

# The Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

(Anglican Church of Southern Africa in Limpopo)

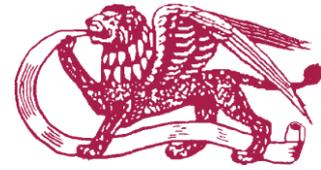
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## Acts and Resolutions of the 12<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod: 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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Held at Christ Church Cathedral, Polokwane

### 1 Rule Change: Requirement for Lay Ministers

#### 1.1 Principle:

This Synod notes that the word “mature” in the Diocesan Rule 19.3 could give the impression that Licensed Lay Ministers should be “mature in years”. This is potentially misleading as it is not the intention of the paragraph to suggest that young age is a barring factor in the Bishop’s licensing of Lay Ministers.

#### 1.2 Rule Change

The word “mature” be deleted from Diocesan Rule 19.3, and replaced with the word “God-fearing”.

### 2 Sale of Land at Jane Furse Memorial Village

#### 2.1 Background

The Executive Team of the Jane Furse Village has been in discussions with the District Municipality since 2014 for the sale and purchase of 10 hectares of land which was awarded to the Diocese in terms of Land Redistribution. (Minutes of meeting of the Board of Trustees dated 21st November 2014.) Nothing could be done until the land was transferred into the name of the Diocesan Trustees and the Minister of Land Affairs had consented to the sale.

A valuation of the land was done and an amount of R1million was mentioned as a ball park figure. The Diocesan Board of Trustees agreed to give the District Municipality a Power of attorney to appoint experts to carry out an Environmental Impact Study and Assessment of the land they wished to buy. Surveys were carried out and the land approved as being suitable for offices for the Municipality.

At a meeting of Diocesan Trustees on the 17th July 2015 it was reported that the district Municipality was eagerly pursuing the issue but the title deed issue was delaying progress.

The property was registered in the name of the Diocese on the 16th October 2016. At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 18th November 2016 it was minuted that the process of the sale be incorporated into the discussion with the land transfer because in terms of the title deed the consent of the Minister was required before the Diocese could sell any land. In March 2017 application was made through the offices of the Land Restitution Commission to the Minister of

Land Affairs to sell to the District Municipality the 10 hectares already surveyed and accepted as environmentally suitable.

No response was received.

A new application to the Minister was lodged in March 2018 requiring the Minister to approve the sale of approximately 10 hectares of the property as surveyed and agreed to by the Municipality for an amount to be agreed and transfer of the remainder of the property, when the trustees believe the time is right, to the Jane Furse Memorial Village Non-Profit Company.

The Office of the Minister of Rural Development and Land Affairs requires a formal resolution from the Diocese to complete their documentation.

## 2.2 Resolution

The Synod of the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist hereby resolves

- 1) to sell the identified and surveyed 10 hectares of the Portion 21 of the farm Vergelegen to the Sekhukhune District Municipality or the appropriate local government authority for an amount and under conditions to be agreed upon;
- 2) to transfer the remainder of the property into the name of the Jane Furse Village Non Profit Company when the Diocesan Trustees deem the time is right;
- 3) and requests the Honourable Minister of Rural Development and Land Affairs to consent to this course of action.

## 3 Order of St Mark: Betty Monyemorathoe

Nomination by the Parish of Letaba, for the Order of St Mark the Evangelist to be conferred on Betty Monyemorathoe.

The motion was approved unanimously.

## 4 Order of St Mark: Muriel Wagenhauser

The Council and membership of St Michael's United Church, Modimolle, request that the Order of St Mark be awarded to Mrs Muriel Wagenhauser for services to St John the Baptist Community Church, Modimolle, over a thirty year period.

The motion was approved unanimously.

## 5 Requirements for Membership

This Synod,

### Noting:

- 1) The requirements for membership in Rule 13.1;
- 2) That the Diocese expects members to give to the church in proportion to their income – with the tithe as the standard we aspire to;

### Recognises that:

- 1) Those who have no regular income may find it difficult to pledge or give financially in a regular way;
- 2) Parishes can encourage them to give by means of practical service to the church, under the authority of the Incumbent and Church Council.

