

## Revelation 22:1-2



THE APOSTLESHIP OF MRS JANE O. NOOM (1901-91)

LEADER/WORKER/PRESIDENT.

The World Federation of Methodist Women Fellowship,

Aim: The World Federation of Methodist Women Fellowship looks to aid in proving Christ's Kingdom among all people and in all areas of life.

To share the abundant life of Christ through evangelism, healing ministries, education and social services.

To help in the promotion of missionary spirit throughout the world Parish and to seek with women of all lands fellowship and mutual help in the building of a Christian community.

Motto: To know Christ and to make Him known to the world. Status: The World Federation of Methodist Women is a member of the Non-Governmental Organization of the United Nations, Economic and Social Council.

## METHODIST WOMEN FELLOWSHIP- GHANA

THE DAWN OF THE WOMEN FELLOWSHIP AND THE LIFE OF FOUNDER, METHODIST WOMEN FELLOWSHIP GHANA

If the Ghana Methodist Church can boast of a strong women's organization, the Methodist Women's Fellowship which is the heart core of the Methodist Church, it is by the untiring efforts of Sister Jane O Noom

Mrs Jane Oye Noom was born on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1901 and baptized on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1901. Her parents were *James Ansah, a Teacher of the Presbyterian Church at Adukrom and Elizabeth Nora Asantewaa Asare, a daughter of the Late Rev. Nathaniel Victor Asare* both from Adukrom Akwapim and of the Asankede Royal Family and Asona Family. She started school in Kumasi at an incredibly early age and followed up to Akwapim Mampong Presbyterian Primary school. She gains admission into the Government Girls School, Accra for one year.

She finally completed her education at the Basel Mission Girls School, Aburi between 1914 and 1917 and at a very tender age, she was appointed a pupil teacher at Aburi Girls

She later married Peter Brandford Noom, a Methodist Class Leader and a Lay Preacher at Somanya. Born and bred at Presbyterian, she quickly Learnt to be a Methodist during her first year of their marriage. She held the post of the secretary and president in the local Methodist Women Fellowship for 8 years.

Her husband died on August 22, 1948, at Somanya and was buried at Dodowa. Three years after the death of the husband, she decided not to marry again but to devote the rest of her life to the work of God. With her diligence and interest in the women's work, she was occasionally invited by the late Sister Rose Little to go on trips with her to visit the fellowship. She left Somanya to Accra to live with her Sister Comfort Ansah Afari Larbi, the only sister she had left

from , the same family of Rev Nathanael Victor Asare and Nana Sophia Yrene Koko Asare, from Akropong Akwapim..

Sister Rose Little as a principal of the Accra Girls Methodist School, combined the women's work with her usual teachings. In 1951, Sister Rose Little hard to go back to Britain due to ill health and recommended to the Synod to appoint Sister Jane Noom as a women's worker to organize and set up Women's Fellowships in the districts and societies all over Gold Coast with the Methodist Church. In 1951, she was appointed a full-time women's worker by the Methodist Church of Ghana, to succeed the Late Sister Rose M. Little who was the organiser for the women's fellowship the Eastern Region. Same year, she was given an official station at Accra-Asylum Down.

She travelled all around the country evangelizing and proving Women Fellowship in all the Methodist Churches and by 1970, she had established 88 branches including those in Adukrom-Akwapim, Wa Saltpond, Kintampo.

In 1957 she travelled with four women workers and some missionaries to Tamale, Wa, Bole, Lawra Kintampo and other villages in the north to help and encourage the new members of the Women's Fellowship and the Converts in the Northern Region. In 1961 the Women's Fellowship of the Methodist Church in Ghana was affiliated to the World Federation of the Methodist Women in Oslo. As a recognition of the total commitment, hard work and devotion to the goals and aspirations of Fellowship, Mrs Noom in 1966 appointed a delegate to represent the Women Fellowship of Ghana at the Assembly of MFMW which was held at Southgate-London. Stations she visited then in England were Bristol, Birmingham, Nothingham, Wolverhamptom, Grimsby, Coventry and Linconshire.

She was elected the Area President for West Africa by the Assembly . She held the Presidency for five years , 1965-1970 and visited the head office in Benin, Togo and Nigeria. She returned in 1970 but had to travel to the international conference of the WFMW- held in Denver, Colorado, USA to give account of tenure of Area Presidentship. She received the Women's fellowship incentive award of 1975 given by the Ghana Assembly of Women during the international women's year. Mrs Noom never abandoned her service to her God and the Church. She proved Her worth everywhere she stayed in the country and oversees. Her light shone before men and her good works were seen, Matthew 5:16.

Mrs Noom had an exemplary record during her 30 years of service in the church. She was ever so thankful to God to the Methodist Church and all the officers she worked with. Special thanks go to all Women Fellowship in Ghana for their real Christian Fellowship, Love and kindness in many ways.Last Days

She spent her last days in her hometown Adukrom Akwapim, helping the local church and the women fellowship. She was receiving frequent visitors from all the country from the women fellowship group. At her very last day she became bedridden but in all these days she was cheerful and happy. She died on April 1, 1990.

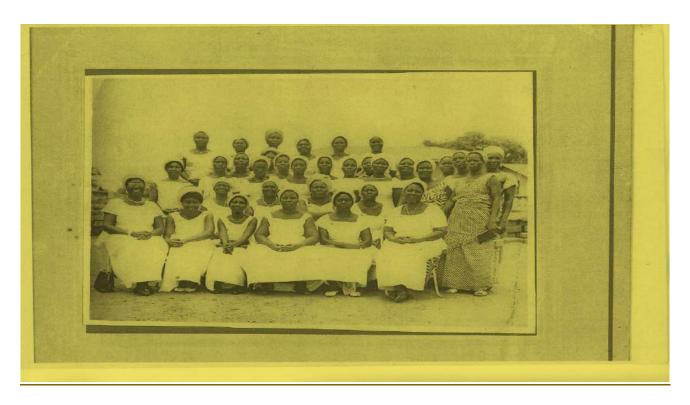


## MOTHER OF JANE OYE NOOM: ELIZABETH NORA ASANTEWA, FRONT ROLE RIGHT.



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