

STATEMENT OF THE CAMEROON BAPTIST CONVENTION CONCERNING THE ONGOING STRIKE BY “COMMON LAW ADVOCATES” AND TEACHERS TRADE UNIONS

Mindful of the preamble of the constitution of the Republic Cameroon which reiterates “the resolve of all Cameroonians to harness our natural resources in order to ensure the well-being of every citizen without discrimination, by raising living Standards, proclaim our right to development as well as the determinations to devote all our efforts to that end ...;

Further mindful of the fact that in the same preamble, it is mandatory for the state to guarantee the Child’s right to education, to organize and supervise the education of Cameroonians at all levels and protect all minorities in Cameroon;

Conscious of the Mission of the Cameroon Baptist Convention to glorify God by proclaiming the Gospel holistically in Cameroon and beyond in obedience to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ as led by the Holy Spirit;

Convinced of the core values of the Cameroon Baptist Convention which include but are not limited to Love, Unity, peace, reconciliation and team work;

Aware of the ongoing strike by “Common Law Advocates” and Teachers Trade Unions and its ramifications, notably the destruction of property, human life and the cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment to which some citizens have been subjected;

Taking cognizance of the issues raised by the “Common Law Advocates” and Teachers Trade Unions;

Taking cognizance of the effort made by the Government to engage in meaningful dialogue with the striking “Common Law Advocates” and Teachers; and

Committed to fostering love, peace, unity, reconciliation and development in our beloved country.

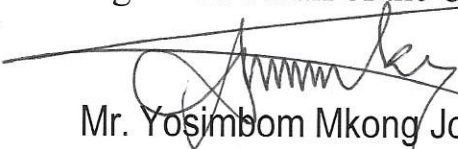
The General Council, governing body of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, meeting at the Conference Hall, Baptist Centre Nkwen, Bamenda on Friday December 9, 2016, **states as follows:**

- 1. Condemns the destruction of human life and all forms of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of human beings;**
- 2. Condemns the destruction of property;**

3. Calls on all impostors and opportunists to stay clear of the present crisis , which some of them want to use for their personal ends;
4. Prays the striking teachers, the “Common Law Advocates” and the Government to give peace a chance by exercising restraint, humility, good faith and objectivity in the instant crisis;
5. Further prays the parties in the instant crisis to pursue the ongoing dialogue urgently, meaningfully and faithfully;
6. Urges the said parties to make all efforts to restore and keep the peace Cameroonians cherish and to promote peace, love and unity among all Cameroonians;
7. Undertakes to pray without ceasing for the dialogue engaged to be fruitful and for the matter to be laid to rest for God to be glorified;
8. Further Undertakes as a church to promote peace, unity , reconciliation and love among all Cameroonians as we are all people of one family namely God’s Family (Matthew 5:9).

Done at Bamenda on Friday the 9th day of December in the year of our Lord 2016.

Signed on behalf of the ~~CBC General Council~~ by:


Mr. Yosimbom Mkong John
CBC Chairman




Rev. Ncham Godwill
CBC Executive President