GOODWILL MESSAGE BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF KNUST ON THE OCCASION OF THE ELEVATION OF CHRIST CONGREGATION, KNUST OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA TO A DISTRICT STATUS

May the peace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all.

It is, indeed, a joyous occasion for me to be offered the opportunity to write this goodwill message for the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Christ Congregation at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi.

I received the good news of the Church’s elevation with great joy and satisfaction in that, the new order (District Status) will provide the Church with the needed platform to contribute in no small measure to the development of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the Church of God in a more meaningful way. In another dimension, the Congregation will, henceforth, wake up to the new challenge and explore the immense opportunities so offered to build on its fortunes for the advancement of the Church of Christ here on our campus. There is a large number of Presbyterian Students here on our campus and the Christ Congregation has been a focal point for several Presbyterian students’ meetings and retreats. Therefore, the greater impetus to be provided by the elevation in nurturing several young Presbyterians and Christians cannot be glossed over.

Even though the University is an academic institution, there is little doubt about the need for a strong presence of God in our affairs in training the country’s needed future manpower. Recently, we have been witnesses to many deviant behaviours; some of which bother on emotional, psychological and spiritual factors. The need, therefore, for the Church’s role in helping to fully train students has never been under stressed here on our campus.
It is, therefore, imperative to note that, in the true spirit of the Reform Tradition, the Christ Congregation has been in pole position in the moral and spiritual life of this University since time immemorial. Through its platform, several souls in and around the University; including students, staff and their dependants have been led to Christ. Several of the Church’s Ministers have also been Protestant Chaplains of the University; some of whom have even gone ahead to hold national positions in the Presbyterian Church in particular and the Church of God in general. The Church has, thus, contributed in no small measure in providing a source of hope for several souls in and around the University community.

With the level of expertise available to the Christ Congregation which is rare in most Churches, it is my hope that, the new status will afford the Congregation a bigger platform to exert its positive influence in the Church and by so doing, become a reference point in the general Church of God in Ghana. I have every hope that, the Congregation will live up to this challenge.

I wish the Christ Congregation very well in its new status. Asomdwie nka mo!! and ayekoo!! to you all.

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