CU STRATEGIC BUSINESS UNIT
TO REPOSITION FOR BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY

The Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo, has charged the Strategic Business Unit (SBU) of the University to work assiduously towards enhanced service delivery in the University, for both internal and external patrons. Professor Ayo, who made the call during a working visit by the University Management to the SBU, said there was the need for the Unit to up its game in order not to fall below the University set standards.

According to him, having come a long way, the Unit should always look out for means of improving its services, as it has served as a model for other budding institutions that have come to learn and copy its template.

He commended the leadership of the Unit for its contribution to the Internally Generated Revenue drive of the University and promised the continuous support of the University's Management.

The visit saw the University Management tour various outlets of the Unit's operations, and pointed out possible areas of expansion and renovations.

The Director, Strategic Business Unit, Pastor Oluwagbenga Adegboye, appreciated the Management for its support and promised that every suggestion made would be acted upon. He added that the Unit is mindful of the University's Vision 10:2022 and would work towards ensuring that positive contribution from the stable of the Unit is made towards the attainment of the vision.

Among the places visited by the Management team were Cafeteria 1 and 2, Hebron Drinks and Waters, Covenant Bakery, Camp House and Covenant University Guest House.

In the Vice-Chancellor's entourage during to the visit were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Taiwo Abioye, Director, Financial Services, Pastor Deji Okubanjo and Director, Physical Planning and Development, Architect Gbenga Alalade.
The Management of Covenant University took time out of its busy schedule to visit post-primary schools operated by the Living Faith Church Worldwide (the proprietor-base of the University) January this year.

The two-day working visit took the University Management to Covenant University Secondary School (CUSS) and Faith Academy (FA), both in Canaanland, Ota.

Receiving the University Management, the Principal of Covenant University Secondary School (CUSS), Mrs. Adepeju Johnson, appreciated the University Management team for being ardent promoters of CUSS values. She stated that Covenant University's parental role to her school was highly cherished.

Mrs. Johnson solicited the assistance of the University in the area of improved internet network facilities in the school. She also requested for advanced textbooks in special subjects such as Physics, Biology, Mathematics, Informatics, Chemistry and Creative Arts.

Management of CUSS used the occasion to solicit assistance of Covenant University Chaplaincy in the area of character formation of its students.

Moreover, she appreciated the contribution of the University's Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CUCDIIC) for its academic investment in the lives of CUSS students.

Speaking on the essence of the visit, the Registrar, Covenant University, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, said it was simply to identify with the brand and strand that connects both institutions.

He averred that Covenant University and CUSS are both in the race to raising a new generation of leaders since they are birthed by the same vision.

In the area of improvement in network equipment at CUSS, the Director, Centre for Systems and Information Services (CSIS) of the University, Pastor Abolade Afolabi, promised that the University will help the school run at the very best of cutting edge technology, that befits a school of its class.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Aaron A.A. Atayero, counseled the school authorities on the importance of building a virile alumni profile as the school starts graduating her students. Professor Atayero said Covenant University would always do all in its power to endear CUSS students to making the University their preferred choice. Furthermore, he stated that Covenant University Centre for Research and Development (CUCERD) would be more than willing to support innovative ideas coming from CUSS in a bid to convert such to tangible products.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Taiwo Abioye, said it was in the interest of Covenant University to collaborate with CUSS in a quest to ensuring that students of both institutions would continually be rated within the gamut of quality learning and sound character upbringing.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo appreciated the warm reception bestowed on his team and commended the quality leadership of the school, which has translated into quality work as evidenced in the school.

He pledged the continued support of the University's Community Development Impact Initiative Committee to team up with CUSS staff to project the vision of the school. Professor Ayo also promised the University's assistance in tackling the issue of inadequate manpower in any area or subject where there are challenges.

Speaking on the possibility of admitting the students into the
University, the Vice-Chancellor charged the school authorities to inculcate both academic and moral values into the students, which according to him, would make them pass through Covenant University with ease.

He asked the school management to feel free to challenge Covenant University in the area of curriculum development, lecture delivery and sundry issues, as the University would be glad to rise up to their aid. The Professor of Computer and Information Science promised personal donation of academic materials to CUSS library and asked the school management to forward the list of texts they would desire the University to support them with.

In a related development, Covenant University Management visited Faith Academy, Canaanland in a bid to identify with the quality of students emanating from the school and lend support to the management of the institution in increasing the giant strides it has been taking.

