

# AMAKA'S VOICE

A Newsletter of Christ The King College Onitsha Alumni Association In America, Inc. (CKC-AAA)

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## President's Corner

Welcome to the Vol. 3 and the pre-convention edition of "*Amaka's Voice*" – our information newsreel. We continue to be sustained by the bountiful energy and commitment of a dedicated few, who continuously lift beyond their weight in the service to our Association and Alma Mater. We salute them. The present volume of "*Amaka's Voice*" contains the usual tidbits and other information pertinent to CKC-AAA and its work. It needs underlining, that despite the few tired hands that sustain the fort, we feel blessed that our Association is strong and vibrant as ever.

We are just about a month removed from our annual gathering, which this year will be in New York. The buzz is good and I do hope it will materialize eventually in a better turn out than is usually the case. CKC-AAA New York Chapter, this year's convention hosts have promised to make the convention most memorable. Indeed, they have invited guests from Nigeria and other faraway places. We look forward to that communion of elders, seniors and the youths and of course, to the usual conviviality and rib-cracking jokes. We will also do some serious business. We wish them the best of luck as they cut their teeth in hosting their maiden annual convention.

Much work remains to be done and we are hopeful, committed and energized; but as I have always said, many hands on deck translates to burden shared and greater productivity. At this point, we have interacted with the new college principal, **Rev. Fr. Dr. Charles Okwumuo**, who has availed us his maiden State of the School Report – and spoken most candidly about his vision, plans and commitment to our Alma Mater in his extensive interview which will appear in the convention journal, *The Amaka Gazette*. His enthusiasm is most uplifting!

I will spare folks from further banter. Let me end by saying that we look forward to seeing as many Amaka Boys as humanly possible, and indeed, newer faces, not just the "The Usual Suspects" in New York. And please, as is now customary, bring along the spouses and kids. Let's make it the usual family-friendly affair. May the fame of our college last forever. See you all in the Big Apple, some four weeks from now.

Primus!  
**Emma Onua**

## Rev. Fr. Charles Okwumuo 22<sup>nd</sup> Principal of Christ the King College Onitsha



**Rev. Fr. Charles Okwumuo** is the 22nd Principal of Christ the King College (C.K.C.) Onitsha. He was appointed manager of the College in August 2010, following the full transfer of the College to the Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha by the Anambra State

Government. He was appointed Principal of the College, effective September 30, 2010. Rev. Fr. Okwumuo is the thirteenth Nigerian to head the seventy-eight year-old Catholic school, which was founded by Irish Missionaries in 1933, and was run by them until 1963.

Rev. Fr. Okwumuo, who holds a doctorate in Theology, follows in the honored tradition of a succession of catholic priests that have run the institution. He comes to the school following its return to the Catholic Mission on 1 January 2009 by the Anambra State Government. A native of Nnewi, he is product of the All Hallows Seminary Onitsha and the Bigard Memorial Seminary, Ikop-Ekpene. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, and also attended the Catholic Institute of West Africa Port- Harcourt, which is affiliated with the University of Calabar from where he bagged the following Post Graduate degrees: MTh (2006), STL (2007), and P.hD (2010).

We are gratified by Rev. Fr. Okwumuo's appointment, which emerged from a consultative process between the Onitsha Archdiocese and the Anambra State Government. His, contact number is 234+ 0803-334-7091. CKC Onitsha alumni in Nigeria and the Diaspora welcome the 22nd Principal of a great legacy school and pledge our cooperation to him in upholding the glory, and high values of our prestigious institution.

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## FLOREAT C. K. C.