## 6 Commitment to Disciple-Making

This Synod, noting that:

- 1) The process of Discipleship and Disciple-Making are critical to our Christian walk with Christ
- 2) The World Wide Anglican Communion has committed to a Season of Discipleship and Disciple-Making under the auspices of the “Jesus-Shaped Life” Group;
- 3) Our own Diocesan Bishop, the Right Revd Martin Breytenbach, is playing an important role in this body;
- 4) Unless we as Christian Leaders, and all Christians in our respective areas of influence take this matter seriously, we will achieve not much more than lukewarm followers of Christ;

Commends the Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist:

- 1) To support fully this Season of Discipleship and Disciple-Making;
- 2) To fully utilise the numerous resources available, for example the LEAD Program, Rooted in Jesus, ALPHA, and material emanating from the Jesus-Shaped Life group, etc.

Respectfully requests that:

- 1) The Bishop and Chapter authorise and encourage the use of Disciple-Making material for training;
- 2) Our Clergy and Parishes take seriously the need for educated, equipped and empowered Christians in this Diocese;
- 3) This Synod endorses and encourages Bishop Martin in his role in this body;
- 4) And, asks that he, and his successors, share with us and implement all relevant Disciple-Making programs so that this Diocese can grow to full maturity in Christ.

## 7 Safe Church Network

This Synod, noting:

The number of people world-wide, including within our own Anglican Province, who have suffered, especially but not exclusively, sexual abuse, at the hands of Anglican Clergy, and the call by our Metropolitan for every Diocese to establish a team of experts to assist those so abused and to oversee that justice is done,

Calls on Bishop Martin:

To establish forthwith a team of professionals and advisors, for example; lawyers; psychologists; social workers, Counsellors, clergy and others, to oversee such a responsibility within this Diocese.

This Synod further recommends:

- 1) The key objective of this team is to act and be seen to act effectively, to achieve holistic and sustainable healing
- 2) That this team have the power to co-opt and the authority to work throughout the entire Diocese
- 3) The team will report to the Diocesan Bishop
- 4) And whenever possible liaise or work with the relevant Archdeacon, Clergy and local Parish leadership
- 5) The team will also assist in training clergy and other leaders in matters pertaining to sexual abuse, violence and discrimination
- 6) And generally, empower all our people to stand for justice and truth in matters of gender violence, abuse and discrimination, including and especially that effecting women and children.

## **8 Admission of Baptized Children to Communion before Confirmation.**

This Synod, noting the approved resolution of Provincial Synod 1979, which affirms that:

- 1) The Sacrament of Christian Initiation – Baptism and Confirmation – is a single sacrament
- 2) Baptism is the sacrament whereby a person is admitted into full membership of the Body of Christ

Recognises, in line with Provincial Synod 1979, that in the Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist:

- 1) A baptized person be permitted to receive Holy Communion before confirmation in any church within the Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist
- 2) And shall be recognized as a communicant and full member of their respective church by all parishes of the Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist

And Respectfully Requests that this Synod endorses this practice, providing that:

- 1) This be done only with the express permission of the parents/guardians of such child
- 2) Teaching be done by Clergy to explain the theology behind this practice
- 3) Church councils be encouraged to support this practice
- 4) And, encourages all such communicants later to accept the responsibilities of confirmation at a mature age.

## **9 Funerals of Non-Anglicans or Even Non-Believers**

This Synod

**Noting** that:

- 1) Our clergy are at times approached to conduct the funerals and burials of non-Anglicans or even non-believers;
- 2) Often families do not belong to any church but wish to bury their loved ones in a dignified and respectful way;
- 3) Most of our chapelries are anxious to grow their congregations;
- 4) One meaningful way of drawing them into the church is to reach out and respond during a time of grief to non-Christians or to families who do not normally attend a church as their normal custom;

**Believing** that:

- 1) The church has a responsibility to comfort those in need during a difficult period;
- 2) If handled in a sensitive and caring fashion, undertaking funerals of non-churchgoers or even unbelievers is an important way of drawing individuals or even families into the church and closer to God;
- 3) Providing people with comfort and solace and sharing God's love during their time of grief, giving them closure through a Christian funeral service is our calling as Christians;

**Respectfully requests** Diocesan Chapter to draw up guidelines for clergy to bury non-churchgoing or even non-believing deceased persons, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The family to submit a written request;
- 2) The family agrees to pay certain costs (which could be standardized).
- 3) Such burials are not conducted on Sundays.

