



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University July 27-31, 2015

## Covenant University Promotes 40 Faculty to Professorial Cadre



Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo with the Newly Professors

The Management of Covenant University on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, announced the promotion of 40 of its Faculty to the professorial cadre, even as the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, enjoined them not to be entangled by their titles.

While making the announcement, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, explained that the elevation of 12 faculty to Full Professorship level and 28 to Associate Professorship level was the outcome of the promotion exercise carried out by the Appointment and

Promotion Committee (A&PC) for the just concluded 2014/2015 Academic Session and validated by External Assessors.

The Vice-Chancellor also announced the appointment of four newly engaged professors and enjoined everyone to provide new level of academic leadership in the

University.

The Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, while receiving them in a separate meeting in his office, charged them to prove their self-esteem. "Please be charge with self-esteem that you have Christ and you can do all things," he advised.

He said further, "I want you to remain confident in God for maximum impact in your pursuit. You have creative capability and it is time to prove the worth of what you carry. You

can create the things you are going around the world to look for. You carry things in you that the world is looking for."

Dr. Oyedepo, who is also the Chairman, Board of Regents of the University, advised the newly promoted faculty not to let the title entangle them but they should be value-driven people.

The Chancellor also counseled them to see their lifting as the doing of the Lord, noting that no matter who they are, it only takes the backing of God to excel in life. He assured them that with their faith and dedication, the Vision 10:2022, 1 of 10 in 10 would be accomplished speedily. He, therefore, congratulated them and prayed for the grace of God for them to excel in their new position.

The newly promoted full professors include Professor Francis Iyoha of the Department of Accounting and the current Deputy Dean of the School of Business; Professor Daniel Gbervbie of Political Science and International Relations, who is also the Deputy Dean, School of Social Science and Professor Phillip Alege, the current HOD of Economics and Development Studies.

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## Education and Entrepreneurship, keys to National Development- VC

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"-Nelson Mandela

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo, cited this quotation while stressing that education and entrepreneurship are the vital tools for national development.

Prof. Charles Ayo said this during an interview session with SharpShoot Media Limited, adding that education is the best legacy any individual can embrace and Covenant University is running on a vision to rewrite the history of Education in Nigeria.

In his words, "Education is still the best legacy for anyone to embrace and here in Covenant University, we want to rewrite the history of education in Nigeria because looking at the list of top Universities in the world, no Nigerian university is within the top 1,000".

In addition, Prof. Charles Ayo said

individuals and government should imbibe the spirit of entrepreneurship, and begin to execute projects that will bring about discovery of purpose and nation building.

"Let's begin to look at challenges around us and imbibe the spirit of entrepreneurship to bring solutions that will be beneficial to mankind. See opportunities in challenges; use the challenges as stepping-stones towards attaining success because if you do not solve a challenge, another person will.

"Success is not the function of wealth amassed but the contributions to humanity that lead to the discovery of purpose. We should be more committed to details. By solving these problems, we are building the nation in our own little way," he added

The Vice-Chancellor urged individuals not only to imbibe the spirit of entrepreneurship but also to acquire the necessary skills for growth and



Professor Charles Ayo

intellectual capacity development, especially in ICT.

"They should acquire the required skills in ICT and enrich themselves because wealth will change hands to those who can control their intellectual capital". He said.

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The Department of Biological Sciences has the largest number of professors, which include: the immediate past HOD, Professor Emeka Iweala; the current Sub-Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Solomon Oranusi and the only female among the professors, Professor Adesola Ajayi.

Others are Professor Samuel Oloyede, who is also the Deputy Dean, School of Environmental Sciences; HOD, Building Technology, Professor Olasupo Fagbenle; HOD Chemistry, Professor Kolawole Ajanaku; Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Professor Nicholas Omoregbe; immediate past HOD, Architecture, Professor Albert Adeboye and immediate past HOD, Languages and General Studies, Professor Innocent Chiluwá.

The newly promoted Associate Professors are Dr. Uwalomwa Uwuigbe, the HOD, Accounting and Dr. Olubukola Uwuigbe of the same department. From the Department of

Business Management are Dr. Rowland Worlu, the HOD and Dr. Edwin Agwu; while the Department of Mass Communication has Dr. Olusola Oyero.