In his welcome address, the Principal of Faith Academy, Deacon Oluwaseun Bamiidele, said the visit of Covenant University Management to Faith Academy was historic in the sense that this was the first time that the University’s Management team would be visiting the school and hoped the visit would open up vistas of opportunities for his school.

Deacon Bamiidele stated that Faith Academy was proud to be identified with Covenant University and appreciated the number of occasions that the University had shown solidarity with the school.

He appreciated Covenant University Management for the assistance extended to them in setting up the school computer laboratory. According to him, it was cherished and they look forward to the University coming around to help improve on its current structure.

The Principal used the occasion to appeal to the University Management to assist in capacity building for staff, procurement of laboratory equipment, creating of a forum in the direction of seminars, workshops, and symposium in a bid to improving teaching pedagogy. In addition, he solicited concession for graduands of Faith Academy in issues of admission into Covenant University.

The Vice Chairman, Faith Academy Governing Council, Pastor (Dr.) O. Ojo-Omoniyi, appreciated the role Covenant University has consistently played in Faith Academy, especially through its Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CU-CDIIC). He stated further that the Management’s visit should strengthen both institutions’ working relationship.

On his part, the Chairman, Parent-Teacher Forum of the school, Deacon Oscar Aiyelosho, appealed to Covenant University Management to collaborate with the school in training Mathematics teachers and introduce them to new teaching aids in the subject, especially towards making students fare well in the subject.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor said Faith Academy is a household name within the context of secondary school education in Nigeria. According to him, the visit to Faith Academy was targeted at partnering with the school to operate at international dimensions.

Professor Ayo stated that Covenant University was committed to supporting Faith Academy in capacity building as requested and upgrading laboratory equipment where needed.

He affirmed the University’s commitment towards assisting the school in ensuring that Faith Academy students excel in all external examinations and in making Covenant University their preferred choice for tertiary education.

He promised the University's support in the area of Information and Communication Technology and the provision of multimedia devices to the school.

Covenant University has since inception graduated 11,495 students out of which 270 were products of Faith Academy, Ota and the University has admitted 1,308 students from Faith Academy till date.
Covenant University, through her Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CU-CDIIC) marked the 2014 World Health Day by reaching out to the underprivileged in the University’s host community.

The CU-CDIIC celebrated the day with the indigenes of Igelefe Lemomu Village in Atan area, of Ado Odo/Ota, with the theme, ‘War Against Vector Borne Diseases.’ The event attracted a mammoth crowd from surrounding villages and hamlets around Lemomu, who trooped out en mass to partake of the free healthcare services that the University brought to the community.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative Committee, Dr. Humphrey Adebayo, said the choice of Lemomu Village for the 2014 World Health Day celebration was due to the appeal made by the Head of the Community Development Association (CDA) to the University at the David Oyedepo Day of Service (DODOS 2013), for health care intervention programmes.

Dr. Adebayo noted that health, wellness and soundness of the mind are vital requirements in making most of destiny, whether it is for an individual or a community, and Covenant University was glad to join the people of Lemomu to wage war against diseases. He told members of the community that the medical personnel can only give care and support, but it is God that engenders healing.

Giving a health talk on the essence of cleanliness, Dr. Michael Onuoha, who represented the Chief Medical Officer, Covenant University Health Centre, told residents of the community that the best way to tackle diseases was to live a life of cleanliness at all times.

Dr. Onuoha told the audience that all sicknesses and diseases are either communicable or non- communicable and 70% of diseases bothering the human race are vector borne. He counseled the people to be mindful of their actions or inactions as they contribute to the breeding and multiplying of vectors such as flies, bugs, mosquitoes etc.

The medical expert advised the indigenes to try as much as they can to ensure they do not allow stagnant water to become their next-door neighbor., as this, he said, would only aid the breeding process of some of these disease-spreading agents.

He asked the people to inculcate the habit of washing hands from time to time, especially after using the toilet, so as not to ingest bacteria and
other harmful agents into their system. Dr. Onuoha told the huge crowd to make time out of their farming activities to engage in regular exercise, go for medical checkup to know the status of their health and not necessarily waiting for their biological system to suffer a breakdown before seeking medical assistance.

Among the free offerings at the event was the free vaccination for children in the community. The children were given Vitamin A drops and Oral Polio drops, while every member of the community was availed the privilege to check their Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar Screening, and Body Mass Index.

In addition, they were given Dietary Counseling, Dental Consultations and Eye Checks among others, while adequate drugs were provided for various ailments that were diagnosed.

