



HANDMAIDENS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF RCCG CITY OF DAVID

Handmaidens Newsletter Bumper January, 2023

Happy New Year 2023



Touching Lives

- A Journey through 2022

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to our beautiful, and gorgeous Pastor (Dr) Siju Iluyomade. We are so lucky to have you in our lives. Thank you for your continued guidance. Your self-sacrifice demonstrates how much you truly love us at the **HANDMAIDENS**. Thank you for all that you have done for us over the years. We truly appreciate the attention, dedication, love, sacrifices, inspiration, support, and devotion you have shown us. Thank you for always reminding us to be kind to others through your work.

On your special day, **Sunday, January 8, 2023**, we celebrate you and pray that God will continue to grant you abundant wisdom, knowledge and understanding to impact us. Just the way that the LORD has blessed you with many children to feed, He will also fill your storehouse so that you shall lack nothing in Jesus' name. You will rejoice over yourself and your family too in Jesus' name.

God bless you. We love you!



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DR SIJU ILUYOMADE

**Jan. 8,
2023**



ARISE AND TAKE OVER

– DR SIJU ILUYOMADE

Dear Handmaidens,

Happy New Year! Indeed, 2022 has been another year of great service, growth, and impact for us at the Handmaidens. It was an impressive year for us in all aspects, from providing basic needs to the vulnerable people in our communities, to creating new ways to serve people at ARISE and providing hospitality during the Special Holy Ghost Congress.

As we celebrate the beginning of the New Year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of our sponsors, volunteers and partners. Your dedication to serving others and making a positive impact in our community is an inspiration to me and all of us here at the Handmaidens.

Once again, in 2023 I am excited to work with all of you to accomplish our vision and to make a positive impact in the world. I am confident that with hard work, determination, and commitment, we can achieve anything that we set our minds to.

This New Year, I implore you to seek God early. Do not wait until situations have blown up into a huge crisis before you seek the LORD. Seek Him early in relationships you develop with others. Seek Him early in your considerations of a new job or career. In fact, seek Him early in all the plans you make.

Above all, let us make the most of this New Year and strive to be a blessing to those around us. Here's to a bright and prosperous New Year for us all.

Love,

Siju Iluyomade.

At the 14th ARISE Women's Conference, Dr Siju Iluyomade, the Convener of ARISE Women's Conference charged women to be confident in themselves to ARISE and take over nation-building. The conference which was tagged, **"By Appointment"** was held in four locations along COD Road, Victoria Island, Lagos - The locations were, the Trinity Towers, City of David Sanctuary, Incubator, and Havilah Event Centre on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

In her welcome address, Dr Siju reiterated the need for women to be involved in nation-building. She stated that Nigeria is facing a huge decline simply because data and statistical overview show that Nigeria ranks lowly on Gender Equality and Inclusion. Out of 178 countries examined, Nigeria ranks at 139 and it's projected as a country that still maintains legal barriers that prevent women from full economic participation and access to funds. Nigeria has a long road to gender equality with unimaginable records of death, rape, child bride, poverty and political disenfranchisement that prevent women from mainstream governance. The United Nation SDGs says that sustainable communities cannot be built without women's inclusion. Deborah saw the great decay in Israel, and she was courageous to stand in the face of fear to make a difference. Judges 5:7 says, **"Deborah arose as a mother in Israel."**

Understanding appointment and securing the future, ARISE WOMEN AROSE AS MOTHERS IN NIGERIA 14 years ago to deliver a better quality of life to our communities through sustainable development. ARISE has today built schools. promoted preventive healthcare by being proactive, not reactive through its ARISE WALK FOR LIFE, a global success, introducing exercises, and sports as a tool for preventive healthcare delivery. ARISE has built a Skills and Empowerment Academy thereby putting more women to work. ARISE constructed boreholes. ARISE Adopt-a-Village project. ARISE Women's Farmer's Foundation and many other projects.

Yes. It's time to **ARISE AND TAKE OVER!** Let's demolish discrimination and find the roadmap to progress and prosperity. At this conference, from today, we must remove fear from our psyche. We need to make fear ineffective. That fear that does not allow us to pursue our goals. **WE NEED TO STEP UP AND STEP OUT.**

- It's time to reimagine a better life
- Find your purpose
- Leave your footprints
- Be accountable
- Remember thought has no gender
- Action has no gender, just rewards
- Seize the moment
- ARISE go out and vote.