The Department of Sociology produced three Associate Professors and they include Dr. Charles Ironuagbe, Dr. David Imhonopi and Dr. Mathew Egbarevba. The Department of Computer and Information Sciences has its HOD, Dr. Ayodele Adebisi and Dr. Victor Osamor, while the Department of Physics also produced its HOD, Dr. Victor Omotosho and Dr. Mojisola Usikalú.

From the Department of Estate Management are Dr. Mayowa Ajibola and Dr. Caleb Ayedun. HOD, Architecture, Dr. Eziyi Ibem; Director, Academic Planning, Dr. Akan Williams, Chemistry Department; HOD, Psychology, Dr. Olujide Adekeye and Dr. Gbadebo Adejumo

of the same department also made the list.

Others are HOD, Electrical and Information Engineering, Dr. Francis Idachaba; Dr. Anthony Adogbe of the same department; HOD, Petroleum Engineering, Dr. David Orodu; Dr. Paul Anawe, Petroleum Engineering; as well as Dr. David Omole and Dr. David Olukanni, both from Civil Engineering.

The newly engaged professors are Professor Israel Dunmade from Mount Royal University, Canada; Professor Kenneth Adekalú form Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; Professor Samuel Akinmusuru from Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, USA and Dr. Samuel Onawumi from Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso.

Also at the meetings were the Resident Pastor, Faith Tabernacle, Dr. Ubong Ntia, the Mandate Secretary of the Living Faith Church Worldwide, Pastor Yemi Nathaniel and the Registrar, Covenant University, Dr. Oludayo Olumuyiwa.

## Celebrating an Icon, the former Deputy Dean, CLDS at 71

It was a day of fun and knowledge impartation, as the Staff of the College of Leadership Development Studies and well-wishers celebrated a distinguished icon, The Deputy Dean School of Leadership Development, Covenant University, Professor Christopher Awonuga on his 71st Birthday recently.

The birthday ceremony also witnessed a presentation of a Festschrift launch titled "Language, Literature and Style in Africa", in honour of the scholar Prof. Awonuga for his great achievements.

Dr. Kehinde Ayoola, a lecturer from Obafemi Awolowo University, who made the book presentation, stated that the main aim was to appreciate a leader and recognise his works and lifestyle that had touched so many lives. Dr. Ayoola, described Prof. Awonuga as a leader who stood his ground against injustice and oppression.

In his words, "The editors of the book decided to write this book to recognise the achievements of Professor Awonuga so far. Prof. Awonuga is a true leader who understands the concept of leadership. He is a man of God and has stood his ground against injustice and oppression"

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Charles Ogbulogo, celebrated



Professor Christopher Awonuga with well wisher during the celebration

the scholar, describing him as a man who is very quiet and deep.

The Dean, College of Leadership Development Studies, Professor Aize Obayan, represented by the Head of Department, Languages and General Studies, Dr. Samuel Owoeye, described him as the "father of the department", who wants everyone to succeed. She also thanked him for his diligence and professionalism towards the institution and students. "Professor Awonuga is a man of honour and very diligent who believes in the ability of human beings to achieve any feat. He also do not believe in failure." he said.

Responding to the various comments about him, Prof. Awonuga described the love received from his family, colleagues and the university as

overwhelming. He gave thanks to God for making it possible for him to witness another year. He added that it was the grace of the Lord that sustained him.

Furthermore, he urged other scholars in all universities to give their best in every capacity to train students or subordinates by giving the needed assistance that could aid in personal and national growth.

The Editors of the book includes the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Taiwo Abioye, Dr. Arua Arua from Botswana and Dr. Kehinde Ayoola.

Professor Chris Awonuga got his B. A. English Degree from the then University of Ife (Now Obafemi Awolowo University), Ile-Ife in 1973 and M. A. in English from the same University in 1977. He proceeded to The University of Edinburgh in Scotland, UK, to obtain his Ph.D in English Studies in 1983. Had taught in Ife until September 2007, when he joined the Faculty of Covenant University. He was once the Dean of School of Postgraduate Studies and the Deputy Dean, School of Leadership Development, College of Leadership Development Studies.

His areas of research interest include span linguistics and literature, where he is currently teaching stylistics and other areas of language study. He has supervised several undergraduate projects as well as Master's dissertations and Ph.D theses.