Speaking at the end of the exercise, the Baale of Igelelefa Land, who oversees the affairs of Lemomu community, Chief Sakiru Ijadunade appreciated Covenant University for the initiative. He said the community was expectant that a day would come when those in the cities would remember them and come to their aid.

Chief Ijadunade decried the way the government at all levels has abandoned the communities under his domain. According to him, “There is a dearth of primary health care in this place. When you consider that we have a lot of elderly ones in these communities and yet there is no health care facility to cater for their health needs, it is very depressing.”

Similarly, the Baale of Kajola Abaniise, Chief Taiwo Oyebowale, alluding to the book of Matthew 25: 35 – 40, said the Covenant University's health initiative was in reality what Christianity ought to be, caring and meeting the needs of the challenged. He appreciated the University Management for the tireless investment in the community in times past, while appealing to spiritually-minded Nigerians to emulate the good deeds of the University.

Chief Oyebowale challenged the different tiers of government to rise up and meet the needs of the people. “The government told us that they would give us a primary health care facility; 20 years after, the project has been abandoned and it has become a relic of their electioneering promises,” he asserted.

One of the beneficiaries of the exercise Mrs. Sikiratu Olatunji prayed for the leadership of the University and hoped that many more organizations would borrow a leaf and seek means to impact the lives of others in their immediate communities.

The 103-year-old speaking with smiles on her face said, she has benefited from various schemes emanating from Covenant University and one thing that was evident about the University was that it is always out to better the lives of others.

The programme had in attendance the full complement of medical personnel from CUHC. Among them were Drs Olatokunbo Erinfolami (Medical), John Okereke (Optician), Olufunmilayo Odebiyi (Dentist), Matron Grace Joshua, Mrs. Akinrotimi and members of Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative Committee.
CU-CDIIC SEEKS TO CHANGE STUDENTS’ PHOBIA FOR MATHEMATICS

Covenant University through her Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CU-CDIIC), has embarked on a project to eradicate the general phobia most students have for mathematics.

As part of the project, a 2-day 'Mathematics Clinic' was organized for secondary school students of Faith Academy and Covenant University Secondary School, both in Ota earlier in the year.

Speaking on the essence of the workshop, the facilitator of the project, Dr. Michael Agarana of the Department of Mathematics, Covenant University, said that Mathematics has over the years been made difficult due to a plethora of reasons among which are general lack of interest, bad teaching environment, dearth of qualified teachers, technically deficient textbooks, weak foundational teaching process and lack of patience with weak students.

Dr. Agarana stated that it was high time that tutors of Mathematics started adopting a more robust approach to teaching the subject. He suggested that 21st century teaching aids, improvising with local dialects and introduction of comical situations would help create affinity for Mathematics.

He decried the tendencies of Mathematics tutors to make the subject that many consider 'dry and abstract,' drier. Making allusion to a statement credited to the Director General, National Mathematical Centre, Professor Sam Ale, that “Mathematics is a beautiful queen that is not loved,” Dr. Agarana said what he and the Education Sub-Committee of CU-CDIIC were interested in was to arouse students' interest in Mathematics through practical teaching, accompanied with mathematical jokes.

Dr. Agarana stated that the Federal Government's vision of being among the world's largest twenty economies by 2020 would remain a mirage if adequate attempt is not made at making students embrace the study of Mathematics with new zest and passion. He said Mathematics is the fulcrum for powering science and technology, which is the basis of attaining the status of a large and developed economy.

The Mathematics clinic availed CU-CDIIC the privilege to carry out orientation programme for Mathematics teachers, in a bid to help them detect weak students in the subject and tackle their various challenges.

At Faith Academy, the Vice-Principal (Academic), Mrs. A. Badru, appreciated the Management of Covenant University and members of the Community Development Impact Initiative Committee for the novel approach towards making the study of mathematics easy.

She solicited the continuous support of CU-CDIIC in ensuring that more workshops in other related subjects that are considered tough by students can be treated in the same manner.

In a related development, at the conclusion of the “Mathematics Clinic,” at Covenant University Secondary School (CUSS), the Principal, Mrs. Adepeju Johnso, thanked the University Management for such a noble initiative. She appealed to the University Management through the Chairman of CU-CDIIC, to make provision for tutorial sessions for her students, not just in Mathematics, but in other subjects.

Speaking on behalf of CUSS students, the Senior Mathematics Tutor, Mr. Kafisewon Idowu, said he was overwhelmed by the passion of the Covenant University team and promised to do all he could to sustain the relationship formed through the clinic. He added that there was need for a continuous session if the gains must become evident.