Free health screenings and health talks were provided to those who needed medical services. The ARISE Pink Buckets were also given to the participants of the conference.

ARISE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2022



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WALK FOR LIFE 2022

The ARISE WALK FOR LIFE 2022 commenced at 7:00 am simultaneously in different locations in Nigeria and around the world in clusters on Saturday, October 15, 2022, with the theme, "Appointed to Live." Each cluster had a minimum of 25 persons, amongst whom are people of influence and celebrities in over 50 clusters across Nigeria, the United Kingdom, Europe, the United States of America, Egypt, Amsterdam, Italy, Canada, Mauritius, Cameroon, and South Africa.

The Super Eagles Legends joined Dr Siju at the afterparty held at Muri Okunola Park, Victoria Island, Lagos. It was full of funfair and physical activities to promote sustainable preventive healthcare.







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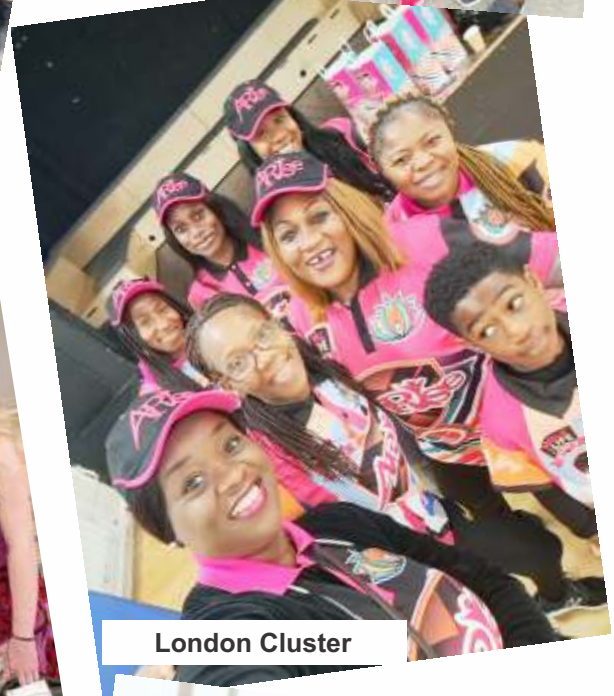
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MKO Garden Cluster





Happy Birthday

**DR SIJU
ILUYOMADE**

The entire City of David Family wishes our loving First Lady, Pastor (Dr) Siju Iluyomade a Happy Birthday! You are an amazing exemplary mother, pastor, leader, mentor and a perfect gift from God to us. Thank you for your kindness, candour, generosity and inspiration to us.

As you celebrate another glorious year on **Sunday, January 8, 2023**, we pray that this New Year will bring to you the fulfilment of your heart's desires. May the glory of God come down on you mightily even as you grow from strength to strength. You will soar on eagles' wings. You will not fall nor fail. The LORD will always be your strength and shield in Jesus' name.

Happy Birthday Pastor (Dr) Siju! We love you!

With Love,

**January 8,
2023**



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ARise GOLF TOURNAMENT

Activities for this year's ARISE Women's Conference have kicked off on a high note with the successful first ARISE Golf Tournament at the prestigious Ikoyi Club 1938, Lagos. The event which took place on Friday, October 7, 2022, witnessed some prominent Nigerians who are fans of the game including former Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Femi Pedro whose son is playing internationally.

The tournament which was a brainchild of the Convener of ARISE and a fan of Golf herself, Dr Siju Iluyomade was put together to sensitize the public on activities of ARISE Women and promote the sport, golf erroneously believed to be a game for only the wealthy. The event teed off early morning on the day before a total number of 11 winners were presented trophies and gifts during the reception later at the golf section of the club.

Prominent among those who participated in the tournament was Mr Femi Pedro, Moyosore Onigbanjo SAN, Funke Majekodunmi, Samuel Kuye, Lola Ajibola, Onalapo Wale, Adeola Banjoke and a host of others. With over 30 participants in both the men and women categories, a total of 11 winners were selected after the end of the game. Speaking during her Keynote address at the reception organised for the winners, Dr Siju expresses appreciation to Dr Anthony Oboh and Alhaji Wahab Sarumi the

Captain and Vice-Captain of the Golf Section of Ikoyi Club 1938 and all members for allowing them to sponsor the event.

