

HAND BOOK
OF
THE TORCH BEARERS
ALL SOULS' CHAPEL
OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE



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A. ABOUT US

The Torch Bearers is a Fellowship of ‘like minds’ in All Souls’ Chapel, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. The Fellowship was formed to enable those who were not yet members of any association in the Chapel to share the words of God under a new banner. The foundational members agreed that the formation of the group would promote the spiritual growth of individuals. The Fellowship accommodates humble but great minds who are faithful in the service to God while not slacking in business. A member of the Fellowship is regarded as a brother in the spirit of friendliness irrespective of age or status. The Fellowship therefore, promotes loving kindness, relentless spiritual growth and brotherliness.

B. HISTORY

The Torch Bearers was formed as a Fellowship in All Souls’ Chapel, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife when a group of ‘like minds’ coordinated by Bro Olufemi Odesanmi assembled for a meeting at his residence at House 1, Road 10B, OAU Senior Staff Quarters on Sunday, March 18th 1990. Present at the meeting were; Bros Olufemi Odesanmi, Aderemi Adeyemo, Olusanya Adejuyigbe, Adekunle Adetona, Adebayo Adeyemi and Adegoke Adegoroye. The Fellowship was initially established under the name of *Young Men Christian Fellowship (YMCF)* but the name was later changed to ***The Torch Bearers, All Souls’ Chapel*** as proposed by Bro Olufemi Odesanmi. The motto proposed by Bro Adegoke Adegoroye and adopted by the group for the Fellowship was ‘Let Your Light Shine’.

The Fellowship was formally inaugurated during a Consecration Service conducted by the Chaplain, Cannon J.A. Oladunjoye at All Souls’ Chapel, OAU, Ile-Ife on Sunday, August 8th, 1990. The nine members of the Fellowship at Consecration Service were; Bros Olufemi Odesanmi, Adekunle Adetona, Aderemi Adeyemo, Olusanya Adejuyigbe, Adebayo Adeyemi, Adegoke Adegoroye, Simeon Adesina, Taiwo Omobuwajo and Segun Faniran. Since establishment, the Fellowship continues to flourish to the glory of God while members shine in their various spheres of endeavours. As of May 8th, 2020, the Fellowship has 20 regular and 17 distant members.

C. EXECUTIVES

i. Current (2020-2021) Executive Members

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| 1. Bro. Dare Ogunlade | President |
| 2. Bro. Mike Faborode | Vice President |
| 3. Bro. Dayo Akinbobola | Secretary |
| 4. Bro. Rotimi Aina | Assistant Secretary |
| 5. Bro. Bolu Olofinjana | Treasurer |
| 6. Bro. Sola Fasubaa | Immediate Past President (IPP) |

ii. Presidents of the Torch Bearers

	Presidents	Tenure
1	Bro. Femi Odesanmi	1990-1991
2	Bro. Kunle Adetona	1992-1993
3	Bro. Remi Adeyemo	1994-1995
4	Bro. Kola Adesina	1996-1997
5	Bro. Aderinsola Owa	1998-1999
6	Bro. Alaba Adesida	2000-2001
7	Bro. Biodun Adediran	2002-2003
8	Bro. Bolaji Odufoye	2004-2005
9	Bro. Niyi Olusile	2006-2007
10	Bro. Labo Adekoya	2008-2009
11	Bro. Sola Komolafe	2010-2011
12	Bro. Taiwo Omobuwajo	2012-2013
13	Bro. Victor Kobiowu	2014-2015
14	Bro. Titi Kuku	2016-2017
15	Bro. Sola Fasubaa	2018-2019
16	Bro. Dare Ogunlade	2020-2021

