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PROFESSOR THOMAS GBADEBO ADEGOKE

(17 November, 1956 - 14 December, 2019)

Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Thomas Gbadebo Adegoke, a staff of the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Education. The sad event occurred on Saturday, 14th December, 2019. He was aged 63.

Professor Thomas Gbadebo Adegoke was born in Saminaka, Kaduna State on 17th November, 1956 to the family of his late Parents, Pa Daniel Adeduntan Adegoke and Mrs. Ayinke Olayonu Adegoke of Fedegbo's Compound, Isale-Afon, Ogbomoso, Oyo State, Nigeria. The father was a trader and tailor while the mother was a petty trader. He grew up in a family of five children, Professor Adegoke was the second (2nd) child and the only son.

He started his primary education in Saminaka, Kaduna State before relocating to Ibadan, Oyo State. Professor Adegoke, on completion of his primary education in Ibadan proceeded to Mount Olivet Grammar School, Ashi, Bodija Ibadan (1968-1972), Wesley College, Elekuro, Ibadan for his Teachers Grade Two Certificate (1975). He taught in some primary schools in Ibadan until 1980 when he gained admission to the Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan. Late Professor Adegoke got every degree available from this Premier University: BSc (Sociology) 1980-1983, MSc (Sociology) 1987-1988, MPhil (Sociology) 1997 and PhD (Social Welfare) 2001.

He enrolled for, and passed his Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) of National Teachers' Institute/Usumanu Danfodio University, Sokoto (2007). He had his National Youth Service in Osun State (1983/1984).

Professor Adegoke taught in several secondary schools in Osun and Oyo States before his appointment at the University of Ibadan. He joined the University service as Assistant Lecturer at the Department of Adult Education on 31 December, 1997. He moved to the Department of Social Work when the Department was created in 1999. He was Lecturer 2 (2001), Lecturer 1 (2005), Senior Lecturer (2008), Reader (2011) and Professor (2014).

He diligently taught both undergraduate and postgraduate students in courses such as Sociology of Deviant Behaviour, Sociology of Family, Treatment of Offenders, Social Problems in Nigeria,

Family Dynamics and so on. He had effectively supervised several undergraduate and master degree projects. He also served as an external examiner to the University of Jos, Nigeria and University of Ghana, Legon until his death.

Late Professor Adegoke also published widely both in local and reputable international journals. He attended local and international conferences. At the Department of Social Work, he was greatly involved in the administration. He was Acting Head of Department (2012-2014) and substantive Head of Department (1 August, 2018 - 14 December, 2019) till his death.

He belonged to both national and international professional associations and religious societies; Nigerian Sociological Association, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA), Nigerian Association of Social Work Educators (NASWE) and Society for Social Work Research (SSWR). He was a member of Eleyele Baptist Church and a member of Ajolaye Society of Eleyele Baptist Church, Ibadan.

Professor Adegoke was loved by students, staff, friends and colleagues.

He was married to Mrs. Titilayo Olubunmi Adegoke, his dear wife and blessed with children, Adetola (daughter) and Adeniyi (son).

May his gentle soul rest in peace!