



PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Heads of Dioceses
All shepherds
Celestial members worldwide.

Reverend Prophet Michael H. Sobowale has cancelled all new positions that were not created by the Founder of the Church, Papa SBJ Oshoffa. Reverend Sobowale made the cancellation during the anointment ceremony at the celestial headquarters in France. He described the positions as alien to the church and therefore seized to be recognised. The positions cancelled are:

- Assistant Most Senior Evangelist,
- Honorary Most Senior Evangelist,
- Venerable Most Senior Evangelist,
- Assistant Superior Evangelist,
- Most Superior Evangelist,
- Mother Celestial.

However, those who already have these strange titles will not be penalized or stripped of such titles. Reverend Sobowale stressed the importance of keeping to the status quo as laid down by the Founder of the Church.

He added that, God directed him to tell those who give anointments that Celestial Church of Christ anointment is a spiritual act. Stressing that those who give anointments must adhere strictly and respect the three (3) criteria of anointment: seniority, assiduity and character of individual.

Reverend Prophet also said that Celestial Church of Christ has a hierarchy and five (5) branches in which the different ranks are distinguished. The 5 branches are:

1. Prophet
2. Elder (Allagba)
3. Leader
4. Elder Sister
5. Evangelist

Continuing, Rev Sobowale said henceforth, prophets shall prophecy, elders shall advice, while the leaders shall lead.

Stressing further, he said each one will remain in its branch, for example:

- 1- The prophets will no longer change or cross to become Evangelists.
- 2- The Elder (Alagba) will no longer cross or change to become evangelists. etc

The appointment of Evangelist would be by the Reverend Prophet or Pastoral Order. The post of Evangelist is reserved only for Church workers. The highest rank in the hierarchy of the Church, to which members may be elevated by promotion are:

- a) Superior Senior Leader,
- b) Superior Senior Wolijah / Wolileader / Wolima,
- c) Superior Senior Alagba,
- d) Superior Senior Elder Sister.

Those who have attained such positions should not expect automatic promotion to the higher ranks of Assistant Evangelist and above, (for example members or church workers).

The Reverend Prophet, in whom resides all authority of the church, may at his sole discretion make direct appointments to any rank or positions, including that of the Assistant Evangelist, Evangelist and above.

For those who fund or support the growth of their parishes, dioceses, or the church worldwide, they could be honoured with the positions of Honorary Senior Evangelist.

Henceforth, the progression in rank would be:

- a) From Brother to Superior Senior Leader on two year bases
- b) From Assistant Evangelist to Senior Evangelist on 3 years bases
- c) From Senior Evangelist to Superior Evangelist on 5 years bases
- d) From Sister to Superior Senior Elder Sister on 2 year bases
- e) From Brother to Wolileader to be based on a successful test passed every 3 years
- f) From Wolileader to Superior Senior Wolileader will also be based on a successful test passed every 3 years, Reverend Prophet Sobowale concluded.



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