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The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. The church has 14 Provinces in Nigeria, each with an Archbishop. Each Province is divided into dioceses; there were 161 dioceses in Nigeria, each with a bishop.Bishops in the Church of Nigeria. DioceseProvinceBishopDiocese of AbujaProvince of AbujaHenry NdukubaDiocese of AfikpoProvince of EnuguPaul UdoguHow many Anglican bishops are in Nigeria?170Presently, there are 170 serving Bishops and Archbishops in the Anglican Church of Nigeria, manning 14 provinces, 161 dioceses, one Nomadic Mission, two foreign Missionary dioceses and some institutions of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), which membership is estimated at over twenty million, with more than Who is the founder of Anglican church in Nigeria?The Anglican Church Mission Society (CMS) members Samuel Ajayi Crowtherwho would become Nigerias first African Anglican bishopand Rev. J.F. Schn were part of the original British First Niger Expedition in 1841. By 1857 the CMS mission was fully engaged and a diocese was established in 1864.Who is the Anglican Archbishop of Nigeria?Most Reverend Henry C. NdukubaHenry NdukubaThe Most Reverend Henry C. NdukubaInstalled25 March 2020PredecessorNicholas OkohOther post(s)Archbishop of Anglican Province of Abuja (2020) Bishop of Abuja (2020) Archbishop of Anglican Province of Jos (20172020) Bishop of Gombe (19992020)OrdersWhat is the name of the first Anglican Church in Nigeria?For historical purpose, the first church in Nigeria is the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and its location is in Ake, Abeokuta. It is an Anglican Church founded by Reverend Andrew Desalu Wilhelm in 1898.Who is the youngest Anglican bishop in Nigeria?He decided to become an Anglican priest at a very young age. He passed with distinction is first school leaving examination in 1944 and was a teacher for 6 years.Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye.The Right Reverend Joseph Abiodun AdetiloyeChurchChurch of NigeriaSeeAbujaIn officeDecember 1986 December 1999OrdersIs Anglican the first Church in Nigeria?What is the name of First Church in Nigeria?The cathedral church of St. PetersPeters, Ake Abeokuta, is the first church in Nigeria.Where is the oldest church in Nigeria?The Cathedral Church of Christ Marina, Lagos is an Anglican cathedral on Lagos Island, Lagos, Nigeria.Cathedral Church of Christ, Lagos.Christ Church Cathedral, LagosGroundbreaking1924Completed1946AdministrationDioceseDiocese of LagosWho is the oldest priest in Nigeria?John Cross Anyogu (11 March 1898 5 July 1967) was a Nigerian clergyman who, on 9 June 1957, became the first member of his Igbo community to be consecrated a Roman Catholic bishop.Who is the oldest bishop in Nigeria?Francis ArinzeHis Eminence Francis ArinzeBorn1 November 1932 Onitsha, Colony of NigeriaNationalityNigerianDenominationRoman CatholicThis is a list of provinces, dioceses, archbishops and bishops in the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion, in 2021. The church has 15 Provinces in Nigeria, each with an Archbishop. Each Province is divided into dioceses; there were 162 dioceses in Nigeria, each with a bishop. Each Archbishop is also the bishop of one of the dioceses in his Province. The pre-eminent Archbishop, The Primate of All Nigeria, is chosen from the 14 Archbishops, and becomes Bishop of Abuja. The Primate is Henry Ndukuba, elected in 2020. For the Roman Catholic province, see Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja.Anglican province in NigeriaThe Abuja Province is one of the 14 ecclesiastical provinces of the Church of Nigeria. It is one of the original 10 provinces, created when the current division was adopted in 2002, due to the huge dimension and growth of the Church of Nigeria. His headquarters are located in Abuja.[1] The diocese comprises 17 dioceses, 96 archdeaconries and 476 parishes. The first archbishop and bishop of the Diocese of Abuja was Peter Akinola, from 2002 to 2010. He was succeeded by Nicholas Okoh, who also held office as bishop of the Diocese of Abuja from 25 March 2010 to 25 March 2020.[2] The current archbishop is Henry Ndukuba. He was installed on 25 March 2020.The province comprises 13 dioceses:[3]Abuja (26 November 1989; Bishop: Henry Ndukuba; first bishop was Peter Akinola, consecrated 16 November 1989)[4]Bida (30 November 1999; Bishop: Jonah Kolo)Gboko (15 January 2009; Bishop Emmanuel NyitsseGwagwalada (26 November 1999; Bishop: Moses Tabwaye)Idah (14 March 2005; Bishop: Joseph Musa)Kafanchan (5 September 1990; Bishop: Marcus Dogo; first bishop W.W. Diya, consecrated 29 April 1990, Kaduna)[5]Kubwa (19 March 2005; Bishop: Duke Akamisoko, appointed 2009; note: formerly Simon Bala who died November 2008)Kwoi (23 May 2008) Bishop: Paul Samuel Zamani)Lafia (29 November 1999; Bishop: Miller Maza)Makurdi (24 September 1990; Bishop: Nathan Inyom)Otukpo (11 December 1996; Bishop: David Bello; erected from Makurdi diocese; Ityobee Ugede, first bishop, consecrated 30 November 1996, Oke-Bola)[5]Zaki-Biam (20 September 2018; Bishop: Jezreel Vandeh)Zonkwa (19 March 2005; Bishop: Jacob KwashiMissions in Africa and North America:Church of Nigeria Mission (Congo; 2005; Bishop: Abiodun Olaoye)Church of Nigeria Mission (Nomadic; 2006; Bishop: Simon Peters Mutum)Church of Nigeria North American Mission (Diocese of the West, 2011; Acting Bishop: Celestine Ironna | Diocese of the Trinity, 2012; Bishop: Olukayode Adebogun)^ Abuja Province Dioceses at the Church of Nigeria Official Website Archived 26 September 2011 at the Wayback Machine^ List of the Ecclesiastical Provinces and Dioceses of the Church of Nigeria Archived 23 June 2012 at the Wayback Machine^ "Ecclesiastical Province of Abuja | Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)". 