D. MEMBERS

i. Foundational Members

1. Olufemi Odesanmi	President
2. Adekunle Adetona	Vice-President
3. Adebayo Adeyemi	Secretary
4. Segun Fadiran	Assistant Secretary
5. Olusanya Adejuyigbe	Treasurer
6. Aderemi Adeyemo	Member
7. Adegoke Adegoroye	Member
8. Simeon Adesina	Member
9. Taiwo Omobuwajo	Member
10. Aderinsola Owa	Member
11. Alaba Adesida	Member

ii. Regular Members

1. Bro. Femi Odesanmi
2. Bro. Kola Adesina
3. Bro. Taiwo Omobuwajo
4. Bro. Biodun Adediran
5. Bro. Bolaji Odufoye
6. Bro. Labo Adekoya
7. Bro. Sola Komolafe
8. Bro. Victor Kobiowu
9. Bro. Titi Kuku
10. Bro. Mike Faborode
11. Bro. Bayo Ibidapo
12. Bro. Sola Fasubaa
13. Bro. Dare Ogunlade
14. Bro. Demola Adewale
15. Bro. Dayo Akinbobola
16. Bro. Bunmi Olajugbe
17. Bro. Bolutife Olofinjana
18. Bro. Rotimi Aina
19. Bro. Dele Oyedele
20. Bro. Abel Sunday

iii. Distant Members

1. Bro. Kunle Adetona
2. Bro. Goke Adegoroye
3. Bro. Bayo Adeyemi
4. Bro. Segun Fadiran
5. Bro. Sanya Adejuyigbe
6. Bro. Alaba Adesida
7. Bro. Ishola Omolola
8. Bro. Segun Adenuga
9. Bro. Bola Adamolekun
10. Bro. Sola Akinrinade
11. Bro. Jide Kufoniyi
12. Bro. Bisi Adeniran
13. Bro. Akin Aguda
14. Bro. Kunle Ogunbameru
15. Bro. Sina Aderibigbe
16. Bro. Aderinsola Owa
17. Bro. Remi Adeyemo

iv. Departed Member (*of blessed memory*)

Bro. Niyi Olusile

E. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

i. Board of Trustees

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| 1. Bro. Femi Odesanmi | Chairman |
| 2. Bro. Remi Adeyemo | Member |
| 3. Bro. Kola Adesina | Member |
| 4. Bro. Kunle Adetona | Member |
| 5. Bro. Mike Faborode | Member |

ii. The Torch Bearers Prize Award Committee

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|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. Bro. Labo Adekoya | Chairman |
| 2. Bro. Sola Fasubaa | Member |
| 3. Bro. Bolu Olofinjana | Member |
| 4. Bro. Bunmi Olajuyigbe | Member |
| 5. Bro. Rotimi Aina | Member |

iii. Representatives of Torch Bearers in Chapel Committees (2020-2021)

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| i. Chapel Council | Bro. Mike Faborode |
| ii. Harvest Committee | Bro. Bunmi Olajugbe |
| iii. Evangelism Committee | Bro. Dele Oyedele |
| iv. CBMC | Bro. Taiwo Omobuwajo |
| v. Service Committee | Bro. Bolaji Odufoye |
| vi. Prayer Committee | Bro. Labo Adekoya |

F. OUTREACHES

The Fellowship has outreach linkages with the following establishments;

1. St. Phillips Anglican Church, Ofatedo.
2. St. Peters Anglican Church, Sekona.
3. St Mary's Rehabilitation and Development Centre, Ipetumodu.
4. St. Thomas Anglican Church, Aye-Oba
5. The Trumpet of Life Ministries (an orphanage), Ile-Ife
6. Christ Apostolic Church, Kajola, OAU, Ile-Ife

G. THE TORCH BEARERS' ANTHEM

PART I

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s: d: r: l: d

PART II

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s: s: d: t: f: m
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f: r: m: m: f: m
s: d: t: l: f: m
l: f: f: m

1. Tis so good to serve the Lord, walking in the light.

It is a great thing to serve the Lord,
Walking in the light of God

ref:

All Souls Chapel Torch Bearers, walking in the light.
We lift up our lights to shine in glory
Let your light shine.

