

## Pastor Dies In Auto Crash

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The Calabar District of the Assemblies of God Church has been thrown into mourning following the death of the district secretary of the church, Rev Philip Udom, in a ghastly motor accident while on his way to the church's general council assignment in Enugu State.

The late Udom was fondly called by his church members as a servant of God with many caps as he was saddled with many responsibilities, including being the sectional leader of Ikot Abasi Obori section, Calabar.

The cleric was said to have left for Okpoto, Enugu state for the general council meeting, which the church's exchequers from districts across the 36 states and Abuja were expected in attendance, with his driver and a church member.

Without a premonition that death was lurk-

ing ahead, the driver said the pastor prayed fervently for God's protection during the journey.

The driver narrated that while in transit, the two front tires of the Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) they were riding in burst with a loud sound around Abakiliki, the Ebonyi State capital, and that moments later, one of the back wheels of the vehicle also pulled out and he lost control of the vehicle.

He said the SUV somersaulted five times before it finally crashed, killing the pastor who was flung out of the vehicle and hit his head on the tarred road, while he and the other occupant who were in the front of the car were restrained by the seat belts they had on.

The driver said the pastor was taken to a hospital where doctors confirmed him dead.

The deceased pastor is survived by a wife and three children.

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fortunately, most of them are less than 18 years