The Chairman, Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CU-CDIIC), Dr. Humphrey Adebayo thanked CUSS Management for allowing Covenant University partner with them to build a better nation.

He pledged that the University, through her CDIIC is committed to helping the young ones grow to take over the helm of leadership for a better tomorrow for Nigeria and humanity in general.

Some members of CU-CDIIC present at the event were Dr. Susan Adeusi, Mrs. Ronke Asaolu, Mr. Emmanuel Atiat, Mr. Babafemi Oduose and Mr. Hilary Okagbue of the Department of
CU, NIGERIA POLICE
PARLEY ON EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY POLICING

Covenant University and the Nigeria Police are to work towards an enhanced relationship that will engender a peaceful and crime-free neighborhood.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, at the meeting with the Divisional Police Officers in charge, Onipanu and Sango-Ota, both in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State said it was imperative that Covenant University and the Police work together to ensure that the level of safety enjoyed within the University community was extended to the host community.

Professor Ayo stated that there was need to engage an enduring research in the quest to effect a more robust interaction with the police and bring about effective community policing in the Ota axis and the nation at large.

He directed the University's Community Development Impact Initiative Committee to engage the leadership of the Nigeria Police in Ota, to find areas of possible partnership in ensuring better operational environment for them.

Speaking at the meeting, the DPO of Onipanu Police station, Chief Superintendent of Police, John Oyeniyi said the Police force has over the years been participating in planning and executing security operations in Covenant University and has made Ota crime-free.

The DPO, Onipanu, commended the way Covenant University has over the years handled her affairs. According to CSP Oyeniyi, “When I look at Covenant University and compare her with other institutions of learning within my jurisdiction, the kind of reports we get, shows that the Management of this University is doing something absolutely right to forestall crime in her system.”

He solicited further cooperation from the University's Management in the area of logistics in advancing safety in the community.

On his part, the Divisional Police Officer of Sango-Ota Police station, Chief Superintendent of Police, Gabriel Dibie, appreciated the forum the University has availed them in a bid to have effectiveness in policing the University and the Ota community as a whole.

CSP Dibie noted that since the University was out to mould New Generation of Leaders, stricter disciplinary measures should be employed in a bid to ensure more disciplined and upright citizens.

He lamented the decline in the nation's value system, which has resulted in moral decadence. He promised the Police continuous support to the University and the environs in deterring criminals from the state.

The Divisional Police Officers, who came in company of the Divisional Crime Officer, Assistant Superintendent of Police Odeleye Peters, pledged to continually do everything within the available resources to make Covenant University and the entire Ota community safe.

They assured Management of the University that enhancing a peaceful and crime-free neighborhood was their primary assignment in Ota and they would continue to solicit the cooperation of public spirited individuals to make the work of policing a huge success.

The Director, Canaanland Directorate of Security Services, Pastor Ayo Olatunji while appreciating the Police Chiefs for the visit, solicited the establishment of a forum that would create a working synergy between the Force, the University security team and his directorate.

He informed the Vice-Chancellor that the Directorate of Security Services has met and is in the process of putting up new security protocols to preempt theft and other minor vices around Covenant University and Canaanland.

Also present at the parley were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Professor Taiwo Abiyoue, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Professor Aaron A.A. Atayero, the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, Head, Covenant University Security Committee, Dr. Daniel Gberebvie, Chairman, Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative Committee, Dr. Humphrey Adedayo, Senior Assistant Registrar (VC's Office) Mr. Kalu Okwuagwu, and members, Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative Committee.
Covenant University’s Community Development Impact Initiative Committee, in collaboration with Optimal Cancer Care Foundation, joined the rest of the world to celebrate the 2014 International Women’s Day, with the theme “Inspiring Change.”

As part of activities to celebrate the day an awareness programme on cervical and breast cancer was organised to mark the event. The awareness which aimed at educating women and teenagers on Cancer recorded about 200 participants.

Speaking on the topic, “Inspiring Change through Cancer Awareness and Prevention”, Medical Director, Optimal Cancer Care Foundation, Dr. Femi Olaleye stated that cervical and breast cancer are the commonest among the cancers among women and added that it could be prevented if detected early.

Dr. Olaleye disclosed that the human papillomavirus and smoking are the major causes of cervical cancer. The human papillomavirus could be contacted via sex with a carrier of the virus which would manifest in the woman after a period of time.

He therefore enjoined women to go for regular screening, and vaccination to prevent complications that may ensue if discovered late.

