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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

We send you warm fraternal greetings and best wishes as you end your church's activities for the year. We are entering dry season here in Cameroon while you people are entering winter – dreaded and cold season. May God keep you healthy and strong during such hard moments. We are still in the heart of the socio-political crisis in the two English Speaking Regions.

We want to sincerely thank you for your prayers and advocacy in various forms for true peace, love and justice to return to our land. God has been blessing your efforts and he will continue to bless them. Briefly we present to you the report of major happenings in our Presbytery.

1. MOVEMENTS

There are three major movements in our church, namely the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF), Christian Women Fellowship (CWF), and Christian Men Fellowship (CMF). Christian Youth Fellowship now has 40 active groups as against 48 in 2017. Christian Women Fellowship has 75 groups. The numerical strength is 2,353 as against 2,560 in 2017. Christian Men Fellowship has 52 groups which are administered in four zones. Enrolment has continued to drop in some groups in our congregations.

2. CENSUS: The numerical strength of the Presbytery has dropped from 22,375 to 16,137 due to the mass exodus from war zones to safer areas in the country.

3. **FINANCES:** The Presbytery was able to pay all her workers regularly since the beginning of the arm conflict in our land. We were able to generate 84,046,060 FCFA and in 2018 we dropped to 72, 505,405 FCFA. The payment of Presbytery Development Fund (PDF) was very poor that we halted developmental projects.
4. **ANGLOPHONE CRISIS:** All church houses along the Ring Road bear marks of bullet holes on their walls or roofs. The pastor's house of Ngedzen was burned down with all belongings of the Pastor and the congregation. The church and school premises of Tatum have been occupied by the military since September 2018. The church premises of Mbiame have been transformed into a war zone. The Pastor is lodging in the Palace. The Fon (traditional ruler) has donated a hall which Christians use as their place of worship. We are grateful to members of the traditional council for this offer.

CONCLUSION

We are not afraid of the future for God holds the future in his hands. Everything or situation has an expiring date. One day we shall sing the Lord's song without being scared of gunshots. We wish you peaceful and amicable deliberations.

Humbly submitted



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On behalf of the people