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**FIDUO 2016 ANNUAL REPORT & 2017 EXECUTIVE TRANSITION PLAN  
PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DECEMBER 18, 2016  
BY DR. GABRIEL S. BOMIDE, PRESIDENT OF FIDUO**

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**PREAMBLE**

Fellow FIDUO Members, I thank you very much for honoring the call to this historic, end-of-year meeting. Thank you all for coming and may God honor you. I thank God for seeing us through to the end of this year and trust that he would see us into the New Year and beyond.

With a patriotic determination, commitment and a strong passion for success, we set out in January 2016 on a mission to contribute meaningfully to the overall development of FIDUO and our native community of Ikun-Ekiti. Accordingly, my main task today is to give an account of my stewardship in the past year as President of this great organization, and to lay out FIDUO Executive Transition Plan for 2017.

First, I want to thank our loyal and committed members for all that you have helped us accomplish this year, in spite of all odds and the

challenges related to the global economic climate. Second, I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to members of the FIDUO Executive Council who have served faithfully to the end, for their dedication, sacrifice, selflessness and unquestionable integrity. I also thank the various working committees that served diligently during the year under review. While I look forward to your continued cooperation and support for FIDUO in the years ahead, I pray that God will reward you all for your labor of love for our organization and Ikun-Ekiti community.

### **FIDUO 2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

It is instructive that our development agenda for 2016 essentially consolidated on the gains we collectively achieved over the previous year, on our march toward achieving sustainable peace, harmony, and improved quality of life for Ikun-Ekiti community.

At our December 2015 FIDUO General Assembly meeting, my administration set five cardinal goals for 2016, namely: Economic Empowerment; Health Promotion; Youth Violence Prevention, Intervention & Empowerment; Spiritual Development; and Educational Development. Accordingly, our collective achievement during the period under review should be measured on the strength of our track record and performance on these 5-point agenda.

#### **1. Economic Empowerment:**

First, it is gratifying that FIDUO's flagship economic initiative, the Ikun (Ekiti) Ifelaju Cooperative Multipurpose Society, has

reportedly been yielding dividends for its members. According to a report sent to FIDUO during the year, two of the registered members of the Society have received 100,000 Naira and 150,000 Naira respectively, towards the establishment of their own businesses. You will recall that the aim of this FIDUO-sponsored economic initiative was to empower low-income participants at the grassroots to obtain revolving loans to establish and run their own small businesses within Ikun community. It is expected that this program will be expanded in the coming year to ensure that more members could benefit from it. Second, it is significant that FIDUO successfully raised and donated the sum of \$3,985.87 toward the Ikun Ultra-Modern Palace Project. This is the single largest amount ever raised in the history of FIDUO to support a community based project in Ikun-Ekiti. Third, FIDUO raised and donated the sum of N100,000 towards Ikun Day 2016; we also presented a cash gift of N50,000 and a Medal of Honor to His Royal Majesty, Oba David Olusola Olatunde, in recognition of his outstanding community leadership.

2. **Health Promotion:**

FIDUO's partnership with Grace Project International (GPI) continues to blossom. The Chairman of the Health Promotion Committee, Mr. Adesola Dada reported that this year's GPI Mission 2016 to Ikun-Ekiti on November 9, 2016 was a huge

success. An impressive number of residents of Ikun-Ekiti reportedly received free health education and free medical care. We thank Mr. Adesola Dada, his wife Mrs. Rachael Dada and other members of the FIDUO Health Care Team who sacrificed their time and money to bring the healing and caring ministry of Christ to the needy people in our community through the GPI mission.

### **3. Youth Violence Prevention, Intervention & Empowerment**

In January 2016, FIDUO signed a strategic partnership agreement with Youth Saving Lifestyle Creation Initiative (YSLCI), a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) to promote awareness on the dangers of youth violence and drug abuse in Ikun community through preventive education. Pursuant to this agreement, a Community Sensitization Workshop was held on January 14, 2016 at Ikun-Ekiti, under the auspices of FIDUO/YSLCI, in collaboration with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Police and other Security Agencies. The primary goal of this workshop was to sensitize the community to the campaign against drug abuse, crime and violence in Ikun-Ekiti and to develop preventive education strategies.

The strategic partnership agreement between FIDUO and YSLCI was perhaps the most significant achievement of FIDUO in 2016. This initiative was a huge success as it helped to

contain the scourge of youth violence and drug abuse in Ikun-Ekiti, while promoting the overall peace, safety, stability and development of our community, under the able leadership of His Royal Majesty, Oba David Olusola Olatunde. It is gratifying that His Royal Majesty also received a prestigious award from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLA) for fighting illicit drug use in Ikun-Ekiti during the year under review. Special thanks go to the FIDUO Youth Rehabilitation Committee for leading the effort against drug abuse, crime and violence in Ikun-Ekiti.

#### **4. Spiritual Development:**

The spiritual development of FIDUO and Ikun community as a whole continues to receive utmost attention by a team of ministers of God who intercedes for the community in prayer on the first three days of each month. Another team of ministers called "The Gathering of Eagles" led by Rev. Canon Olufemi Olajide also intercedes for the community every Wednesday.

#### **5. Educational Development:**

The Education Committee was given a mandate to (a) develop a framework to educate Ikun youth to become more actively involved in politics so that our community can have better representation in government, and (b) develop a general framework for sponsoring value-added initiatives to improve

Amure High School. The committee could not fulfill its mandate during the year under review due mainly to the lack of adequate financial resources and personal challenges by the members. It is expected that this important educational mandate will receive a priority attention by FIDUO in the coming year.