## 10 Generational Gap Conversations

This Synod notes that the church is facing a challenge that some young people leave the Anglican Church because of the lack of flexibility to accommodate them in our worship style. Others leave Limpopo to study in other provinces and join other churches.

Therefore respectfully requests

- 1) Parishes to work together with the Diocesan Youth Coordinator to facilitate a process of having inter-generational gap conversations to address the challenge of the youth and older Parishioners not understanding one another.
- 2) The Rector or priest in charge to develop a system of keeping in contact with students, working where possible with the Diocesan Youth Coordinator to refer them to other churches in other dioceses so that we can keep contact with them.

## 11 Youth and Children Budget

This synod:

- 1) Notes that children and youth are important to the growth of the church.
- 2) Therefore requests that all Parishes make provision in their budgets towards this ministry, with the goal in the future to have a children and youth worker.

## 12 Youth Leadership

This Synod notes that our youth are capable of playing a leadership role within the Parish. Therefore it encourages Parishes to give young people the opportunity to exercise leadership in Parish structures, e.g. lay ministers, parish councillors, church wardens etc.

## 13 Evaluation of the Training being Offered in Various Ministries

Noting that various training has been offered/taken place, i.e. children's ministry, youth ministry and preaching.

This Synod respectfully requests that proper evaluation be done to measure the impact of the training.

## 14 Retired Clergy as Trainers and Mentors in Assisting Diocesan Training

Whereas, this Synod

Recognises the valuable role which retired clergy can play in training, in countering false teaching, in the development and empowering of people, valuable resources could be lost if they are not specifically targeted. There are many skills learned by experience that are not in textbooks. Retiring Clergy have a wealth of knowledge, experience background in training, and history (Anglican & South African), which could be shared with younger clergy and lay leaders

And, acknowledging the often long distances clergy must travel for training, and that self-supporting clergy cannot easily take time off from work to attend such training. Long distances can sometimes increase feelings of isolation and a mentor available can counter this with advice and support

Believes that that a specific mentor should be assigned to a specific Parish so relationships and trust grow

Respectfully requests the Bishop and Chapter to:

- 1) Institute a program whereby retired clergy can be more effectively and frequently used as trainers and mentors at Diocesan training events, and locally in Parishes
- 2) Develop a 'floating' system to assist in a Parish where a Rector is away for a long period of time (e.g. Severe illness), or awaiting a new Rector
- 3) Develop a formal structured program of training for members of the Diocese as they progress from membership of the Guild of St. Mark and pre-ordination training, training for new Deacons and Priests (e.g. Practical training in celebrating the Eucharist)
- 4) Include Lay Ministers, Interns and other Diocesan ministries (EG. Sunday School teachers) into a similar program of training
- 5) Use such training and teaching to counter false theological teaching, and to generally empower and equip people for more effective ministry

## 15 Unity in Worship

This Synod

Noting that:

- 1) The role of the church is encapsulated in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).
- 2) The church is corporately the people of God united in the purpose of propagating the Gospel and promoting the continual growth of the church in three dimensions, namely:
  - a) Spiritually,
  - b) the cure of souls (be it materially or psychologically) and
  - c) numerically.
- 3) Many small churches in the diocese cannot sustain themselves because they are too small and have very limited resources.
- 4) Clergy in some parishes are stretched and cannot supply these churches with more than a very limited ministry which limits the potential for growth.

To summarise:

The Proposer respectfully requests that Chapelries and Parishes consider the forming of United Churches where membership has dwindled or they find themselves in difficulties to make them no longer sustainable.

## 16 Mutual Support

This Synod notes:

The lack of financial support from within our parishes to assist one another in case of need is conspicuous. The Diocese has parishes that can help others to meet their needs.

As one body in Christ, this Synod respectfully requests a policy to be developed to address this matter and to direct the finance board to carefully work out modalities for its implementation.

