



RATIONALE FOR THEME 2023

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THEME 2023:

“Repositioning the Local Church
for Maximum Impact in the
Nations”

(1 Thess. 2:19-20 & Col. 2:6-7)



The Overarching Theme

Possessing the Nations: Equipping the Church to Transform every Sphere of Society with the values and principles of the Kingdom of God

**The
Foundational
text for the
Possessing the
Nations Agenda:**

His intent was that now,
through the church, the
manifold wisdom of God
should be made known to
the rulers and authorities
in the heavenly realms
(Eph. 3:10).

The Overall Goal

A church where members go to possess their nations by transforming every worldview, thought and behaviour with values, principles and lifestyles of the Kingdom of God and thereby turning many people to Christ.



The Three-pronged Strategic Approach

Equipping

Equipping members of the Church with the required resources.

Strengthening

Strengthening and re-aligning existing institutions and structures of the church.

Transforming

Transforming Society





THEMES SO FAR:

1

**I will Build
my Church**

2

**A Glorious
Church to
Possess the
Nations**

3

**A glorious
revived to
Possess the
Nations**





THEMES SO FAR:

4

Equipping the church as an Army to possess the nations.

5

Repositioning the local church for maximum impact in the nations.



The theme 2023, "repositioning the local church for maximum impact in the nations" represents an intentional effort to strengthen the local church as the centre for mobilizing the grassroots and equipping members for the possessing the nations agenda.



REPOSITION...

Reposition means taking a sincere introspection of yourself despite the appellations the world pours on you.





REPOSITION...

Reposition means being careful that the light in you is not darkness.





REPOSITION...

Reposition is an indication of life, because the one doing the repositioning is self aware.



REPOSITION...

Reposition
is to
rebrand to
revamp.



REPOSITION...

Reposition is a holy zeal
to take over all available
space.



REPOSITION...

Reposition is to carefully guard and hand over tried and tested landmarks.





REPOSITION...

Reposition is an indication of a thirst and hunger for excellence.



REPOSITION...

**Reposition is a
desire to achieve
the goal for which
Christ has called
us.**





REPOSITION...

Reposition means a burning desire for a better future.



PAST

FUTURE





REPOSITION...

is for

maximum

impact.



Theme 2022

“Equipping the Church as an Army to Possess the Nations”.



Like an army's tactical unit (battalion), the theme 2023 deems the local church (tactical unit), as crucial in the efforts at possessing the nations.





The strength of the Church lies in the local church where real practical ministry and congregational life exist.





As a denomination, our greatest resource is our members, and it is in their strength we find strength.

It is the efforts at the local church level (tactical unit level) that culminates in the overall success of the Church as an army.





The local church is expected to be a vibrant centre for equipping members to possess the nations.



To ensure a strong cohesive church as an army, the local church should be in good shape in terms of attendance to church and involvement in all church activities, among others.



Also, there is the need to put in measures to guarantee the sustainability of the local church.

This is achieved by ensuring that the local church is tactically deployed to have both the fighting echelon and the support (rear) echelon.



The Fighting Echelon

For the Church, the fighting echelon represents our involvement in the various outreaches aimed at taking territories for the Lord.

The support echelon

The support echelon is the strength of the local church ministry (**in-house activities**) in sustaining the fighting power, so as to continually supply the needed energy for victory.

The church needs to cover both the front (outreaches to possess the nations) and the rear (local church ministry).

It is in view of the above discourse that we seek to reposition the local church for maximum impact in the nations.



This theme seeks to place a great deal of emphasis on the local church and reposition her as a formidable army unit to ensure successful mission of the Church in possessing the nations for Christ.



In repositioning the local church,
we will be working on some key
areas, based on principles of war,
to include...

The principles...

Morale: Building unit cohesion

Security: Protect church core values and culture.

Mass or concentrating power:
Focus efforts on ministry priorities in the local church.

The principles...

Objective: Set achievable goals.

Unity of command: Provide strong leadership at all levels of the local church up to the squads.

Surprise and Manoeuvre: Make room for innovation and improvement of systems in the local church.



We foresee that when the local church is well positioned, it can be launched to make a difference in a hopeless world.



**Theme
2023
Topics:**

Stoking the fire of the Holy Spirit, living in the fear of God in the local church

The local church as a Family

The local church upholding the value of Godliness

Sacrificial giving and tithing

**Theme
2023
Topics:**

The local church in
evangelism

Visitation in the local church

Raising family altars to
strengthen the local church:
Lessons from the Puritans

Encouraging personal devotions
and small group prayer meetings
to strengthen the local church.



We shall also dedicate the first three months of our Bible study sessions to studying the rules of conduct and core values of the church, as a means of strengthening the local church and deepening the CoP brand.



The Theme 2023 is Premised on the Following Scriptural Verses:



**1 Thessalonians
2:19-20**

**Colossians
2:6-7**



1 Thessalonians
2:19-20

The ultimate reward for Paul's ministry was not money, prestige, or fame, but believers whose lives had been transformed by God through the preaching of the Good News

1 Thessalonians
2:19-20

No matter what ministry God has given to us, our highest reward and greatest joy should be those who come to believe in Christ and join us in fellowship in our local churches.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

Repositioning the local therefore will mean creating the needed atmosphere for them to be built up and made sharper for the task of influencing society with the principles, values and lifestyle of the kingdom of God.

Colossians
2:6-7

In the face of the rival teachings by the false teachers and its enticing arguments, Paul calls the Colossians back to the foundational teachings they received when they first became Christians.

Colossians
2:6-7

Paul exhorts them to continue to be rooted and built up in it so that empty philosophical speculation that stands oppose to the gospel does not sway them from the truth in Christ.

Colossians
2:6-7

We shall build their confidence in the gospel of Christ which is the power of God that saves and unleash them into the world to be channels through whom God's grace will flow to bless humanity

Colossians *2:6-7*

We intend by this theme to make the local assembly ready to combat every thought, arguments and pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

