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SEASONS' GREETINGS

CIRCULAR FOR DECEMBER 2017

1.0 BISHOP DIARY

12.11.17	-St. Cuthbert's Cathedral	-	Confirmation
18.11.17	-St. Josephs Bembe	-	Confirmation
19.11.17	-St. Matthews	-	Pastoral
25.11.17	-Holy Cross Cathedral[Botswana]		Provincial Synod
26.11.17	-		Provincial Synod
01.12.17	-Diocesan Centre	-	Clergy Retreat
15-18.01.18	Bulawayo	-	Bishop Retreat

1.1 On leave

I shall be on leave from 1st to 31st December 2017. The Vicar General will be in charge.

1.2 Office closure

The office shall be closed on the Tuesday 19th of December 2017 and then open on Tuesday 2nd of January 2018.

2.0 VISIT AND CONFIRMATION (Reminder)

Please select your dates as per preference. Reserve the latter part of the year for confirmations.

3.0 ASSESSMENTS AND STIPENDS

There is very little improvement in this area. By the 28th of November only 3 parishes and one outstation that the economy is bad but we will need to pay stipends salaries/wages and bills. We sincerely hope that the economy might improve taking into account the new political dispensation.

4.0 DONATIONS TOWARDS HOSPITAL

Nothing received.

5.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

Mrs N. Matienga	-	29November
Revd. A. July	-	4 December
Mrs N. Nyereyegona	-	6 December
Mrs N. Gwasira	-	10 December
Revd. C. Dzikiti	-	21 December
Revd. C. Mazula	-	27 December
Mrs R. Mazula	-	28 December
Mrs P. Shazha	-	4 January 2018
Revd. A. V. Gwemende	-	26 January 2018

6.0 FOOD SECURITY, POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Independent newspaper. October 13, 2017

Any country which fails to feed its citizens and minimise poverty through social security nets is a failure. Zimbabwe, despite having all the necessary resources and ideas, is failing to do just that. We need a new paradigm. Our belief must first be that hunger in our country and in Africa as a whole is not inevitable and malnutrition is not a consequence of food scarcity, but a result of the way our economies are organised and of the political choices we have made to address — or ignore — the causes of hunger and poverty.

Amartya Sen (1999) in his book *Development as Freedom* defines hunger by saying: “Hunger relates not only to food production and agricultural expansion, but also to the functioning of the entire economy. It includes the operation of the political and social arrangements that can, directly or indirectly, influence people’s ability to acquire food and to achieve health and nourishment.”

This is very important because we continue to define hunger as lack of food only and yet the idea of poverty alleviation should be an all-encompassing approach which seeks to address everything that demeans the quality of our lives. In the Zimbabwe we want to create, no person should face hunger. For indeed it is not inevitable as most believe. We must create a new narrative which says that: “In Zimbabwe, we can grow enough food and even export it, we have done it before, we have the skills and the necessary land and water resources, we know enough about agricultural economics, and we can afford to provide the basic needs that protect every person’s entitlement to an adequate, nutritious diet.” An estimated 75% of Zimbabweans rely directly or indirectly on agriculture. It is therefore fact that the majority of the poor are rural and survive mostly on smallholder agriculture. An increase in agricultural income is the most direct way out of poverty for most Zimbabweans, but added to that, it must be the creation of safety nets and access to all the basic needs that make life worthwhile to live.

A successful agricultural recovery can also drive recovery of industry where 60% of industrial input comes from the agricultural sector. This can help to create jobs, thus improve disposable incomes and have a positive impact to also reduce urban poverty. However, we must also industrialise around agro-industry to create higher sustainable incomes. We must create a symbiotic relationship between small scale farmers and agro-industry to achieve the necessary scale and consistent incomes. Prior to the fast-track land reform programme, an estimated 300 000 farmworkers, representing about

25% of Zimbabwe's total workforce (in formal employment), were employed on commercial farms. These workers and their dependants numbered nearly 1,8 million people. The absence of social safety nets after the land reform remains a serious problem in most of the resettlement areas. The government offered nothing to solve the wholesale destruction of the livelihoods of these workers.

In his speech in South Africa in 1994, the late Harry Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of Singapore, pleaded with African leadership to "resolve contradictions between the aspirations of their people and the realities of the economy. They have to settle on a formula which gives enough relief to many who feel they have been dispossessed – but will not cause serious damage to the competitiveness of the economy". This, in my opinion, remains priceless advice.

I am therefore advocating for a "Marshall Plan for Zimbabwe" where we can give a new impetus to reconstruction to Zimbabwe and make "a decisive contribution to the revival of the whole economy, renewal of urban and rural infrastructure, the modernisation of our industrial base, the resumption of normal production, the raising of productivity, creating employment, and the facilitating of intra-regional trade". As stated by Belgian economic historian Herman Van der Wee: This was the impact of the Marshall Plan in Europe in 1948 where the United States of America availed US\$13 billion (US\$120 billion in current dollar value) to the reconstruction of Europe. The Marshall Plan was in operation for four years beginning in April 1948 through to 1951 and recorded a 35% economic growth in Europe in that period.