## CKC-AAA 2011 New York Convention Theme

### “Being Part of the Solution”

“We the members of Christ the King College Onitsha, Alumni Association in America (CKC-AAA), gathered at our 15th Annual Convention in New York City on 29-31 July 2011, have chosen **“Being Part of the Solution”** as our convention theme. As members of the Nigerian Diaspora and attentive public, we recognize the problems and challenges confronting the educational system and institutions in Nigeria and therefore consider **Promoting Education As Basic Human Right**. We are witnesses to the erosion of educational values, degradation of the system and diminution of the role of legacy schools like CKC Onitsha, in grooming future Nigerian leaders. We remain profoundly concerned that the absence of concerted action to arrest this blight will do long-term and irreversible damage to public interest. Cognizant that every problem has a solution and that the best solutions do not always emanate from governments, but from proactive and committed individuals and groups who strive to make a difference, we seek to be part of the solution, mindful that the best way to escape from a problem is to solve it. As people who possess knowledge of the value and honoured place of qualitative education and recognize the role our Alma Mater has played on molding captains of the public and private sectors in Nigeria, we believe that in **Being Part of the Solution**, must begin with **Promoting Education As Basic Human Right** and that we can rally our collective knowledge, skills, intellect and resources toward that goal.

### 2011 CKC-AAA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK CITY



#### Hilton Long Island/Huntington

598 Broad Hollow Road; Huntington, NY, 11747;

**Discounted Group Rate: \$129.00**

Tel: 1-631-845-1000 Fax: 1-631-845-1223; Email:

**29-31 July 2011**

<http://www.ckconitshausa.net/>

### Keynote Speaker:

**Prof. Cyril Enwonwu, OON, FAS, ScD, PhD, MDS**  
*Professor of Biomedical Sciences, University of Maryland at Baltimore, Research America Global Health Ambassador, Former Director of Nigeria National Institute for Medical Research.*  
CKC Class of '53.

### Special Guests:

**Rowland O. Ewubare, Esq.**  
*Head Nigeria National Human Rights Commission (Current Nigeria Human Rights Czar)*

**Ralph A Perkins**  
*Senior Vice President  
The Leon H. Sullivan Foundation, Washington DC*

### Programme:

#### Friday 29th July 2011

- ❖ 7a.m. -7 p.m. Arrivals
- ❖ 3p.m - Barbeque Reception  
**(Hosted By The Agbimsons)**  
23 Russell Street, Manorville, NY 11949  
(DJ Anali Okolonji Class of “77 on Stage)
- ❖ 8p.m - 10p.m. Executive Session  
**(Venue Same As above)** National Executives, Chairmen of Chapters, Standing Committees & New York LOC

#### Saturday 30th July 2011

#### **(Hilton Long Island/Huntington)**

Hilton Long Island/Huntington  
598 Broad Hollow Road;  
Huntington, New York, 11747

- ❖ 8-9 a.m. Convention Mass;
- ❖ 9 a.m. - 6pm: Convention Plenary;
- ❖ 7:30 p.m.-2:00 a.m: Banquet  
**Banquet admission: \$100.00**

#### Accommodation:

Group Rate -- \$129

Group Code - CKC Alumni

#### Sunday 31st July 2011

- ❖ 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Executive Breakfast Session  
Dispersal/Departures

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## Clarion Call Based on Recall

**R**eminiscing on our slang of the mid seventies, I thought of a metaphor that could address our antipathy to our alma mater. Unable to match a befitting word, I decided to settle for an antonym. Can you recall the exact interpretation of "Iyakwolu"? This mischievous comment, "iyakwolu" simply alerted your listeners that the content of your verbiage was negative, if not utter lies in its entirety, hence "iyakwolu negative)..... Students of Sociology like to discuss social interaction in a broad academic forum but for our immediate purposes, a synopsis will suffice. Among the sub-topics that concern us are; reciprocity, conflict, cooperation and accommodation. It used to be extremely difficult to gain an admission into Christ The King College, Onitsha. For the lucky ones who passed through that enviable institution, how do you reciprocate for the foundation of whom and what you have become today? What could be the causes of possible nonchalance towards our meetings/affairs? Could there be some esoteric conflict somewhere that has little to do with C.K.C.? If some personal differences exist, effort should be made to ameliorate such division.

Cooperation, we are told, exists when folks work together to achieve a common goal. It is a social process that must be embraced. Take a sporting event for example or construction of a big project, could any of those teams succeed without cooperation? Lastly, accommodation which is a state of balance between cooperation and conflict sometimes translates into a truce or mediation. We should strive to harness the aforementioned sub-topics in order to move forward.... We need to discuss why it is becoming impossible to have five members in attendance for a meeting.

