



# The KINGDOM

The official newsletter of the Diocese of Pretoria - (Anglican Church of Southern Africa – ACSA)

## **MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT**

“To grow as a Christ-centred Church so that each Parish can support a Rector and become a forming centre of Spirituality, Mission and Ministry.”

## **THEME**

“Encounter and Conversation with Jesus Christ: Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” (Luke5:4)

## **BISHOP RELAUNCHES THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AND THE KINGDOM**

Dear People of God

We re-launch the Diocesan website, [www.pretoriadiocese.org.za](http://www.pretoriadiocese.org.za) and also introduce a soft copy of The Kingdom with great pleasure.

Good communication provides content for our prayers. It is hoped the Diocesan website and The Kingdom will strengthen the bonds of affection in the Diocesan Church. These communication tools will help us embrace our unity and celebrate our diversity.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the Bishop’s Warden, George Mahlaela, for bringing together in no time a team that helped with the development of communication policy and material to turn theory into practice. I trust they will be well supported in their endeavour to bring us closer to one another through these mediums of communication.

These are your platforms to inform and to be informed about the life of the Church in the Diocese of Pretoria. Please send George and his team your stories, events and lively photos electronically to share with the rest of the Diocese.

The Communication Team comprises George Mahlaela as convenor, Revd Canon Vernon Foster, Elelwana Pahlana, Ntando Makhubu, Donald Chiloane and Fabian Kannemeyer. We are deeply indebted to all of them for this dedicated service to the Church in the Diocese.

## **PRETORIA HOSTS PROVINCIAL AWF CONFERENCE**

By Nana Lorraine Khoza

About 200 Anglican Women’s Fellowship delegates descended on the Diocese of Pretoria from

most of the 29 Dioceses of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, to attend the Provincial

Conference. During this conference, held at the Alpha Conference Centre,

Broederstroom and which ran from the 19th to the 23rd October, the ladies also celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

The President of the hosting Diocese of Pretoria, Mme Peggy Kambule said they were excited about the event, and had warmly received their guests.

"We showed them the famous Pretoria hospitality," she said, adding that the event had been filled with celebrations, worship and praises.

A welcome service and candle lighting ceremony led by Pretoria Bishop, the Rt Revd Allan Kannemeyer marked the opening, hosted by the Bishop

at St Alban's Cathedral in Pretoria.

Delegates were sent off with a fitting mammoth dinner on Saturday, one they are sure to cherish with relish.

### **TSHWANE BISHOPS EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT EVENTS AT PRETORIA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Bishops Allan Kannemeyer, William Slattery, Themba Mntambo and Malusi Mpumlwana, respectively from the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Ethiopian Episcopal Churches jointly expressed their deep concern about the unfortunate recent events at one of Tshwane's elite schools.

"As religious leaders in society, we note, with concern, the events unfolding at Pretoria High School for Girls," they said.

They said what was happening was a microcosm of the bigger problem where marginalization along racial lines still remains an evil that continues to bedevil the country. They are concerned that if it was not adequately dealt with, it

threatened to reverse the gains of the young democracy.

The Bishops said "It is particularly disturbing and telling of the society we have become, where young children are at the forefront of what should be an adult discussion that will yield adequate solutions."

They said it was everybody's responsibility to provide a secure and conducive environment in which all the children could grow, learn and thrive as future leaders of this country.

The Bishops said it was their task to provide moral leadership as religious leaders, and watchdogs of human moral issues in society. They wished to work hand-in-hand with

Government authorities and the rest of civil society to find lasting solutions for the current crises in education.

They emphasised that freedom and democracy today find their genesis in the prayers and moral leadership provided by the Church.

"It is therefore befitting that the Church continues to have a voice in all manner of societal issues, ranging from drug and alcohol abuse, moral decay and racism, whether perceived and real," they called.

**See the full media statement of the 1 September 2016 on [www.pretoriadiocese.org.za](http://www.pretoriadiocese.org.za)**

### **FROM PROVINCIAL SYNOD 2016**

By George Mahlaela

The 34th Session of the Provincial Synod, presided over by the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Southern

Africa (ACSA), The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba, took place from the 27 September to 1 October 2016 at Kopanong

Conference Centre, Benoni. Representatives from 28 Dioceses of ACSA and other special guests participated in

the highest policy making body of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa which extends from Mozambique to Angola and St Helena, from Namibia to Southern Cape and includes Lesotho and Swaziland.

Representatives were engaged in the Synod theme "Discerning, Developing and Directing the Resources God provides for the task God sets before us."

The following were some of the most important measures and motions which Synod debated, decided and resolved on and which will be reported on in full

detail in the next issue of The Kingdom:

Motion on Pastoral Care in context of Diverse Human Sexuality; Amendment of Canon 4 of the Election of Bishops regarding the requirements of candidates and the process after seven ballots; Amendment of Canon 21(2) of Formation and Affairs of Dioceses regarding factors to be considered on creating new dioceses; Amendment of Canon 42 and consequently adopt as resolution of Permanent Force 8 the provisions required by the SARS of Public Benefit Organisations recognised by

SARS as such in terms of Section 30 of the South African Income Tax Act 58 of 1962; Amendment of Canon 28 of Parish Council and Canon 29 of Churchwardens and Chapelwardens to include the environment as their responsibility and pastoral care and to develop and implement a policy for ecologically sound management of grounds and buildings and behaviour ; Motion of Permanent Force 9 to reduce the cost of Provincial Synod and improve its efficacy; Motion on spiritual formation of Children and Youth; Motion on Funeral Policy; and Motion on Provincial Liturgical Committee.