In her remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Taiwo Abioye expressed her joy on the success of the programme and appreciated the presenter for his wealth of knowledge which was highly educative and informative.

She advised women to help facilitate the awareness by informing other women, because according to her, many have died due to lack of awareness.

Free Screening of the cervix and breast were carried out on the participants at the programme.
One could feel the love in the atmosphere as Covenant University students celebrated the Festival of Love tagged Love Unconditional early in the year.

The event annually organised by Project One Million Souls, a students' organised humanitarian group, featured music presentation, comedy, drama, testimonies, dance among others.

The guests at the festival which include orphans, handicapped and the elderly felt loved and cherished as the students extended their hands of love and passionately showed them they care.

In his remarks, the immediate past Registrar of the University and Resident Pastor, Faith Tabernacle Pastor Ubong Ntia, expressed joy for being part of the programme, “It's good to be here to share love unconditionally,” he said.

Also speaking at the event, the Chaplain, Covenant University, Pastor Abraham John-Oze, emphasised the free love that Christ offers which is unconditional. Pastor John-Oze stated further that everyone is fearfully and wonderfully made and that they are just good the way they are.

He said that there is nobody who can love the way God does and therefore encouraged the congregation and students to let go of what was in the past and embrace God.

In her short exhortation, the Director, Light for the Lost Orphans Home, Barrister (Mrs) Glory Ebenezer commended the Project One Million Souls for their kind gesture and reiterated the need to be among the volunteer workers in the orphanage home, so as to be of assistance to them.

She highlighted numerous ways one could be of help to the orphans which includes impacting them with skills, helping them with their assignments and laundry, making their hair, making general donation, sponsorship, organising breakfast and dinner, celebrating ones birthday with the orphans, an adoption among others.

The high point of the event was the presentation of a Tablet to Amirat Badmus, a 6 year old girl who recited the memory verse, Proverb 4:6 and the exhibition of the attendees' creativity in dance and music.

Gifts and food items were distributed to the participants at the end of the programme coupled with the cutting of the festival of love cake. In attendance were the Resident Pastor, Faith Tabernacle, Pastor Ubong Ntia, University Chaplain, Pastor Abraham John Oze, faculty, staff and students of Covenant University, Light for the Lost Orphans Home, Special Correction Centre for Girls, Confidence Mind Builder Academy, and Life Foundation for the disabled, among others.
The just concluded Bioinformatics International Workshop that gathered scholars within and outside of the African continent to train, with the aim of solving African problems as it pertains to human health and hereditary challenges, has been hailed as a huge success.

Professor Ezekiel Adebisi of the Department of Computer and Information Sciences stated this during his evaluation of the five-week workshop. According to him, the H3ABioNet Consortium is a pan African bioinformatics network, working towards turning symptom-based diagnosis to personal medicine or what may be called a “genome base solution” to healthcare delivery. That is, using both genes and non-coding sequences of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) and Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) of individuals to appropriately determine what is wrong at any point in time.

The workshop, he said, would help participants develop capacities in the relevant areas of human health and hereditary projects, with the peculiarities of being Africans brought to bear on ways H3 challenges are addressed. In addition, he said the workshop would among other things develop the bioinformatics capacity of people in Africa, empowering them to perform cutting-edge research, and ensure retention of bioinformatics skills on the continent.

Professor Adebisi, who also heads Covenant University Bioinformatics Research cluster, said Covenant University is the only Nigerian university in the consortium and successfully hosting the first H3ABioNet Bioinformatics Postgraduate Workshop is a thing of pride, because the funding agencies, National Institute of Health, United States of America, and Wellcome Trust, United Kingdom would have seen the University's capacity to engage effectively in long term projects and as such would be ready, subsequently, to sponsor research works and collaborations that might last as long as 6 months to 1 year.

According to him, “The success of this workshop will attract people to our campus for research based projects, because of the accomplishment of the last 5 weeks. We are currently building structures to make that happen and with the kind of support we are enjoying, within the next 5 to 7 years, we should be drawing huge benefits from this technological revolution that will soon turn medicine around.”

Professor Adebisi appreciated the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, who through the David Oyedepo Foundation (DOF) became a big plus to the success of the workshop. He added that DOF was able to make funds available to accommodate participants in a conducive environment, which was far better than what they had in mind initially, and this he said is what international agencies have been looking forward to, that Africa based funding bodies should be involved in this kind of projects.