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Chukwuma in 2024.[1][2] Chukwuma was Archbishop since 2014.[3]The dioceses are:Abakaliki (Bishop: Monday Nkwoagu)Afikpo (Bishop: Paul Udogu)Awgu/Aninri (Bishop: Benson Chukwunweike)Eha-Amufu (Bishop: Daniel Olinya)Enugu (Bishop: Samuel Ike)Enugu North (ArchBishop: Sosthenes Ikechukwu Eze)Ikwo (Bishop: Kenneth Ifemene)Ngbo (Bishop: Godwin Awoke)Nike (Bishop: Christian Onyia)Nsukka (Bishop: Aloysius Agbo)Oji River (Bishop: Ikechukwu Egbuonu)Udi (Bishop: Chjioke Aneke)^ Anglican Province of Enugu at Anglican Communion Official Website^ "60th Birthday Thanksgiving Service and 25th Year of Episcopacy Of The Most Rev. Emmanuel Chukwuma (Archbishop Elect of Enugu Province), Church of Nigeria Official Website, 25 February 2014". Archived from the original on 21 February 2017. Retrieved 20 February 2017.^ "Amankechinelo Amos Madu". Baywood Foundation. Archived from the original on 22 July 2019. Retrieved 18 August 2022.Anglican Province of Enugu at Anglican Communion Official WebsiteThis Anglicanism-related article is a stub. You can help Wikipedia by expanding it.vteRetrieved from " Christianity is one of the major religions in Nigeria and accounts for 48% of the general populace. As of today, Nigeria is most religious country in Africa and 2nd in the world.List of Nigerian Churches And Their FoundersThere are different church denominations in the country whose worship system differs from others. The similarity that exist between these Nigerian churches is that they claim to preach the Gospel and believe in Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity in the world.Before the arrival of Pentecostal churches in the country, the first church in Nigeria was the cathedral church of St. Peters, Ake Abeokuta and it was an Anglican church. After this came the Roman Catholic church before other new generation churches sprang up.In this post we list all churches in Nigeria and their founders, year of establishment and the current general overseer of these churches.CATHOLIC CHURCHThe Catholic Church is the richest church in the country with the highest number in terms of congregation. Founded by Christ himself, its headquarters is in Rome.The Catholic church is currently headed by the Pope (Francis) who doubles as the Bishop of Rome and the head of the Vatican. This church has branches in every country of the world, state, towns and villages in Nigeria.ANGLICAN CHURCH OF NIGERIAAlso called the Anglican communion, this church traces its origin to the Church of England. Founded in 1842 by Henry Townsend during the colonial times, the number of those attending this church is on the increase.In terms of population, there are about 18 million baptized Anglican church members in the country and they are divided into dioceses and parishes headed by Archbishops, Bishops, Venerable, etc.As at today, there are 14 provinces in the Anglican church of Nigeria with its administrative headquarters, located in Abuja and headed by a Primate, Nicholas Okoh.REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD (RCCG)RCCG was established by Rev. Josiah Akindayomi in 1952 before the emergence of its current general overseer, Pastor Enoch Adeboye, one of Nigerias most respected man of God.As of today, in terms of congregation, the Redeemed Christian Church of God is the most populated pentecostal church in Nigeria and has the largest auditorium which is said to contain more than half of all its members. You can find about 5 Redeem churches in every street in Lagos state.LIVING FAITH CHURCH WORLDWIDEAlso called Winners Chapel by some of its members, Living Faith Church Worldwide was established in 1981 by Bishop David Oyedepo who is Forbes richest pastor in the world and its General Overseer.This Pentecostal church is also among the popular churches in the country today and has a membership base of up to 1 million. The churchs auditorium is among the largest able to hold up to 300,000 persons during vigils or even prayer crusades.CHRIST EMBASSYAlso on the list is Christ Embassy established by Pastor Chris Oyakhilome in 1990. He is also the General Overseer and senior pastor of his congregation.Christ Embassy has many branches around the country with its headquarters in Lagos. Pastor Chris is one of the most influential preachers of his generation and has written many spiritual books to his credit.MOUNTAIN OF FIRE AND MIRACLE MINISTRYThis Pentecostal church is also known as MFM, was founded in 1989 by Dr. Daniel Olukoya has been dully registered in the Christian Association of Nigeria.This church is known for their fire brand prayer services and has a big church auditorium that can carry a capacity of about 400,000 persons during their crusades.THE APOSTOLIC CHURCHAnother registered church worthy of mention is the Apostolic church. Its founder Gabriel Olutola was a known man of God in his time.Established in 1931, this is one of the oldest churches in Nigeria with many branches across the country and they can be found in various states.DEEPER LIFE CHRISTIAN MINISTRYDeeper life church was founded in 1982 by Dr. William. F. Kumuyi. The ministry started with 15 persons and now has over 900,000 members in attendance.This is one of the best churches in the country who are known for their strict adherence to the bible teachings and dress code.COMMONWEALTH OF ZION ASSEMBLYPopularly known as COZA, this registered church is famous among the youths. COZA ministry was founded by Reverend Biodun Fatoyinbo in 1999 and has a wide outreach in the country.DAYSTAR CHRISTIAN CENTERThis church is owned by a motivational speaker, Pastor Samuel Adeyemi. Over the years, the goal of this religious institution is to raise leaders for Christ who will take charge in preaching the Gospel of the Lord with boldness and power.SYNAGOGUE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONSThis Christian organization was established by the late Prophet T.B Joshua, one of the most powerful prophets in Nigeria that predicts the future. He was also its general overseer and is known for performing miracles.The headquarters of his ministry is at Ikotun in Lagos state. It is said that SCOAN receives more than 15,000 people at the churchs premises for Sunday services alone, due to the fact that people from all walks of life wanting to see the man of God for miracles and healing.FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCHThis church was formerly among the popular churches in the country and was famous among the youths who were single.It was founded by Late Dr. Bimbo Odukoya. While she was alive, she anchored a television program titled Single & MarriedCHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM (C&S)Also called C&S, it was founded by Prophet Moses Orimolade Tuno in 1925. C&S has a large follower-ship in Nigeria.It is among the oldest churches in the country that gave birth to other types of white garment churches in Nigeria.CHRIST APOSTOLIC CHURCH (CAC)Also among the biggest churches in Nigeria is Christ Apostolic Church which was established in 1941 by its founder Joseph Ayo Babalola. Today, the current G.O is Pastor A.O Akinosun.It is also known as a white garment church or and the first Aladura Church in the country that has branches all over the world with various factions present in the organization.METHODIST CHURCH OF NIGERIAMethodist church is also one of the major churches in Nigeria was brought into the country by the British missionariesin 1842 but traces its origin to Wesley, its founder.The current head of the Methodist church in Nigeria is Prelate Samuel Chukwuemeka Uche Kanu and they have many branches in various states of the country.SALVATION MINISTRIESSalvation ministries is a very popular Nigerian church. Established in 1997 by David Ibiyeomie who is also its current general overseer, their headquarters is located at Port Harcourt.They have a Bible Institute where those who wish to enter into Christian religious life can enroll and become trained pastors in their various churches.THE LORDS CHOSEN CHRISTIAN CHARISMATIC MOVEMENTThis is one of the new generational churches in Nigeria that broke away from the Catholic Church and has its headquarters in Lagos.It was founded by Pastor Lazarus Muoka in 2002 and currently has a large population of break-away Catholics especially from the south-west and south-eastern region of the country.CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRISTThis is another major white garment church in Nigeria which was established by Samuel Bilehou in 1947. He is also the churchs general overseer.NIGERIAN BAPTIST CONVENTIONThis is also another ancient church you can find in Nigeria and traces its history to the time of the colonial masters. This Christian religious institution was founded by Baptist missionaries.We cant say if they are among the largest church in Nigeria but they have a large congregation, especially in the south-west. Baptist Church headquarters is located in Ibadan.ROYAL HOUSE OF GRACE INTERNATIONAL CHURCHThis is another major church in Nigeria established by Apostle Zilly Aggrey in 1992. The current G.O is David Zilly Aggrey and its headquarters is situated in Port Harcourt.These are all the registered churches we have in Nigeria that are popular in the country today.LIST OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES AND THEIR FOUNDERSAccording to Wikipedia, here is a tabulated list of all notable pentecostal churches in Nigeria, the year of establishment, the founder and the current general overseer of the churchs congregation.CHURCH NAMEFOUNDERCURRENT SENIOR PASTOR/GENERAL OVERSEERDATE ESTABLISHEDRedeemed Christian Church of GodRev Josiah AkindayomiPastorEnoch Adeboye1952Lagos StateLiving Faith Church WorldwideDavid OyedepoDavid Oyedepo1981Ota, OgunChrist Apostolic ChurchJoseph Ayo BabalolaPastor S.O. Ogundare[4]1931Church of NigeriaHenry TownsendNicholas Okoh1842BadagryThe African ChurchJacob Kehinde CokerEmmanuel Josiah Udofia1901LagosChrist EmbassyChris OyakhilomeChris Oyakhilome1990Lagos StateDeeper Christian Life MinistryWilliam KumuyiWilliam F. Kumuyi1982Lagos StateCherubim and SeraphimMoses Orimolade Tunolase1925Mountain of Fire and MiraclesDr.Daniel Olukoya1989YabaThe Apostolic Church NigeriaEmmanuel Segun Awojide1918Lagos StateThe Lords ChosenLazarus MuokaLazarus Muoka2002MushinRoman Catholic ChurchJesus ChristIgnatius Ayau KaigamaChurch of the LordJosiah Ollunowo Ositelu1925OgereCelestial Church of ChristSamuel Bilhou Joseph Oshoffa1947CotonouMethodist Church NigeriaBritish missionariesPrelate Samuel Chukwuemeka Kanu Uche, JP1842Marina/Lagos StateNigerian Baptist ConventionSouthern Baptist ConventionmissionariesRev.Samson Olasupo Ayokunle1850/1914Salvation MinistriesPastor David IbiyeomieDavid Ibiyeomie1997Port-HarcourtFull Life Christian CentreRev. Ntia I. NtiaRev. Ntia I. Ntia2000Akwa Ibom StateRoyal House of Grace International ChurchApostle Zilly AggreyKing-David Zilly Aggrey1992Port-HarcourtWord of Life Bible ChurchAyo OritsejaforAyo Oritsejafor1987WarriAssemblies of God ChurchRev. Chidi Okoroafor1934EnuguEvangelical Church Winning AllWalter Gowans, Thomas Kent, Rowland BinghamRev. Dr. Stephen Panya Baba1954JosThe Salvation ArmyWilliam BoothColonel Victor Leslie1920Lagos Share copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the license terms. Attribution You must give appropriate credit , provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made . You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use. ShareAlike If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you must distribute your contributions under the same license as the original. No additional restrictions You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits. 