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**The Oluyin-in-Council
c/o The Oluyin's Palace
Iyin-Ekiti, Ekiti State**

Your Royal Majesty,

RE: REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF A CHURCH CHAIR TO THE PALACE FOR TRADITIONAL RITES

On behalf of the **Parish Church Council (PCC)** and the entire congregation of **Babamuboni Memorial Anglican Church, Iyin-Ekiti**, we respectfully acknowledge receipt of your correspondence requesting that the chair connected with the events of **Sunday, 31st May 2026**, be brought to the Palace for the performance of traditional rites.

We wish to respectfully state that this matter was duly considered by the **Parish Church Council** at its meeting held on **Thursday, 18th June 2026**, commencing at **5:05 p.m.**, after which the Council unanimously resolved to adopt the position contained in this response.

At the outset, permit us once again to convey our profound respect for the person and office of **His Royal Majesty, Oba Adeniyi Adeola Ajakaiye, the Oluyin of Iyin Kingdom**, the **Olori**, the **Oluyin-in-Council**, and the entire traditional institution whose contributions to the peace, stability, and development of Iyin Kingdom remain deeply appreciated.

We also wish to reiterate, without reservation, our sincere regret concerning the circumstances that gave rise to the misunderstanding. As previously communicated, no act of disrespect, slight, or diminution of the dignity of the revered **Stool of the Oluyin** was intended, contemplated, or envisaged by the Church. The occurrence arose solely from the peculiar circumstances surrounding a special thanksgiving service attended by distinguished guests, including the **Executive Governor of Ekiti State**, and was never intended to undermine the honour traditionally accorded to the Royal Stool.

Having prayerfully and carefully considered the Council's request, and having reviewed the matter in the light of our ecclesiastical responsibilities and constitutional obligations, the **Parish Church Council** respectfully resolved that the Church is unable to comply with the request for the removal of the said chair from the Church premises.

Our position is founded on the following considerations:

1. Ecclesiastical Stewardship and Trust Responsibility

Within the **Anglican Communion**, Church properties, furnishings, and dedicated articles are held in trust for ecclesiastical purposes and are administered under established canonical and constitutional provisions. Such items do not belong to individual officers, congregations, or local administrators but remain subject to the oversight and authority of the **Diocese**.

Consequently, the Church is not at liberty to surrender, transfer, or remove dedicated Church property for external purposes outside the procedures prescribed by ecclesiastical authority. As custodians of these properties, we are duty-bound to preserve and administer them in accordance with the doctrine, discipline, and governance of the Church.

2. The Constitutional Character of the Anglican Church

The **Anglican Church** is an episcopally led and synodically governed institution. Decisions affecting Church property, sacred furnishings, and matters of ecclesiastical administration are not exercised solely at the discretion of local officers but are governed by established constitutional and canonical processes.

Accordingly, compliance with the request would raise ecclesiastical and administrative implications extending beyond the authority vested in the local Church.

3. The Present Status of the Chair

It is important to respectfully inform the Council that the chair referred to in the correspondence no longer exists in the form in which it was used on the day in question.

As part of the ongoing refurbishment and restructuring of the Church, the former pews and related furnishings have been removed from their previous configuration. Several have already been distributed to other Churches for continued use, while new pews are currently being installed.

The particular chair under reference has since undergone reconstruction, resizing, and integration into the Church's altar furnishing as part of the approved renovation works. It therefore no longer exists as a separate or identifiable item capable of being removed and conveyed elsewhere.

4. Commitment to Peace and Mutual Respect

The Church remains convinced that the enduring relationship between the Palace and **Babamuboni Memorial Anglican Church** is one that should continue to be nurtured through dialogue, mutual understanding, and respect for the distinct responsibilities entrusted to both institutions.

The traditional institution remains a custodian of our cherished cultural heritage, while the Church remains committed to her spiritual mandate. Both institutions have historically worked together for the welfare of our people, and it is our earnest desire that this longstanding harmony continues unhindered.

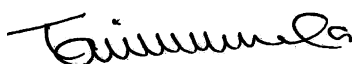
In view of the foregoing, we humbly appeal that the sincere apology already tendered by the Church be received in the spirit in which it was offered and that this unfortunate incident be allowed to find a peaceful and honourable closure.

Should the matter require further ecclesiastical consideration, the Church would naturally be obliged to refer it to the appropriate **Diocesan authorities** for guidance, in keeping with the constitutional structures of the **Anglican Communion**.

We trust, however, that wisdom, mutual respect, and our shared commitment to the peace and progress of **Iyin Kingdom** will guide all parties towards an amicable resolution.

Please accept, **Your Royal Majesty**, the assurances of our highest esteem, profound respect, and continued prayers for **His Royal Majesty, the Olori, the Council**, and the entire people of **Iyin Kingdom**.

Yours faithfully,



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