Among the winners of the tournament are, Alex Nimyel, Carol Majoroh, Tim Ayonmike, and Segun Adekoya.

Several gift items were also given out to people on the day in a lucky dip winner.









ARISE PINK BUCKET OF HOPE



DR SIJU ILUYOMADE RECEIVES AN AWARD FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENT DOCTORS – LUTH



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ARise COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTRE



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SOME BIRTH RECORDS

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 WT:3.7kg

NAME:MRS GIMBIYA FRIDAY
 PARITY: G2P1
 DOB:02/3/22
 TOB:8:16pm
 SEX: FEMALE
 WT:3kg

NAME: MRS KATE LUCKY
 PARITY:G4P3
 DOB:30/5/22
 TOB:7:43pm
 SEX: FEMALE
 WT:3.3kg

NAME:MRS EUNICE TITUS
 PARITY:G4P3+1
 DOB:07/06/22
 TOB:12:33pm
 SEX: MALE
 WT:3kg

NAME: MRS OJOCHIDE JOSHUA
 PARITY: G3P2
 DOB:3/4/22
 TOB:5:05pm
 SEX: MALE
 WT:3.3kg

BY APPOINTMENT

It was another beautiful time to be back in God's presence after the summer break at the Handmaidens Fellowship on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, as Pastor Siju Iluyomade preached on **"BY APPOINTMENT."** Find below excerpts.

Have you ever experienced a shift in your life – a new season - a time that something ends, or a time of new beginnings? Have you ever experienced a time when sorrow ends, and true happiness begins? Have you ever experienced the time deep sighs beginning to bring a ray of hope and sunshine? Have you ever wondered why certain things happen at a certain time? Have you ever heard the saying, "Keep on living until your change comes?" That is, **"BY APPOINTMENT!"**

Job did everything to safeguard the problems, yet he was afflicted. He sat like many people who are married and fought through the battles. Job stayed through his shame, trials and ridicule. Job withstood his pain like Teflon material. He refused to deny His Maker and trusted God who does things in seasons. Some have toiled all night yet caught nothing. But the God Almighty by appointment changes the season. Greater is the latter end from the beginning, but that is only when you activate it. You must recognise that the days of sorrow are over. You are teflon material, you mustn't wear your scars on your face. Like teflon material, you can withstand extreme pain and bounce it off.

There's a time for everything under heaven. Man has no authority over the seasons. You have done everything right to build a good marriage, home, health, business, and career, yet things fall apart. It is human nature to try to control our circumstances or work hard to prevent certain things from happening, but it doesn't go as planned. This is because it's all in God's appointed time (Ecclesiastes 3). Proverb 29:18 says, **"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."** The question is: When you started in marriage, did you articulate your vision? Did you dedicate your marriage to God? 1 Chronicles 12:32 says, **"Of the children of Issachar, men who had an understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..."** Do you understand the times, and do you know what you ought to do in the season you're in? For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end, it shall speak. Through all the changing scenes of life, your appointment is to God. Be positioned in your family, home, career and business because you are appointed by God to be in authority and dominion. The alarm clock goes off for you to arise; you have an appointment for greatness.



God operates in eternity, and time doesn't matter to Him. God works not with time but with His plan and ordained purpose. Forget shame, it's time for your breakthrough. Let your work speak for you. Anywhere space you operate should be a place of blessing. Israel in exile was still a place of blessing. Any situation you are in is a place of responsibility, not to the person hurting you, but to God who has appointed you. No matter what you go through in life, it is by God's divine appointment. As we are appointed by His Divine Majesty, let us understand where we are, and what to do with our positioning. Does it strengthen us for greater work, or does it birth a newness of life? Begin to write your history.



BY APPOINTMENT

It was another awesome time in God's presence at the Handmaidens Fellowship on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, as Pastor Siju Iluyomade continued her teaching on **"BY APPOINTMENT."** Find below excerpts.

