

ADDRESS TO CONSTITUTE THE CONGREGATION BY THE CHANCELLOR

Chairman and Members of the University Council

Ag. Vice Chancellor

Members of the University Management Board

Deans of Faculties and Schools

Special Guest of Honour, Hon Dr Yaw Osei Adutwum

Distinguished Guest Speaker

Members of Convocation

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The Clergy

Friends of the University

Staff and Students

Alumni of the University

Graduands

Distinguished Guests

Friends of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to warmly welcome all of you to the first Congregation ceremony of this University after obtaining the Presidential Charter to become an autonomous Institution. This also marks my first Congregation since becoming the Chancellor of this great institution. It is gratifying to note that this Congregation is a historic event because for the first time, the University is going to award its own Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates since its establishment in 1974 and I cherish every moment of this event.

This is the 49th Congregation ceremony and we shall receive a report on the state of the University from the Ag. Vice Chancellor and confer degrees, diplomas and certificates on graduands who have successfully completed their studies.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is exciting to note that the number of students admitted each year in this University is increasing by the Grace of God and we deem it a good opportunity to reflect on how well

Management, Faculty and Staff are discharging their responsibilities of providing the appropriate academic services and support to ensure that students have the positive experience to satisfy the requirements for graduation.

Distinguished Invited Guests, as I indicated earlier, from very humble beginnings, the students population is increasing by the Grace of God. In recent times, the University had to grapple with problems in the areas of Lecture theatres, student accommodation and other inadequate resources to help facilitate teaching, learning, research and provision of services to support students and staff. We are, therefore, enlisting the support of all stakeholders and Friends of the University everywhere in the country and the world to come to the aid of this great institution.

Very soon, the University shall organize "Friends and Alumni Day" to solicit your support.

Ladies and gentlemen, with this statement of intension and the related appeal for your support, I, by the powers vested in me as **Chancellor** of the University, now declare this morning's assembly duly constituted. Before the Ag. Vice Chancellor gives his report, may I now invite the overall best student for the 2025 graduating class, Mr. Stephen Appiah, to deliver a valedictory speech on behalf of the graduands.

Thanks you.