We must therefore look at the key components of the plan which made it successful and tailor make it for our situation here in Zimbabwe. The Development Bank of Southern Africa has produced a comprehensive report on reconstructing Zimbabwe and it advises the following:

First, we need political stability and a democratic government and governance system, backed up by political will. The most important precondition for any economic recovery programme is the political will of government to create a conducive operational environment for both state and non-state actors.

Second, we require human and institutional capacity, implying effective implementation of efficient, sustainable and recovery programmes. Zimbabwe has experienced a significant brain drain of skilled manpower over the last decade thus weakening our capacity. We need to attract those skills back.

Third, we must establish country-owned macro and sectorial policies which are consistent, well thought out and inclusive. This requires foresight, efficient planning and good project management skills.

Fourth, we must adopt a broad approach to poverty alleviation that highlights the integration of agricultural and industrial policies. The Look East policy in an effort to diversify Zimbabwe's exports to non-traditional markets, such as South Asia and the Far East has not worked. Our trade and industrial policies must integrate agriculture especially rural development if we are to effectively tackle the poverty issues.

Fifth, is that yes we need aid, but that aid must be well-organised, long-term and matched by and aligned with our developmental strategies. Any humanitarian aid has to be combined with a developmental approach, requiring technical assistance, budget support and an unconstrained private sector.

There is also the term of food sovereignty, where countries must be free to choose how and to what extent they engage in trade to meet their domestic food needs, and how and in what ways to support domestic food production. This will be critical in the Zimbabwe we want but it assumes a responsible and ethical government. In my opinion, it is not that difficult to achieve food security in its broadest sense; all we need is visionary and ethical leadership.

7.0 AROUND PARISHES

No news

8.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES

8.1 Gweru Archdeaconry

Hope I find you well. We have just come back from a well deserved vacation which I hope and believed gave us power to keep working for the Lord. The rains are upon us and please go back to the fields with the new ideas not just hoe and axe theory. Use the R.D.S.S.A they are leaders in that field.

Its fine for the harvest and Thanksgiving, please first and foremost do not be like Ananias and Sapphira declare the correct amount. We also agreed that the minimum to Diocese \$ 300 -00. I promise you if rock the boat we shall also rock your bonus.

Use this Harvest to catch up with what you owe to the Diocese so that the new council in your church will start on a better footing. There is a new order in the country's leadership. Watch your words as well you are a man of God. Have a smooth transfer when you pray for the Church.

There are churches who pledged to Holy Cross High school. Please come up with your pledge. I want to wish you a happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year. God willing let us meet at retreat in January in 2018. God bless you

Compiled by Ven. C. Nyereyegona.

8.2 Kwekwe Archdeaconry

Endowment 2017

I would like to thank all member's of our Archdeaconry for a job well done. The Donor's Conference was beyond many people's expectations due to the economic situation.

I am encouraging all churches in our area to submit their 2018 Endowment targets before the 4th of December 2017. The future of our Diocese lies in our hands. I am encouraging all my parishes and outstations to participate, so that they can be counted.

HARVEST AND THANKS GIVING CONTRIBUTION

Churches are reminded to submit their 20% remittance from their harvest collection to the Diocese, before their offices are closed on 19th of December 2017 for holidays. We have churches that are done with their harvest i.e. St Georges, St. John's and St. Simon & Jude's.

ST JOHNS RECTORY

St. John's rectory is now at window level. Thank you, Rev. Emmanuel and your team.

CROSS-OVER NIGHT

We are going to have our Archdeaconry Cross-over night at St. Lukes Parish on the 31st of December. All members of Archdeaconry are invited. Revd. Ndawana and Mr Chitambo may you start working on the programme.

YOUTH

We are glad to announce two of our youths in our Archdeaconry who are following the footsteps of their parents. Ashley Jana's wedding will be held on the 25th December 2017 in Harare and Rufaro Machakaire's will be on the 28th December 2017. Thank you our former AYACZ leaders for demonstrating the way to your fellow youths. I hope some very old youth members will be brave enough to follow suit.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas time is the time to give the less privileged in our churches and communities. I am encouraging our churches to remember clergies and families. Please note that I am not compelling you to do so, but only reminding you of your duties.

