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OAA '77 YEAR GROUP – ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The first Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service in the UK was organised by the 1977 Year Group in September 2002 to give thanks to God for the vision of the Founding Fathers and for the school's positive impact on Ghana and the world at large, through its provision of "living waters to a thirsty land"; and finally to remember the members of the 1977 year group who had passed away. The service has since become an annual event, remembering, in addition, Akoras who have passed away in the year.

The birth and continuing existence of the service owes a great deal to the guidance, goodwill and hospitality of Revd Martin Turner, the Superintendent Minister of Methodist Central Hall, Westminster in 2002, and his staff, and to Revd Martyn Atkins, who took over the reins when Revd Turner retired. He has also since retired and the mantle has passed on this year to Revd Tony Miles who is leading our first online service today. OAA UK and the 1977 Year Group wish to acknowledge this kindness publicly and express their deep and sincere gratitude to all at Methodist Central Hall Westminster for their generous support over the years. Long may the partnership continue!

This year's Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service is of particular significance to the '77 Year Group as it is the year in which most of us have turned 60 – Glory be to God! Without a doubt, 2020 has given each one of us many reasons to be alive to the workings of God in our lives. As we reflect on the last 60 years, we know that the last 48 of those years have defined us, individually and collectively; they have also, made a family of us – a family best described as 'members one of another'. Ut Omnes Unum Sint - "That all may be one". Of a truth, all of us are one – in our joys and in our sorrows, in our days of toil and hours of ease, in our cares and in our pleasures, in our losses and in our gains, we have remained one.

Beloved, with oneness of voice, therefore, we the '77 Year Group, welcome you to share with us in thanking the Lord for all His mercies and for all He is and will be to us now and forever more.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2020
2.00pm
THE OLD ACHIMOTANS' ASSOCIATION
(1977 YEAR GROUP)



OAA UK ANNUAL
REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

Led by: REVD TONY MILES
(METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER)

Preacher: REVD BEDIAKO BOSQUE-HAMILTON
(1977 YEAR GROUP)

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev'd Tony Miles
(Methodist Central Hall)

HYMN

When morning gilds the skies.
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word, on high
The hosts of angels cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals, too, upraise
Their voice in hymns of praise:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air, and sea, and sky
From depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev'd Monica Amoo-Gottfried (OAA 1977)

A WORD FROM THE 1977 YEAR GROUP

Akora Candy Kisseih (OAA 1977)

BIBLE READING Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7

*Akora Eve de Graft (OAA 1964 & The
"Methodist Women in Britain" Forum Rep-
resentative for the London District))*

1 Keep your Creator in mind while you are young! In years to come, you will be burdened down with troubles and say, "I don't enjoy life anymore."

2 Someday the light of the sun and the moon and the stars will all seem dim to you. Rain clouds will remain over your head.

3 Your body will grow feeble, your teeth will decay, and your eyesight fail.

4 The noisy grinding of grain will be shut out by your deaf ears, but even the song of a bird will keep you awake.

5 You will be afraid to climb up a hill or walk down a road. Your hair will turn as white as almond blossoms. You will feel lifeless and drag along like an old grasshopper. We each go to our eternal home, and the streets are filled with those who mourn.

6 The silver cord snaps, the golden bowl breaks; the water pitcher is smashed, and the pulley at the well is shattered.

7 So our bodies return to the earth, and the life-giving breath returns to God.

THE SCHOOL HYMN

Grey city of the outlaws' hill
Quick with the hope, which makes sublime
Still in thy youth, thou dare'st to look
Far on to centuries of time

***The OAA '77 Year Group would like to thank all
Akoras, families, friends and well wishers
for their continuing support, especially in this very unusual
year.***

***We hope that you have been blessed by this service and
we, along with Methodist Central Hall Westminster,
look forward to your company in 2021 and thereafter.***

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Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674 – 1748

THE BLESSING

*Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy (Deputy Supt
Minister—Methodist Central Hall)*

THE SCHOOL SONG

From Gambaga to Accra,
From Wiawso to Keta
We are brothers and our mother is our
School!
She will guide us all and each,
So to learn that we may teach,
So to subjugate ourselves that we may rule

Chorus

***Play the game, shout her name,
Spread her fame afar;
She's the head of all the host,
She's the school of whom we boast,
She's the glory of the Coast – Achimota!***

When our books are laid aside
And we scatter far and wide,
We remember with affection all we gained,
How we learned to take our share
In the life and labour there,
Where the men whom we are proudest of were
trained