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ABOUT February 11, 2024 0 Comments April 22, 2025 0 Comments The Decade of God's Reign On 24 February 1979, the sixteen dioceses of Nigeria were joined in the Church of Nigeria, a newly founded province of the Anglican Communion, with Timothy O. Olufosoye, then Bishop of Ibadan, becoming its first archbishop, primate and metropolitan. Between 1980 and 1988, eight additional dioceses were created. In 1986, he was succeeded by J. Abiodun Adetiloye who became the second primate and metropolitan of Nigeria, a position he would hold until 1999.In 1989 the Diocese of Abuja was created on the area of the new capital of Nigeria with Peter Akinola as first bishop.The 1990s was the decade of evangelization for the Church of Nigeria, starting with the consecration of mission bishops for the mission dioceses of Minna, Kafanchan, Katsina, Sokoto, Makurdi, Yola, Maiduguri, Bauchi, Egbado and Ife. Between 1993 and 1996 the primate founded nine dioceses; Oke-Osun, Sabongidda-Ora, Okigwe North, Okigwe South, Ikale-Ilaje, Kabba, Nnewi, Egbu and Niger Delta North. In December 1996 five more mission dioceses in the north; Kebbi, Dutse, Damaturu, Jalingo und Oturkbo. In 1997 and 1998 four more dioceses were established; Wusasa, Abakaliki, Ughelli and Ibadan North. In 1999 the Church of Nigeria added 13 new dioceses; four in July (Oji River, Ideato, Ibadan South and Offa), eight in November (Lagos West, Ekiti West, Gusau, Gombe, Niger Delta West, Gwagwalada, Lafia and Bida) and Oleh in December. So within 10 years there were 27 new regular dioceses and 15 mission dioceses created. The Archbishop of Canterbury declared the Church of Nigeria to be the fastest growing church in the Anglican Communion.In 1997 the Church of Nigeria was split into three ecclesiastical provinces (see below).In 2000, Archbishop Peter Akinola succeeded Archbishop Adetiloye as primate of the Church of Nigeria. One of his first actions as primate was to get together 400 bishops, priests, lay members and members of the Mothers Union to elaborate a vision for the Church of Nigeria under the chairmanship of Ernest Shonekan, a former President of Nigeria. The Decade of God's Reign Anglican bishop in NigeriaIsaac Nwaobia // is an Anglican bishop in Nigeria:[1] he is the current Archbishop of Aba[2] and Bishop of Isiala-Ngwa South[3] one of nine[4] within the Anglican Province of Aba, itself one of 14 provinces within the Church of Nigeria.[5]Nwaobia was born in Isiala Ngwa South on 10 November 1962 and educated at Anglican Grammar School, Mbawsi; Trinity Theological College, Umuahia; the University of Calabar; and the University of Ibadan. He was ordained deacon in 1988; priest in 1989; and bishop in 2007;[6] and archbishop in 2019.[7]^ The Guardian, Nigeria^ "Ecclesiastical Province of Aba | Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)". Retrieved 2021-03-02.^ Anglican Communion^ Church of Nigeria, Province of Aba^ Today Nigeria^ World Anglican^ "Archbishop Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba elected as next Primate of Anglican Church of Nigeria". www.anglicannews.org. Retrieved 2021-03-04.Portals: Biography Christianity NigeriaThis article about a Nigerian Anglican bishop is a stub. You can help Wikipedia by expanding it.vteRetrieved from " province in NigeriaThe Anglican Province of Aba is one of the 14 ecclesiastical provinces of the Church of Nigeria. It comprises 9 dioceses:[1]Aba (Christian Ugwuzor)Aba Ngwa North (Nathan Kanu)Arochukwu/Ohafia (Bishop: Johnson Onuoha)Ikwanuo (Bishop: Chigozirim Onyegbule)Isiala-Ngwa (Bishop: Temple Nwaogu)Isial-Ngwa South (Bishop: Isaac Nwaobia)Isikwuato (Bishop: Manasses Chijiokem Okere)Ukwa (Bishop: Samuel Kelechi Eze)Umuahia (Bishop: Ikechi Nwosu)[2][3]^ "Ecclesiastical Province of Aba | Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)". 26 March 2020. Retrieved 2021-11-07.^ Anglican Province of Aba at the Anglican Communion Official Website^ The Archbishop of Aba, the Most Rev. Ikechi Nwosu, Geoconger Website, 17 August 20111Anglican Province of Aba at the Anglican Communion Official WebsiteThis Anglicanism-related article is a stub. You can help Wikipedia by expanding it.vteRetrieved from " Members of the churchs Episcopal Synod at the St Matthews Anglican Church Maitama, AbujaonMonday. The Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion, has elected seven new bishops to fill the vacancies in seven of its dioceses and four archbishops for its provinces.This was disclosed in a statement issued on Tuesday by the churchs Communication Officer, Korede Akintunde, and made available to PUNCH Online.The statement noted that the elections were conducted during the churchs Episcopal Synod held on Monday, August 12, 2024, a the St Matthews Anglican Church Maitama, Abuja.Akintunde said theelections were announced by the churchs Primate, Dr. Henry Ndukuba, at the end of the synod. The primate, who congratulated the newly elected bishops and archbishops, prayed that God will grant them wisdom, strength and good health, to pilot the affairs of the people of God in their respective dioceses and provinces. He, however, called on all members of the church to pray and support the newly elected bishops and their families, as they go into their new places of assignments after the due processes, training and consecration.He also called on the newly elected into various offices to pray and seek Gods face for the power of God in their new roles.The statement also noted that the primate added that the consecration of the bishops-elect and the presentation of archbishops-elect will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, during the Standing Committee Meeting of the church being hosted by Nike Diocese in Enugu State.Below are the lists of the seven elected bishops and four archbishops:Elected