### **"Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4)**

By Revd Albert Chaoana.

This part of the Diocesan Theme was brought to life by The Rt. Revd. Allan John Kannemeyer - the Bishop of Pretoria on the 28 August 2016 at the Rustenburg Cultural Centre in his sermon during the Western Region of the Diocese Family Day celebration. The Western Region is made up of two archdeaconries – Madibeng under the Venerable Alan O'Brien and Rustenburg under the Venerable Joseph Dhladhla, who is also the Rural Dean.

Bishop Allan blessed the occasion by his presence as both the preacher and the celebrant of the day. In his sermon, the Bishop brought to life the Diocesan theme by relating it to his experience with

the life of fishermen from his home town of Mossel Bay, where he has learned that the work of a fishermen does not end by putting out the nets for a catch; but with sorting out the fish after the catch. **"The unwanted fish are thrown back into the sea, only the wanted ones are kept"** said the Bishop; accordingly, those in attendance might resemble both the caught and the selected fish which are kept for greater things to come.

Challenging the region on its readiness to becoming a Diocese he asked "Are you ready?", and the overwhelming response of the endless **"Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes....!!"** was echoed through the walls and

the corridors of the Centre as if it was a long awaited challenge.

The family spirit was not only felt during the service – the sharing of food and entertainment activities brought in the spirit of oneness and unity. The Rustenburg Cultural Centre was so conducive that swimmers could not wait for a green light from anywhere but threw themselves into the swimming pool in response to the scourging sun of Rustenburg.

The clergy and their spouses felt extra ordinarily blessed while sharing their meals, stories and jokes with both the Bishop and his wife, Mrs Connie Kannemeyer. Suffice to indicate

that the Western Region is more than ready "to grow as a Christ-Centred Church so that each parish can support a rector and become a forming Centre of spirituality."

### **A BIBLICALLY WORTHY WOMAN**

By Khumo Modutla addressing the Parish of St Paul, Saulsville during Woman's Day Celebrations

Proverbs 31:26

"She opens her mouth with wisdom and on her tongue is the law of kindness"

In 1956 women marched to the Union Buildings, all in an effort to fight for women's liberation. Their efforts were not in vain. Today women occupy key

positions at work, own businesses and houses, have permanent jobs, walk freely in the streets and free of all bondage.



Today we are calling ourselves liberated women. But do we have testimonies that attest to us being liberated?

Our life picture is that of a cracked landscape.

I am confronted by an imagery of a crack that swallows our nation, the crack that swallows our society, our community and worst of all, the crack that swallows our children. This crack is a representation of the social ills. We are confronted on a daily basis with the disastrous impact of substance abuse, poverty, child headed families, child trafficking, child abuse

and neglect, unemployment, children who live in the streets, corruption, immorality etc.

What are we doing about this reality?

Are we the kinds of women who sleep well at night knowing that there is a child somewhere who sleeps in the streets because there is no place to be called home, or a child who goes to bed on an empty stomach because there is no one to feed her/him?

Women of worth are the only ones who can rise up to the above challenges, because they are selfless. Their target is to

mend the crack that is so violently growing and covering the whole landscape.

My wish is that we as women could also come together with a common goal: to mend our cracked landscape. If we can extend our hands and give this landscape a womanly touch, surely we will have a story to tell. We will also have a legacy that we will pride ourselves on.

We need to strife to become worthy women of God to reach the finishing line. There are two categories of worthy women: the socially worthy women and the biblically worthy women.

A socially worthy woman: Mends the social cracks at all costs and against all odds; takes care of the social ills even if she is not directly affected; is content with what she has; serves as a stepping stone for others' successes; appreciates and takes pride and delight in other women's successes; steps in to rescue others without expecting any rewards or praises; her standards are better than her own; takes criticisms positively and uses them to better her standards; criticises others constructively; is patient and she does things diligently without cutting corners; and has a vision.

A biblically worthy woman: Is set apart especially for God's purpose; her light shines and beams; is filled with grace and love; is filled with blessings

from above; is crowned with the Lord's beauty, the beauty that cannot be bought; her beauty is unfading; glorifies God with her beauty; is worth far much than gold; her words are filled with wisdom; does not rely on the wealth of this world; knows that the world is not her home so she plans for eternity; she knows that serving Christ is of great value; and is a steward of God's creation.

Remember "Charm is deceptive, beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised" (Proverbs 31: 30).

Let us go beyond the beauty of our skins and faces, let us take our rightful positions and do what is right by the Lord. Let us take care of God's creation: in that way, we would have

proven that we are worthy women of God. I am also reminded of worthy women who proclaimed the gospel, who took care of the poor, who saved lives, who were faithful believers, who were true servants of the Lord and women whose love was practical and unconditional. Women such as Mary - Mother of Jesus, Ruth the Moabite, Queen Esther, Priscilla wife of Aquilla, Elizabeth - John the Baptist's mother, Mary Magdeline, Abigail, Naom and Deborah.

This is the time when we should do an introspection, reflect deeply and evaluate our own contributions. All these biblical women contributed significantly in keeping the social landscape intact.