## 17 Constitution of Jane Furse Memorial Village

This Synod gives thanks for progress made, and approves the new Memorandum of Incorporation for the Jane Furse Memorial Village as a Non-Profit Company.

## 18 Constitution of St Mark's College

This Synod approves the new Memorandum of Incorporation for St Mark's College as a Non-Profit Company – an Anglican Church School in partnership with the Limpopo Department of Education.

## 19 Paperless Diocese by 2021

This Synod notes:

- 1) The greatest responsibility of humanity to care for God's creation as the custodians, as per Genesis 1:28
- 2) The great (excessive) amount of paper used at meetings such as Diocesan Standing Committee;
- 3) The costs of paper and its negative impacts on the environment;
- 4) The emergent use of electronic devices (in this Information Age) and their simplicity;

Furthermore:

- 1) It is encouraged by the Diocesan Youth of Cape Town, who in 2017, called for a "paperless" Synod.
- 2) It lauds Synod of Bishops for setting a great example by carrying out a "paperless" Synod.

This Synod therefore respectfully pledges:

- 1) To adopt as far as possible a "paperless" diocese by 2021 and thus reduce paper usage in its activities, and instead resort to the use of electronic devices;
- 2) That the Diocesan Standing Committee, as executor of Synod's resolutions, strives to adopt a paperless administration policy, with the advice of the Diocesan Green Anglicans Council.

## 20 Adoption of Financial Statements 2015 -2017

Synod adopted the Audited financial Statements of Diocesan Finance Board and the Diocesan Board of Trustees for 2015 to 2017. It was noted joyfully that they were unqualified "clean")reports.

## 21 Lephalale Mission Parish Arrears

This synod notes that Lephalale Mission Parish has been in arrears since 2014 which is now five years – totalling R45,824.00 at present.

Synod resolves that the Mission Parish be given amnesty to start on a clean slate in 2019, provided that they are up to date with their current pledge to the Diocese at the end of 2018.

## 22 Zoutpansberg Arrears

This Synod, noting that Zoutpansberg Parish

- 1) Acting in good faith accepted a trainee deacon, Revd Bertha Gowera in 2015
- 2) This was based on the promise of assistance from her home Diocese in Zimbabwe, but that assistance never materialised
- 3) Zoutpansberg Parish therefore incurred unforeseen and additional costs
- 4) This led to the Parish falling into arrears in 2015, and this financial strain continued for 2016 and 2017
- 5) That the Parish has endeavoured to pay off these arrears by paying an additional R1000 per month to its Pledge, for the period January 2016 to date;

Therefore, respectfully requests Diocesan Finance Board to authorise the writing-off of these outstanding arrears accumulated from January 2015 to 31 December 2017.

## 23 Communication

This synod, Noting that:

- 1) The role of the church is to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of this world and to communicate the grace of God so that the world may be brought to salvation.
- 2) Communication is a wider issue including how we keep contact with each other and ensure that the information we need for effective ministry and management of our churches is available to us all the time.
- 3) Technology advances have made communication much simpler and affordable for all people.
- 4) While there are informal efforts to increase the use of information technology (in particular the promotion of MyAnglican) there is no formal structure to extend this to the entire diocese, resulting in pockets of implementation, while many areas are still only communicable via telephone.

Respectfully requests that:

- 1) the Bishop appoint a committee to address the issues of communication in the diocese through:
  - a) the development of a formalised communications strategy that is achievable and measurable,
  - b) the planning of and implementation of appropriate technologies to facilitate communication both at parish level and at diocesan level,
  - c) The implementation of training programmes for all clergy and office bearers in the churches of the diocese for the introduction and use of various communication systems and technologies,
  - d) The monitoring and reporting to the Bishop and Diocesan Finance Board on the progress of implementation of communication systems on a regular basis and
  - e) The establishment and oversight of a budget to finance the implementation of the above strategy.
- 2) The Diocesan Finance Board appoint a person with information technology experience to coordinate and drive the implementation and training of communication systems in the diocese. This will be absolutely necessary if a communication strategy is going to succeed as it requires the dedication of a person on a full time basis. Such a person would be required to:
  - a) Help in the development of the communication strategy,
  - b) Assist in the implementation of communication systems both telephone and computer based.
  - c) Manage internet and telecommunications protocols for the diocese as a whole.
  - d) Promote and encourage the implementation of technologies that are appropriate to each parish and the diocese.
  - e) Liaise with the developers and assist in the roll out of MyAnglican in all parishes.
  - f) Undertake training of the clergy and office bearers in each parish on the use of communication systems such as MyAnglican etc.
  - g) Report regularly to the proposed Communications Committee on the progress being made.
  - h) Manage a communications budget to ensure the most cost effective implementation of the strategy.