BishopsEphraim Gongdem Jos Diocese.John Obinali Okigwe Diocese.Sam Ike Enugu Diocese.Godwin Odubena Ijebu North Diocese.Bernard Hanson Ahoada Diocese.Titus Alkali Wusasa Diocese.Samuel Ifeyemi Osun North Diocese.Elected ArchbishopsSosthenes Eze Bishop of Enugu North Diocese, Enugu Province.Israel Amao Bishop of New Bussa Diocese, Kwara Province.Williams Aladekugbe Bishop of Ibadan North Diocese, Ibadan Province.Daniel Yisa Bishop of Minna Diocese, Lokoja Province. Here are some major things to know about the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). The Church of Nigeria is the Anglican church in Nigeria. It is one of the largest Provinces in the Anglican Communion.It came out of the Province of West Africa and was inaugurated as an independent national Province on February 24, 1979 St Matthias Day. There were 16 Dioceses at inauguration. The Vision: The Church of Nigeria shall be Bible-based, spiritually dynamic, united; disciplined; self-supporting; committed to pragmatic evangelism, social welfare and a church that epitomizes the genuine love of Christ.It is thoroughly evangelical in its theology. Its theology is fashioned by the Bible and yet there is room for tradition and reason in theological engagements and interpretation.Scripture Tradition Reason (Richard Hooker) It shares and affirms the 39 Articles of Religion (Article of Faith).Since 2002 the Church of Nigeria is organised into 14 internal ecclesiastical provinces. The 14 Provinces of the Church are: Abuja Province Aba Province Lokoja Province Kaduna Province Owerri Province Lagos Province Niger Province Niger Delta Province Jos Province Kwara Province Ibadan Province Ondo Province Bendel Province Enugu Province Each Province is headed by the Ecclesiastical Archbishop who is elected to serve for a term of five years and can be so elected the second time and no more. Becoming an Ecclesiastical Archbishop is by election not appointment. It operates the Anglican polity of being episcopally led and synodically governed.It has rapidly increased the number of its dioceses and bishops from 91 in 2002 to 164, as at today, May 28, 2024. The administrative headquarters is located in Abuja (St Matthias House, Plot 942 Ibrahim Waziri Crescent, Gudu District, Abuja). St Matthias House, Gudu, Abuja, its National Secretariat was built and commissioned for use during the Primacy of Archbishop Nicholas D. Okoh. It was dedicated on 24th April 2019. It prides itself as the Church of the Great Church father Bishop Samuel Ajayi Crowther the first black Anglican Bishop who with others pioneered missions into the different parts of Nigeria. Remember the Anglican Church started in Nigeria in 1842. Many institutions have been named after Bishop Crowther Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary, Abeokuta, Ogun State Bishop Crowther College of Theology, Okene, Kogi State Crowther Mission Center, Osoogun, Oyo State Crowther Radio, Abuja Crowther Chariots, Abuja. Many Cathedral stalls, hostels, houses, books, theses and dissertations have been written on Bishop Crowther Some people have suggested that he be named the first Primate of the Church of Nigeria, this cannot be, because the Church of Nigeria became a province, a status that gave it the right to have Primate as its leader in 1979. All the same, Bishop Samuel Ajayi Crowther is loved and celebrated in the Church of Nigeria October 3 is his Day. The Church of Nigeria has been headed by five Primates till date.Its fifth and current primate is Archbishop Henry C. Ndukuba (2020 till date). Archbishop Timothy Olufosoye was the first Primate from St Matthias Day in 1979 till 1988. Archbishop Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye was the second Primate (1988-1999). Archbishop Peter Jasper Akinola became the third Primate (2000 2010). Archbishop Nicholas D. Okoh was the fourth Primate (2010-2020).Autonomy: The Church of Nigeria is an autonomous Province within the Anglican Communion and does not report to the Archbishop of Canterbury. It became an autonomous Province in 1979 (24th February St Matthias Day).Primacy: The Primate of the Church of Nigeria is the head of the Nigerian Anglican Church, similar to how the Archbishop of Canterbury is the spiritual leader of the Church of England.The Primate is elected at the Episcopal Synod for a single term of 10 years after which he retires even if he has not reached the constitutional mandatory retirement age of 70. Also, if he reaches 70 years before his 10 years term he will also retire because the constitutional mandatory retirement age of 70 supersedes the 10 years term. The Primate is the Archbishop and Metropolitan. He is also the Bishop of the Diocese of Abuja and the Dean of his Cathedral. The Dean of the Church of Nigeria deputizes for the Primate. His roles are as assigned by the Primate. The first elected Dean to serve the full five-year nonrenewable term was the Most Revd Lamido A Buba, the former Archbishop of Kaduna Province and Bishop of the Diocese of Wusasa. The current Dean is the Most Revd Blessing Enyindah, the Archbishop of Niger Delta and the Bishop of the Diocese of Ikwerre. The General Synod meets once in 3 years, and it is the highest decision-making body of the Church. There are two secretaries of the General Synod who serve as minutes recorders during sessions and even during Standing Committee Meetings. 