*Khumo Modutla on the left and Morongoa Bangu during Women's Day celebrations at St Paul's Parish, Saulsville*

A worthy woman of God is also described in Matthew 5:13 – 16: 13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be

thrown out and trampled underfoot.<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives

light to everyone in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”



## BISHOP SPEAKS

(address to Diocesan Standing Committee June 2016)

### Acts 2: 42 - 47

I've been allowed to use this space as a platform where I can share some themes from my episcopal leadership.

So as I make my maiden speech to DSC as Bishop, allow me firstly to thank the Diocesan electoral college for trusting me and electing me the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Pretoria. It is a huge honour and responsibility, and I pray

that I will be worthy of this special call. The Diocese, Neil Modingwana and his advisory committee deserve a pat on their work for achieving an uncomplicated path to the results, after four of the last six electoral assemblies were unable to elect a bishop.

My gratitude and appreciation also go out to the Planning Committee under the able

leadership of Archdeacon Thabane and Clement Sibiya for a memorable consecration service. It was good to be at what turned out to be a truly blessed and inspiring occasion. A special word of thanks to Canon Patterson and St Mary's DSG for their sponsorship of the reception for the VIPs.



*Archbishop Thabo Makgoba presiding at Pretoria consecration and enthronement of Bishop Allan Kannemeyer*

Now onto some thoughts on the Scripture reading that I was drawn to in preparation for today. We believe in the words of the Gospel that Jesus came into the world so that we could "have life and have it to the full". This teaching follows on the central belief of our faith that Jesus was no stranger to our humanity. He was fully human. John announces in the prologue of his Gospel: "He

came to what was his own." He came to reveal a fresh humanity to a people who had lost sense of what it meant to be human. We know being a human being is not the same as being human. By virtue of our birth we are all human beings; but we have to learn to become truly human. Those who have not learnt what it means to be truly human kill and maim; they steal and act in ways that make

it difficult to believe that we share the same humanity.

Jesus chose to become a human being, he embraced our humanity to the fullest, even descending to death. The early believers were keen to model their new found community on this revealed humanity. The new life of the early church community started with Peter's instruction to repent in Acts 2:

38 (Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven). Repentance must be translated to mean 'turn around and go the other way'. Repentance in the early church community led to forgiveness, which was followed by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit prompted the conscious decision to leave former ways, and to embrace the new humanity as it was revealed in Christ. The result: an awesome fellowship in which all things were held in common, many signs and wonders, much goodwill, praising, worshipping and serving God.

It is a wonderful picture, and it stands at the heart of what the institutional church should be. It starts with a realisation of who Jesus is, to embrace Jesus and his call to repentance. It results in a model for church life. We have here, in a few verses, what we are meant to be as church. I resolve as your spiritual leader to stand on this vision, and to have it inspire our own mission and ministry.

I therefore beg your indulgence, allow me space to grow into this new vocation of Bishop. In the past 30 years I have known nothing but the life of a priest, and even in the brief three year stint as executive officer in the office of the Archbishop I knew that I had to return to priestly ministry if I was to be true to my calling. So I will bring that which has served me well over time - commitment to prayer,

study, service and fellowship of the clergy and laity. I have battled to come to grips with what people saw in me when they chose me for such highly leadership. It dawned on me that the only role the electorate had seen in me was that of a priest. I must have done something right for the majority of the electorate to elevate me to this episcopal role. It also dawned on me that the laity was in need of good quality clergy so it will therefore be one of my aims to equip the clergy, to support the clergy so that they excel and be a source of pride in the church. The words of Paul in Ephesians 4:1 come to mind: "Be worthy of the call with which you were called."

Ours is a priest centred church. The laity is important. The Bishop is important. The children and young are important. But the life of the Anglican Church is structured so that if you have a good priest who is at ease with the vocation in Christ the rest will follow. The priest will relate in a meaningful way to God, and the laity will follow suit. The reverse is also true.

We're in it together, as the saying goes, but you more than I. You're the ones who raise the funds; who preach the word by word and deed; who visit the sick and bury the dead; who disciple God's people in catechism and baptismal preparation classes, in home groups and special discipleship course; who reach out to the destitute. You're the ones who

get your hands dirty in the course of doing God's work. It is through you that the mission statement of Jesus is seen to be implemented: to preach good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the imprisoned; to provide sight to the blind; and to announce the acceptable year of the Lord. This work is seen in Mabopane, Mamelodi, The Reeds, in Saulsville, Mogwase, Garsfontein, Lynnwood and Mothutlong, In schools and institutions and all over the diocese. It is the essential work of the church. This work does not take place at KwaMalusi, the Bishop's residence, or 802 Pretorius Street. We who sit here are here to support you, with our prayers, material assistance and strategic guidance. Our role is to inspire and encourage you, to enable you to be the best you can be. Our role therefore is not to Lord it over you. When you come to the Bishop's or the Diocesan office it must be to a place where you are highly valued, to your support base. This is how I see my role, that of the Bishop's office, and that of the Diocesan office.

The Anglican Church is a biblical church. It's catholic and apostolic in nature. It builds on the foundations of the apostles and draws from a history that spans over two thousand years. Our common lives are guided by the Scripture, the Canons, the Prayer Book and our own Diocesan Rules. I mention this because I have often been perplexed at the notion of an "us" and "them" mentality in



our common lives. These do not exist in the Anglican church family. There is only "us".