2. Almighty Lord we praise thee, let us always do thy wish.
That we may be thine own forever,
Through life eternity.

H. THE TORCH BEARERS' PRIZE IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

1. Introduction: Over the past three decades, God has been so good to the members of the Torch Bearers Fellowship. Many members of the Fellowship had been role models in the Society. The outreaches of the Torch Bearers in most cases are to the remote areas with little impact on the children and youths who should be touched by the grace of God. At this 30 years of establishment, the need arises for the Fellowship to make more significant, sustainable impact on the younger generation through promotion of in-depth study of the word of God and motivating the children and youths be conscious of applications of Bible Knowledge. The establishment of the Torch Bearers' Prize in Bible Knowledge will be a transgenerational legacy in Nigeria. This prize, when established will perpetuate itself in gradually increasing manner that may surprise everyone and may eventually become an Exemplary and Renowned Prize on the African Continent. A register will be kept where the information about the winners of the Prize will be documented for mentoring as they develop into giants in the household of God.

2. Objectives of the Torch Bearers' Prize in Bible Knowledge

The objectives of the Torch Bearers Prize are to;

- a. Motivate youths to develop the spirit of excellence in Bible Knowledge
 - b. Prepare children and youths to study the Scripture diligently as agents of change in the Society;
 - c. Reward youths who distinguish themselves in the knowledge of the Scripture;
 - d. Perpetually spread the good news of loving kindness among the youths; and
 - e. Stimulate the spirit of sportsmanship and healthy competitiveness among children and youths in the vineyard of God.
- 3. Funding:** The Torch Bearers' Prize in Bible Knowledge will be funded through the Torch Bearers' Five Million Naira Fund to perpetuate the initiative.

4. The Torch Bearers' Five Million Naira Fund:

a. The 5 million fund for this endowment shall be raised from among members of Torch Bearers Fellowship and linkages through *special voluntary donations* for God loves a cheerful giver.

b. Strategy for raising the Endowment Fund:

Every member (regular and distant) will be encouraged to sow **a tangible seed money** to launch the Prize Scheme. Each member will be encouraged to raise his **voluntary contribution(s)** through direct and indirect links in order to get to the target of **5million naira** for the Fund.

5. Management of the Fund and the Prize

The initiative shall be managed by two committees;

- a. Torch Bearers' Prize Fund Management Committee. This committee shall be made up of members to be appointed as Board of Trustees of Torch Bearers Fellowship. The committee shall see to effective fundraising and ensure that the fund is invested as a fix deposit in designated Bank and monitor the returns on the Fund.
- b. Torch Bearers' Prize Award Committee (nominated by the Executive Officers of the Torch Bearers) shall decide on the prizes for each year and also organize the Bible Knowledge Screening Examination and Bible Quiz competition.
- c. The dividends on the Fund will be utilized to administer annual prize in perpetual.

6. Participants: Each year shall be dedicated to one particular group of students among the following in order;

- a. Senior Secondary School Students
- b. Junior Secondary School Students
- c. Undergraduates

The maiden edition shall start with Senior Secondary School Students.

7. Screening Examination for the Torch Bearers' Prize in Bible Knowledge:

The screening examination shall be conducted in **first Saturday of May** each Year at 10.00 am at All Souls Chapel or any other designated venue within Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

The book of the bible for each year shall be determined by the Torch Bearers' Prize Award Committee.

The screening examination shall consist of 100 Multiple Choice Questions(MCQ);

Old Testament: 50 Questions New Testament:50 Questions

8. Torch Bearers' Bible Quiz Competition: 50 Questions for Bible Quiz competition for the 5 Best Students during the Bible Screening test. The Bible Quiz Competition will be conducted on the **3rd Saturday of May** within the Chapel Auditorium at 10.a.m;

Old Testaments:25 Questions New Testaments:25 Questions

The best 3 candidates in the final Quiz Competition shall be presented with prizes every 3rd Sunday of May during the Annual Anniversary.

Recommended Bible for Screening Exam & Bible Quiz: Revised Standard Version (RSV)

9. Award of Torch Bearers' Prize in Bible Knowledge:

The best 3 candidates at the Bible Quiz Competition will be awarded the **Torch Bearer's Prize in Bible Knowledge**. The prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Positions shall be awarded according to advertised prizes as determined by the Torch Bearers Prize Award Committee for the year. All the winners shall be given a special customized torch.

