immense contributions to the growth of the association and the development of the community is commendable. This youth body are always spreading the gospel round the community and ensuring the spiritual growth of Christian Youth in Idumuesah. They also have intercessory units who pray weekly for the community.

In the year 2020, Idumuesah Christian Association Worldwide Inc. got registered under Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as a Christian body in Idumuesah.

The future of ICA is possible with our consistent commitment to this vision. The aim of this organization is to unite all believers in Idumuesah for their all round growth and for the development of the community. Presently ICA has structures on ground which God is using to advance the course of ICA and these structures are managed by faithful Leaders of ICA both at national level, youth wing and home based

ICA programs

Over time , Idumuesah Christian Association have held several regular power packed meetings. Special among these meetings is ICA Crusade which is always held during Christmas period of the year. This meeting is marked with crowd of attendees with amazing testimonies of healings and miracles. From the onset of this association, ICA was having monthly and quarterly all night meetings. At a time , this meeting was rotated among churches in Idumuesah. Then in 2007, it was held for about 11 months at Reverend Ejiniwe's Church before the meeting returned to Idumuesah. These all night meetings later became a mid year revival always held in the month of June from 2010 to 2018. These meetings were with the yearly crusade held at the end of the year. Later, there was a need to gather together for a camp meeting. This started in 2020. ICA now holds annual camp meeting/retreat. This is a meeting to stir up fire in the life of Christians in/from Idumuesah. This

retreat is currently held annually in the month of August with the crusade in the month of December.

CHAPTER 3

IDUMUESAH CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Every organization exist on structures. Idumuesah Christian Association Worldwide Inc. (Popularly Known as ICA) has built structures over these years of existence. ICA has the following structures in place for the achievement of its vision. The structure of ICA include the administrative positions with their responsibilities. ICA has the following offices that are occupied by faithful and diligent officers who are working tirelessly to see that the vision and mission of ICA is achieved. These offices include and not limited to; ICA National President, ICA Chairman Board of Trustee, ICA National Coordinators, ICA National Admin, ICA National Publicity Secretary, ICA National Choir Coordinator, ICA Welfare Officers, ICA National Prayer Coordinator, ICA Media Director and ICA National Youth Coordinator.

ICA LEADERSHIP POSITION AND JOB DESCRIPTION

(1) NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The national president presides over all the activities of ICA and by extension, is considered to be the number one citizen of ICA and the spiritual head of the association.

(2) BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRMAN

The Board of Trustees Chairman oversees the activities of the ICA board of trustees. He works with the National President in ensuring that ICA excels and achieve her vision.

(3) NATIONAL COORDINATOR

The National coordinator is responsible for coordinating all the ICA programs (e.g. ICA National Prayer Conference, ICA National Crusade etc.). He ensures that all programs of ICA are excellently organized with maximum outcomes. He/she reports to the National President.

(4) ASSISTANT NATIONAL COORDINATOR The Assistant National Coordinator assists the National Coordinator in carrying out his duties. He manages the ICA Leadership WhatsApp Platform by assigning ICA members to teach on that very platform. The National President can assign responsibilities to him. The Assistant National Coordinator reports to the National President and National Coordinator.

(5) NATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR:

The National Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day running of ICA administrative functions and duties. He manages the financial records of ICA in the absence of ICA NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY and ensures that ICA WhatsApp Platform is running on a daily basis. The National Administrator reports to the National President and works hand in hand with the National Coordinators.

(6) NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

The National Publicity Secretary is responsible for all the publicity activities of the organization both at the internal and external levels. He assists the National Administrator to ensure a smooth running of ICA WhatsApp Platform and he is also in charge of drafting out announcements, messages and agendas of ICA meetings. The National Publicity Secretary reports to the National President and Works hand in hand with the National Administrator and the National Coordinators.

(7) NATIONAL CHOIR COORDINATOR

The National Choir Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the activities of ICA National Choir and he presides over all the meetings and rehearsals of ICA National Choir. He ensures that ICA Choir grows and perform excellently during all the programs of ICA. The National Choir Coordinator works hand in hand with the National Coordinators and National Administrator but he reports to the National President.

(8) NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER

The National Welfare Officer is responsible for all the welfare activities of the association. He manages the ICA welfare contributions and ensures that all financial members of ICA benefits from the ICA Welfare Contribution when the need arises. The National Welfare Officer works so closely with the National Administrator and National Publicity Secretary and reports to the National President.

(9) NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

The National Prayer Coordinator is responsible for all the prayer activities of ICA. He works hand in hand with the National Publicity Secretary, National Coordinators and National Administrator and reports to the National President.

(10) MEDIA DIRECTOR

The Media Director is responsible for all media activities of the association. He is in charge of designing/supervising all the flyers for ICA internal programs (Monthly General Fasting and Prayer) and meetings (Monthly General Meetings). He is in charge of all the media works during ICA National Programs. He works with the National Administrator, National Publicity Secretary and National Coordinators and reports to the National President

(11) NATIONAL YOUTH COORDINATOR

The National Youth Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the youth arm of ICA with the Youth President. He relates all the activities of the Youth body to the ICA National Body through the National Administrator and National Coordinators.

CURRENT IDUMUESAH CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION LEADERS (2021)

(1) National President

Apostle Raymond Okocha

(2) Board of Trustee Chairman

Pastor Sunny Etumudor

(3) National Coordinator

Pastor Lucky Agbatai

(4) Assistant National Coordinator

Evangelist Andrew Okocha

(5) National Admin

Brother Christian Okereka

(6) National Publicity Secretary

Evangelist Emeke Eseka

(7) Choir National Coordinator

Pastor Success Otuobi

(8) National Welfare Officer

Prophetess Joy Ifeanyichukwu

(9) National Prayer Coordinator

Mrs. Glory Moses

(10) Media Director

Prophet Modesty Emeke Obiazikwor

(11) Youth National Coordinator

Brother Austin Odih