## 24 Priests in Charge

This Synod

- 1) Notes that the ministry of the Rector and Priest in Charge are of equal importance.

- 2) Requests the Bishop and Chapter to investigate if Priests in Charge should be licensed with a specific time frame.
- 3) Believes that the Bishop should be empowered to renew the licence when necessary.

## **25 Travelling Rates Review**

This synod notes that car maintenance including petrol and spare parts cost are going up day by day.

Respectfully requests Diocesan Finance Board to review travelling rates regularly, recommending R4 per kilometre at this time.

## **26 Appointment of Diocesan Auditor**

DFB nominated SizweNtsalubaGobodo Inc as Diocesan Auditors for the next three years.

Synod agreed to and approved the appointment of SizweNtsalubaGobodo Inc as Diocesan Auditors for 2019 to 2021.

## **27 Evangelism and Church Growth**

This Synod

Noting that:

- 1) The church needs to evangelize and draw people to Christ (see Matthew 28)
- 2) A lot of teachings have been taking place such as 1) Rooted in Jesus; 2) Growing the Church;
- 3) Anglican Ablaze etc.

Challenges each parish to develop an action plan to implement these teachings. These are vehicles of bringing church to life. They need commitment, people who are committed with a burden of the church with Christ.

## **28 Unopposed motions**

### **28.1 Unopposed Motion for the Bishop**

This synod gives thanks to God for the many years of faithful service and loving care given by Bishop Martin Breytenbach who has been an inspiration to all clergy even during the time when the family was in grief. We wish him and Colleen well with their retirement. We wish them both God's richest blessings and strength in their retirement. This synod also commits the Diocese to pray for the election of a new Bishop.

### **28.2 Philiah Makgoka**

We request this Synod to send a congratulatory message to the newly elected President of the Anglican Women's Fellowship, Mrs Philiah Makgoka.

### **28.3 Gideon Selepe**

The Synod notes with shock the death of Rev. Gideon Selepe and respectfully asks Bishop Martin to write and express Synod's condolences and assurance of prayers to Jane and the family.

### **28.4 Pam Oberholzer**

This Synod notes with both sadness and appreciation the intended resignation of Ms Pam Oberholzer early 2019.

Synod is deeply appreciative of the work done by Pam. This was always done both professionally and expeditiously. We will miss her calm and considered wisdom in matters legal and property.

Synod is also aware that Pam was strongly supported by her husband, Anton, who made possible the many hours of pro-bono work and travel Pam has undertaken on behalf of the Diocese.

For all this, Synod expresses its deepest appreciation. Pam, you are an incredible person and an inspiration to us all.

We will miss you, but wish you all the very best in your future. We assure you of our love and ongoing prayers for you and Anton.

### 28.5 Kofi Annan

This Synod notes the death today 18 August 2018 of Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations.

This Synod notes that he was an African and a world leader. We mourn his passing. Synod recognises that he and many other outstanding world leaders are African. This Synod acknowledges with appreciation the important role which African leaders can and must play in the affairs of the world.

### 28.6 Jack Kudumela

Noting that Rev Jack Kudumela since the last Synod has retired due to ill health, this Synod respectfully requests the Bishop to send our continued support of prayers to the Kudumela family.

### 28.7 Bishop Martin and Colleen

In-as-much as Bishop Martin and Colleen have been wished well with their retirement, this Synod

- 1) Rejoices with them and congratulates them on their marriage last year, and wishes them many happy years together in their partnership of love, life, light and joy.
- 2) Gives thanks to God for Mma-Bishop Colleen's very clear and visible enthusiasm and involvement in the Diocese - in music, prayer ministry, teaching gifts and other ministries.