Amaka Boys, let bygones be bygones. Embrace the future with openness and let C.K.C. spirit descend upon you. Amaka Boys, we are amazing, aren't we? Be well.

**Austin Ifediora**  
"Ochie Ogalonye",  
Houston, TX

## Welcome to New Members

**M**any are called but few responded. We are gratified that many more CKC Onitsha alumni resident in the Americas are discovering the utility and joy of joining CKC-AAA despite demanding personal obligations. We cherish every alumni who joins the club at the local or nation levels. May your goodness continue to prosper: The newest members are:

- **Arthur Onuora, '71, New York**
- **Cyril Amechi Chukwudebe, '73, Greensboro, NC**
- **Okey Mezue, '80, Dallas, TX**
- **Satnmislaw Mozie, '71, New York**
- **Anali Okolonji, '77, New York**

## Refurbished College Refectory



**F**or many years that seemed like ages, young lads many from rural settings cultivated the good habit of civilized and cultured dining in this great hall, where bad table manners were frowned upon in extreme and even punished. Many more learned the great skills of oratory and debate in this same hall. In the cusp 21<sup>st</sup> Century, that practice of grooming and inculcating well-rounded habits is continuing in the refurbished hall, but imparting such skills would not have been possible without the support of CKC alumni and staff who still appreciate the value of being cultured.

## On The Blog

**T**hanks a lot for your many calls & sentiments, while I was in US last May. I hope to be in New York in July for the 15<sup>th</sup> CKC-AAA Convention. I'd like to host a mini reunion of the LIMBOYE Class (1973) in the morning of Sat. 30th July 2011 in my hotel room.

**HRH Igwe Emmanuel Nnabuife, KSJI, JP**  
**Ezeoha Isseke**  
**Class of '73**

## Financial Resources & Dues

Since its founding in 1997, CKC-AAA has invested over **N20 million** in revitalization projects at the old school. Many projects have been completed and several are ongoing, along with motivational awards for the students and staff of the college. CKC-AAA has also established a **\$100,000.00** capitalization Trust Fund for the association, aimed at ensuring support in perpetuity of its programs at the school. The Association would not have accomplished this much without the selfless sacrifice of a handful of alumni. The question we must ask of ourselves is this: "What have you done lately for your old school?" To keep the process alive and bequeath a fitting legacy to posterity, we urge you to pay your annual dues or contribute to the Trust Fund. Send dues/contributions to:

**The Financial Secretary**  
**CKC-AAA, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 1433,**  
**Sneville, GA 30078**

## ORDER YOUR C.K.C. COLLEGE BLAZER



## Spot Yourself or Mates!



**Atlanta 2002– Who will be in New York?**

	Chest	Waist	Neck	Arm
<b>XS</b>	34-36	26-27	13-13 1/2	31-32
<b>S</b>	37-39	28-31	14-14 1/2	32-33
<b>M</b>	40-42	32-35	15-15 1/2	33-34
<b>L</b>	43-45	36-39	16-16 1/2	34-35
<b>XL</b>	46-48	40-43	17-17 1/2	35-36
<b>XXL</b>	49-51	44-46	18-18 1/2	35-36

**\$150.00 Each**

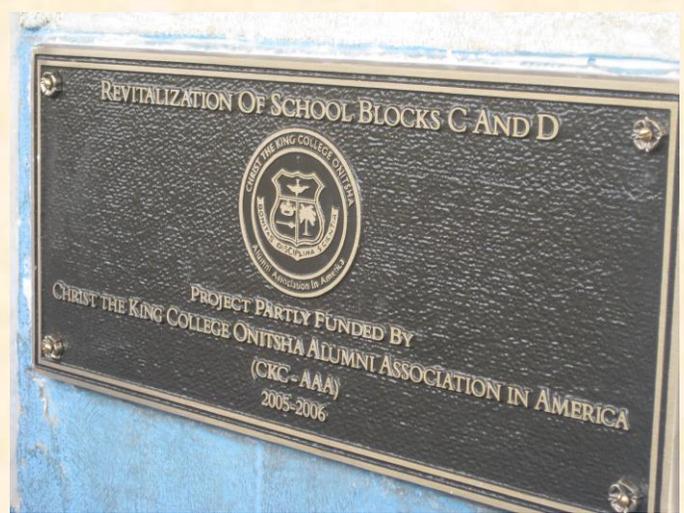
Send check of \$150 made to "CKC-AAA" to:  
**Secretary, CKC-AAA, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 475**  
**Iselin, NJ 08830**