Chorus

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

*Founded in 1924, and formally opened on 27
January 1927, Achimota School is a co-
educational boarding school modelled on the
British public school system and provides pri-
mary and secondary education. The University
College of the Gold Coast, which is now known
as the University of Ghana, had its roots in
Achimota College. The school counts among
its alumni, many African leaders including four
former heads of state of Ghana, and heads of
state of Zimbabwe and The Gambia. An alum-
nus of the school is known as an "Akora".*

*The motto of the school, **Ut Omnes Unum**
Sint means "That all may be one", and stems
from the founders' expressed philosophy that,
starting in the context of school life, black and
white, male and female, everyone should inte-
grate and combine synergistically for the good
of all.*

Born but to rule through service given
The ages all belong to thee
O may thy life more humble grow
Through him whose service makes us free

He who wept o'er Jerusalem
And yearned to turn the chastening rod
Longs in His steadfast love to build
In thee a city for our God

Well may thy sons and daughters say
As back to thee they look with joy
Praise God who gave us there to share
The freedom of His grand employ

Wellsprings of wisdom are in thee
With harvest rich thy hillsides sing
Thou gavest life so mayest thou be
For aye a City of our King

Though set upon a desert hill
May living waters rise in thee
And from thy children wider flow
The rivers of eternity
Alexander G Fraser

THOUGHTS OF AN AKORA

*Akora Anna Bossman (OAA 1973 & Ghana's
Ambassador to France)*

BIBLE READING Luke 23: 42

*Akora Yaa Dankwa Ampadu-Sackey
(OAA 1997)*

*42 Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me
when you come into power!"*

SONG

Achimota, Mother Ours
Day by day we learn thy powers
As the years grow long we show
The loyalty to thee we owe

Chorus

***All ye Ewes, Gas and Fantis
All Nzimas and Ashantis
Make our school resound with song
With our joyous farewell song***

Year ago we came to school
Knowing not of prefects' rules;
Now we come to take our share
In the life and labour there.

Chorus

Achimota, Mother ours
Bless us in these parting hours
Now behind us college days
Now goodbye to college ways

Chorus

**TRIBUTE TO AKORA THOMAS MENSAH (OAA
1951) Former President of OAA UK**
*Akora Adumea Sapong (née Kwapong –
OAA 1982)*

**TRIBUTE TO AKORA GERSHON EDWARD
KWAMI aka Kukulenu (OAA 1955)**
Akora Ahinae Sawyerr (OAA 1974)

HYMN

Captain of Israel's host, and guide
Of all who seek the land above,
Beneath Thy shadow we abide,
The cloud of Thy protecting love;
Our strength, Thy grace; our rule, Thy word:
Our end, the glory of the Lord.

By Thine unerring Spirit led,
We shall not in the desert stray;
We shall not full direction need,
Nor miss our providential way;

As far from danger as from fear,
While love, almighty love, is near.
Charles Wesley. 1707-88

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING (1)
Akora Nana Mensima Essah (OAA 1977)

FOUNDING FATHERS

Sir Gordon Guggisberg
Rev Alexander Garden Fraser
Dr James Emmanuel Kwegyir Aggrey

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING (2)
2020 ROLL OF DEPARTED AKORAS

STAFF MEMBERS

Akora Kenneth Kafui
Akora Emma Kotei
Akora Charlotte S Akyeampong
Akora Kofi Nkrumah Ansah

OLD ACHIMOTANS (AKORAS)

Akora Hilda Attoh Dedei Nettey	1938
Akora John Alfred Mensah	1940
Akora Augustina O-Lamptey (née Cofie)	1940
Akora Atta Joseph Addison	1943
Akora Gladys Adum Kwapong	1943
Akora Sophia Duker (née Debrah)	1944
Akora Daniel Adzei Bekoe	1948
Akora Thomas Mensah	1951
Akora Michael Kofi Kusi	1951
Akora Rosamonde Naa Otua Tagoe	1951
Akora Elizabeth Asafu-Adjaye	1952
Akora Wilson Agbemava	1953
Akora Nicholas de Heer	1953
Akora Samuel Brew-Graves	1953
Akora Eastritia M Ennin (née Coke)	1955
Akora Olga J Sekyiamah (née Buckle)	1955
Akora Gilford A Ashietey	1955
Akora Frances Gardener Sey	1956
Akora Emmanuel K Adinkra	1956
Akora Samuel Nii Annan	1957
Akora Kwadwo Owusu	1957
Akora Samuel Kwame Tokploe Dake	1957
Akora K K Tamakloe	1957
Akora Grace Sybil Longdon	1958

