

Students advised to use social media wisely

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THE Coordinator of the Campus Ministry of the Akuapem Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG), Rev. Joshua Kwame Owusu-Ansah, has urged Presbyterian students to make judicious use of the Internet to enhance their academic pursuits.

He observed that although the Internet, especially social media, was a good tool with countless benefits, there were many distractions such as photos and videos that derailed the focus of students, to the detriment of their future.

"Social media is not a sin, as some make it to appear. It is a useful tool, and like every other tool, if it is used wisely, it will help you positively in the achievement of your

academic feat," he said.

Rev. Owusu-Ansah was addressing members of the National Union of Presbyterian Students of Ghana (NUPS-G), the students wing of the PCG, at the 2019 Basel Festival (Baselfest) in Accra last Saturday.

Baselfest

Baselfest is an annual event organised by NUPS-G to inculcate in students of the church its doctrines, so that they would not depart from same when they completed school.

Resource persons are often invited to speak to the youth at the event on selected thematic areas to help them live worthy lives.

This year's event, which was held on the theme: "Populating the Kingdom, go make disciples", was hosted by the Presbyterian Boys' Senior High School (SHS), (PRESEC),

Legon.

Other schools whose students were in attendance were Aburi Girls' SHS, Okuapemman SHS, St John's SHS, Krobo Girls' SHS, Tema SHS, among others.

Mr Ansah maintained that social media platforms such as WhatsApp and Facebook could be used by students to support one another through the formation of study group platforms.

He was, however, quick to add that "there are also false information circulating on social media platforms. But, as students, if you are able to control and handle the menace carefully, it will be very beneficial for your studies".

Derailment

For her part, the Taifa District Minister of

the PCG, Rev. Mrs Esther Oduro, who delivered a sermon at the event, noted that Christianity was growing wide but not deep.

She explained that many men of God had deviated from the church's core purpose of winning souls for Christ and rather "turned the church into funeral grounds, party grounds, among others".

"There is division and hatred in the church today and I will say most of us have disappointed Jesus. Most churches have drifted away from the mandate that Jesus gave to us; that is, to seek and save those who are lost. People are now talking about raising funds, building beautiful churches at the expense of souls who are perishing," she said.

"This is the time all Christians must be sensitive to the fact that the end time is very close," she added.