

PROFILE OF THE REVEREND DR. USMAN JESSE FORNAH

Rev. Dr. Usman Jesse Fornah was born and bred in Kenema where he had his primary and secondary education. In 1986, he felt called by God into the sacred ministry. Thus he proceeded to Sierra Leone Bible College (Now The Evangelical College of Theology) in Freetown and acquired a Diploma and Bachelor of Theology with major in Pastoral Studies.

He has served the Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone for thirty one years serving as local pastor in a number of Local Churches in various parts of Sierra Leone and many other additional responsibilities such as; National Director for Youths and Young Adults, District Superintendent, National Secretary and Director of Administration of the Wesleyan Church – a position he held until he was elected as National Superintendent (Bishop) in May 2009.

His passion for pastoral ministry is equaled only by his passion for effective Church Leadership which led him to pursue a Master's degree in Ministerial Leadership through Wesley Seminary, in the Indiana Wesleyan University, at Marion, Indiana, USA. And now holds a Doctor of Divinity Degree (Honoris Causa) from Kingswood University in Sussex, Canada.

In the field of Ecumenism and interfaith dialogue, He serves as President of the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone, First Vice President of the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone, Chairman of the Board of Directors for The Evangelical College of Theology (TECT) and General Secretary of the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone (IRCSL).

Dr. Fornah has a wealth of experience in many fields such as Human Rights, Psycho Social Care Delivery, and Conflict Resolution. He has participated and presented papers in various International Conferences.

During the operations of the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he served as the Regional Coordinator in the Northern Region of Sierra Leone and later became the Reconciliation officer of one of the leading districts in the country (Bombali District, Northern Region)

He is married to Frances Fornah (A Nurse and Professional Midwife) and has three children: Anthony, Jesse and Jessica with five wards added to his family.