The Trustees and Diocese do not own all properties in the Diocese, to say that is to mislead. The Trustees hold all property in trust for the church, and this understanding is consistent with the way the early church was structured. Everything was held in common (Acts 2:44).

I shall strive to build on the foundation that was laid. I am the 11th Bishop and will not try to reinvent the wheel.

I will of course bring my own particular style of leadership, and what I consider to be important will characterise my incumbency. I ask you to be patient with me as I grow into this new vocation. Above all I ask you to keep up the prayers for me.

Together we shall do great things for God.

So in conclusion allow me to thank you for who you are and for the particular gifts, talents and competencies that you bring to the mission and ministry of the church in this diocese.

I commit myself to the realisation of this wonderful description in Acts 2:44-47: All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## **BISHOP'S PROFILE**

By George Mahlaela

Bishop Allan, born on the 21 December 1959, is married to Connie and are blessed with three sons, including one they are fostering. His grounded and solid vast and varied experience of 30 years as a good shepherd is borne out by his rise and growth in his ministry.

His varied early experience include: Archdeaconry Youth Worker in Mossel Bay; Diocesan Youth Worker in George; Vice President of the Anglican Students Federation; Committee Member of the Provincial Youth Council; in 1986 as Deacon at St Paul's Parish, George; followed Priesthood for 6 years in the

impoverished community of Pacaltsdorp in Southern Cape where the seed of his natural humility and simplicity was planted; November 1987 - January 1990 as Priest in Charge, St Alban's Parish, Pacaltsdorp; January 1990 - June 1993 as Rector there; Chaplain of the Diocesan Youth Council in George; 1992 - 2000 as Director, St John's Guild, Vocational Guidance Ministry; 1997 - 2000 as Director, Post Ordination Training; January 2001 - April 2006 as Rector, St Michael and All Angels, Sunnyside; April 2002 - 2009 as Archdeacon of Hennops River; April 2006 - 2009 as

Rector, St Martin's, Irene; May 2013 - May 2016 as Dean of Pretoria and Rector of St Alban's Cathedral; and from 14 May 2016 as Bishop of Pretoria.

Today his top standing as a pastor of the flock, leader, administrator and manager in the Diocese and the Province is acknowledged by the fact that he is a Provincial Canon of ACSA since 2013; Provincial Executive Officer in the Office of the Archbishop of Cape Town where he was seconded for 3 years from 2010 to help set up the Archbishop's office and administration; a builder, a reconciler and caring father who when

he was the Dean of Pretoria, he managed to calm and stabilise the Cathedral after the storm that was raging there since

Synod 2011; and also contributed to the revival and sustainability of St Saviour, Pretoria West, when he was

Dean and Archdeacon of the Cathedral.



*Bishop Allan after his consecrations and Enthronement*

The wise and well-read Bishop may not be an academic or intellectual, but he is a proven down-to-earth brilliant and insightful mature guiding light and well equipped mover and shaker who will take the Diocese to a higher level and build on the legacy of Bishop Jo Seoka.

His educational and training qualifications include National Youth Leadership Training Programme, obtained at Koinonia, Durban in January - April 1981; Diploma in Theology obtained at St Paul's Theological College, Grahamstown in 1983 - 1985; USPG Youth Exchange Placement in London in January 1987 - October 1987 during which he completed

Comparative Studies in Youth Ministries. USPG, which is the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, now known as Us. It is a global Anglican Mission Agency for sharing God's love, through action and seeing to the transformation of lives. He further qualified in Management Principles for Church Leaders Certificate at UNISA in 2003; PEAK Leadership Programme at University of Stellenbosch in 2012 - PEAK is an international business leadership programme based on Maslow's hierarchy of needs and is tailor-made for church and community leaders; and Leadership for Urban Leaders Certificate at University of Pretoria in 2015.

Bishop Allen is well endowed with and well rounded in the skills which will stand him in good stead for the spiritual nourishment of the Diocesan flock and the guidance of the Diocese as an organisation. He has proven practical skills in Pastoral Counseling, Organizational Development, Conflict Management, Teaching, Leadership and Administration.

He loves reading and does it naturally as an interest. He generally reads widely, and he would take three to four books for a holiday. His reading varies and includes good novel, current affairs, theological or spiritual works.

The qualities that will stand him in good stead as Bishop are his popularity amongst many in both the Diocese and the Province, deep spirituality and pastoral care for all ages and class: that is the young and old; the poor, simple and

humble; the rich, complicated and arrogant; the ignorant and illiterate; and the sophisticated and educated

The Diocese welcomes a man of God who is a builder, reconciler with empathy and

sense of justice and respect for all; a preacher, counsellor, teacher, leader, administrator, manager, organisation developer; and a loving father and family man.

**REPORT ON THE BIENNIAL CONSULTATION ON URBAN MINISTRY WITH THEME: #WE MUST RISE: HEALERS-DREAMERS-JESTERS, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 17 – 20 AUGUST 2016 AT ST ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL**

By Fr Jonathan Londt

The consultation opened with a thought provoking theme for young people from all walks of life, and their voices echoed through the Cathedral of St Alban. They spoke about their

life situation, under the sub-theme 'Wounded but Healing'.

The questions was: "Is the Church or society 'going to listen to their stories, what is to

be done for them, will the church become agents of healing for a wounded nation?"