In addition, Professor Adebisi stated that the H3 Africa consortium

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CU, NOTAP TRAINS FACULTY ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In order to acquaint the faculty and staff with the global trend in the use of intellectual property, Covenant University organized a 3-day training/workshop with the theme: "Intellectual Property Right and Patent Documentation Procedures".

The workshop, put together by the University's Centre for Endowment Research and Development (CUCERD) in conjunction with the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), Intellectual Property Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO) as well as the Nigerian Copyright Commission, held between May 14 and 16, 2014.

The resource persons drawn from various governmental agencies and the University were able to pass across information on the state of intellectual property in Nigeria, the values of intellectual property as an asset and the need to take intellectual property more seriously by both faculty and students.

According to one of the resource persons and the Director, Nigerian Copyright Institute, Mr. John Asein, the participants now have the understanding of the rules governing intellectual property and the economic importance of the same. "We’ve been able to pass across information on the importance or value of intellectual property and how any person/academic can easily spin so much out of the use of intellectual property.

"We have also been able to see why it is important for lecturers to understand the rules so that they don't only live by those rules, but able to pass them to the students. So that when they deal with copyright works or other people's intellectual property, they will see and appreciate the need to do it according to the rules", Mr. Asein explained.

Earlier during a courtesy call on the VC by the resource persons, led by the Director of Intellectual Property Right at NOTAP, Engineer Joseph Nwosa, noted that the University is doing well and it's a trail blazer among the universities where IPTTOs are situated. He added that the agency would like to see the University's patents turned to products.

At the wrap-up session in the Vice Chancellor’s office, the Director of CUCERD, Professor Louis Egwari, stated that through the knowledge from the workshop, quite a lot of faculty have come to appreciate copyright issues and gave assurance that by the end of the year, there would be more harvest of patents applications from them.

Professor Egwari added that nine out of the 15 patent applications submitted to NOTAP by the University’s faculty have been accepted for further processing.

Also speaking at the meeting, the Registrar, Covenant University, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo noted that as it is the desire of the University to be leader in every area it found itself, it also planned to partner with like minded institutions for mutual benefits.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo said that the training would leave indelible mark on the University at this time when it is running with the vision 1 of 10 in 10. “With this finding, we are more informed to be able to teach other faculty and students”. He appreciated them for leaving their comfort zone in order to impart the University.
The Nigerian Psychological Association, in conjunction with the Department of Psychology, Covenant University, just concluded her South West Zonal Conference, at the African Leadership Development Center (ALDC), in Covenant University, Ota.

The conference which held recently explored the theme, 'Psychology, Rural Development, and Wellbeing,' and attracted participants from various universities and organizations in Nigeria.

Professor Taiwo Abioye representing the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Charles Korede Ayo, in her address, welcomed the participants on behalf of the Chairman of the Board of Regents, Dr. David Oyedepo, and the Management of the University.

While commending the leadership of the association for the initiative of the conference, she emphasized the need for Psychologists to focus more of their developmental research attention on the rural areas, so as to enable improvement of the quality inlife of Nigerian rural dwellers.

Professor Abioye, stated, "Psychology has been described as an urban city profession; where both the training and practice largely reside in capital cities, and to a lesser extent, in sizeable regional centers." She further explained that with the activities of the association, and the theme of the conference, the trend of focusing only on urban areas is about to change.

The President of the Nigerian Psychological Association, Dr. Andrew Zamani, in his speech, welcomed all participants to the second South West Zonal Conference of the association since the inception of the current national executive council.

According to him, the decision by the association to hold a zonal conference, was to promote the activities of the association at the grassroots, mobilize membership, and give leadership capacity for the administrative structures of the association.

Dr. Zamani explained that the organization has so far, experienced a good outcome through the initiative, as it has been able to mobilize through the grassroots conference, over 250 students and 50 other members for the association. He commended the untiring efforts of Dr. Olukayode Afolabi, the association’s outgoing zonal coordinator for the South-West and Dr. Deborah Adeyeyi in sustaining the activities of the NPA in the South-West zone.

Dr. Zamani further listed some fellows of the association in the zone, whose role have greatly contributed to the growth and development of the association. Some of them include Professor Olatunde Makanju, who happens to be the chairman of the Board of Trustees; Professor Kayode Oguntuase; Professor Salah Odowunmi; Professor Helen Osinowo; Professor Tope Akinowo; Dr. Esther Akinsola; Professor Peace Ajila, and Dr. Yetunde Ola-Davidson.

The President, while thanking the management of Covenant University for hosting the conference, stated, “Covenant University is carving a niche for herself amongst universities in Nigeria,” and declared that this year’s meeting is particular in the