

REPORT ON INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND CLEAN UP EXERCISE

Background

This event was planned and executed by the African Students For Interfaith Tolerance (ASFIT) Ghana branch in collaboration with the SRC and religious groups of Walewale Senior High School Technical in Walewale (North East Region) to promote interfaith tolerance and acceptance between both Moslems and Christians of the school community and by large the entire walewale community.

Ghana is secular state located in West Africa and has major christian population with Islam being next in terms of number of adherents and followed by African Traditional Religion (ATR). The country has over the years enjoyed interfaith peace and harmony, this has been promoted tirelessly by the leaders of both Christian and Islamic leaders. Prominently among them are National Chief Imam of Ghana, Cape Coast Catholic Bishop, Current vice president, former presidents etc. Ghana is also touted as a beacon of democracy in Africa.

This event was focused on the Northern part of Ghana, Walewale specifically due to the diversity and dicey nature of the religious climate which is seen by many as deteriorating.

EVENT DETAILS

The event brought together over fifty (50) Christians and Moslems of the school in addition to a tutor of the school and leadership of the Students Representative Council (SRC), Scripture Union (SU) and Ghana Muslims Students Association (GMSA).

The event lasted for about 30 - 45 minutes and had leadership of the student groups such as SRC, SU and GMSA delivering speeches voicing clearly their

commitment to interfaith tolerance and harmony and the need to maintain the harmonious climate that currently prevail.

It was organised on the 1st of February 2020 marking the commencement of world interfaith harmony week celebration throughout the world. The venue was Walewale Senior High School Technical as mentioned above.

The organizers, ASFIT in collaboration with a tutor of the school moderated the dialogue and also enumerated the many advantages of interfaith acceptance and tolerance.

Participants expressed joy in the program due the meticulous manner it was carried out and asked that a chapter of interfaith tolerance be created on the campus of the school. This request was reaffirmed by the SRC President of the school to the members of ASFIT present.

Both the organizers and participants left the venue fulfilled and satisfied because the intended aims and objectives were met.

African Students For Interfaith Tolerance (ASFIT) Ghana chapter is looking forward to replicating this event in many other senior high and tertiary levels of the country.