**Above, enthusiastic children at a crèche in 'Alaska', a Mamelodi informal settlement**

University of Stellenbosch #FeesMustFall student leader Lovely Nwadeyi voiced her dismay at the reality that churches and priests were out of touch with the reality of university protests. They were not proclaiming from the pulpits on how the church could get involved, she said.

We heard young people's horrendous stories of sexual

abuse, violence, forced prostitution and abandonment from home and society. These young people were deeply scarred by those whom they trusted and loved. Some faced many challenges in their daily lives, like social evil, gang violence, drugs, rape, unemployment, homelessness, hopelessness and poverty. Gangsterism was still rife in the townships and human life had

become cheap. Those in the townships have no protection from crime and there was no support base at home.

Young people encouraged us that others should stay positive, 'do not let circumstances define you', 'God has a plan', 'it is what you do about life', 'inspire others to rise', 'I believe that I can and will make it' and 'we all have to make choices'. There is



ongoing healing taking place in their lives and they have turned their lives around with the assistance of others and institutions.



**Picture on left, Fr. Meshack Mariri on a pilgrimage to 'Alaska', a Mamelodi informal Settlement where together with Fr Jonathan Londt, in a jacket on right picture, visited a safety home for abused children and women**

Bishop Allan's story about 'going to the other side', to have an encounter with the marginalised encouraged them, and this was evident on the pilgrims to, among other places, Mamelodi, Diepsloot, Marabastad, Salvokop, Contested Spaces, Shoshanguve, Hammanskraal,

Nellmapius, Moreletapark, Olievenhoutbosch and Echo Youth Development.

Fr Mariri and I went on a pilgrimage to 'Alaska', a Mamelodi informal settlement, where we had conversations and consultations with support group Vie, which assists women

and children who have survived sexual abuse. On the site was a crèche with enthusiastic and happy children. These young volunteers have turned their situations and the communities around, and pilgrims had a first-hand experience of the daily activities of these young people.

## FROM THE DIOCESAN GUILDS AND ORGANISATIONS

(July to September 2016)

By Donald Chiloane

### Tumelong Mission and Development Programme

The Tumelong Mission is at the forefront of Social Development in our Church in the Diocese of Pretoria. It is a flagship of our Christian outreach and is the envy of most Dioceses in the Province. It has done so much impressive work, that Hope Africa, the Provincial Social Responsibility Department, has invited our Director, Paulina Tlaka, to help them with the establishment of Social Development in other Dioceses.

The main activities of the Mission are HIV/AIDS

prevention, treatment and care; Early Childhood Development; Poverty and hunger alleviation and elimination; Care and support for the elderly and persons with disabilities; Youth Empowerment and Gender Sensitisation.

All Parishes are humbly called upon to participate in the programmes of Tumelong Mission by contributing resources and also by reporting cases where Social Development interventions are urgently required. The Parish

Executive Committee members of Social Development are also members of Friends of Tumelong and are expected to attend all Friends of Tumelong quarterly meetings which are held at the Bishop Kraft Centre, next to St Saviour's Church, Pretoria West.

Bishop Allan is appealing to all Parishes to support Tumelong Mission bottle-top project so that every Parish acquires a wheel chair of its own to assist during an emergency.

### Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild (BMMG)

The BMMG has been active in the past quarter with activities which included running a Winter Soup Kitchen by the BMMG of St Alban's Cathedral Church which benefitted about 120 people living on the streets of the City; attending the Guilders' Conference in Botswana in July 2016; undertaking monthly hospital visits at Mamelodi Day Hospital; admitting a new member at St Paul in Saulsville; the Executive Committee visiting the Parishes of St Saviour and St Timothy,

The Reeds in July and August 2016 respectively; and conducting training and development of prospective members at St Alban's Cathedral.

The Diocesan Executive Committee attended the Provincial Council meeting in the Diocese of Mbashe, Eastern Cape in September 2016. The BMMG Imbizo which was scheduled for July 2016 has been postponed to a date still to be announced.

The Executive of BMMG was previously advised by DSC to look at their constitution with particular attention to the difference between the Diocesan Constitution and the Provincial Constitution with regard to Associates. The Executive Committee together with The Very Revd Palo Thabane are visiting parishes where there are tensions to continue with reconciliation work amongst BMMG members and their Associates

### Mothers' Union (M U)

The M. U. proudly celebrated Mary Sumner Day at St Augustine Church in Garankuwa. The service also commemorated the 140th

anniversary of the international M. U. and 110 years of the Diocesan MU. All the people who were instrumental in the compilation of the history of the

M. U. in Pretoria were also commended at this service.

The M. U. will be sending delegates to the Anglicans



Ablaze Conference to be in Cape Town from 5 to 8 October 2016. Other activities include hosting Clergy Family Prayer Day on the 20 October 2016 and commemorating

International HIV/AIDS Day on the 3 December 2016.

Members of the M. U. continue to touch the lives of others in their communities offering

physical and spiritual support, visiting the sick and comforting bereaved families throughout the Diocese.



