

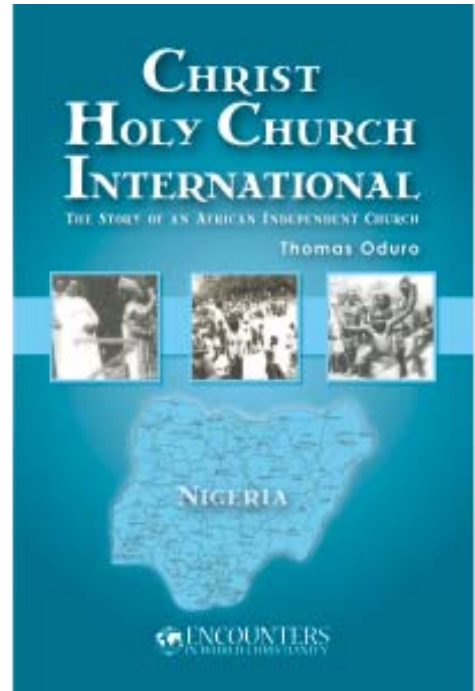
# Christ Holy Church International

## The Story of an African Independent Church

by Thomas Asante Oduro

The phenomenon of African Independent Churches (AICs) in African Christianity has caused many scholars to research the causative factors of their growth and their contributions to African Christianity. The challenges that shape the formulation of theology and practices are more often than not overlooked. Many scholars have researched the already known ones, thus denying the reading public the privilege of expanding their knowledge of other AICs whose activities have added diverse dimensions to the quantitative and qualitative growth of Christianity in Africa.

This study explores and examines the history, beliefs, practices, and growth of Christ Holy Church International, an African Independent Church in Nigeria, founded by Agnes Okoh, an illiterate woman who, while returning from a market in 1943, heard a voice repeatedly saying “Matthew Ten.” How Agnes Okoh, a marginalized woman and a widow, was able to found and lead an itinerant evangelistic team of 12 members in 1947 till it developed into a church with nearly 800 congregations in 2002 in a pluralistic, multi-cultural and multi-linguistic Nigeria is the focus of this book.



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