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## BREAKING NEWS

### UMC CLERGY AND LAY LEADERS IN COURT FOR CONFLICT OVER CHURCH PROPERTY!

The senior pastor of the United Methodist Church in Zing Nigeria and District Superintendent of Zing District, Rev. Babangida B. Samuel, and other nine of his leadership team members have been arrested by the police yesterday and charged to Criminal Area court Zing today over conflict on Church property.

"Yesterday 9/1/2022 we see another heartbreaking occurrence when police from Zing Divisional Police office arrested the following leaders of the United Methodist Church Zing:

1. Rejoice William - District Women President
2. Yosi simon - District Women Secretary
3. Lazarus Bulus - District Lay Leader
4. Briska Ishaku - District COM Director
5. Baba Musa - Staff Parish Relation Chair
6. Emmanuel Yohanna - Church Secretary
7. Japhet David- Member
8. Kimam Felix - Member

9. Rev. Babangida B. Samuel - Senior Pastor of the congregation." Said Yosi Simon one of the district leaders arrested.

This is the 7th case of detention in the United Methodist Church in Nigeria and the West Africa College of Bishops is yet to address these.

These people were arrested yesterday because they decided to move from the temporary site which they were worshipping to their permanent site. The temporary place of worship was lease to them in 2020 by one of the few individuals in Nigeria who want to leave the GMC, and he want the Church to agree to leave too. Because of that the congregation leadership decided to move its place of worship with its property to a permanent place they newly purchased. This is the reason why the few individuals who want the Church to join GMC motivated by Bishop John Wesley Yohanna took the pastor and the local Church leaders to police.

To complicate the matter, the bishop who is bend towards leaving the UMC transferred the pastor of the congregation to another Annual conference without the consent of the pastor and without consultation to the Staff Parish Relation Committee. In November Bishop John Wesley Yohanna used police to block delegates from this Church to the Annual Conference session.

The matter has been mentioned at the Criminal Area Court in Zing the accused persons pictured above have been granted bail. The matter has been adjourned to Monday 17/1/2022 for further hearing.

Photos below are the accused persons and copy of alleged offences.

I have told you initially that the picture of the future of UMC and GMC conflict has already began in Nigeria. Here is the latest example. Pray for UMC Nigeria.

## ONE RESPONSE

[Kefas Najan Zing](#)



## BY THEIR FRUITS YOU SHALL KNOW THEM

The writer of the "breaking news " has turned the truth up side down and has twisted the reality of the episode that took place in Zing to suit the interest of the criminals that broke the office of the Pastor in charge and District - Supretedent in Zing.

Therefore, in order to put the record straight this is what happened in Zing-

First, the said pastor is not the district supretendent in Zing but rather former pastor in charge whose service in Zing ended on 01January 2022

He was posted to Zing Charge by His Lordship Bishop Johnwesley Yohanna to serve as pastor in charge not DS.

Secondly, the claimed lay leader is the former holder of the office.

The conspirators sent the secretary that has been absence in Church for some months without a reason to collect keys for the office of the pastor from the worship committee chairman when they failed the conspirators sent former lay-leader and the district women president who emphatically said she is tired of the work she does not have interest in it again to the security man and requested the keys which he said, "I'm not in position of any Church key"

Thirdly, the available option to them was to break the the door of the first office in which they packed all the musical instruments and when ahead to the office of the pastor and what is not yet known is how they get the key and opened the pastor office because all of them denied been in position of the key to pastor's office. All that happens took place in the night.

Furthermore, the Church initial place of worship was in Bizarre in which the quick notice was given to leave the place within 24hours, as s result the present worship place was given to worship there as long as the would like to stay.

The Church has No found another place of worship any in Zing.

The former pastor in charge has been transferred to Kode by The Bishop who have the exclusive right to do that but he refused to go.

In conclusion, the leadership of Zing District has followed all the amicable ways to settle the issue but conspirators rejected it and rather claimed right by saying " we have packed the instruments and nothing you will do about it".

While trying to control the situation the said pastor and his co- conspirators were mate meeting in the pastor's house when he was asked by police to follow him his co- conspirators unanimously says " he will not go unless we go together ".

Is unfortunate but the Truth must be said.

The Church is the Church of God need to be orderly.