***Bishop Allan's first confirmation service on the 29 May 2016 at the Cathedral. The confirmation candidate is Tshegetso Mthembu of St Saviour, Pretoria West. Bishop confirmed 47 candidates including 31 from the Cathedral.***

### **Anglican Women's Fellowship (AWF)**

The AWF celebrated the Mary and Martha Day at St Bernard the Martyr in Atteridgeville in July 2016. The event was a huge success. The AWF Executive Committee also attended the Mary Sumner Day in Garankuwa in solidarity with the M. U.

The Diocesan AWF will be hosting the Provincial AWF conference and the 50th Anniversary Celebrations at the Alpha Centre, Broederstroom in the St Jude Parish and Madibeng Archdeaconry area from the 19 to 23 October 2016. The opening service of

the conference by Bishop Allan Kannemeyer will be at St Alban's Cathedral on the 19 October 2016 at 17.00.

The AWF will participate in the Clergy Family Prayer Day jointly with the M. U.

### **St Lawrence Guild**

The Guild celebrated the birth of their Patron Saint with a series of services during the month of August. In Pretoria East and Rustenburg, they celebrated on the 13 and 14 August 2016 respectively. The Diocesan Festival was celebrated at St Alban's Cathedral on the 27

August 2016 where the new Diocesan Executive Committee was elected.

The new Diocesan Executive Committee comprises Phenyio Mashiane, Chairperson; Tumisho Mohlahlane, Deputy Chairperson; Itumeleng Kolwane, Secretary; Lethabo Katane, Treasurer;

Keletso Tshoane, PRO; Alex Nyokong, Phemelo Mogalwe, Itumeleng Mabuse and Ivy Mulaudzi are Additional Members.

The Committee urgently need the support of all parishes, especially the clergy, to be able to do their work to "serve in the church of God".

### **Pretoria Anglican Choirs Fellowship (PACF)**

The PACF were involved in activities in the past quarter which included attending the Patronal Festival of the St Peter, Tlounane in Magaliesberg Archdeaconry on the 03 July 2016 as an outreach project; being represented at the St Peter, Garankuwa 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration also on the 03 July 2016; holding an Executive Committee meeting on the 17 July 2016 at St Bede, Soshanguve and a General

Council meeting on the 06 August 2016 at the church of the Holy Cross, Soshanguve; undertaking an outreach visit to and holding an Executive Committee meeting at St Stephen, Mogwase on the 21 August 2016; and being represented at the Western Region, Rustenburg Family Day on 28 August 2016.

They following activities will take place in the next quarter:

Diocesan Music Festival at St Andrews, Tlhabane on the 08 October 2016; the PACF celebration of All Saints/All Souls Day at All Saints Church, Mamelodi East on 06 November 2016; the PACF General Council and Budget Meeting will take place there after the service; and the Provincial Music Festival will take place in Durban hosted by Hammersdale on the 03 December 2016.

### **Anglican Students Fellowship (ASF)**

The ASF attended the Provincial Conference with their Chaplain and have gained a lot of valuable lessons from the conference.

The ASF has planned a series of activities for the months of September and October 2016 such as the Paballo Mkhshane Annual Lecture; Revival

Crusades; Sexuality Workshop and Exam Prayer services. They have also embarked on a Laptop drive to find resources to help needy students to cope with the demands of tertiary study.

In terms of one of the resolution from their conference, the ASF will be

conducting a data-base drive to compile a comprehensive list of tertiary students in the Diocese. They will also work with the DTI and SETAs in interventions for jobs and job creation for graduates.

### **St Agnes Guild**

The Guild held its annual conference at the church of the Holy Cross in Soshanguve on the 24 - 25 June 2016. The conference was followed by the General Council meeting in July

2016 at St Andrew, Tlhabane, where the annual programme for the Guild was drafted.

A Fund-raising event was conducted at St Lawrence, Soshanguve in August 2016.

The event was a huge success and also contributed to forming strong bonds between members of the Guild.

### **Anglican Men's Guild (AMG)**

The AMG has been admitted into membership by the Diocesan Standing Committee and their constitution was received by the DSC. The constitution will need some

fine-tuning with the help of the Diocesan Legal Department before it is approved. It will hopefully be officially adopted at the next DSC meeting in November 2016.

The AMG is in the building phase and many visits to various Parishes are presently being undertaken. The AMG has already designed a uniform and many men at the Parishes

visited have shown an interest in becoming members.

The AMG is working together with the M. U. as well as the AWF in building the Parishes and the Diocese into formidable structures of the Church governed by the Rules of the Diocese.

The Interim Committee will convene the Elective Conference at an appropriate time after as many Parishes as possible in the Diocese have been familiarised with the

AMG's aims and objectives and after the Constitution has been approved by the Diocese.

The Interim Executive Committee of the AMG comprises: Advocate Abbey Thantsha from St Francis, Mamelodi – President; Messrs Johannes Mantji from St Michael, Garankuwa – Deputy President; Molahlegi Ramushu from St Francis, Mamelodi – Secretary; Godfrey Maja from St Paul, Saulsville – Treasurer; Thabo Molapo from St Michael,

Garankuwa – PRO and Dr Mark Shinnors of St Bernard the Martyr, Atteridgeville – Assistant Secretary but now indisposed. Additional Executive Committee Members are Messrs Norman Nzama and Sam Sono from St Bernard the Martyr; Philly Boshomane from St Francis, Mamelodi; Victor Malewa from St Michael, Garankuwa and Justice Mahlase from All Saints, Mamelodi East.

