

The Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist

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To All Licensed Clergy
 Leaders of Diocesan Organisations
 Leaders of Diocesan Ministries

Dear Friends in Christ and Partners in the Gospel,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ – he has sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church just as he promised to do: filling us with love and power for mission and ministry.

Reports to Diocesan Synod

As you know Diocesan Synod takes place at Christ Church Cathedral from Thursday evening 20th to Sunday 23rd August this year. One of the important roles of Synod is to receive Reports from Parishes and Archdeaconries, Diocesan Organisations, Ministries and Committees. **These reports must reach the Diocesan Office by Monday 20th July at the latest.** That is also the deadline for any motions that you would like to submit for debate. It will be a great help if you can submit your report **before the deadline** – as early as possible please! It will also be a great help if it can come to us in electronic form: via email or on a flash drive.

The Synod Agenda Committee will meet on Friday 24th July at 2pm to give us time to prepare the 2nd Agenda Book, which must be out by Thursday 30th July.

You are welcome to add a motion for Synod to debate to your report.

Please keep your report brief: a **maximum** of two pages! And please arrange it according to the following four headings:

- 1) Major Achievements or Progress
 We do not need a record of everything you have done – but only those things that you consider most significant since our last Synod in 2012.
- 2) Goals for the Next Three to Five Years
 What are the most important things that you believe God is calling you to do in the next few years? The more specific you can be the better!
- 3) Main Obstacles, Problems or Challenges
 What is preventing you from achieving your goals? What are the challenges that stretch your faith as you seek to be obedient to God?
- 4) Plans
 Please include some of the strategies or plans that you are working on in order to achieve your goals as a parish. Remember, “A goal without a plan is just wishful thinking”.

I look forward to hearing what God has been doing, and pray that God will make Synod into a motivating, empowering time of spiritual growth for all of us as we seek his will together.

The following reports should be submitted:

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

<p>1 <u>Pastoral Charges</u> <u>Coordinator: Dean Luke</u> ✦ The seven Archdeaconries – <i>Archdeacons</i> ✦ A brief report from each parish – <i>Rector or Priest in Charge</i> ✦ United Churches (St Michael's and St Paul's) – <i>Minister in Charge</i></p>	<p>2 <u>Bishop's Office</u> <u>Coordinator: †Martin</u> ✦ Communication – <i>Dean Luke</i> ✦ Guild of St Mark – <i>Linda Lubbe</i> ✦ Diocesan Legal Team – <i>Matsaro Semanya & Pam Oberholzer</i></p>
<p>3 <u>Development</u> <u>Coordinator: Pat Lennox</u> ✦ HIV & AIDS – <i>Nyaradzo Matsane</i> ✦ Tlangelani – <i>Pat Lennox</i> ✦ Jane Furse Memorial Village – <i>Pat Lennox</i> ✦ St Mark's College – <i>†Martin</i></p>	<p>4 <u>Governance</u> <u>Coordinator: Freda Chigumadzi</u> ✦ Diocesan Trustees – <i>Freda Chigumadzi</i> ✦ Diocesan Finance Board – <i>Freda Chigumadzi & Dean Luke</i> ✦ Leadership Team – <i>Solomon Makololo</i></p>
<p>5 <u>Growing the Church</u> <u>Coordinator: Frauke Ackermann & Dean Luke</u> ✦ Rooted in Jesus – <i>Frauke Ackermann (Jack Kudumela)</i> ✦ Worship Leaders – <i>Gail Blunden</i> ✦ Preachers (Including Langham) – <i>Shearsby Mupfudzapake</i> ✦ Pastoral Carers (Including Christian Listening) – <i>Frauke Ackermann</i> ✦ Growing the Youth – <i>Phuti Mokoelé & Kwena Magkoka</i> ✦ Growing the Children – <i>Pat Lennox</i> ✦ Anglicans Ablaze (Iviyo, New Wine, SOMA) – <i>Luke Pretorius & Frauke Ackermann</i></p>	<p>6 <u>Organisations</u> <u>Coordinator: Solomon Makololo</u> ✦ Mothers' Union – <i>Caroline Chaba Mamabolo</i> ✦ Anglican Women's Fellowship – <i>Kgabo Ledwaba</i> ✦ Anglican Students' Federation – <i>Phuti Mokoelé</i> ✦ Anglican Choirs' Fellowship – <i>Edwin Nyatlo</i> ✦ Bernard Mizeki Guild – <i>Sam Marishane</i> ✦ Manche Masemola Pilgrimage – <i>Olive Senyatsi</i></p>

If anyone notices anything I have left out, please let me know!

Yours in Christ,

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| ✦ Ms Matsaro Semanya
(Chancellor) | ✦ Dean Luke Pretorius | ✦ Mrs Jacky Machaba
(Secretary) |
| ✦ Mrs Pam Oberholzer
(Registrar) | ✦ Mr Solomon Makololo
(Administrator) | ✦ Rev Philip Moseki
(Deacon at Christ Church
Cathedral) |