6. **Miscellaneous Reports:**

(a) **FIDUO Secretariat:**

The FIDUO Secretariat, under the leadership of the Asst. Executive Secretary, Mr. Dipo Oyeleye continued to diligently carry out its statutory functions during the 2016 service year, through dissemination of information and documentation of resolutions, memoranda, as well as notices and minutes of meetings. To this end, an official FIDUO Forum on the WhatsApp platform was created by the Secretariat.

(b) **Public Relations:**

The office of FIDUO Public Relations Officer held by Rev. Canon Olufemi Olajide made concerted efforts during the year to disseminate FIDUO official information to the general public in a timely and consistent manner.

(c) **Membership Development & Welfare:**

During the year in review, the Membership Development & Welfare Officer, Mrs. Olayemi Yusuf made diligent efforts to

consistently reach out to members to check on their well-being and to encourage and remind them to attend FIDUO scheduled meetings to increase attendance. Although some Ikun indigenes reportedly relocated abroad during the year under review, they are yet to identify with FIDUO despite the outreach efforts of the Membership Development and Welfare Officer. It should be noted that attendance at the October General Assembly meeting was relatively low, due in large part to the fact that the Free Conference Call HD service is no longer free as some networks now charge for the calls. It is suggested that FIDUO explore other free conference call solutions in order to increase attendance and participation at future meetings.

**(d) Finance:**

During the year in review, Mr. Kanmi Aborisade effectively served the statutory functions of both the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary. This is patriotism at its best.

The FIDUO Wells Fargo Bank Account was upgraded in order to better serve FIDUO members - both local and international.

Based on the current financial data, the state of our finance is very weak. The total balance of our account as at December 18, 2016 was \$282.52. This poor state of our finance could be attributed to the failure of many members to pay their outstanding annual dues and levies. Since no organization can run effectively without funds, I encourage us to endeavor to

fulfill our financial obligations to FIDUO in the New Year.

**e. FIDUO Website:**

FIDUO website remained fully functional during the year under review to promote the organization's activities and to share information. FIDUO retained a new Web Master to better serve us. The new Web Master, Mr. Olushola Ajiboye, will continue to manage our website ([www.fiduo.net](http://www.fiduo.net)) to keep it current and secure.

**f. Review of FIDUO Constitution & Bylaws**

The last two successive FIDUO administrations made several unsuccessful attempts to review the FIDUO constitution and bylaws in light of some policy changes in FIDUO. It is gratifying that the long standing review of the document was successfully undertaken by the present administration in order to make it more relevant to FIDUO. I thank the Constitution Review Committee for an excellent job.

**g. Family Celebration:**

- FIDUO celebrated and supported members and children of members who achieved several milestones. Three weddings were consummated in 2016 for the son and daughter of Dr. & Dr. (Mrs.) Gabriel S. Bomide and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Oladele Yusuf - all to the glory of God!



- The FIDUO family hosted and celebrated His Royal Majesty, Oba David Olusola Olatunde at an historic teleconference meeting held on October 30, 2016. During the meeting, the Kabiesi articulated his vision for transforming Ikun to "Eko Kekere", as well as the highlights of his impressive achievements since he ascended the throne of the Onikun of Ikun-Ekiti.

#### **h. Philanthropy & Goodwill:**

- FIDUO launched the Oyinade Ajiboye Humanitarian Appeal Fund during which the sum of \$450 was raised.
- FIDUO sent a Goodwill message to Ikun Day 2016 as a gesture of its identification with the purpose of the event – the promotion of peace, unity and economic development of Ikun community.

### **FIDUO EXECUTIVE TRANSITION PLAN FOR 2017**

Fellow FIDUO members, as you are probably aware, the current administration's 3-year term of office under the FIDUO's constitution officially expires in 2016. But since the General Assembly earlier resolved not to hold our convention this year due to circumstances beyond our control, the election of new officers could not take place.

In order to ensure a smooth and seamless transition to the next FIDUO administration, the following two strategic action steps would be taken in 2017:

1. The current FIDUO administration will work diligently with the Convention Exploratory Committee, under the able chairmanship of Chief Michael Awoyemi to finalize plans for hosting the convention/election in 2017 as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of FIDUO constitution and bylaws.
2. The current FIDUO Executive Council will continue to run the day-to-day affairs of FIDUO as mandated by the General Assembly until after the election and swearing-in of the new FIDUO Executive Council.

### **CONCLUSION:**

This 2016 annual report, combined with the 2014 and 2015 annual reports (see FIDUO website) clearly show that FIDUO, under the present administration, had made tremendous contributions to the overall growth and development of Ikun-Ekiti community within limits of its resources. Of course, there is a lot of room for improvement and we are confident that the next FIDUO administration would make even greater impact.

I want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for believing in the leadership of the present FIDUO administration and standing with us for the last three years of our stewardship despite our human imperfections. It has been a journey of wits and we owe the entire success story to God and to your commitment as members.

To be patriotic is to be honorable and to be honorable is to be dedicated to the cause of progress and the improvement of the community of which one is a member. Our sincere determination to improve the lots of our people made us to sacrifice our time and limited resources towards this cause. But this sacrifice should be our collective responsibility in order to achieve greater results. To this end, I hereby appeal to our Kabiesi, Chiefs, Community Leaders, Parents and other stakeholders to please encourage their sons and daughters in diaspora to be part of FIDUO because there is strength in numbers!

In conclusion, I want to appeal to us to please exercise genuine love for one another as we enter the New Year. As the scripture says, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). I pray that God will give us the grace to express this kind of true love for one another in Jesus name.

I wish you all Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2017. Thank you all for your attention. God bless you, God bless FIDUO, and God bless Ikun-Ekiti!!

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