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## **PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF GHANA (CCG) ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

As the world observes World Day of Social Justice today Friday February 20, 2026, under the compelling theme: Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps for Social Justice, the Christian Council of Ghana stands in solemn solidarity with the global call to dismantle barriers of exclusion, inequality, and marginalisation.

We do so not merely as a civic duty, but as a moral duty and profound expression of our faith in the God who declares: “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you” (Psalm 89:14). This divine proclamation resonates deeply with Ghana’s cherished motto, “Freedom and Justice,” emblazoned upon our Coat of Arms since independence. Our forebears, emerging from colonial oppression, inscribed these words as a covenantal aspiration: true freedom from bondage and just treatment for every citizen as image-bearers of God regardless of socioeconomic status and religious background.

In Ghana today, the pursuit of empowering inclusion directly echoes this sacred alignment. Bridging gaps means extending the freedom our motto promises to those still chained by poverty, discrimination, unemployment, disability, gender inequality, rural neglect, and inadequate social protection. It means ensuring that justice is not a distant ideal but a lived reality where the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the youth, and the aged experience the dignity God intends (Deuteronomy 10:18; Isaiah 1:17).

On this occasion of World Day of Social Justice, the Christian Council of Ghana calls on Government and all stakeholders in nation building to work concertedly to rid our society of systemic discrimination, economic disparity, bad governance, inter alia, that serve as bane for inclusive socioeconomic prosperity.

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***TOGETHER WE SOW AND REAP***

The CCG prays that the world, especially the Global South, will soon experience true freedom, and justice underpinned on our collective welfare and not on the welfare of a few privileged people.

We salute His Excellency President Mahama for his commitment to the promotion of social justice through policies such as the: National Apprenticeship Programme, MahamaCares (Ghana Medical Trust Fund), 'No-Fees-Stress' Initiative, Free Tertiary Education for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Free Sanitary Pads Distribution, Adwumawura Programme, Expansion of LEAP Programme, Free Primary Healthcare, amongst others. CCG opines that whilst these policies are good, it is their effective and just implementation that will go a long way to bless the targeted beneficiaries to promote a just, progressive and prosperous society for all and not just a few.

Despite all the commendable government policies, the Government alone cannot adequately promote social justice. On this World Day of Social Justice, therefore, the Christian Council calls on the religious community and development partners such as the United Nations (UN); to work collaboratively to promote social justice especially in regions where race, gender, sexuality and economic status have become barriers to accessing basic rights, opportunities and social services that enhance the welfare of God's people.

On this note, the CCG prays and hopes that the issue of "no bed syndrome" which is an affront to social justice, will be a thing of the past! Every Ghanaian or resident of Ghana deserves emergency care to stay alive to attain their God-given potentials!

Coming on the third day of Lent, a period which calls for penitence, reflections, deep piety and beneficence, let us allow the principle of God's word reflected in Isaiah 58:1-12, to inspire us to do right to all persons especially the poor, the vulnerable and the socially disadvantaged.

May this day, celebrated worldwide under the auspices of the United Nations, bring humanity closer to the divine calling that enjoins us to be each other's keeper. May the good Lord bless the Government and people of Ghana, the United Nations' family in Ghana and globally, and make our world more equitable, just, peaceful and prosperous.



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