Akora Joe Opong Sampong	1958
Akora Robert Kafui Agudetse	1960
Akora Florence Brigitte Dake (née Agbettor)	1960
Akora Charles Sydney Aidoo	1961
Akora I G M K Kpeto	1961
Akora Julie Rosemary Naa Dodua Wellington	1962
Akora Wilfred E O Apatu	1962
Akora Jerry John Rawlings	1966
Akora Andrew Seth Yao Nukpe	1967
Akora Paul Kwasi Kumahor	1967
Akora Oswald Amoo-Gottfried	1969
Akora Juliet Al-Hassan (née Osei)	1969
Akora Priscilla Nkansa-Dwamena	1969
Akora Michael Sagoe-Baffoe	1970
Akora Wilbert Tengey	1971
Akora Eddie Obodai Torto	1971
Akora Kwame Oppong-Hinne	1973
Akora Charity Agbenyeke (née Tetteh)	1974
Akora John Brookman Aidoo	1974
Akora Ebenezer Nii Otu Djan Tetteh	1977
Akora Gerald Owusu	1978
Akora Jedro Imbeah	1978
Akora Franklin Ashietey	1978
Akora Rudolf Philip Djabanor	1983
Akora Veronica Asare	1983
Akora Martin Dwamena Kissi	1984
Akora Godfrey Kotei Neequaye	1985
Akora Edward Sena Dey	1987
Akora Esther Naa Dedei Scott	1987
Akora Sheila Yaa Afi Anum (née Adu)	1988
Akora Rose Kumedjro (née Owusu)	1988
Akora Patrick Baah	1989
Akora Eric Amartey Tagoe	1989
Akora Isaac Thompson	1991
Akora Thomas M Asafo-Agyei	1993
Akora William Houghman-Addy	1994
Akora Baafour Amoakohene	1994
Akora James Kofi Opere-Asamoah	1994
Akora Dela Agbemadu	1997
Akora Adrian Nii Martey Okine	1998
Akora Juliet Bafana (née Yeboah)	1999
Akora Kaysi Owusu-Sekyere	2007
Akora Yvonne Darkoa Ofori	2007
Akora Maame Ekuia Darkoa Darko	2019
Akora Odai Tetteh	
Akora Thelma Lillian Naa Kaaley Cofie (née Ankrah)	
Akora Donalta Condoleezza Owusua Oppong	

TRIBUTE TO AKORA EBENEZER NII OTU DJAN TETTEH aka Alatee (OAA 1977)
Akora Christian Quist (OAA 1977)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING (3)
Akora Nana Mensima Essah (OAA 1977)

1977 YEAR GROUP

Akora James Tandoh
Akora Julius Owusu-Ansah (aka Onassis)
Akora Cynthia Nuamah
Akora Ernest Paul Kuma (aka Wadede)
Akora Tony Roger Okai Tetteh (aka Nash)
Akora Larbi Adams
Akora Emmanuel Asante (aka Shaft)
Akora Harold Hasford
Akora Christopher Kwesi King
Akora Nicholas Adi-Darko (aka Niche)
Akora Emmanuel Quist (aka Kotosko / Apathè)
Akora Constance Atiase (née Tetteh)
Akora Viktor Xorlalikplime Offori
Akora Kenneth Servor (aka Sevoo)
Akora Ernest Asamoah (aka Epicurius)
Akora Caroline Naa Jama Odunton (née Oddoye)
Akora David Gawu-Mensah (aka Sammy Davis)
Akora Peter Batse
Akora Christiana Quansah
Akora Monica Owiredu
Akora Sybil des Bordes
Akora Vera Bampoe
Akora Ellen Koranteng
Akora Ebenezer Nii Otu Djan Tetteh (aka Alatee—
Don Bonano Tettesia)

BIBLE READING Psalm 106:4-5
Akora Anna Mary Grant (OAA 1977)

4 Remember me, Lord, when you show kindness by saving your people.
5 Let me prosper with the rest of your chosen ones, as they celebrate with pride because they belong to you.

SERMON “Remember Me”
Rev. Bediako Bosque-Hamilton (OAA 1977)

PRAYERS
Akora Halvarde Otoo (OAA 1977)

THE SCHOOL PRAYER

O God, who art the King of kings and Lord of lords and the Father of this people,

We thank thee for this School and all the opportunities that we have in it.
Bless thou this place and may thy glory dwell herein.

May its sons and daughters come to know the life that is life indeed, and go forth from it as living water to a thirsty land, for thy name’s sake. **Amen.**

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.