



IROYIN ISOKAN

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Our Mission

Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa strives to preserve and promote the Yoruba cultural heritage, values and traditions while supporting and assisting in the well-being of our members in the community.

Yoruba Language School

Yoruba School was started 18 years ago as part of the Ottawa Catholic School Board Continuing Education Program. We are proud to say this program is one of our flagship achievements in promoting awareness and providing a cultural connection and identity for all children of Yoruba heritage and other children that may be interested in Yoruba culture.

In the last year, we saw a tremendous rise in registration; 120 students distributed into 5 virtual learning classes from JK-Grade 8. Appreciation and gratitude to our Instructors who have made this all happen with their exceptional performance during this unprecedented time. We acknowledge the principled leadership of the Yoruba School Committee members. Parents are encouraged to contact any of the committee members for volunteer story-telling, or teaching opportunities.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Yoruba School Children for their interest, commitment and remarkable enthusiasm to learn Yoruba.



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Season's Greetings

HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY ISOKAN YORUBA OF OTTAWA!

Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa was established in November 2001 as a result of the dedication of community members who wanted an association where we can preserve and promote our Yoruba heritage and culture in the diaspora through positive engagement. As we celebrate our milestone 20th year in the middle of the fourth wave of the Global Pandemic, together we have built a strong family-oriented community association that prides itself on trust, understanding and respect in the delivery of our mission and accomplishments of our goals. The success of the association in the last 20 years is a testament of our members relentless drive, commitment and dedication to excel and take Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa to greater heights through various achievements which include our **Yoruba Language School**, **Yoruba Health Initiative (YHI)**, **Youth and Young Adult Program**, **Yoruba Cultural Group** and many more committees that have facilitated other meaningful projects and activities. Though the last year has tested our limits to adjust and adapt to the new normal, together we look forward to more years of building stronger relationships and further increasing our ethnic footprint for the leaders of tomorrow.

We rejoice with and congratulate some of our members for significant events in their families during the year; In August, Apostle & Pastor Mrs. Collins Babalola announced the birth of their grandson. In September, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Ogunlade welcomed their bouncing baby boy. Congratulations to Pastor Dr. Mrs. Bodunde Olanike Oyeteran for successfully defending her Thesis and obtaining her Ph.D.

Warmest wishes and congratulations to Oyindamola Oyesile and Adedotun Okewole on your wedding. Oyindamola is one of our young adult members.

We look forward to the New Year as we continue to plan a two-day event to celebrate the 20th Year Anniversary. More details will be forthcoming. To our members and their families, we extend our best wishes for a wonderful Year ahead.

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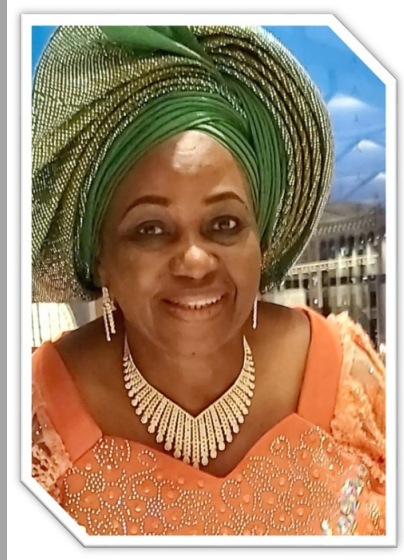
The Executive, Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa

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AWARD RECIPIENTS - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Mrs. Toyin Adewoye



Mrs. Tinu Lawuyi



Revd. Dr. Olusola Womiloju

AWARD RECIPIENT - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR



Mr. Olakunle Ibitoye

2021 ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Membership registration is at its highest with over 50 Family Households registered.
- The Constitution Review Committee has begun the task of reviewing the Association's Constitution and Guidelines documents.
- Following three successful YHI initiatives in previous years in various Yorubaland States, the committee members will embark on their second Blood Pressure (BP) initiative in Ogun State. This initiative will involve the provision of BP equipment and medications to hospitals that will provide complimentary clinical blood pressure screening sessions in their communities. A big **THANK YOU** to the YHI committee members. and A Special **THANK YOU** to Mr. & Mrs. David Bodunde for their generous donation of BP monitors to the YHI initiative.
- Isokan Yoruba continues to support and assist in the well-being of our members during the pandemic; we organized and coordinated a COVID-19 Vaccine Information Session which was well attended by members, family and friends. **THANK YOU** to Dr. Kayode Adeleye and Dr. Olusegun Agboola for their expert medical advice.

2021 END OF YEAR EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Executive Award of Excellence

- During the virtual End of Year (EOY) celebration held on December 11, the Association recognized some of our members who have made significant contribution to our community under various award categories
- **Community Builder's Award** (awarded to the Language School Committee Members - Mrs. Tinu Lawuyi, Mrs. Toyin Adewoye and a Special Recognition to Revd. Dr. Olusola Womiloju
- **Special Recognition Award for Community Service** (awarded to Yoruba Language School Instructors - Mrs. Afolake Garber, Pastor Mrs. Funmilola Aribido, Mrs. Olanike Oladele, Pastor Mrs. Bosede Esuola, Mrs. Ronke Mosuro and Pastor Dr. Mrs. Bodunde Olanike Oyetoran
- **Youth & Young Adult Leadership Award** (awarded to the Youth & Young Adult Coordinator - Mr. Olakunle Ibitoye

Yoruba School Performance

- **THANKS** and **APPRECIATION** to our Yoruba School Children; **Taiwo Abdussalaam, Taiwo Sulaimon, Olivia Olutade Ese, Abimfoluwa Bayode, Ayomikun Oladosun, Olatoke and Olatoni Disu** for representing their class group and on their outstanding performance during the end of year event.
- We appreciate Pastor Mrs. Idowu Ladeinde for the super amazing job as the MC during the event.

AWARD RECIPIENTS – YORUBA SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS



Mrs. Afolake Garber



Pastor Mrs. Funmilola Aribido



Pastor Mrs. Bosede Esuola



Pastor Dr. Mrs. Bodunde Olanike Oyetoran



Mrs. Adenike O. Oladele



Mrs. Aderonke Mosuro



YOUR EXECUTIVES AT WORK

PRESIDENT: Ms. Basira Bashroun
VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. Bayo Aregbesola
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Mr. Jacob Ogunlade
SOCIAL SECRETARY: Mrs. Afolake Garber
EX-OFFICIO: Dr. Yemi Fasoyinu

TREASURER: Mrs. Adenola Bodunde
GEN. SECRETARY: Mr. Olawale Arewa
YOUTH COORDINATOR: Mr. Olakunle Ibitoye
EX-OFFICIO: Mrs. Tinu Lawuyi
SECRETARY-AT-LARGE: Vacant

WISH YOU A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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