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# CLIMAXING 2024 IN PRAISE – ICAG FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

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It was all worship and praise as members of the Institute gathered at the forecourt of the State House to climax the year 2024.

The ICAG Nine Lessons and Carols Service held on Friday, 13th December, 2024 witnessed massive participation by members and other key stakeholders of the Institute including Rev. Michael Asiedu-Antwi, a former Council Member of the Institute who officiated the service.

The President of the Institute, Mr. Augustine Addo in his Christmas Message urged members to renew their resolve to continue to build on the foundation they have laid, and to work together to elevate the accountancy profession to even greater heights in the New Year. He also commended members for upholding the highest standards of the accounting profession in Ghana.

Beaming with joy and gratitude, the CEO of the Institute, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA expressed his sincere appreacition to members and staff of the Institute for their commitment to the continuous growth and success of the Institute.

The atmosphere was charged with melodious songs by the Tema Choral Choir. The various District Societies in Accra also came prepared as they sang carols and danced to herald the birth of Christ.

Dressed in beautiful white and green apparel, the Association of Women Accountants, Ghana (AWAG) emerged winners of the carols signing competition with their beautiful symphonic carol performance.

Another impressive performance was by members of the Adentan District Society (ADENDIS) who emerged 2nd in the competition. The Akuapem District Society did not only descend the mountain to join in this special celebration but proudly took 3rd position in the Carol singing competition.

Juicy awards were presented to all winners for their impressive performance and participation in the celebration. The presentations were done by the President of the Institute, Mr. Augustine Addo, Vice, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Sallah, a Past President of the Institute, Prof. Kwame Adom Frimpong, CEO, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA, and some Council Members.

Other dignitaries who graced the occasion were the Country Managing Partner of Deloitte, Mr. Daniel Owusu, the Director-General of Internal Audit Agency, Dr. Eric Oduro Osae, Former Partner of EY, Mr. Kwadwo Mpeani Brantuo, the Executive Director of EOCO, COP Mrs. Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo-Danquah, and the Immediate Past President of the Institute, Ms. Sena Dake.

Members in the diaspora also enthusiastically participated virtually as the event was streamed live on ICAG's Facebook page; icagh1.

Indeed, it was a December to remember as members of the Accountancy fraternity danced together, shared warm pleasantries and networked towards a successful New Year.



President of ICAG, Mr. Augustine Addo delivering his Christmas Message



Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA, delivering his welcome address



Rev. Michael Asiedu-Antwi, a former Council Member of the Institute delivering the sermon



Tema Choral Choir leading the praise and worship session with melodious songs



Ms. Sena Dake, immediate Past President of ICAG (in White) on the dance floor with another member of the Institute



Representatives of Kasoa District Society performing on stage in their beautiful traditional attire



Representatives of Accra west District Society performing their carol on stage



ICAG staff performing a carol on stage



A cross-session of District Societies performing their carols on stage



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AWAG members receiving their award for emerging winners of the carols signing competition



Rev. Dr. Cynthia Sallah, Vice President of ICAG presenting an award to representatives of Adentan District Society for taking 2nd position in the carols signing competition



Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA, presenting an award to representatives of Akuapem District Society for taking 3rd position in the carols signing competition



Prof. Kwame Adom Frimpong, a Past President of ICAG at the Service



Mr. Daniel Owusu, Country Managing Partner of Deloitte at the Service (left) with Dr. Eric Oduro Osae, Director-General of Internal Audit Agency (right) at the Service



Mr. Kwadwo Mpeani, Former Partner of EY at the Service



COP Mrs. Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo-Danquah, Executive Director of EOCO presenting an award to a member at the service



A group photograph of some members of the Institute



AWAG members in a group photograph



A cross-section of ICAG staff at the service



Some ICAG staff dancing



Some members on the dance floor



Some National Service personnel of the Institute at on the dance floor

# Accra East District Society (AEDS) Donates to Genesis Shishedzee Basic School

The Accra East District Society (AEDS) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAG), has donated items worth GH 18,000 to Genesis Shishedzee, a non-profit basic school in Jamestown. The delegation led by the Society's Chairperson, Benedicta Dedei Tagoe, handed over the items to the Founder of the Day Care Centre, Racheal Naa Asabeah Annan. The items include bags of rice and beans, boxes of sanitary towel, soft drinks, learning materials and branded ICAG notebooks, liquid soap, toothpaste and toothbrush among others. The donation was supported by the ARB Apex Bank.

Aside the assorted items, the Society mainly made up of the group of chartered accountants residing in Dansoman, Jamestown, Osu, Teshie, Nungua, Cantonments, Spintex and its environs handed over an undisclosed amount of money to the school which currently has a student population of 270 from Crèche to Basic Six.

The delegation took time to tour the School to assess further needs where the Society could support in the future. The Chairperson explained that the donation, which is an annual initiative, formed part of Society's social responsibility. She challenged the students to look beyond their current circumstance, and study hard to

become the great people they aspire to be in future. "You have a life beyond this environment in which you stay so you should work hard, learn your books in order to become like the big people you see in society," she said.

In order to mitigate the impact of the volatile economic environment on their businesses, Mrs Tagoe, underscored the need for bookkeeping particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). That, she said would help them make informed decisions capable of helping them to navigate the business terrain effectively. She added that members of the Society would be readily available to provide the needed professional support for SMEs to thrive.

#### **Gratitude**

The Founder of the School, which started operating in 2019, thanked the Society for their support. "These items will last us for the entire term and we are very grateful for the support", she said. She further called on corporate Ghana and other benevolent institutions to support the Genesis Shishedzee to help make a positive impact on the lives of the children, who pay no fees to attend the school.



Representatives of Accra East District Society (AEDS) presenting items to the School