

DAY 4: Sunday 19 August 2018

Sunday Eucharist

The service was a joint celebration with the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral. The Celebrant was Bishop Martin Breytenbach and the Preacher was Dean Luke Pretorius.

1. Final Session

The Bishop opened the day's sitting of Synod, and offered the Living and Sharing Jesus-shaped life prayer.

1.1 Quorum

The Registrar confirmed the quorum for Synod to continue.

1.2 Presentation and Reading of Petitions

There were no petitions or questions submitted.

1.3 Notice of Motions

Notice was given of three new motions.

1.3.1 Need for building inspectors

Proposed by: Ramusi Makwetša

Seconded by: Revd Olive Senyatsi

Noting that:

1. We acknowledge the work that Jerry Ledwaba and Roy Kirkpatrick have been doing and have done in being part of the building inspectors committee. It is quite amazing and remarkable!
2. Many church buildings are in good condition because of their work.
3. We therefore identified within the report that Mr Jerry Ledwaba has resigned from the committee, leaving Roy Kirkpatrick alone in the committee.

We therefore request that.

1. Parishes and the diocese to identify and spread the call for qualified building inspectors within the church to be of assistance.
2. TVET colleges offer special courses on engineering and therefore our own young people within our diocese will be worth benefit in being part of the committee.

The motion was approved unanimously for inclusion on the Agenda as Motion 27.

1.3.2 Motion on Church giving and Amalgamation in ministry

Proposed by: Ramusi Makwetša

Seconded by: Revd Setshedi

The motion was presented but was not accepted by the required majority, and therefore could not be included on the agenda.

1.3.3 Motion on Stewardship and Giving

Proposed By: Godswill Osuapor

Seconded By: Solomon Makololo

Our stewardship, loyalty and trust in God can be demonstrated by the degree of our faithfulness in rendering to God the things that are God's (Matthew 20:21).

Faithfulness to God can be demonstrated in various dimensions, of particular importance is our willingness and joyful remittance of our tithe to God. The remittance of our tithe to God should be understood and acknowledged as a debt and not a gift to God. If we are Jesus' people then we are Abraham's seed. Therefore the tithe is a heritage and covenant for furthering the mission of Jesus Christ. We therefore submit tithing as a biblical talent for supporting and extending the work of God.

The motion was approved for inclusion in the Agenda unanimously, however it could not be debated.

1.4 Motion 8: Evangelism and Church Growth

Proposed by: Rev Solomon Baloyi

Seconded by: Rev Thembeke Mothiba

This Synod

Noting that:

- 1) The church need 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.

The motion was approved unanimously.

1.5 Motion 11: Mandatory Age of Retirement for Stipendiary Clergy and Licensing of Older Non-Stipendiary Clergy

Proposed by: Rev Jonathan Meintjes

Seconded by: Rev Ron Reiners

This Synod

Noting that:

- 1) Stipendiary clergy retirement age is 66 years.
- 2) Clergy may remain an extra year or even up to the age of 70 in full ministry according to the pension fund rules of the province.
- 3) The diocesan bishop has absolute authority in the licensing of elderly clergy and beyond 65 the licensing is done on a year to year basis.

Respectfully requests Provincial Synod to review the retirement provisions for clergy bearing in mind inter alia the following suggestions:

- 1) Retirement age should remain at 66 (with the provision of early retirement for those who choose at 65) for those who choose to leave ministry then.
- 2) Clergy who feel fit enough to and would like to continue working beyond 66 should be permitted to do so based upon certain conditions.

The motion was not approved by Synod.

1.6 Unopposed motions

The following unopposed motions were received and all approved unanimously.

- (1) Proposer: Ven Gail Blunden
Secunder: Rev Mike Blunden

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.

- (2) Proposer: Dean Luke Pretorius
Secunder: Ven Robbie Novella

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.

- (3) Proposer: Rev Shearsby Mupfudzapake
Secunder: Rev Kaleka Selepe

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.

- (4) Proposer: Freda Chigumadzi
Seconder: Rev Solomon Baloyi

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.

- (5) Proposer: Seipati Makafare
Seconder: Rev Paulina Manganye

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.

- (6) Proposer: Rev Ron Reiners
Seconder: Rev Jonathan Meintjies

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

1.7. Elections

The Chancellor, Ms Matsaro Semenya, conducted the elections with the help of the Legal Team.

The Election results were as follows:

Elections Among the Clergy

1 Provincial Synod (Clergy only): (3)

Elected Representatives:

- ***Shearsby Mupfudzapake***
- ***Luke Pretorius***
- ***Philip Moseki***

Alternate Representatives:

- * ***Sejeng Chaba-Mamabolo***
- * ***Lekoapa Masipa***
- * ***David Maubane***

2 Provincial Standing Committee (Clergy Only) (1)

Elected Representative:

- ***Shearsby Mupfudzapake***

Alternate Representative:

- * ***Luke Pretorius***

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*

Elections Among the Laity

1 Provincial Synod (Laity only) (3)

Elected Representatives:

- *Kgabo Ledwaba*
- *Freda Chigumadzi*
- *Solomon Makololo*

Alternate Representatives:

- * *John Galane*
- * *KJE Mashala*

2 Provincial Standing Committee (Laity Only) (1)

Elected Representative:

- *Kgabo Ledwaba*

Alternate Representative:

- * *Freda Chigumadzi*

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*

Elected By Clergy and Laity Voting Together

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

Elected Chairperson:

- *Peter Lekalakala*

Deputy Chairperson:

- * *Edwin Nyatlo*

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)*

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

Elected Members:

- ***Michael Makosholo***
- ***Abby Ledwaba***
- ***Charles Luther***

Alternate Members:

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

1.8 **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.

NB.: A transcript of the vote of thanks is attached as an Addendum.

1.9 **Closure**

The Bishop called to the fore the elected Elective Assembly and prayers were offered to them considering the mammoth task ahead of electing a new bishop in 2019. Further prayers were offered particularly for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Elective Assembly.

The Chairperson of Synod offered a prayer before signing the minutes at the Lord's Table.

All stood up and the Bishop announced the close of the 12th Synod of the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist.

Minutes approved

Bishop: Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

Date