

A BRIEF HISTORY ABOUT NACENA ENSDANY CHAPTER By Elder Oscar Nwachukwu *President*

B NSDANY stands for *East Nigeria Seventh-Day Adventists in the New York Metropolitan Area.* As the name implies, it is a group of Seventh-day Adventist Church members

resident in the New York metropolitan area who share a common heritage and/or affiliation with Eastern Nigeria, and who share a common commitment to spreading the good news of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

This organization was founded 20 years ago with the objective of promoting Adventist Christian education, health-care delivery, and evangelism in the eastern region of Nigeria.

ENSDANY also aims to foster harmony and cooperation

Elder Oscar N. Nwachukwu amongst members, member churches, and the Nigerian

(ENSDANY President) community, while striving to enhance their shared Adventist experience

Our members reside in the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. We deem the following three churches as affiliated/member churches: **The First Igbo SDA Church, Mt. Vernon, New York; The Heritage SDA Church, St. Albans, New York; and The Living Faith SDA Church, Orange, New Jersey.** However, many members worship at other Seventh-day Adventist churches proximate to their residences.

ENSDANY meets quarterly for worship, and to raise funds in order to carry out the above stated objectives. Some of the projects ENSDANY has facilitated include water borehole projects at Adventist Secondary Technical College, Owerrinta, Adventist Technical Secondary School Ebem-Ohafia, Adventist Health Center, Aba, just to name a few. ENSDANY has also helped to build a clinic in Ubakala, and has also committed to doing more projects to the benefit of mankind and to God's glory.

ENSDANY continues to mobilize and energize our brothers and sisters who live around us to come, worship with us, and share our mission and vision and also participate fully to further this cause. Members of EN-SDANY have involved our Young Professionals/Young adults in ENSDANY leadership so the organization stays alive and well and to continue the work our fathers and mothers started years ago. We have continued to grow from strength to strength.

During our Quarterly Convocation on June 17, 2017, ENSDANY members voted for ENSDANY to become a NACENA Chapter by a majority vote and we hope that our model will guide NACENA to become a stronger organization.

May God bless you as you continue to work in his vineyard.

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