## On the Marble

"PERHAPS no one single bill will ever have a more dramatic impact on Nigeria's economy since independence than the proposed Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) currently languishing in the General Assembly for a legislative approval. It is a very ambitious piece of legislation designed to rectify all the political and economic ills that have besieged Nigeria and continues to unleash enormous harm on its body politics."

~~**Iffy Okechukwu, Class of '71**

## ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER



"First and foremost, I want to congratulate CKC-AAA, for the beautiful things you are doing; and above all, for your passion for CKC even in a foreign land. You have taught us to appreciate what we have."

~ **Fr. Charles Okwumuo,**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Principal of CKC Onitsha**

# Our Association's Profile

*By Dr. Immanuel Uketui, M.D  
Chairman, Membership Committee*

## **The Association And Its Purpose**

CKC-AAA, a 501 (C) 3 non-profit and tax-exempt entity was formed in 1997 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia. It has its registered office in Decatur, Georgia. Alumni of Christ the King College Onitsha, (CKC) Onitsha resident in the United States established Association for the purpose of promoting the noble, academic, moral and leadership ideals, which CKC Onitsha stands for. Irish missionaries founded the college in 1933. The Association is also committed to raising funds for sustaining, improving and developing the educational, physical and sports structures of the institution and eventually offering financial assistance to deserving but indigent students as well as rewarding industrious and committed academic staff of the school.

## **CKC-AAA Annual Conventions**

The general membership of CKC-AAA meets every summer during an Annual Convention to take and ratify decisions. Past Conventions were held in Atlanta (1997); Newark (1998); Los Angeles (1999) Chicago (2000), Boston (2001), Atlanta (2002), Houston (2003) Washington, D. C (2004), Woodbridge, NJ, (2005), San Francisco, CA (2006), Boston, MA (2007) and Atlanta, GA in (2008), Chicago, IL, (2009), and Los Angeles, CA (2010). The 15th CKC-AAA 2011 Convention will be held in Huntington, NY, on 29-31 July 2011.

## **The Executives**

CKC-AAA Executives - the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Public Relations Officer are elected every two years. The Agent is an appointive post. They regularly conduct the Association's business through electronic mails and teleconferences. They meet at least once a year during the Annual Convention. They set, recommend, and implement policy in consultation with the General Membership of the Association. The two-year term of the current Executives will expire in July 2012.

## **Executive Contact Telephones**

### **CKC-AAA National Executives**

President:	Mr. Emma Onua, Tel: 847-975-8930
Vice-President:	Mr. Ben Ehirim, Tel: 770-712-0209
Secretary:	Mr. Oseloka Obaze, Tel: 908-337-2766
Fin. Secretary:	Mr. Eugene Agbimson, Tel: 516-764-6100
Treasurer:	Mr. Stan Ofomata, Tel: 232-394-9333
PR Officer:	Dr. Emeka Akudinobi, Tel: 213-387-0869
Agent:	Mr. Patrick Ejike, Tel: 770-484-4484
Chaplain:	Rev. Paul Ugo Arinze, Tel: 608-930-9336
Webmaster :	Mr. Emma Onua, Tel : 847-975-8930
Ex-Officio :	Prof. Ntohm Izuchi, Tel : 617-512-8180
Ex-Officio :	Mr. Fidelis Atuegbu, Tel : 510-305-4664

## **The Standing Committees**

CKC-AAA has seven Standing Committees: Convention, Education, Finance and Endowment Fund, Project Planning and Management, Constitution & Bylaws, Journal, Publicity & Information Technology and Membership Committees. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees are appointed during the Annual Convention and membership of the Committee is on a voluntary basis. A CKC-AAA member can belong to one or more Committees.

