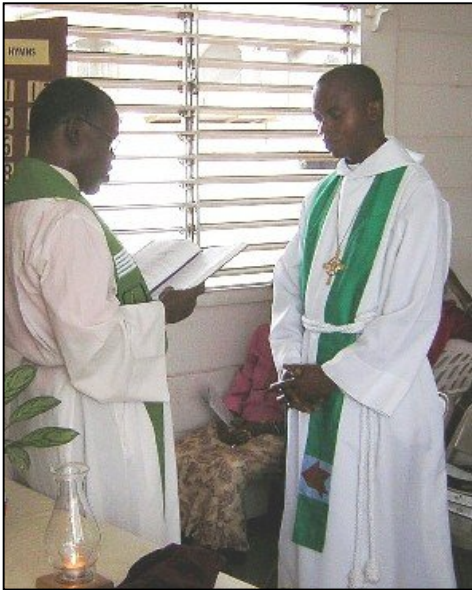


New Missionary Couple Begins Service in Jamaica!



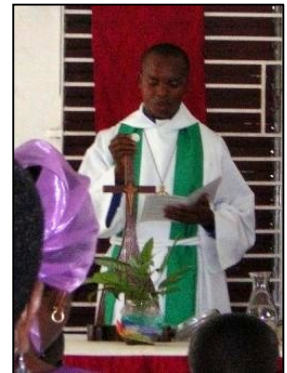
On Sunday, Oct. 28 2007, a new stage in the history of the Lutheran ministry in Jamaica began when **Rev. Obot Ite** was installed as missionary in a service at St. Andrews, Kingston. Obot and his wife **Abasifreke** are from Nigeria and were selected, called and sent as missionaries of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria (LCN), in collaboration with LCMS World Mission and the members of the Lutheran church in Jamaica. He was installed by

Rev. Effiong Ekanem, president of the LCN, who brought Rev. and Mrs. Ite to Jamaica to introduce them to the country and the church in Jamaica. Obot and Abasifreke will join hands with the existing members of the Lutheran church in Jamaica to focus on evangelism and gathering together more congregations on the island. We thank God for guiding Obot and his wife to accept this call and are excited about the opportunities for the further growth of the Lutheran church in Jamaica!

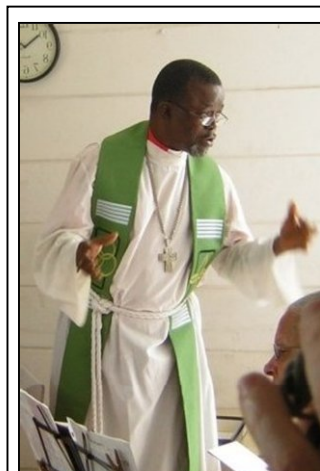


Rev. Ekanem (R), in an LCN tradition, "hands over" Rev. Obot Ite (L) and Abasifreke (purple) to Mrs. Millicent Moodie, president of the St. Andrews Lutheran Church council, Kingston.

Deaconess Jackie Blair led the music.



Missionary Ite officiates for the first time the celebration of the Lord's Supper in his new country of service.

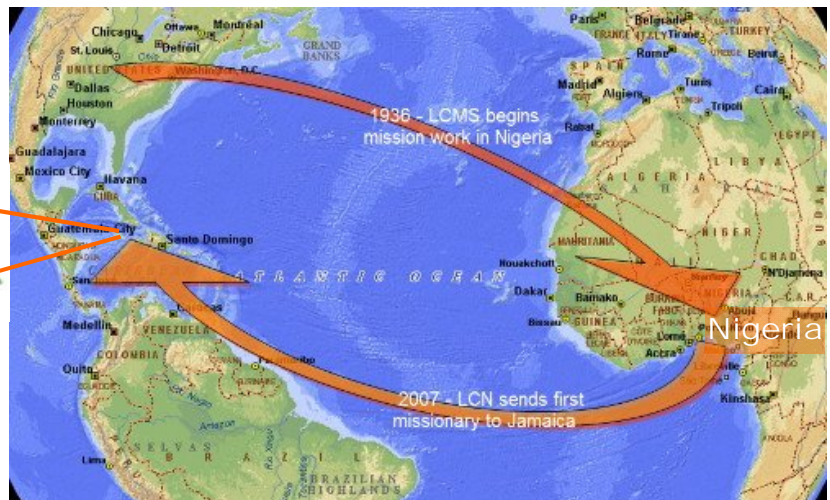


Rev. Ekanem shares God's Word with a full congregation on hand for the installation.



From Mission to Sending Church

In 1936, the LCMS began mission work in Nigeria. Today, the Lutheran Church in Nigeria (which now has over 100,000 members) has accepted the challenge and opportunity for mission work across the ocean in Jamaica. They already have a missionary in the Gambia, West Africa, but this is the first time they have sent a missionary to serve outside of Africa. The Ites will build on the work that was begun about 15 years ago when the first LCMS missionaries started the mission in Jamaica.



Abasifreke Ite (CENTER) getting to know some of her new family in Christ in her new home.



The congregation hosted a delicious dinner afterwards, expertly prepared by member Miss Giselle Gregory (RIGHT)

Supporting our missionaries with prayer

Many have been praying for many months anticipating the calling and awaiting the arrival of the missionaries from Nigeria. In the service, prayers were offered by Rev. Ekanem of Nigeria, by Deaconess Ancella Gregory on behalf of the Jamaican church, and by Dale Talsma representing LCMS World Mission, for the missionaries as they adjust to life far from home in a foreign country and embark on the mission of extending the Kingdom of God in Jamaica through the ministry of the Gospel.

PLEASE continue to pray for Obot and Abasifreke during these initial months as they learn the culture and context of Jamaica and as they study the Jamaican dialect (*Patois*). Pray also for all the Lutheran members as they seek to help the Ites learn Jamaica and as they continue in the labor of testifying to the love of God in Christ among their neighbors.



May He who came to seek and to save the lost guide and bless the service of His servants in Jamaica so that many who yet are far from Christ may know His saving love!