1. Clerical Secretary 2. Lay Secretary This helps you to know then that the General Secretary is an administrator not a recorder of notes of course he takes notes at exclusive meetings for the purpose of administration with the Primate. Whereas these two record proceedings, the General Secretary is the custodian of minutes and other documents of the church. The General Synod, Standing Committee and Diocesan Synods are made up of: The House of Bishops chaired by the Primate The House of Clergy chaired by the Prolocutor The House of Laity chaired by the Chairman The Standing Committee of the General Synod meets twice a year to execute the decisions of the General Synod and take other decisions which will eventually be ratified by the General Synod. Critical voting at such meetings are handled based on Houses. The Primate is the President of the General Synod and the Standing Committee who gives Primatial Address pointing clearly the direction the church is going within the period. Its Priests and Bishops retire at the age of 70. Retirement is only in terms of administrative engagement, but the priest remains a priest and the bishop remains a Bishop with full capacity to officiate when invited to do so by the Primate or any Diocesan Bishop. So technically speaking, the Priests and Bishops do not retire from ministry, they retire from administrative work. It maintains 3 Order of Ministry;The Deacon The Priest The BishopBishops are elected not appointed from the House of Clergy of the Church of Nigeria or of Churches that are in communion with the Church of Nigeria. A clergy must possess certain qualifications and be of certain age to be ordained a Deacon, Priest and elected a Bishop based on the Constitution. Election of Bishops is a sole responsibility of the House of Bishops under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and presided by the Primate. The vacant Diocese only participates by giving an Advisory to the House of Bishops on the kind of Bishop they think can fit their Diocese but it only an advisory that the House of Bishops under the guidance of the Holy Spirit can do otherwise. Bishops are not elected at any meeting of the House of Bishops. The meeting for the election of Bishops is called the Episcopal Synod. This synod is exclusively for the House of Bishops no clergy or laity is invited and allowed to be part of it. It has a Bishop Theologian who is in charge of all matters about the theology of the Church and also oversees the theological trainings and schools. The first and current Bishop Theologian of the Church is the Rt Revd Prof. Dapo Asaju. He is also the current Bishop of Ilesa Diocese in the Province of Ibadan.The Diocesan Bishops are the episcopal leaders of the Dioceses who lead and are assisted by the Diocesan Synods and Diocesan Boards. The governance of the Archdeaconry is by the Archdeacon assisted by the Archdeaconry Board The governance of the Parish is by the Vicar assisted by the Parish Church Council (PCC) and the Vestry (Annual General Meeting). The Dioceses of the Church of Nigeria are autonomous, but their autonomy is in communion. What this means is that they are at liberty to govern themselves based on their context without undermining the general principles that bind them all together as a national province. So, the church practices autonomy-in-communion. At every consecration service, each Bishop-elect pledges loyalty to God, the Church, and the Primate which shows clearly the need for autonomy-in-communion.Theologically Biblical: The Church of Nigeria is Bible-based and generally more theologically conservative compared to the Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury. It upholds the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral Holy Scriptures Old and New Testaments The Creeds Apostles and Nicene Athanasian Sacraments -Baptism and Holy Communion Historic Episcopate Bishops Apostolic successionScriptural Authority: The Church of Nigeria places a strong emphasis on the authority of Scripture, often leading to different interpretations and stances on social and moral issues against what other liberal provinces hold. It is a Bible-based Church.LGBTQ+ Issues: The Church of Nigeria has taken a strong stance against the acceptance and blessing of same-sex relationships, in contrast to more liberal views held by some in the Church of England and in other liberal provinces. It does not subscribe or approve of same sex marriage, same sex couple, gay, homosexuality, lesbianism because they are outright practices which are against the Holy Scripture. This is the reason why it severed its relationship with the Episcopal Church in America and in Canada and changed its constitution to that effect in 2005. It later with other evangelical Provinces started GAFCON and has continued to be the leading Province in the fight against all practices that are contrary to the Word of God that some liberal provinces of the communion have embraced. To this date, Church of Nigeria does not submit or attend any meeting called by the Primate of Canterbury or the General Secretary of the Anglican Communion. It does not attend the Primates Council It does not attend the Anglican Consultative Council It does not recognize the authority of Canterbury or the Primate of Canterbury It is ever ready to work and walk with only those who love God and are willing to uphold the authority of the Holy Scripture and the supremacy of Jesus Christ as the one and only Saviour. GAFCON: The Church of Nigeria is a founding and leading member of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON), which was formed as a response to what they perceive as a drift from biblical and traditional Anglican teachings. The House of Bishops boycotted the Lambeth Conference of 2008 and the fifteenth Lambeth Conference of 2022 because of the unbiblical stands of the Archbishop of Canterbury and others on the authority of the Holy Scripture especially on marriage and human sexuality. It affirms the Jerusalem Declaration of GAFCON 2008 and the GAFCON Statement of Kigali 2023. The Clergy are addressed based on their office or order of Ministry. The Deacon is addressed as The Reverend or the Rev., the Revd The Priest is addressed as The Reverend or the Rev., the Revd The Canon whether Honourary or Statutory is addressed as The Reverend