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## Nigeria Ministry Need: \$17,170

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- ♦ the Nigeria FMC as it seeks to reach areas new for Free Methodism, including Kano and Cross River States
- ♦ transportation, food and lodging costs for pastors studying at Wesley Evangelical School of Theology
- ♦ travel costs for superintendents as they circulate to all their churches

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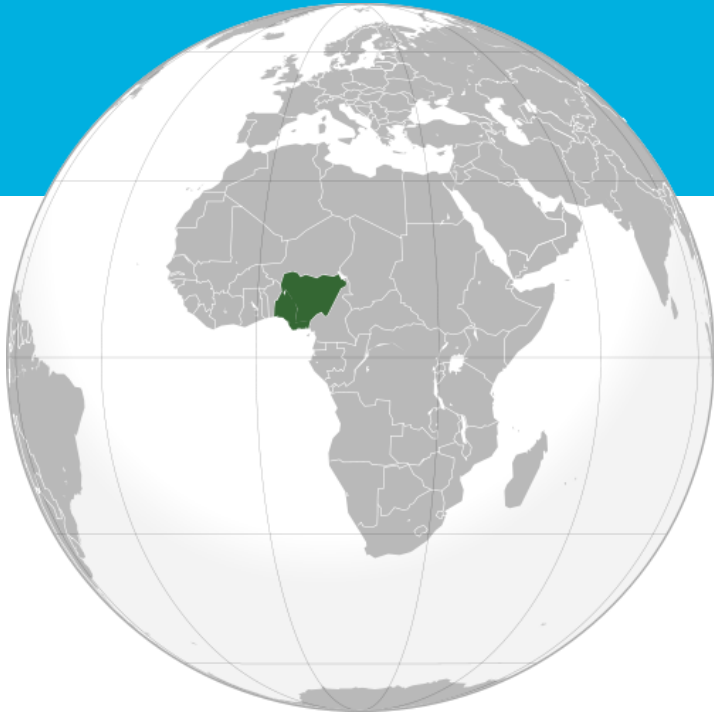
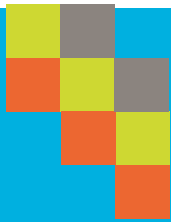
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- Population: 211,302,000
- Evangelical Christians: 25.76%
- FM Work Opened: 1989
- Ecclesiastical Accountability: FMC-USA through Bishop Matthew Whitehead

### Renewed Pioneer Annual Conference

- FM Churches: 19
- FM Membership: 1,240

### South Central Annual Conference

- FM Churches: 28
- FM Membership: 1,730

### Middle Belt Provisional Annual Conference

- FM Membership: 989

### Northern Mission Provisional Annual Conference

- FM Churches: 12
- FM Membership: 636

## The Free Methodist Church in Nigeria

### Origins

Rev. Titus Akpan and other Nigerian Christians left their denomination in the early 1960s because animal sacrifices were included in worship services. They were determined to form a spiritual, New Testament church in southeast Nigeria. In 1962 some of the leaders ran across a tract bearing the name “Free Methodist Church.” They liked the name and decided to call the new group, “Christ Free Methodist Church of Nigeria.” For years efforts were made to affiliate with Free Methodists in North America but it was not until 1988 that official meetings took place. In October of that year this Nigerian group, some 1,800 people, were invited to become an official mission district of the Free Methodist Church-USA.

### Present Ministries

The Free Methodist Church in Nigeria has been preparing leaders through the Wesley Evangelical School of Theology (WEST). The pandemic affected the school’s operation, but WEST was scheduled to resume regular operation in April 2022. The Middle Belt Eastern Conference began a quarterly training program for ministers and lay leaders.

### Pray for:

- WEST to resume regularly scheduled classes and have financial support for operations
- the quarterly training program, that it will run smoothly and have good results
- the spread of the gospel and effective discipleship
- initiation of mission work to the unreached and in areas not yet served by FM churches