## **The Chapters**

CKC-AAA has chapters in Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, California, New York and New Jersey, Massachusetts and Texas. New members are encouraged to join a local chapter. Those in a State without a Chapter can join the Chapter closest to them. The Chapters initiate most of the ideas and activities of CKC-AAA. The Chapters also organize and host the Annual Conventions and it is from within the established chapters that the National Executives are elected and Committee Chairmen appointed.

## **The Los Angeles Plan of Action**

At its 1999 Convention in Los Angeles California, CKC-AAA adopted "The Los Angeles Plan of Action," a five-year program of action with which it launched a \$250,000 (two- fifty thousand dollars or twenty-five million Naira) endowment fund for the revitalization of CKC Onitsha. The initial lifetime of the Plan was 1999-2004. In 2004 CKC-AAA adopted the Washington DC Follow-On Plan of Action (2004-2008) as a supplement to the Los Angeles Plan. Under both plans CKC-AAA has undertaken revitalization projects valued at almost N20 million.

## **National Alumni Project Oversight Committee (NAPOC)**

CKC National Alumni Project Oversight Committee (NAPOC) was established in May 2000, pursuant to 1999 Los Angeles Plan of Action to oversee the implementation of the Plan. Chief Joe-Billy Ekwunife, Acting President of the National Association of CKC Old Boys in Nigeria , chairs NAPOC, which oversees the revitalization projects funded by CKC-AAA, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the National Association of CKC Old Boys and the Principal of the college, Rev. Fr Charles Okwumuo, Members of the NAPOC are drawn from the CKC-AAA Inc., the National Association of CKC Old Boys in Nigeria as well as from the various CKC Alumni Chapters in Nigeria.

## **Membership & Registration**

CKC-AAA membership is open to all graduates of CKC Onitsha and former students who attended the school for one or more terms. Registered members of the Association are those persons who have paid their current membership dues and any other dues, which

may be assessed by CKC-AAA. The Association's has a membership registration due of \$50.00 and a \$50.00 annual membership dues. Contributions and donations to CKC-AAA from its members, the public and institutions, are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

## REMITTANCE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Office) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Left CKC: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership, Annual Dues and "CKC Revitalization/Diamond Jubilee Trust Fund" Contributions Remittance Form

**Please find enclosed herewith, my contribution to the above fund as checked off below:**

- [ ] \$50 Membership Registration
- [ ] \$50 Annual Membership Dues (For year \_\_\_\_\_)
- [ ] \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Contribution
- [ ] \$\_\_\_\_\_ CKC Revitalization/Diamond Jubilee Trust Fund
- [ ] \$\_\_\_\_\_ Advertisement/Goodwill Message in CKC-AAA Journal
- [ ] \$\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Remittance/Levy
- [ ] \$\_\_\_\_\_ Public Donation
- [ ] \$\_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous

**I should be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of the enclosed amount and send me the pertinent tax-exempt document. Thank you.**

**The Financial Secretary  
CKC-AAA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 335,  
Rockville, Centre, NY 11571**

### **CKC Revitalization and Diamond Jubilee Trust Fund**

The Los Angeles Plan of Action requires every CKC alumni resident in the Americas to contribute \$100:00 annually, initially from 1999-2004 and lately, from 2005-2008. Contributions made to the CKC Onitsha Revitalization Endowment Fund are aimed at mobilizing the revitalization endowment fund called for in the Los Angeles Plan of Action. In 2007 Boston Convention took a decision, now reflected in Section 2.2 of the Association's Bylaws. It states, "Section 2.2 Life Member: Any member who voluntarily donate \$1,000 between July 2007 and 31 December 2008 towards the "CKC Diamond Jubilee Trust Fund" shall be considered to have a become a life member of the association and would, therefore, be exempt from all further annual membership dues at the national level for life." Both Trust funds were eventually merged.

### **Editor's Box**

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