### 28.8 Bishop Philip and Charmian

The Synod wishes our retired Bishop Philip and his wife Charmian well and safety as they embark on their sea voyage and mission to Tristan de Cunha soon. May God bless them and their mission to all the people on the island.

### 28.9 Pat Lennox

This Synod hereby acknowledges the wonderful loving service and ministry rendered to this Diocese by Rev. Pat Lennox. We wish him well and warm greetings in Ireland.

### 28.10 Lutz and Frauke Ackermann

Noting that Rev Frauke and Rev Lutz Ackermann have left the Diocese but continue sourcing funds for the Diocese, this Synod respectfully requests that the Bishop send our gratitude to them.

### 28.11 Linda Lubbe

This Synod gives thanks to God for the 13 years of the faithful service and loving care given by Ven Linda Lubbe, who has been the pillar for the Archdeaconry of Waterberg, consisting of Modimolle and Ga-Seabe parishes.

- ✠ 2005 – Assistant Rector
- ✠ 2009 – Appointed as Rector

✠ 2014 – Co-ordinator Guild of St Mark

As the Church we have gained enormously from her teaching and being an inspiration to us. A friend, mother and writer she has been to us. We wish her wonderful more blessed years ahead as she leaves South Africa at the end of September 2018 to join her elderly parents in the UK and to also continue with her ministry.

## 28.12 Youth

This Synod acknowledges with thanks the work done by the Youth during this Synod.

## 29 Vote of Thanks

Dean Luke Pretorius offered a vote of thanks that incorporated everybody that was involved in the planning and preparation and execution of Synod:

Bishop Martin and Members of Synod.

It gives me great pleasure to once again stand before you and propose this vote of thanks.

We have arrived at the end of another eventful sitting of this the twelfth Synod of the Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist. It also marks another eventful year in the ministry in which we are joined through the love and calling of Christ.

It is therefore to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that I wish first to express our profound praise and thankfulness for his never-failing love, grace and leadership. Our God calls us all to ministry and worship; may we continue to be obedient and faithful in all we do as we serve and minister with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We also express our appreciation to Bishop Martin, for his profound love and leadership in this Diocese. Without your support, encouragement and example we would never have achieved all that we have achieved. Neither would we be as equipped for the ministry potential which lies before us.

We thank you for your chairing of this Synod and of all the preparatory work you do before it. You have a gentle touch with a profound ability to hear from God and provide guidance to us in the way of Christ. Thank you.

Our appreciation of you is all the more poignant because this is the last Synod you will chair with us. In a few short months you retire to Cape Town with your new and beautiful wife, Colleen. May I, on behalf of us all, wish you the very best for your retirement, and assure you of our ongoing love and support and prayer for you both.

I am sure that if we had them available, we would all jump onto a table and salute you; *O Captain, My Captain*. Thank you for being who you are; precious and godly and loving.

If I may be so bold... **[Play Video Clip]** (As dedicated in the film; *Dead Poets Society*, by the students to their beloved English Teacher, Mr Keating, played by the late Robyn Williams)

I wish also to acknowledge the leadership and support shown by all members of this sitting of Synod. The debate and decisions taken have been, as always, of a high calibre and fittingly moves this Diocese forward in obedience to God. To those who presented motions and measures and the budget for 2019 a big thank you for your hard work. Although, I am sure we all are happy we can now go home!

I must also acknowledge the vitally important, supportive and wise role played by our Diocesan Chancellor, Ms Matsaro Semanya, and Registrar, Ms Pam Oberholzer. Two incredibly wise and

competent ladies, whose legal expertise guides us all through the minefield that is Canon Law. Your calm and reassuring knowledge and practice of the law makes us all immeasurably richer. Thank you.

There are many who were an integral part of this Synod but who remain largely unseen. They are the unsung heroes who kept us fed, prayed for and equipped with agenda books and sundry pieces of paper. So, to Wendy and Freda – and your team - for their tea and meals, to the intercessory prayer team who unfailingly prayed over each of us through each sitting, to the diocesan staff who quite literally slaved in the diocesan office to get ready the agenda books and distribute them, and to those who set up the registration tables and strived to keep us orderly, presentable and registered; a very, very big thank you. May God bless you all for your willing and helpful hearts.