## **MORE NEWS FROM SEPTEMBER DIOCESAN STANDING COMMITTEE**

By George Mahlaela

### **Finances and Stewardship**

A year to date budget deficit of R 736 560.00 with Parish contribution arrears of R 172 610.00 was discussed with great concern. This matter will receive the attention of the Archdeacons for further engagement with the Parish Executive Committees. Bishop Allan was most encouraging in his exhortation when he said "money follows mission" and that this can only happen when "we are all doing what we are

called to do." He assured the meeting that good things will happen for the Church if all clergy and lay leaders sharpen their skills in leading and teaching.

The current season of Stewardship has to be used for the most effective results in the spiritual growth of the members. This will to a large extent contribute to an improved financial situation of

Parishes and the Diocese. Bishop expressed his gratitude for Ntate Phuphuu Matseke, the Coordinator of the Diocesan Stewardship Campaign and his team, the Magaliesberg Archdeacon Fr Herman Ndlovu and their Archdeaconry Coordinator Fr Raynard Schovell for the sterling work in putting *together* a user-friendly 2016 Stewardship Campaign programme.

### **Good Governance**

A Task Team has been set up to review all Rules and aspects of Governance in the Diocese and to make recommendations for the strengthening and improvement of the Rules and Governance Structures of the Diocese. The latter is to be aligned with international and

local best practice, legislation and the needs of the Diocese. This is a long term project and the Convenor of the Task Team will report regularly at DSC meetings.

The following were appointed as members of the Governance

and Rules Task Team: Mr Peter Greenwood as Convenor, Revd Julian Kok, Ms Faith Mhlanga, Mr Neil Modingwana – Deputy Registrar, Ms Thebi Moja – Bursar and Advocate Richard Rafedile – Deputy Chancellor.

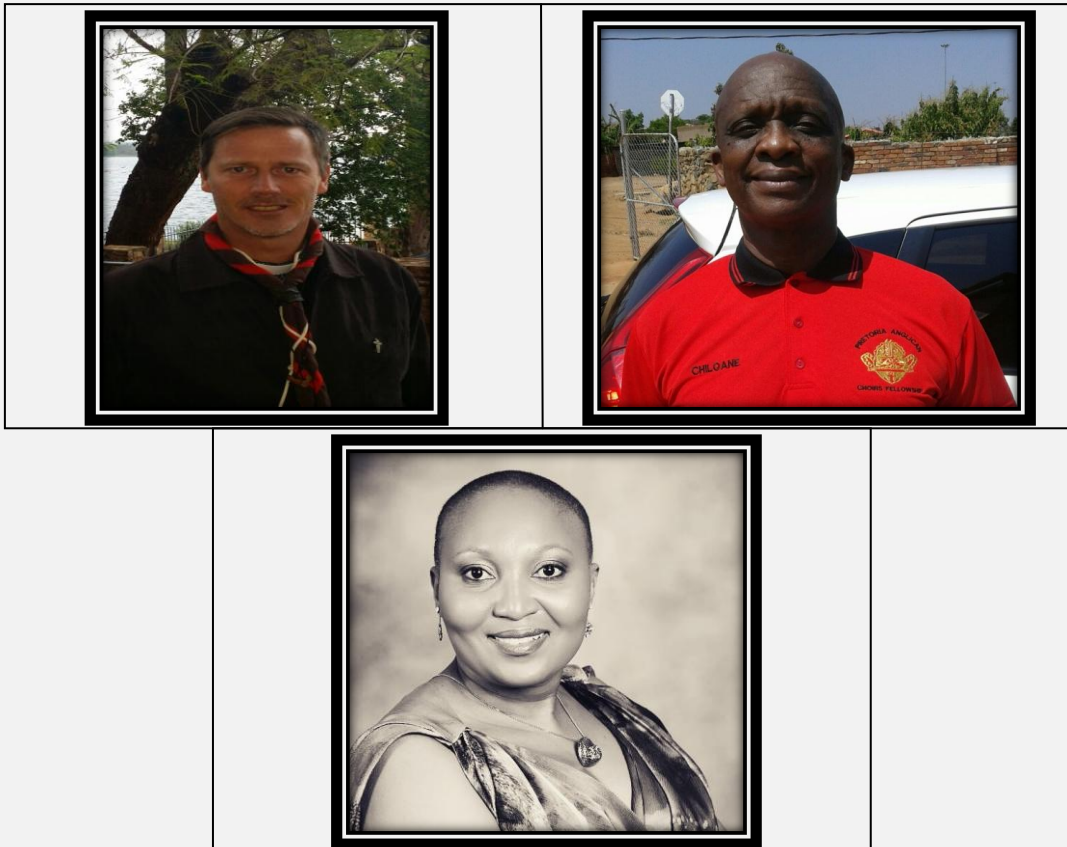
## Communication Strategy

The Diocese which is a Provincial structure of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) is a key link between the office of the Bishop, Clergy, Laity, Guilds, Organisations, Institutions, Parishes and the larger church community, wishes to create a communications platform which will be effective, seamless and enable it to reach all its members and communities. Reviving the Diocesan website and revisiting The Kingdom are steps meant to achieve this goal and eventually make

communication happen consistently.

Our Communication Strategy therefore seeks to enable the Diocese to be an engaged, caring and responsive partner with all its members and communities; keeping all its members and communities informed; creating an environment conducive for mutual respect in knowledge sharing and extend its work of ensuring the spiritual wellbeing of its members and communities.

