

# BISHOP'S MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH

## **Beloved Children in the Lord,**

We sincerely congratulate and welcome you to this year's Anglican Youth celebration. It is with joy and sense of obligation that we ask that you join us to appreciate, thank, exalt, and magnify the Majesty of our Maker, creator, and sustainer, the only wise God, who in His mercy, grace, and show of love, has desired that we participate in this celebrations this year. We are highly encouraged by the monumentally progress we continue to see in the unity of purpose, commitment and willingness to serve, among the youth through the activities of our Youth ministry at all levels of our Diocesan ministry. We applaud your leadership and entire body at all levels. As we assure you of our continued all round support, we remind you that the reward for a job well done is more work to be done.

The challenges of this time are many and so call for wisdom and Christian steadfastness. The increasing rate of youth involvement in crime and other forms of ungodliness gets the Church worried. Instead of the increase in attendance to church activities to create more godly and safe society, we experience the opposite. Therefore it is obvious that in addition to our involvement in church activities, the Youth need to identify who we are in the Lord. We must understand that the future glory of God from creation is in our hands. As future leaders of both the society and church, we must be contented with who we are in God's agenda and let that direct our material and spiritual quests. We must appreciate the fact that in Christ we have been empowered to shape our future to our benefit and the glory of God.

Therefore as your father in God, we call on all youth of the Diocese to avail yourselves of all the programs and activities of your local churches and youth ministry to continually enhance your spiritual growth. Eschew every lure into falsehood and other forms of crime and ungodliness. Engage yourselves in meaningful and godly learnings and sources of livelihood, trusting God for a brighter and joyful future.

Once again we congratulate you and remind you of the need to consciously stay safe in the midst of the challenges of the Pandemic. Do not let anyone deceived you that the

Pandemic is a hoax or no longer effective. The Pandemic is as deadly and real as it was nine months ago as no cure has been known yet. Therefore strictly follow all government and Diocesan directives for your safety and that of your loved ones. We pray and believe that, in Christ we will see the end of the Pandemic and live to tell of the glory of God.

**May your celebrations be happy and your days long and bright.**

**And to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before His throne; to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be all honor, glory and dominion now till the end of the age. Amen.**

Your Friend and Father in God,

 **Nath, Aba Ngwa North.**  
**Youth Sunday 2020**