10. Conclusion: God's faithfulness endures from generation to generations. It is hopeful that the word of God will be propagated among the youths.

I. PAST PROJECTS

Some projects executed at All Souls Chapel to the glory of God include the following;

1. Support printing of Holy Communion pamphlets
2. Tiling of the Chapel Chancery
3. Railing of the frontage of the Chapel Chancery
4. Donation of Baptismal Font
5. Donation of 12 dozens of Plastic Chairs
6. Donation and installation of overhead water tank stand
7. Donation of a Portable Baptistry

J. CONTACTS

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Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

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Phone No: 0807172271, 07038540564

K. DONATE

Donation can be made to support the Torch Bearers' Prize in Bible Knowledge through the account below;

Name of Account: The Torch Bearers' Prize
Account Number: 1140202568
Bank: Polaris Bank

L. CONSTITUTION

1. Aims and Objectives

- i. To establish and foster spiritual growth in Christ and promote the growth of Christianity among members and the community at large.
- ii. To promote spiritual, moral and social welfare of the members for the glory of God.

2. Membership

- i. Membership shall be opened to only male members of All Souls' Chapel, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
- ii. A prospective member shall be nominated by a member for the consideration of the Fellowship.
- iii. Membership shall be of two categories; regular and distant. Regular members shall be members who meet their financial obligations and attend meetings regularly. Distance members are members who no longer attend All Souls' Chapel in Ile-Ife but meet their financial obligations (annual and anniversary) dues to the Fellowship.
- iv. A new member shall date and sign the register of members.

3. Obligations

- i. Every member shall pay promptly the dues.
- ii. Every regular member, in accordance with the roster, shall host or lead the Fellowship when it comes to his turn to do so. If the roster date is inconvenient, he can exchange the date with another member.

4. Benefits

The following occasions are those on which a regular member shall be entitled to a token gift from the Fellowship when member inform the fellowship in writing;

- i. Marriage; - of members, or their children.
- ii. Naming ceremony of members' children.
- iii. Funeral; - of a member biological parents or parents-in-law.

5. Meetings of Fellowship

- i. The meeting of the Fellowship shall take place every two weeks on Sundays between 4.00 pm and 6.00pm.
- ii. Emergency meeting of Fellowship shall be held as may be found necessary.
- iii. There shall be business meetings every quarter Fellowship in a year. The quorum of such meeting shall be one-third of the regular members.
- iv. Decisions at meetings shall be by simple majority vote of members present. There shall be no voting by proxy. In case of tie, the President/Chairman shall enjoy a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

6. Officers

- i. The officers shall be; the President, Vice- President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Immediate Past President.
- ii. All the officers' post in (i) shall be filled by elections bi-annually (every other year) except that of the President.
The Vice-President automatically become the President while the Vice-President is by the Fellowship's register.
- iii. The President shall be the Chairman at any meeting and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of business at such meetings. He shall also perform other duties incidental to the office of the Chairman.
- iv. The Vice-President shall perform functions as delegated by the President and shall preside over the meeting if the president is absent. He shall also serve on the Chapel Council.
- v. The Secretary shall record in his minutes all vital issues, arising in the course of the meetings. He shall also receive and reply all correspondences, keep a register of members and perform all other duties incidental to his office.
- vi. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary.
- vii. The Treasurer shall receive and bank all money on behalf of the Fellowship and keep account of the income and expenditure.

7. Finance

- i. The Fellowship shall maintain a bank account.
- ii. The signatories to the bank account shall be the President, Treasurer and the Secretary, two of the three can lawfully sign.

8. Anniversary

The Thanksgiving Anniversary of the Fellowship shall be the third Sunday of May of every year.

9. Address

The address of the Fellowship shall be;
The Torch Bearers
All Souls' Chapel
P.O. BOX 10 72
Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

10. Amendment

- i. This constitution may be revised or amended as when necessary.
- ii. No amendment shall however be effective unless the subject matter has been tabled for discussion at two meetings.
- iii. Such amendments shall be by two-third of members present and voting.