

To the moderator, officers, members and friends of this great association. It is indeed a pleasure to be here on behalf of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are addressing the theme “**The Accountability for effective Christian missions**” In addressing the theme it is important to note that accountability can be defined as responsibility; therefore all believers are responsible for effective Christian missions

To get an understanding of the theme we must define Christian missions. Christian missions are the works and the essential ministries of the church. All believers are soldiers in the Army of the Lord; therefore every believer has a responsibility to promote effective Christian missions.

To effectively speak on the theme; the mission or the works of the church must be clearly defined. It is important to acknowledge that evangelism is the primary mission of the church and there are numerous supplementary church works or ministries. I have chosen to highlight evangelism the most significant Church Mission and six essential auxiliary Church missions.

The primary mission of the church is evangelism. Jesus says in Matthew 28: 19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

All believers are called to share the good news of the Jesus Christ. Evangelism is not just the responsibility of the pastor, Sunday school teachers, deacons or trustees; the entire Church membership is responsible for evangelizing.

Philippians 2: 10-12 says “ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **11** And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. All believers have a job to perform in the Kingdom of God.

1. Another mission of the church is to promote or institute a strong Christian education program. Training believers to be effective ambassadors for Jesus Christ is essential for the programming and the development of effective Christian missions. Christian education programs are needed to help develop strong Christian character which is needed in today's society.
2. Ministry to the elderly and the less fortunate is another essential mission of the church. Jesus had compassion for the lonely and the disenchanted. He also had compassion for the less fortunate. We need to follow the example of Jesus in ministering to the sick and shut-in we to minister those who are in rest homes, prisons, hospitals, and show love and concern for the less fortunate.
3. Family development programs are also an essential ministry or mission. The entertainment media complex has produced programs which are not youth and family friendly. The church must sponsor programs to lead non believers to Christ and encourage fellow believers to live a Christian lifestyle by avoiding cheating, lying, cussing, drinking, smoking, sex outside of marriage and adultery.
4. Youth self esteem programs are also an essential Church mission. The church must support parents in teaching children and youth to respect authority.

Youth also must be taught about their heritage, black history programs are essential because history writers do not always highlight the contributions of black American singers' artists, scientists and inventors. We must teach our children about their history and their heritage.

5. It is also the mission of the church to encourage youth to reach their full academic potential. The church should be in the business of encouraging and elevating the self esteem of all of its members.
6. And the last essential Church missions are programs such as the Sunday school, Church training, bible study, prayer meetings, workshops and seminars. These programs are needed to address the spiritual needs of different age groups such as children, youth, young adults, adults and seniors and they are also needed to address the unique spiritual needs of married couples and singles. The Church is accountable for effective Christian missions and programs.

Now that we have defined Christian missions and Christian ministries. The questions are "How can we effectively promote Christian missions or Christian programs?"

- First of all Church workers must be born again; the blind cannot lead the blind.
- All believers must pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1: says "4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"

Believers can choose to walk in the spirit or walk in the flesh. Those who walk in the spirit will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Walking in the spirit means possessing the Fruit of the Spirit. The Spirit of the Fruit are listed in Galatians 5: "22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

When others see the Fruit of the Spirit in a Christian workers life; effective promotion of Christian missions is enhanced.

We must also be aware that Accountability for effective Christian missions can only be achieved through the power and the unifying force of the Holy Spirit.

- Those who effectively promote Christian missions and Christian programs must be united as one in the Spirit; believers must work together for the goal of winning others to Christ.
- To achieve the goal of unity and harmony we must look at the relationship that Jesus had with his heavenly father. The Father and Jesus were of the same Mind and the same Spirit there was no division between the Heavenly Father and Jesus. We must be united if we are to achieve the goals and the objectives of the church. Unity in the Spirit is one of the major keys to accountability for effective Christian Missions.
- Those who possess various Spiritual Gifts must work together. If there is a division in the church the accountability for effective Christian missions will not be achieved. It is essential for believers who have different gifts and talents to work together for a common cause. Those who have the Gift of teaching must work with those have the Gift of knowledge and Wisdom. The world must see the love of Jesus in a believers personal lives, Believers must send positive Christian signals to those who live in the world, we must send the signals of the Fruit of the Spirit: love, peace joy, patience and longsuffering.

Other essential factors to achieve accountability for effective Christian missions

- Churches are encouraged to have specific time slots for Church training and Christian education programming. It could be one or two Sunday evening time slots. Dates and time slots can be adjusted to address the needs of the church. Each Church has a personality. Christian education workers should work with the pastor to assign a specific time slot for Christian education training.
- Church leaders should do everything in their power to make sure that they are taking advantage of positive Christian resources that are available to help their church to promote and achieve effective Christian missions.
- The Word of God which is the Holy Scripture holds the key to promoting effective Christian missions. Each person is encouraged to read and study the Word of God and pray for understanding to address the accountability for effective Christian missions.