

TT – Travelling Together with Ghanaians in Europe...

Dear Friends,

Mid-June 2022

The first Pentecost – an unbelievable miracle, an international event, proclaimed in advance and yet full of surprises, an event that exceeded all expectations! The Holy Spirit brought a wide variety of people together, who would not otherwise have met or understood each other. The Holy Spirit still does this today, as He builds His worldwide church from all nations, tribes and languages! His work will never cease until the Lord Jesus returns.

Early in 2009, I went to Ghana as part of a leaders' conference with our **partner mission SIM**, and it was there that I had my first **audience with King Nene Sakite II in Odumase, Kroboland** (north of Accra, the capital city). It was his **62nd birth-day**. He invited me in and asked me to speak a prayer of blessing over him – what an honour!

I was at this time tracing the footsteps of **Johannes Zimmermann from my hometown Gerlingen, a missionary** who had served in Kroboland: [https://www.johannes-rebmann-stiftung.de/cms/en/missionaries/zimmermann-](https://www.johannes-rebmann-stiftung.de/cms/en/missionaries/zimmermann-johannes/zimmermann-johannes-life-and-work/)



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In 2009 when I was travelling back from Kroboland to Accra, I really wanted to look for the **grave of his wife Catherine** in the old overgrown cemetery of the Basel Mission. Despite the tropical heat, my African companion and I battled our way through the tall grass, which hid the ancient gravestones. The African used a bush knife to cut a path until at

last we found the **memorial stone (Bible Verse: Revelation 21:4)** we were looking for. **It was a very moving experience!**

Earlier I had had a very special encounter in Kroboland: in Odumase, the original Johannes-Zimmermann-Church building is still standing. The new church, not far from the old one, had not long been completed. At the vicarage, the **Rev. Samuel** greeted me with "Servus!" ("Hello" in the Viennese dialect...!) What a surprise! For a number of years he had led the Ghanaian Presbyterian Church in Vienna. Having looked round the huge new building, we knelt down together and gave thanks for what **God had started in Kroboland 170 years earlier and which is still going today.**

Rev. Samuel and I stayed in touch right up to his unexpected home-call fairly recently. Through my many visits to Ghana, I have gained a wide circle of Ghanaian friends, mainly vicars and leaders within the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Seth and his wife Matilda led the afore-mentioned church in Vienna for quite a while. This is how I came to receive the enquiry from Rev. Seth whether I would be willing to take part in their **Europe-wide "Presbyterian Church of Ghana" online conference (19th-21st May '22)**. The topic was **"Mission and Evangelism in Post Covid 19 Europe"** (see attached). Across Europe, currently nearly 10,000 active Ghanaian church members are seeking ways to reach people with the Gospel through their church.

On the **evening of Friday 20th May, over 220 participants** met via Zoom from all over Europe: church leaders, vicars, children's and youth workers, women's work leaders –

so many different people appeared together on the computer screen. They are co-workers in local churches in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Great Britain, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and Germany.

The **topic** given to me was **"Mobilizing Funds for Mission in Europe"**. I was very happy to talk about Biblical examples, creative ideas and practical experiences from our long time of service... How world mission became a vital matter in the churches where we served... How they supported their missionaries faithfully, often in spite of great financial need...

The presentation (about 30 mins long, in English) can be accessed using the access code PCGEUR2005!: [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/UxVnBXWT4-](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/UxVnBXWT4-McuCHDbN3UuYDImnwmmqYsm9PywVonxLNvtdyYJd_3UXTcz91_zt-5.EallgSYwPMGtZRfU)

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So the Lord is continuing to open up astonishing opportunities for us, using our store of experiences in world mission far beyond the borders of Austria. Perhaps this is a **good preparation** for our planned **visit to southern African where we will be for several weeks in the autumn...**

THANK YOU sincerely for your enduring interest in our honorary activities. Your prayers and your financial support are a great encouragement to us!

Yours in His service,

Hans-Georg & Margret



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MISSION AND EVANGELISM CONSULTATION 2022

THEME

THE GHANAIAN CHRISTIAN DIASPORA,
MISSION & EVANGELISM IN POST COVID-19 EUROPE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

REV. PROF. ABAMFO ATIEMO
(PRESBYTERY CHAIRPERSON)

PANELISTS



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CATECHIST WILLIAM
ASIAMA-BEKOE
(PRESBYTERY STATISTICIAN)

DATES

THUR 19TH & FRI 20TH MAY 2022
@ 7PM (UK) | 8PM (CET)

SATURDAY, 21ST MAY 2022
@ 10AM (UK) | 11AM (CET)



VIA ZOOM

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PASSCODE: 412013

INCLINE

Presbyterian Church of Ghana

Europe Presbytery Maiden Evangelism and Church Growth Consultation 2022

Date: 19th – 21st May 2022

Theme: “The Ghanaian Christian Diaspora,
Mission and Evangelism in Post Covid–19 Europe”

Speakers:

Rev Prof Abamfo Ofori Atiemo – Chairperson, PCG Europe Presbytery

Rev Lawrence Kwesi Tete – Director Mission and Evangelism, PCG Europe Presbytery

Hans–Georg & Margret Hoprich – Missionaries, Hilfe Die Ankommt, Austria

Nii Adu Ntreh – Director Development and Social Services, PCG Europe Presbytery

Catechist William Asiama Bekoe – Statistician, PCG Europe Presbytery

Format: Online Zoom Meeting ID: 84941457975 , Passcode: 412013

Times: Thursday 19th and Friday 20th May @ 19hrs UK Time and 20hrs Central Europe Time
Saturday 21st May @ 10hrs UK Time and 11hrs Central Europe Time

Programme Outline

Thursday 19th May 2022

Opening Devotion – Rev George Yeboah Boakye – 10min

Welcome Address – Rev Emmanuel Omari, Clerk of Presbytery – 10min

Keynote Address – Rev Prof Abamfo Ofori Atiemo, Chairperson of Presbytery. 1 hr

Presentation 1 – Statistical Overview of Growth of the PCG in Europe –
Catechist William Asiama Bekoe – 15min

Q & A – 15min

Prayer Time – Rev Mrs Angelina B. Danso – 10min

Friday 20th May 2022

Opening Devotion – Rev Stanley Lawer – 10min

Presentation 1 – Mobilizing Funds for Mission in Europe –
Missionaries Hans–Georg & Margret Hoprich – 30 min

Presentation 2 – The Place of Specialized Ministries in the Social Witness of the Church –
Nii Adu Ntneh – 30min

Presentation 3 – Mapping out Europe for Church Growth –
Rev Lawrence Kwesi Tete 30min

Q & A – 15min

Prayer Time – Catechist William Agyare – 10min

Saturday 21st May 2022

Opening Devotion – Rev Edith Addo Yobo – 10min

District Presentations with Q&A – 20min per District

- Germany District
- Italy Spain District
- Midlands District
- Netherlands Belgium District
- North Germany District

Tea / Coffee Break – 15min

- North London District
- South London District

Sharing of Experiences – PWC

- Goettingen
- North London, UK
- Midlands, UK

Affirmations and Recommendations – 15mins

Prayer Time – Rev Justice Kwame Asumeng – 10mins

Evaluation and Announcements – Presbytery Clerk 5mins

Closing Remarks and Benediction – Chairperson of Presbytery – 10mins

MCs: Catechist Emmanuel Adofo & Rev Seth D. Adzokatse