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Integrity
Persistence
Excellence
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Loyalty to Seventh-day
Adventist Heritage

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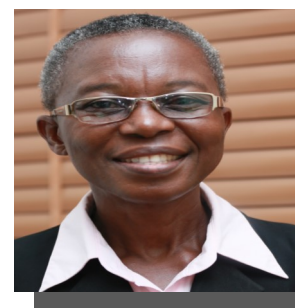
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COLLOQUIUM SPECIAL

During the 2023 University-Wide Colloquium that took place from January 9 to 10, Babcock's University faculty and staff excitedly explored the theme of I Will Go: Modeling Christ in Walk and Work. With its various subthemes and topics, the university community was armed with several scripture-laden strategies and skills that would empower the implementation of the recommendations voted by the university as sure guide to our walk and work throughout the year. Unfortunately, the year 2023 was momentous and defining in Nigeria. It was fraught with naira scarcity, which subjected Nigerians to untold hardship and unimaginable suffering. The political landscape was also shaken with hand over to a new administration. Of course, Babcock University was not immune to the peculiar national issues of 2023.

Faced with all the happenings and their possible effects on individuals and communities, there was no better way to start year 2024 than to reflect on the recommendations voted at the 2023 colloquium, and evaluate their implementations. Hence, the theme for this year's (2024) colloquium "I Will Go: Reflecting on Our Walk and Work in 2023" served as a tool for evaluating our closeness to modeling Christ in walk and work in 2023. We invite you to enjoy the narration.

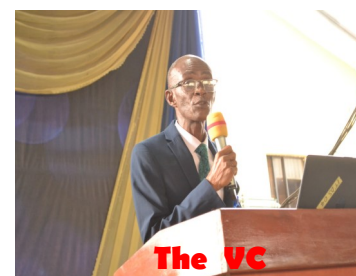


Constance C. Nwosu, Ph.D, AVP, IE

Welcome/Introductions

Professor Ademola S. Tayo, bereaved families. the President/Vice Chancellor, Consequent to the welcome along with Dr. Abiola and introductions, Professor Makinde, the Director of Constance C. Nwosu, the Human Resources, extended Associate Vice President, a warm welcome to everyone. Institutional Effectiveness, In his address, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, highlighted the need who serves as the Chair for the Colloquium Steering and for unity within families, Organizing Committee, placing particular emphasis on provided an overview of the healthcare in light of the program. Mentioning that the recent losses experienced by the theme of the previous year's faculty and staff in the colloquium, "Modelling Christ in our walk and year. He also declared the work," would be evaluated, the colloquium officially open. she highlighted that various Dr. Makinde introduced the aspects related to the theme, new faculty, staff, new heads such as marriage, health, and of departments (HODs), finances, would also be deans, and directors. explored.

Following that, a prayer was offered for the newly appointed leaders and for the



The VC



The DR Dir.

Hearing from the Lord

Professor Efe Ehioghae, the University Pastor, handled the first devotional titled "Reflecting on our Walk in Families." Drawing from Mark 10:9 and Malachi 2:16, he emphasized the importance of avoiding toxic marriages and illustrated this point with examples from the Bible, asserting that light can only shine in darkness when God is involved. Professor John Sotunsa, the Provost of Benjamin Carson College of Health and Medical Sciences, served as the devotional speaker for the second day. His message, titled "Reflecting on our Health," centered on Amos 3:1-3 and Deuteronomy 32:30. He identified loneliness as the major trigger of most diseases, and hereafter encouraged the audience to love and seek the ultimate companionship with God, who guarantees protection and good health, and also with their fellow humans.



**Pastor Efe
Ehioghae**

On the third day, Mrs. Modupe Idowu, the Deputy Registrar for Exams and Senate, concluded the devotional by drawing inspiration from Luke 12:15. Her message focused on financial stewardship, advising staff and faculty against becoming slaves to their finances. She outlined six key principles for effective financial management which include: cultivating an attitude of contentment, seeking God's guidance, living within one's means, committing to financial obligations, prioritizing generosity, and saving for retirement. She affirmed the fact that it is not how many resources one has that makes one wealthy, but how well the resources are managed.

The Panelists Speak

Each day of the event featured insightful panel discussions aligned with the designated theme.

Our Families Matter!

On the first day, the panel delved into "Reflecting on our families." Discussion topics included the significance of marriage, its causes, and reasons for divorce. Panelists made emphasis on companionship, parenting, and prevention of adultery. They identified factors leading to home breakdown, such as sin, infertility, male child syndrome, and unforgiving attitudes. The need for marriages to align with God's standards was emphasized.

Our Health!! Our Priority!

The second day's panel focused on "Reflecting on our health".

The panelists highlighted the importance of practice of good lifestyle which involves eating of simple and nutritious meals filled with lots of vegetables and fruits, drinking of adequate water, regular exercise, medical checkup, adherence to doctors' prescription of drugs, avoidance of self-medication, rest, and perfect trust in God as antidote to various diseases ravaging humanity. They also advocated for meetings not to be scheduled during break time so that workers can observe the needed rest.