Our grateful appreciation to all those who agreed to stand for election to the various boards and institutions of this Diocese and of the wider Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Congratulations to those who have been elected to these positions of responsibility.

Thank you to those who took our minutes and to those who scrutinised them. You are all fantastic! To the Diocesan Interns and other runners and assistants who distributed and collected and counted; you helped make this Synod a success and you should deservedly be proud. Thank you. To those who led our worship; thank you for the time and effort you so diligently put into this. We appreciate you all and love you for it.

I wish as Dean to express my gratitude to the staff of the Cathedral. They toiled hard to make ready this church for us to meet in. They will toil again after Synod to ready it for our next service. To our clergy and pastoral staff, our administrator and vergers a very big thank you. To our Church Wardens who took responsibility to ensure the availability of this church and for their role in the opening Eucharist, and to the sound-desk personnel who made sure the microphones and projectors were working and ready for us. To those who unlocked the church and opened the doors and windows for us, please accept our grateful appreciation.

To you all, your commitment and servant-heart helped make this Synod the success it was. Thank you.

Finally, should I have inadvertently neglected to mention someone I take full responsibility and apologise unreservedly. You too have been of immeasurable worth to this Synod and we thank you.

I accordingly ask that my vote of thanks be received and accepted.

## **30 Elections**

### **30.1 Elections Among the Clergy**

#### **30.1.1 Provincial Synod (Clergy only): (3)**

##### **Elected Representatives:**

- ✠ Shearsby Mupfudzapake
- ✠ Luke Pretorius
- ✠ Philip Moseki

##### **Alternate Representatives:**

- Sejeng Chaba-Mamabolo
- Lekoapa Masipa
- David Maubane

#### **30.1.2 Provincial Standing Committee (Clergy Only) (1)**

##### **Elected Representative:**

- ✠ Shearsby Mupfudzapake

##### **Alternate Representative:**

- Luke Pretorius

30.1.3 Electoral Advisory Committee Clerical Representatives (Clergy only) (4)

**Elected Members:**

- ✠ Philip Moseki
- ✠ Raphahle Malesela
- ✠ Lekoapa Masipa
- ✠ Michael Makosholo

**Alternate Members:**

- Olive Senyatsi
- Gail Blunden
- Robbie Novella
- Isaac Maja

## 30.2 Elections Among the Laity

30.2.1 Provincial Synod (Laity only) (3)

**Elected Representatives:**

- ✠ Kgabo Ledwaba
- ✠ Freda Chigumadzi
- ✠ Solomon Makololo

**Alternate Representatives:**

- John Galane
- KJE Mashala

30.2.2 Provincial Standing Committee (Laity Only) (1)

**Elected Representative:**

- ✠ Kgabo Ledwaba

**Alternate Representative:**

- Freda Chigumadzi

30.2.3 Electoral Advisory Committee (Laity only) (4)

**Elected Members:**

- ✠ N Ligege
- ✠ Freda Chigumadzi
- ✠ Abby Ledwaba
- ✠ John Galane

**Alternate Members:**

- Pam Oberholzer
- John Mudau
- KJE Mashala
- Ludwick Mabotja

## 30.3 Elected By Clergy and Laity Voting Together

30.3.1 Electoral Advisory Committee Lay Chairperson & Deputy (All) (1)

**Elected Chairperson:**

- ✠ Peter Lekalakala

**Deputy Chairperson:**

- Edwin Nyatlo

30.3.2 Diocesan Trustees (All) (3 – at least 2 must be lay)

**Elected Members:**

- ✠ Thabang Bengani
- ✠ Kgabo Ledwaba
- ✠ Peter Lekalakala

**Alternate Members:**

- Mackson Shika (Clergy);
- Solomon Makololo (Lay)

30.3.3 Diocesan Finance Board (All) (3 – at least 2 must be lay)

**Elected Members:**

- ✠ Michael Makosholo
- ✠ Abby Ledwaba
- ✠ Charles Luthe

**Alternate Members:**

- James Kutumela (Clergy)
- Lephondo (Lay);
- Mogemi Kekana (Lay)