Compiled by Ven. T Sherewa

8.3 Cathedral/Senga/Shurugwi Archdeaconry

No report

8.4 Kadoma Archdeaconry

No report

9.0 PROJECTS

9.1 Hospital

Progress has stalled because builders have run out of cement. This was supposed to come from A.C.M but we received from the Gweru Archdeaconry (96 %),

St. Cuthberts Cathedral (30 bags) and the Bishop (4 bags). I am not too sure why the other Archdeacons ACM have ignored this plea. We wanted to complete the super structure by year end.

The ACM has let us down but I am sure the Archdeaconries and their ACM are leaders will do something about this.

9.2 Diocesan Centre

No further improvements

9.3 Mini-Market and Butchery

No progress yet. Business section to expedite

9.4 Boreholes

No funds available

9.5 Water Harvesting

Project on hold. No support from Archdeaconries except Gweru. There is need to re-energise the project.

10.0 NEWS FROM GUILDS

10.1 The Mothers Union.

Usual activities going on. Preparing to close the year.

10.2 Anglican Church Men.

Generally quiet. There is need to encourage archdeaconries to deliver their share cement to the male ward project.

10.3 Wabvuwi

No report

10.4 Married Couples Fellowship

No report

10.5 Youth

No report

10.6 St. Agne's Guild

No report

10.7 St. Peter's Guild

No report

10.8 Child Ministry

No report

10.9 Choirs

No report

11.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

1.1 Economic security

Onion sales are available at the Diocesan office.

Honey sales have also given us a considerable amount of money.

1.2 Food security

7 people visited the Stapleford research where they toured horticultural varieties. It was so insightful and educative. *See the following picture(s)*



The generality of the people at Stapleford.



Diocese of Central Zimbabwe team.

1.3 Health security

The social service arm has been distributing farming inputs for this agricultural season. This has seen members from All Saints Maboleni, St. Philips Mkoba, St. Andrews Mkoba benefiting.

- Green mealies are now available for sale in Kadoma.

1.4 Stigma

The past weeks have been very busy in terms of training and workshops. 8 people went for World Aids Day commemorations held in Bulawayo on the 1st of December 2017. *see picture below*



As part of Basic HIV & Aids facts training, 6 people also went to Harare on the 4th of December where the World Aids day celebrations are also being held.

12.0 INSTITUTIONS

12.1 Holy Cross Gokwe secondary school

A lot is happening already. A site plan has been produced and detailed plans of classrooms, library, computer labs, ablution blocks, administration block etc have been done. Many thanks to Mordecai Chikomo for the sterling work. Revd. Basvi is chasing the paperwork. We now have detailed list of those who committed themselves to donate towards the construction of this High school. Please find attached.

12.2 St. Patricks High School

Vacancy – Boarding Master

A vacancy has arisen at St. Patricks High School.

12.3 St. Martins Primary school

Infrastructural development is now customary at St. Martins Primary. Palisade fencing around the school yard is the latest and recent development. Well done St. Martins.!

13.0 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The situation in our Diocese shows that schools are on the increase all the time with Holy Cross High school added to the list. This is a welcome development as we had for a

long time wished to establish a state of the art boarding school in Gokwe.

As a Diocese we couldn't we couldn't celebrate more on the 11th of November 2017 when the Bishop led the service and the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the brand new school. This was very well received as was evidenced by the number of people who attended and also the amount of money and building materials pledged.

It was evident that our people had the passion to contribute more and ensure the institution would be built and completed in the very near future. All we need to do from now is to put our heads together and mobilise resources to construct the school. For those who are local even the donation of their labour will help us to move fast in the construction of the school remembering that prayer with constructive deeds is dead. So we call upon every one of us in this Diocese to play his or her part to enhance the ease of building the long awaited institution.

Many thanks to the local clergy and congregants of Gokwe for the effort you put to secure the stand for the school. Many thanks and gratitude would be incomplete if I didn't extend my thanks to the Archdeacon of Kwekwe and clergy for the striking work they are doing.

There is team spirit amongst the Archdeaconry and we are confident the people of Kwekwe will do us proud.

Compiled by A. Mpakurirwa

14.0 2018 DONORS CONFERENCE

We have received commitment from four churches namely:

St. Peters the Rock

St. Marks Lozane

St. Johns Gwehava

St. Georges Redcliff

St. Joseph's Bembe

St. Barnabas Chiundura

Please be reminded that the closing date is 4th December 2017. This is less than a week away and by the time you receive this circular it might be too late.

15.0 CLERGY AND SPOUSES HOLIDAY

The report I got from the Clergy and their Spouses is that the Kariba outing that was sponsored by Nyaradzo was wonderful. I was glad to hear that some members of clergy were convinced that they could sponsor themselves next year! This is very encouraging. I am sure holiday organising committee will do something about this gesture. Pity we could not accompany you for various reasons.

16.0 NEW POLITICAL ORDER

We all need to thank God for the peaceful transition that happen in Zimbabwe and now we have a new leadership. Who could have ever imagined this!

