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**30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.**

Dear People of God,

### **PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SYNOD OF ABA NGWA NORTH**

Grace and peace of God and Christ our Saviour who remains our Source, to you all.

With joy in our hearts for a very successful and Holy Spirit filled Synod, we write you this Pastoral letter. After our last Synod held in Umuode in 2013, we have witnessed tremendous developments within the life and ministry of the Church in our Diocese.

This year's Synod held in St. Paul's Church and hosted by the Umuochoam Archdeaconry from 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 was a turning point and a manifestation of the work of the Holy Spirit as it gave us as a Church, the opportunity for examination and re-appraisal. The theme, "If I Were the Only Salt, how would the World Taste", (Matt. 5:13) is contemporary given to the present day world and human behavior.

During the Synod, we stressed a number issues including:

- (a) Staff Training and Capacity building.
- (b) Making impact on the Society positively as an individual responsibility
- (c) Selflessness and dedication noting that the salt disappears to affect other ingredients.
- (d) Determination to contend for the faith, aggressively through Evangelism and Mission.

We noted with great sense of joy, your commitment to the work of God in your Churches as demonstrated in your ability to pay your Synod levies, support your delegates and Pastors to attend the Synod accordingly.

Worthy of note is your response to the call of our preacher –The Rt. Rev. Dapo Asaju (Bishop Theologian) who aroused your zeal with a challenging and thought provoking sermon at the Thanksgiving Service after leading the Bible Study on the theme.

As usual, we have provided the Sunday School Manual on the theme and so urge you to obtain copies and ensure that these studies are carried out in various Churches every Sunday.

We are challenged by this theme, to enable us affect our immediate environment positively as to bring about the desired change in ourselves, the Church and society. In these trying times in the life of our nation and the Church, we are called upon to use our saltiness as Christian patriots to overcome the menace of insurgency, ritual killings and insecurity especially as our nation prepares for the 2015 general elections. Let us not compromise standards, but influence our society positively.

Finally, “remember your own saltiness is needed if our world must taste as our Lord expects it to taste, and this is our individual responsibility.”

Wishing you all the blessings.