Canon or the Rev. Canon, the Revd Canon The Archdeacon is addressed as the Venerable or the Ven. The Sub-Dean is addressed the Venerable or the Ven. Some Dioceses addressed him as the Very Reverend or the Very Rev., or the Very Revd The Dean is addressed as the Very Reverend or the Very Rev., or the Very Revd some dioceses maintained the title of Venerable for the Dean. The Provost is addressed as the Very Reverend or the Very Rev., or the Very Revd These are the titles of the Clergy in the Church of Nigeria The Archbishop is called the Most Reverend The Most Rev. or The Most Revd or The Most Revd If the Archbishop is present he is addressed as Your Grace, In his absence he is addressed as His Grace, The Bishop is called the Right Reverend The Rt Rev. or The Rt Revd or The Rt Revd If the Bishop is present he is addressed as Your Lordship, In his absence he is addressed as His Lordship, The argument on the usage of small l or capital L is not necessary because it is only noticed when written. Whichever one suits the writer is acceptable. Mission and Evangelism: The Church of Nigeria prioritizes mission and evangelism, focusing on church planting and growth within Nigeria and abroad.Cultural Context: The Church of Nigeria operates within a unique cultural context, which influences its practices and theological emphases.Details of the colours on the Church of Nigerias flag and lapelRed = the blood of Jesus & martyrdom Blue = the love of God White = the peace of God Green = growth and lifeRelationship with Other Provinces: The Church of Nigeria often aligns itself with other theologically conservative provinces in the Anglican Communion, such as those in Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, and America (ACNA) and so on.Education and Social Services: The Church of Nigeria is heavily involved in education, healthcare, and other social services, reflecting its commitment to holistic ministry. It has three fully functional Universities owned by joint provinces or Dioceses. Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo Paul University, Awka University on the Niger Walter Miller University is being build near Abuja located in Niger State The National Church is still working on the Anglican University of Technology, Kweita in Abuja There are colleges and schools of Nursing, Health Technology etc. There are also monotechnics and polytechnics. Secondary and primary schools in their great numbers located in different Dioceses. It has many theological seminaries and colleges with 7 recognized by the headquarters for subvention purposes. It has a graduate school called Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary (CGTS) in Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria. It has Relief and Welfare Team that works with the Primate in reaching out to churches and communities in need. It has a faith based organization called the Anglican Compassion And Development Initiative (ACADI) operational in all Dioceses with the National Head Office at Abuja headed by the National Coordinator. Liturgical Practices: While sharing common liturgical roots, the Church of Nigeria has developed distinct worship practices that reflect its cultural context. Church of Nigeria has its own worship manuals, the Book of Common Prayers and Hymnal. Incidentally in the Anglican Communion worldwide, the Episcopal Church of the United States of America and Church of Nigeria are the two national Churches that have distinctive hymnals.Ecumenical Relations: The Church of Nigeria engages in ecumenical relations with other Christian denominations within Nigeria and beyond. For example, It has a Church in Port Harcourt Nigeria Christ Church Port Harcourt where in ecumenism the Anglicans, Methodists and Presbyterians worship together with each denomination providing the leading Reverend for the single term of 3 years in a rotational basis just to mention a few. It is involved in ecumenical initiatives and fellowships with other Christian denominations. It is a member of the World Council of Churches (WCC), All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Christian Council of Nigeria (CCN), etc. Governance: The Church of Nigeria has its own governance structures, including synods and councils, which operate independently of the Church of England.Youth and Womens Ministry: The Church of Nigeria places a strong emphasis on youth and womens ministries, recognizing their vital role in the churchs mission. The youths of the Church have a fellowship called the Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF). It also has an annual International youth conference called the Joshua Generation International Youth Conference (JGIYC) which was inaugurated by the current Primate in 2021. Interfaith Relations: The Church of Nigeria actively engages in interfaith dialogue, particularly with the Muslim community in Nigeria.Training and Formation: The Church of Nigeria invests heavily in the training and formation of clergy and lay leaders through theological colleges and seminaries. Response to Secularism: The Church of Nigeria often critiques secularism and advocates for a strong Christian witness in public life.Historical Ties: Despite historical ties with the Church of England, the Church of Nigeria has sought to establish its own identity and direction.Global South Influence: The Church of Nigeria is a leading voice within the Global South Anglican churches, advocating for a return to biblical and traditional Anglican values.Posting and transfer of the clergy is the prerogative of the Bishop and the congregations are expected to obey by supporting their clergy to transition from one station to another. Both the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese took an oath or pledge of loyalty to the Bishop at his enthronement and are constitutionally bound to respect and obey