Did you know that the late Queen Elizabeth II was not born to be Queen, but she was appointed to the throne? God sought and chose her to reign. She needed to keep not only history but a legacy. Just as the LORD has appointed us at this time in the phase of our nation to keep a legacy. Interestingly, this is happening to us just as we are entering an election year. I wish women could understand the power they carry to appoint their leaders. The leaders don't appoint you; you appoint them. The late Queen Elizabeth II wore the garb of that office never losing her femininity. She had issues in her marriage, but she refused to allow them to define her. She settled it and moved on graciously. Her last appearance was a promise kept dedicating her whole life to the service of the Commonwealth. In like manner, we are promise keepers; we are appointed by God for a time as this to transform this nation. Women played a substantial role in ending Liberia's two civil wars. Their children were used as child soldiers, and they had to stop it. The women arranged meetings between Taylor and the rebel leaders in Accra, earning a reputation as peacemakers. The question is: What have you done about this nation? What is your clarion call? What is your passion? When you go to a village where there's no water, or when you see a woman who has a very intelligent child that cannot afford school fees or you see someone in need, are you concerned?

The Bible tells us that Jacob was in a place of distress. He ran from his brother whom he had swindled. He knew his father who had blessed him will soon die, and his beloved mother, he may not see again. Who was going to hold his brief? So he ran from Esau in shame knowing that his brother wanted to kill him. God interrupted Jacob's darkness, and he laid before the Almighty. He turned the place where he was going to languish and die into an altar of worship called **"BETHEL"** and his expectation changed forever (Genesis 28:19).

Where is Your Bethel?

You can as well turn your pains into an altar of worship. Are you going through a rough patch in your parenting, marriage, career, or business? Turn it into an altar of worship. Bethel the house of God. It is time to rename that pain and turn it into a place of worship or a place of divine appointment. Ask God to come into the challenges and do something new in your life.

At the height of Jacob's pain, and shame, God shone. Instead of Jacob shaming God, He decided to appoint him for greatness. Amid his pain, Jacob was assured of God's identity and purpose for him. God changed his name from Jacob to Israel. Jacob bore the 12 tribes that became Israel. The appointed time is the season of God. In God's appointed time, disappointments and frustrations will bow; you become upgraded.

Moses gave five reasons to run from the work of God. He suddenly forgot that he was raised a Prince and he thought he wasn't qualified. Moses told God he wasn't good enough to carry out God's assignment because the people will



not believe him. He said, **"O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue** (Exodus 4:10). He gave excuses to run from God's divine appointment for him. God has appointed you, He has chosen you, and He is mindful of you. God does not want you to bring shame to His name, so, find your purpose. It is your year of appointment and change. God is only waiting for you to grow into it. Remember, your blessings will also come with responsibility. Do not run from your God-given appointment. Don't deny or resist your position, rather work in that grace that God has given you. You may fall, but surely you will rise again.

Do not miss the appointment of God because if you do, He gets offended. He appointed Samson and Saul, but they messed up. God appointed David because of the sin of Saul and combined both the priesthood and the kingship in one man. Habakkuk 2:3 says, **"For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end, it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry."** It is God who appoints. Genesis 18:14 says, **"Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."**

Ultimately, I am appointed by obedience, sacrifice and generosity to all people regardless of creed, religion or race. I am appointed because I turn my tears into worship. I turn my pain and shame into **TRIUMPH** and **VICTORY**. Hence, turn your hardship into divine appointment. Don't worry about jokers, the joke is on them. Women, it is our appointed time to **SHINE** - And shine we must! It is our appointed time to **LIVE** - And we will live to the fullest!

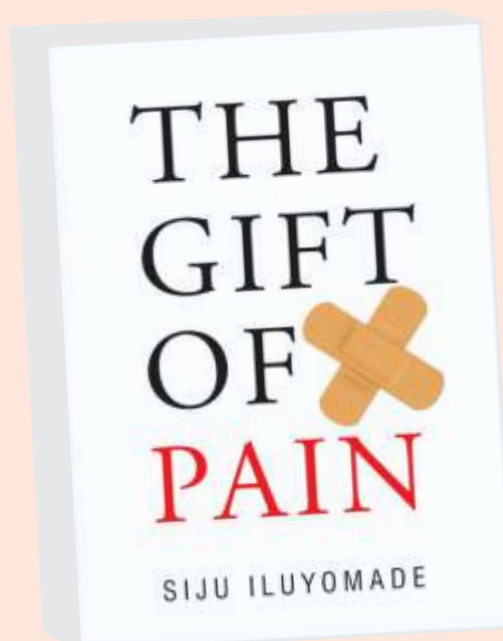


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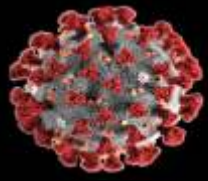
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