Some of the Panelists



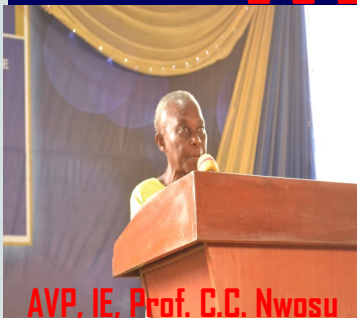
Cross-section of the audience

Plan well and Retire well

On the third day, the panel discussed, "Reflecting on the management of our finances including time of retirement and issue of conflict of interest". The discussions delved into early retirement planning, living within means, wise investment, and the inevitability of retirement. The panelists advised on seeking additional income sources without interfering with work hours, engaging others to work for them, and not compromising financial security. According to them, good planning makes retirement enjoyable.



Where We Stand!!



The institutional statements were delivered by Professor Constance C. Nwosu, the Associate Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness (AVP, IE), who reminded the faculty and staff of the ethos of the institution and their responsibilities towards upholding it.

Guest Speakers

The colloquium also featured seasoned and experienced speakers who spoke on pertinent issues.

Prof. A. Adebisi, a guest speaker from the University of Ibadan made a presentation on university ranking. He emphasized the importance of visibility, collaboration, and impactful research in enhancing university ranking.

Dr. Faith-Ann McGarrell, Editor for the *Journal of Adventist Education*, presented virtually on resources for teachers, highlighting the journal's international acceptance and online accessibility. She encouraged daily writing habits for aspiring authors.



Prof. A. Adebisi,

Faith-Ann McGarrell

Research! The Way Forward!!!!

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest". — Benjamin Franklin

Prof. Grace Tayo, the Director of Research, Innovation, and International Cooperation (RIIC), discussed the research process, ethical considerations, and strategies to enhance Babcock University's ranking, emphasizing the importance of problem-solving in research and faculty development. Some of the faculty members also shared how RIIC assisted them in securing various national and international grants. They shared tips on how to secure grants and advocated for more publications on high rating journals to boost the university's rating and attract more grants.



Dr. O. Ebiesuwa & Prof. G. Tayo during RIIC's Time

Retrospect of Our Walk and Work in 2023

Breakout sessions and panel discussions activities and godly mentorship, provided an opportunity for faculty and maintenance of clean environment, staff to discuss how the eight academic seminars and grants for faculty, recommendations of 2023 colloquium were increase in student admission, improved implemented in the different units, financial records keeping and ease in trans-departments and divisions. Some of the actions, sponsorship of faculty and staff notable areas of implementation were training, among others. improved lecture delivery and classroom management, faith integration in learning, whole-person development of students through prayer, Bible study, extracurricular



The Chief of Staff & others during the break-out session

Spicing it Up!

The colloquium was also spiced up with other activities:

Musical Interludes

The Colloquium Subcommittee on Music thrilled the audience with melodious songs and special features



A cross-section of the audience during stretch-break



The Chord

from talented groups like “The Chord”, Resonance “ and other individuals.

Stretch Break

To promote healthy living, the Colloquium Subcommittee on Sports and Social engaged the participants on various short and fun exercises during the program.

Edutainment

The Colloquium Subcommittee on Edutainment organized a quiz session,

drawing questions from the presentations during the program. Participants that answered correctly received gift items.

Drama

The Colloquium Subcommittee on Sports and Socials presented a 20 minute drama titled "Joseph's Bicycle," emphasizing the importance of honoring commitments made to God, especially in returning our tithes and offerings faithfully.

Stomach Clinic

The Colloquium Subcommittee on Welfare ensured that healthy and sumptuous meals were provided for participants on each day including enough bottles of water for hydration and good health.



Members of the Drama Team



Time Out with Principal Officers

The event facilitated an official meeting with the principal officers, where reports on the previous year's performance and future plans were presented. The discussions covered student development, financial administration, management services, academics, and information about and from the governing council. It was an opportunity to highlight the achievements of the administration such as building of more hostels, improved welfare package for staff and faculty, etc. and future goals like building of centralized science laboratory.



The Principal Officers

Count Down To The End.....

Presentation of IFL Certificates

Professor Constance C. Nwosu presented the Integration of Faith in Learning (IFL) Certificates to 135 participants who completed workshops on Faith Integration.

The Sum of it All.....

The Colloquium Subcommittee on Editorial and Publication provided a detailed summary of all presentations and activities during the colloquium.



IFL Certificate Recipients

The Climax!



Sabbath School Team

The Colloquium Sabbath on January 13, 2024 marked the climax of the program, with faculty and staff gathering at the amphitheater for worship and entrusting the year to God. Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, the President/Vice Chancellor delivered a sermon titled "**The God Who Goes Ahead Of Us**" expressing gratitude to the Colloquium Steering and Organising Committee for great tasks well executed and also assuring everyone that God would lead them all through the year. He closed the

colloquium with a dedicatory prayer, affirming that, regardless of all challenges, "All is Well."

The successful completion of the January 2024 Colloquium was attributed to the amazing grace of God. Challenges and successes experienced in organizing such a significant event for Babcock University underscored the university community's reliance on divine guidance and support.