the orders of the Bishop in the governance of his jurisdiction.It has ministry to the whole family Christian Men Fellowship (CMF) Women Ministry Mothers Union Womens Guild Ladies Guild Girls Guild Boys and Girls brigade Anglican Children Ministry (ACM) Operation Samuel for young boys Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF) Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC) EtcThe Ministry of the Women is under the Wife of the Primate who is the President of the Mothers Union, Womens Guild, Ladies Guild and Girls Guild. The current President is Mrs Angela E. Ndukuba.It does not ordain women into its priesthood but accepts them into lay pastoral ministry as Lay Readers, Evangelists, and leaders of other groups and fellowships etc. There was a time a vote was taken on this matter, but it ended with the church voting to maintain status quo in not admitting women into the Holy orders. It does not approve all kinds of vestments for her priests and Bishops vestments from other Anglican provinces that are not approved are not accepted Diocesan Bishops are the guardians of the liturgy and vestments of their Dioceses as agreeable to what the House of Bishops prescribed. Note, that every vestment worn by the priests or bishops has the message it conveys.The Diocesan Constitution cannot be operational until it has been approved by the Standing Committee acting on the authority of the General Synod having been processed and passed by the Committee of Reference which examines all Diocesan Constitutions to make them align with the Constitution of the National Church. The Committee of Reference is headed by the Registrar of the Church of Nigeria It has its Mission and Missionaries in other parts of the world especiallyThe Nigerian Chaplaincy in the UK Church of Nigeria North America Mission (CONNAM) in North America and Canada West Africa Mission Europe Mission Persian Gulf Mission Equatorial Guinea Mission, Etc All these are coordinated by the Mission Board, the Director of Mission and the Executive Secretary of the Church of Nigeria Missionary Society (CNMS). Some of these Missions are coordinated by the founding Diocesan Bishops. CONNAM which is Church of Nigeria North America Mission has 4 Missionary Bishops and some Canon Missioners who oversee the different Missionary Areas in North America and Canada. All missions of the Church operate under the direct supervision of the Primate. The Coordinating Bishop of CONNAM operates under the direction of Primate. The current Coordinating Bishop of CONNAM is the Rt Revd Dr Nathan Kanu, who is also the Bishop of Diocese of Aba Ngwa North. The Coordinating Bishop of UK and Europe and Persian Gulf Missions is the Rt Revd Ben A Enwuchola, who is also the Bishop of the Diocese of Otukpo. Not all the Bishops of the Church are Diocesan Bishops there are those who are in other mission and ministries of the church. Currently there no Suffragan Bishops as the last General Synod resolution made them Missionary Bishops in the light of the dissolution of its Dioceses in North America.It has a television Station called the Advent Cable Network Nigeria (ACNN TV) which has a sole goal of preaching the undiluted Gospel of Christ Jesus. It was established in September, 2013. It is currently headed by the General Manager Akintunde Korede Johnson who works with the Board of the TV Station. He also currently heads the directorate of communication for the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion.It has Chancellor and Registrar who are qualified legal men serving as advisers and guardians to the church on issues that has to do with the laws of the land vis-a-vis the Canon law. The Chancellors, Registrars, Legal Officers of the different Dioceses hold their annual conference in Abuja to pray together and educate themselves on their advisory roles in the Dioceses. This conference is organized by the Registrar of the Church of Nigeria in consultation with the Chancellor of the Church of Nigeria. The Chancellor of the Church of Nigeria is Honourable Henry Odein Ajumogobia, SAN And The Registrar of the Church of Nigeria is Mrs Kehinde Ajoni she took over from Barr Dr Abraham Yisa who served for 18 years in this office. It holds an annual spiritual awakening gathering called Divine Commonwealth Conference (DIVCCON) at Abuja every November for a week. Archbishop Bishop Tunde Adeleye (Rtd) is the Coordinator and Bishop Akobe Steven, the Bishop of Kabba Diocese was recently appointed as the Deputy Coordinator.The administrative head of the Secretariat of the Church of Nigeria at Abuja is the General Secretary of the Church of Nigeria. The General Secretary is appointed to serve for a full term of 5 years and can be renewed at the discretion of the Primate with the Standing Committee confirmation. The current General Secretary, Venerable Dr. Paul Dajur, served the full term and has received a 3 years renewal by the Primate confirmed by the General Synod. He assumed this office on February 23, 2018.The Church is self-supporting, self-evangelizing or self-propagating, and self-governing. It does not derive its authority of operations from the Archbishop of Canterbury. No sponsorship from Canterbury or America Gods people in Nigeria raise money for the mission the church is doing within and outside Nigeria. To God be the glory. Amen Written By the Venerable Dr Gershinen Paul Dajur who is the Current General Secretary of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). Compiled by Engr Korede Akintunde, the Communication Officer of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). 29/05/2024 Enquiry: Tags: Anglican Churchanglicancommunion Christianschurchofnigeria February 28, 2025 0 Comments February 28, 2025 0 Comments February 20, 2025 0 Comments February 19, 2025 0 Comments

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