We support the Vision, Mission Statements and Synod Theme of the Diocese in our work. We value commitment, transparency, reliability, cost effectiveness and simplicity. Please support us to ensure regular, quarterly, two-way communication flow between the Diocese and its Parishes, Guilds, Organisations and Institutions. It must be about the all-round active life of the Church with photos with graphic photos that say it all.



**Members of the Communication Team, clockwise from top Fr Vernon Foster, Donald Chiloane and Elelwana Pahlhana**

We wish that the implementation of the Communication Strategy will be easily embraced by all for successful communication throughout the Diocese. Bishop Allan and the Diocesan

Standing Committee (DSC) have appealed to the Archdeacons to identify "Reporters" in each Archdeaconry to be the links and resources for the two-way

supply of information for the website and newsletter.

The Communication Team members assisted in preparing the draft communication strategy. They will be

implementing it with the Bishop's Warden under the authority of the Bishop and supported by DSC. A regularly updated Diocesan website and online newsletter, The

Kingdom, will be the main sources of communication for effectiveness and keeping costs down. It will be a quarterly responsibility of each Parish Executive Committee to access

the newsletter, download it and make copies for parishioners. Individual parishioners may offer in sharing the responsibility to make copies for others.

### **New Rule On Easter and Pentecost Offerings**

Rule 11.6 of the Rules of the Diocese of Pretoria has been amended to ensure transparency and due governance.

The effect of the new Rule is that a duly licensed Rector or Priest-in-charge shall be entitled to receive an annual Easter offering. This also applies to non-stipendiary Clergy who are licensed as Rectors or Priests-in-charge of a parochial charge or chapelry. A licensed Assistant stipendiary or non-stipendiary Clergy person shall be entitled to receive an annual Pentecost Offering.

Envelopes bearing the words "Easter Offering" may only be handed out two weeks before Easter. Collection of the said

envelopes must cease two weeks after Easter. All monies collected from these envelopes and the Easter Day collections, must be banked through the normal banking procedure and the deposit must be recorded as Easter Offering. No "Lent" offering or envelopes are part of the Easter Offering to the Clergy person concerned. The collections of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are part of the normal collections and are deposited as such.

Envelopes bearing the words "Pentecost Offering" may only be handed out two weeks before Pentecost. Collection of the said envelopes must cease two weeks after Pentecost. All monies collected from these

envelopes and the Pentecost Day collections, must be banked through the normal banking procedure and the deposit must be recorded as Pentecost Offering.

The Church/Chapelrywardens must ensure that the full amount of the Easter Day or Pentecost Day offerings and collections is transferred to the Diocesan Office so that it can be paid to the Clergy person/s concerned.

Should a Parish/Chapelry wish to supplement the Easter Offering or Pentecost offering, they may do so with permission from the Bishop. The Bishop will consider their request based on the financial health of the Parish.

### **Resuscitation of the Cathedral Administration Board**

The Cathedral Administration Board (CATHAD) is a long standing structure that has been put in place for the main purpose of, inter alia, dealing with the upkeep of the Cathedral and its precinct, the finances necessary for such upkeep and promoting the Cathedral as the Mother Church of the Diocese and as the heart of the Anglican communion to the city of Tshwane.

Since the previous tensions between the Cathedral and the Diocesan leadership, there have been strained relations which unfortunately affected the work of CATHAD. Relations broke down completely when later the Diocesan Office moved out of the Cathedral precinct to 802 Pretorius Street. This affected the Cathedral finances adversely.

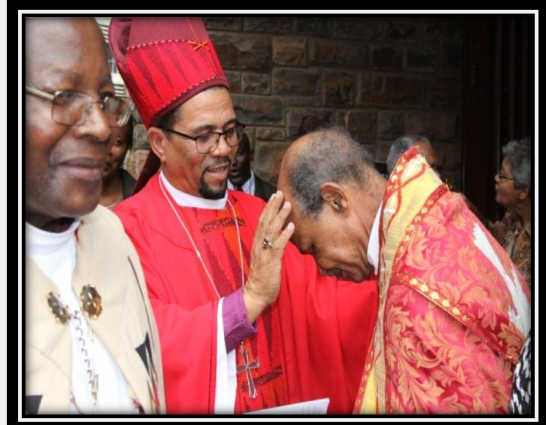
Warming attitudes and normalisation of relations have made it possible for the Cathedral to approach DSC to seek to resuscitate CATHAD and this request has been well received. A principle decision was taken to set up a sub-committee made up of the Cathedral and DSC members to deal with the matter in more detail and report back to their principals to move forward.



DSC will be represented by Ms Keneilwe Mangoejane, Messrs Abbey Thantsa, Peter Tshoane and Paul Pretorius.



***Newly consecrated Bishop of Pretoria,  
The Rt Revd Allan Kannemeyer  
being presented to the people of God by the then Vicar  
General The Very Palo Thabane***



***The new Bishop Allen blessing the old Bishop  
Jo watched by the elder Bishop Anthony***



***Bishop Allen and family, sons in white shirts and wife  
in the middle***



***George Mahlaela, the first appointee of  
Bishop Allen Kannemeyer,  
as the Bishop's Warden  
seen with Fr Jonathan Londt and  
Fr Aaron Chituta with spectacles***

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