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2024 REMEMBRANCE DAY CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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**GREAT HALL
UNIVERSITY OF GHANA**

“Remembering our Departed Colleagues and Friends”

Our Revered Clergy

Families of the Departed

Faculty, Staff and Students

Ladies and Gentlemen

In Romans 12:15 (NIV), the Bible admonishes us “*rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn*”.

As a University mindful of memories and legacies, this annual remembrance programme has been instituted in honour of the memory of our departed colleagues and friends who once upon a time, were our students, shared company with us, worked on committees and boards with us and facilitated the University’s business but are no longer with us physically.

This ceremony is a testament to the impact they had on our lives and the lasting legacy they left behind.

As we remember those who have passed on, we acknowledge the void their absence has created. Yet, we take comfort in the memories, achievements, and contributions they shared with us.

To the families of the departed, I offer our sincerest condolences.
Your loss is our loss, and we stand with you in grief.

We remember our colleagues who dedicated their lives to education, research, and service. Their passion, expertise, and mentorship will inspire generations.

We honour our students whose potential was cut short. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and dreams will never be forgotten.
Through tears and tributes, we celebrate their lives.

As we move forward, let us:

1. Cherish the time we have with each other.
2. Support those grieving.
3. Emulate the values of compassion, kindness, and excellence our departed colleagues embodied.

In closing, I invite you to join me in reflecting on the words of a poem by an unknown author titled "*When Someone You Love Becomes a Memory*". This poem offers comfort and reassurance that the memories of our loved ones will stay with us forever, guiding us through life.

*"When someone you love becomes a memory,
That memory becomes a treasure.*

*When someone you love becomes a memory,
You hold on to every moment,
Every laugh, every tear,
Every word, every sigh.*

*In your heart, they will forever stay,
A memory to cherish every day.*

*Their love, their smile, their way,
Will guide you through each passing day.*

*Though they may be gone from sight,
In your heart, their memory takes flight.
So, hold on to the memories,
And let them be your guiding light.*

May the souls of our departed friends and colleagues continue to
rest peacefully in the bosom of the Lord, Amen.

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