

The Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

(Anglican Church of Southern Africa in Limpopo)

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Advent & Christmas 2015 Ad Clerum Notices

These notices and attachments are also to be found on the Diocesan Web Site at:

<http://www.stmark.org.za/new-page.aspx>

1 Give for Growth

Quite a lot of money is coming in for the training of clergy – **thank you!** Remember that DSC has asked all parishes to give 10% of your “Puno” or Harvest Collection. Thank you to the parishes and organisations who have already done that.

We have printed more envelopes which have been distributed and are available at the Diocesan Office. **We encourage everyone to make donations!**

2 Fresh Expressions of Church

There is a lot taking place in Southern Africa! God is using the Mission Shaped Ministry and Fresh Expressions movement to help us discover new ways of being the Anglican church, alongside the old, in an ever-changing world.

2.1 International FE Conference

South Africa will be hosting the international Fresh Expressions Conference in Cape Town from 16th-18th February. Please find a flier attached.

2.2 Limpopo FE Training

Several members of the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist completed the Mission Shaped Ministry training course this year, and some of them are also teachers of the course. Please find attached the flier about this course. You will find it particularly helpful if you think God may be calling you:

- ✦ To reach out to people who have no contact with the church
- ✦ To plant a new church where there is no church at present.

The Archbishop has appointed me (backed up by Trevor Pearce) to be the Anglican Church Representative on the Fresh Expressions Southern Africa Board. It is exciting to meet with leaders of other churches to share in God's mission!

3 Joint Insurance Fund

Major Changes To The Assets All Risks Policy 2016

First the good news, as JIF we have been hearing that a lot of the parishes suffer serious hardship as a result of being responsible for the first R3000 of each and every claim.

Diocesan Vision: To make disciples in vibrant, self-sufficient congregations established and linked to each other by sharing in resources; ministry & service; outreach & evangelism.

We have been able to negotiate with the insurers of our policy to reduce the first amount payable to R1500 for each and every claim under the Assets All Risks policy.

The part you may not like. We will be applying an inflationary percentage of 15% to all buildings insured under the Assets All Risks policy. A lot of you might think that this is above the national average, but figures obtained from Econometrix have shown that this is the rate of inflation on buildings.

Should you believe that the buildings on the schedule are overvalued we urge you to get a valuator or quantity surveyor to revalue them for you (at your own cost), please inform them that the buildings are insured for replacement value at the current building costs and the costs should include Architectural and Professional fees, Municipal costs and expenses and the cost of demolishing and site clearing prior to rebuilding.

Please speak to Jacky Machaba if you would like to find out more.

4 MyAnglican Database Form

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa has adopted MyAnglican as its Church Management System. This will include a secure, on-line database of all Anglicans. So, we are working to get all members of the Diocese registered.

- 1) Some parishes are able to do this themselves for their members – and benefit in all sorts of ways
Please speak to Jacky Machaba if you would like to find out more.
- 2) But if you do not have the computer facilities, please get as many of your members as possible (all if you can!) to complete a copy of the attached form. Please bring the completed forms to the Diocesan Centre for processing.

5 Personnel

- 1) It was so sad to lose **Moses Nemakhavhani** – after a long illness, which he faced with great courage and faith. Our love and prayers are with Judith and all the family.
- 2) Please continue to pray for **Jack Kudumela** as he continues to recover from the serious stroke he suffered in May. And pray for wisdom in discerning the best way forward for him.
- 3) **Solomon Makololo** retires as Coordinator of the Leadership Team at the end of this year. Thank you, Solomon, for your devoted service, and for the special gifts you brought to the task. Solomon has kindly agreed to continue to serve, in a voluntary capacity, as **Lepelle Archdeaconry Administrator**, where he has already made a very positive difference.
- 4) **Frauke Ackermann** has returned from her sabbatical in Germany and England, and will continue to serve the Diocese, but in a new way:
 - ✦ **Frauke and Lutz Ackermann** will work together to oversee Diocesan Training for Ministries, sharing the role of **Dean of Studies**.
 - ✦ Frauke, with Lutz's help, will oversee the Diocesan **Volunteer and Intern Programme**, particularly by serving as "House Mother" at the Diocesan Cottage.
 - ✦ Frauke will continue to spend several months of the year working as a Pharmacist in Germany.

Yours in the love of Christ,

+Martin