

THE FIRST STEP TO PASTORS' ORDINATION IN SENEGAL

The first of the four training sessions recommended by the Special Board for Pastors' Ordination in Senegal took place from July 3-6, 2006. During these four days our pastors got a chance to learn about different liturgies: Holy Communion, Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, etc.



9 pastors, candidates for ordination in June 2007, are being trained on Liturgy by Rev. Nkamba Ndjungu - in presiding position.

The Special Board for Pastors' Ordination in Senegal, meeting in Dakar on June 14 and 15, 2006, approved 9 of the 11 UMC pastors in Senegal to be ordained at the Annual Meeting of June 2007. Members of this special board expressed their satisfaction in regards to the quality of training and the leadership that has been provided for these candidates. Therefore they made the following recommendations:

1. These 9 candidates are qualified for ordination and will receive a special authorization from Bishop Benjamin Boni of the Cote d'Ivoire area to perform sacraments (Holy Communion and Baptism) in their own churches before their ordination under the supervision of the Mission Superintendent.
2. These 9 candidates must complete four more training sessions before being ordained next year. These four training sessions will refer to the following:
 - Liturgy
 - Religions History
 - Systematic Theology
 - Practical Theology
3. These 9 Pastors will be "affiliated" to the Cote d'Ivoire Annual Conference in March 2007 before being ordained in June 2007.

Names of those who have been approved to be ordained as first UMC Pastors in Senegal are:

1. Philippe Jean Baptiste MENDY
2. Bayemon Valentin ILOGA
3. Joseph BLECK
4. Antoine NDECKY
5. Dembo DIATTA
6. Jean Pierre NDOUR
7. Léon Mbu KITETE
8. Dibor Fatou NDOUR (dite Marie Agnès)
9. Jerome BACKO



*Rear row; from left to right: 1) Philippe J.B. Mendy; 2) Leon Mbu Kitete; 3) Joseph Bleck; 4) Valentin Iloga; 5) Jean Pierre Ndour
Front row; from left to right: 6) Jerome Backo; 7) Dibor Fatou Ndour; 8) Antoine Ndecky; 9) Dembo Diatta*

As for the two remaining, EMMANUEL DIOUF and ETIENNE DJILENE DIONE, the board has recommended that they get more education before being even examined next time.

Please continue to pray for the Senegal Mission!

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