

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
IN LIMPOPO

DIOCESE OF ST MARK THE EVANGELIST

***Minutes of the OPENING OF SYNOD and SESSION 1 of the ELEVENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD
held at Christ Church Cathedral, Polokwane,
on the 20th August 2015 at 18h00***

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**1. Opening of Synod**

*During the Eucharist*

**1.1.1 †Martin welcomed all our guests:**

- Cllr Lois Hardy : Acting Executive Mayor : Polokwane Municipality
- W P Letsoalo : Legal Team : St Michael & All Angels
- Judge N F P Kgomo
- Prof Rambelani Malema : Limpopo District Lay Leader : Methodist Church of Southern Africa
- Rev Hannes Bezuidenhout : Dutch Reformed Church
- Rev John Mokoena : Uniting Presbyterian Church in South Africa
- Rev Bishop Themba Mutambo : Methodist Church, Limpopo District
- Thandi Makweya : Attorney
- The Voices of St Mark – choir
- Rev Jill Buhr and congregants from St Paul’s United Church in Haenertsburg

**1.1.2 Apologies were received from:**

- The Premier of Limpopo
- The Mayor of Polokwane
- The Capricorn District Mayor

†Martin requested delegates to continue praying for Jack Kudumela who would be discharged from hospital in Pretoria during the next week, but it will be a long time before he is able to attend to his clerical duties.

### 1.2 **Quorum and Constitution of Synod**

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

### 1.3 **Time of meeting for business**

Synod confirmed the Synod Timetable as contained in the First Agenda Book (page 3).

### 1.4 **Bishop's Charge: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"**

After the Gospel reading, †Martin delivered his Charge. Everyone present was handed a copy of the Charge which is also available on the website.

*At the end of the Eucharist*

### 1.5 **Greetings from the Guests**

The following guests addressed Synod bringing greetings from the organisations they represent:

- Cllr Lois Hardy : Acting Executive Mayor : Polokwane Municipality
- Rev Hannes Bezuidenhout : Dutch Reformed Church
- Rev John Mokoena : Uniting Presbyterian Church in South Africa
- Rev Bishop Themba Mutambo : Methodist Church, Limpopo District

After the conclusion of the Eucharist Synod adjourned at 20h15 and guests and delegates were served dinner.

## 2. **Session 1**

Synod resumed at 21h05 and †Martin opened proceedings. †Martin thanked Christ Church Cathedral for hosting Synod.

### 2.1 **Synod Timetable / Order Paper**

This was already approved of during the Eucharist.

†Martin advised that during Synod delegates could speak in their language of choice, but should arrange an interpreter to translate into English.

## 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 appear on page 23 of the First Agenda Book:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) Chair of Clergy      | Luke Pretorius                |
| 2) Chair of Laity       | Solomon Makololo              |
| 3) Clerical Secretaries | Kwena Makgoka, Lesiba Meso    |
| 4) Lay Secretaries      | Jenny Stamp, Felicity Roberts |

2.2.2 †Martin confirmed the appointment of Office Bearers listed on page 23 of the First Agenda Book:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1) Chair of Committee     | Matsaro Semanya                             |
| 2) Time Keeper            | Olive Senyatsi, Pam Oberholzer              |
| 3) Minutes Scrutineers    | Linda Lubbe, Malin Mokou                    |
| 4) Electoral Officer      | Matsaro Semanya (Assisted by Jacky Machaba) |
| 5) Communications & Media | Luke Pretorius & Communications Team        |

2.2.3 A team of intercessors from the Diocese would also be present during proceedings.

## 3. Notices

3.1 †Martin reminded delegates that if they wished to propose a Motion, they should have 3 copies: one each for the President, secretaries and themselves.

3.2 Special greetings had been received from the following:

- †Brian Marajh (George);
- †Mark van Koevering (Niassa)
- †Raphael Hess (Saldanha Bay)
- †Nkosinathi Ndwandwe (Natal)
- †Dino Gabriel (Zululand)
- †Tsietse Seleokane (Natal)
- Chris Viljoen (SOMA)
- †Sitembele Mzamane (Mthatha)
- †Garth Counsell (Table Bay)
- Trevor Pearce (GtC)

3.3 †Martin reminded delegates to register timeously so that Morning Prayer and Bible Study could commence punctually at 8h00 the next morning.

3.4 Elections: Nomination process

The Chancellor, Matsaro Semanya, spoke about the process which would take place on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015.

4. **Closure**

Dean Luke closed the session in prayer at 21h30.

Minutes approved

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Bishop

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Date