No life was lost in what looked like a military coup! It was so smart that the world is still trying to figure this out. The tankers rolled into Harare, but not a single shot was fired. People marched in the streets of Harare and Bulawayo in their hundreds of thousands but no property or shop was vandalised. The inauguration of the new president who was self-imposed for a short while went on incident free. God is wonderful. We however need to continue to pray for our country and its leadership.

17.0 2018 HARMONISED ELECTIONS

We are ambassadors of Christ and God is appealing to the world through us (2 Corinthians 5^{v20}). Since time immemorial, God always used prophets and people to appoint and anoint leaders. I am not too sure why today's Christians do not think it is their responsibility too.

The Church leaders in Zimbabwe are encouraging all people to register to vote during the 2018 harmonised elections. This is our responsibility and I am particularly appealing to the clergy to encourage people to register. Be involved in the governance of your country. We are encouraging the young people to take advantage of the BV registration exercise. Chart your own future and do not let others do it for you.

18.0 CLERGY AND CLERGY WIVES RETREATS

The 2018 clergy retreat shall be from 1st to 5th of January 2018. The 1st January shall be the arrival and the 5th shall be the departure. We are aware that the 1st is a holiday, but we might not have other dates as schools are likely to open the following Tuesday. Please ensure that you pay your contribution for food before you close for Christmas.

The clergy wives retreat shall be from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th January 2018.

The contribution for catering shall be \$20 for each couple (clergy and wife).

The contributions of food shall be as follows:

Parishes	-	\$90
Mission Districts	-	\$80
Chapelries	-	\$70
Outstations	-	\$50

19.0 CHRISTMAS BONUSES.

Last year very little was paid in the way of bonuses. This is because the majority of churches submitted very little to the Diocese after their Harvest Thanksgiving festivals; with some as little as \$50 or \$100. They still expect their clergy to receive their fair share of a bonus. This is very unfair to those who make an effort to encourage their parishes to

harvest better! The bonus should be, at least, equivalent to the clergy stipend. Please ensure that you send the equivalent of the clergy stipend or 20% of your Harvest, whichever is higher. If you are not able to do this, we might be forced to pay you whatever you bring to the Diocese if it is less than the clergy stipend. Please consider this seriously.

20.0 EPISCOPAL AND PROVINCIAL SYNODS

These went on quite well but we were not fully represented as a Diocese. Only 3 out of four delegates represented the Diocese. One delegate did not travel and this was extremely disappointing. I have always appealed to parishes to elect delegates who are prepared to take up responsibilities but this sometimes falls on deaf ears. Some delegates also accept responsibilities that they cannot fulfil. Please take note of this during the next Synod.

21.0 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The festive season is upon us once again. It is a season that brings joys and serious. We travel, we celebrate, we meet our loved ones after a long time. We tend to be careless with our lives in terms of observing the rules of the road and general safety. We also tend to spend more than we can afford as if there is no tomorrow.

Those who drink tend to overindulge and there is always the temptation to be gluttonous.

It is the kind of reason that everybody celebrates but for various reasons. Business persons optimize on profit and some religious organisations come together for worship.

As Christians, we also prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas. However, we tend to be swayed by the things of this world and forget that Christmas is the genesis of our faith. This Jesus has to born in our lives but we need to prepare our hearts and minds for this to happen. This is a season when we need to deepen our faith but a lot depends on what we hope to achieve and benefit. As Philip Yancey once said, “Faith is trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse.

As we prepare to celebrate our faith in Christ Jesus let us remember those who are around us who have nothing to celebrate. Let us also make safety our number one priority. Let us look forward to the New Year 2018, with the hope of a better tomorrow Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2018 to you all.

22.0

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH.

“No opinion can be considered safe unless it is based on known facts, and no one should express an opinion on any subject without assurance that it is founded on facts, or sound hypotheses of facts. Free advice volunteered by friends and acquaintances usually is not worthy of consideration. The accurate thinker, therefore, never acts upon such advice without giving it the closest scrutiny. Accurate thinkers permit no one to do their thinking for them. They obtain facts, information, and counsel from others, but they retain the privilege of accepting or rejecting such advice in whole, or in part.

Accurate thinkers do not form opinions based upon newspaper reports, for they cannot be sure that such information is always the result of accurate thinking. When someone says to them, “I see by the papers...” they immediately understand that the speaker has an opinion which may or may not be based upon fact, and they do not allow themselves to be influenced solely by what such a person says.”

[Napoleon Hill - Power of Positive Action]

23.0

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Father Almighty,
creator of mankind and Restorer of all things,
the King of the universe:
You, whom freed the children of Israel from Egypt.
May your Holy Spirit redeem us from all hatred and sin,
that your Name be praised for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you,
ever one God, now and forever.

AMEN.

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