

DIOCESE OF ST MARK THE EVANGELIST

Minutes of the OPENING OF SYNOD and Session 1 of the 12th Diocesan Synod
held at Christ Church Cathedral, Polokwane
on the 16th August 2018 at 18h00

Thursday 16th August

1. Opening of Synod

1.1 During the Eucharist

The Bishop welcomed all guests to the 12th Synod of the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist:

- Voices of St Mark – the Choir
- Bishop of Christ the King – Bishop William Mostert
- Canon Eric
- Diocesan Lawyers

1.2 Quorum and Constitution of Synod

The Registrar, Mrs Pam Oberholzer, confirmed that a quorum was present and Bishop Martin declared Synod duly constituted.

1.3 Bishop's Charge: "Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life"

After the reading of the Gospel, Bishop Martin delivered his Charge, titled: Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life. All that were present received a copy of the Charge.

At the End of the Eucharist

1.4 Greetings from Guests

At the end of the Eucharist service Bishop Martin read two messages received from the Bishops of the Highveld and Zululand.

Bishop William of Christ the King Diocese addressed Synod and handed Bishop Martin a gift from his Diocese.

Dinner

After the conclusion of Eucharist Synod adjourned for dinner.

2. Opening Session

Synod resumed at 20h30 and Bishop Martin opened the proceedings. The Bishop thanked Christ Church Cathedral for hosting the Synod, and further thanked the caterers for the meal served.

2.1 Synod Timetable

Synod confirmed the Synod time table as contained in the First Agenda Book, page 3, without alterations

2.2 Election and Appointment of Synod Office Bearers

2.2.1 Synod approved the election of the Office Bearers who were nominated by the Agenda Committee and whose names were on page 7 of the First Agenda Book:

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| 1) Chair of Clergy | Luke Pretorius |
| 2) Chair of Laity | Kgabo Ledwaba |
| 3) Clerical Secretaries
Chaba-Mamabolo | Thabang Bengani, Caroline |
| 4) Lay Secretaries
Ledwaba | Jenny Stamp, Kgabo |

2.2.2 †Martin confirmed the appointment of the Office Bearers listed on page 7 of the First Agenda Book:

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| 1) Chair of Committee | Matsaro Semanya |
| 2) Time Keepers | Diocesan Interns |
| 3) Minutes Scrutineers
Mupfudzapake | Robbie Novella, Shearsby |
| 4) Electoral Officer
by Pam Oberholzer | Matsaro Semanya (Assisted) |
| 5) Communications & Media
Communications Team | Luke Pretorius & |

2.2.3 A team of Intercessors will be present for the duration of Synod.

2.2.4 Interns from the Diocese will serve as runners.

3. Notices

3.1 The Bishop reminded delegates to be punctual every morning for Morning Prayers and Bible Study to commence at 08h00.

3.2 Elections:

The Chancellor, Matsaro Semanya, elaborated on the process that will take place on Sunday, 19 August 2018.

4. Closure

The Bishop closed Synod in prayer at 21h30

Minutes approved

Bishop: Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

Date