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FAREWELL BISHOP I. & MRS E. MUKUWANDA

CIRCULAR FOR APRIL 2018

1.0 BISHOP's DIARY

25.03.18	-Gweru	-Lady Day
29.03.18	-St. Cuthberts Cathed	-Maundy Thursday
01.04.18	-St. John's Rutendo	-Pastoral
07.04.18	-St. Cuthbert's Cathedral	- Farewell service
08.04.18	-St. Philip's Mkoba	-Pastoral
09.04.10	-Cheziya High	- Youth Conference
14.04.18	-Gwemende Homestead	-Memorial service
17.04.18	-Diocesan Offices	-Standing-Committee
21.04.18	-H.S.M Home	-Dedication

New Bishop

22. 04.18	-St. Michael's Mbizo	-Pastoral
29.04.18	-St. Martin's Amaveni	-Pastoral

*I am not too sure whether I will fulfil this engagement. I might be tied up with the visitors. Bishop – Elect might go instead.

2.0 PERSONNEL

We need to sincerely thank God for guiding the Elective Assembly to elect the new Bishop of the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe. Revd. Dr. Ignatios Makumbe was elected the new Bishop of the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe on Thursday 22nd March 2018. I am informed that it was not an easy election but a result was reached in the end. We dreaded failing to elect and escalating the process to the Episcopal Synod.

We thank God for giving us a leader for the Diocese. May I appeal to you all to pray for Rev. Dr and Mrs Makumbe as

they prepare to take up the challenge of leading this Diocese to a better and brighter future. Let us support them the best we can because without our support their ministry will be extremely difficult.



Rev. Dr and Mrs. Makumbe

3.0 MY LAST WORD

This is my last circular to the people of this Diocese and it is time to say goodbye. My wife Elizabeth and I wish to thank you sincerely for the wonderful time we had with you as your servants. We might not have been everything to everyone but we thoroughly enjoyed your love and support. It will be a journey of 18 years 10 month and 2 days when we finally step down at midnight on April 21

2018. We shall always remember you for supporting us even when we experimented with your Diocese. We might have employed very unconventional means to raise funds to support this Diocese, but you supported us all the way. We could not have wished for more.

During our period as your servants, some improvements to the Diocese were achieved. We leave this Diocese with a fairly decent compliment of young clergy. We provided decent accommodation to all of them particularly those in the rural areas.

We had started the programme of providing water and we hope this will continue. There was some improvement in raising locally available resources through our Donors Conference.

We were very aware that this was not easy for you but you participated willingly. The proceeds from these events were used to construct our hospital at St. Patricks' Mission. Other projects funded were roofs for rural rectories, classroom blocks and church buildings. Over the years, we were able to put together a team of clergy who volunteered to put up the roofs. We shall always thank God for showering us with this kind of team spirit and a lot was accomplished.

As we leave the leadership of the Diocese, we shall forever remember the love and kindness that you showed us even after such a long time. We shall forever be indebted to you. We promise you smooth and peaceful transition to the new leadership. We shall willingly render advice and support wherever this is required but will keep a very safe distance in order to allow the new Bishop and his wife to serve you without interference. Do not be surprised if we do not attend some of the key meetings and conferences. We need

to give the new Bishop and Amai Makumbe space to exercise their ministry.

We sincerely apologise to you all for anything we did anything that might have offended. It was certainly not deliberate. Continue the good work and support the new leadership the best way you can.

May the Almighty God continue to bless you all bless the Anglican Diocese of Central Zimbabwe abundantly. We shall forever keep this Diocese in our prayers.

+Ishmael Mukuwanda and Mrs E. Mukuwanda

4.0 DONATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL

None received

5.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

Mrs I. Machakaire	-	1 April
Mrs A. Dengura	-	2 April
Mrs T. Mahwerera	-	7 April
Revd. S. Chapata	-	18 April
Revd. T. Chitembetembe	-	23 April
Mrs. Maidei. Mpinga	-	26 April
Revd. S. Basvi	-	26 April
Mrs. G. Nyoka	-	27 April
Revd. M. Chemhere	-	15 May

6.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

As issues of climate change get complex every day and every time, many actors and stakeholders have emerged and occupied considerable space, with the idea of moving the climate change discourse ahead and to other levels. But as the green actors and stakeholders alike, advocate for climate change behavioural change, one wonders how much climate for change they are putting in place.

In this regard, special attention is to be focussed on the role effective communication play in facilitating a climate for change environment.

It appears, the climate change agents and their stakeholders alike have not yet struck the right chord, therefore, practically, and they are simply not yet there, as they are currently and seriously entrenched in the vicious climate mix. The main question is how much effective communication can be implemented to culminate into the creation of climate for change, tough enough to foster resilience and environmental sustainability for the sustainable future that we all want.

In as much as movements and organisations for social change exert pressure for environmental sustainability, it is only pressure against the hidden and enormous counter-movements from the rich and powerful, who are advocates against the real climate for change.

In this regard, the transition towards a sustainable socio-economic change is facing enormous obstacles, hidden behind the language of glib, deception, communication massaging, and rhetoric as well as climate change denial. Core to the mantra of green movements and activism should be adaptation and then issues of resilience would be shaped by sustainable adaptation.

Of course, the reduction of greenhouse gases need also to be central to their green living campaigns but on this aspect, they need to prepare more than battle, as denialists and climate sinners are ever ready and prepared to throw carbon footprints everywhere as obstacles.

The hidden institutions of denialism always have something up their sleeves against the creation of a climate for change.

As the situation stands right now, it would appear as if countries are heading for a rapid acceleration and expansion of the establishment of climate-friendliest technologies in the form of renewable energy but the intended beneficiaries are yet to realise a meaningful climate for change in this regard, despite all the hype and high level conferences.

It is also equally significant and paramount that stakeholders in green movements and activism should transform and make versatile changes to the way they communicate for the climate for change.

This is where their enormous rhetoric should be toned down towards sustainable engagement and inclusivity in order to fight massive cooperate sponsored glib from established institutions of denialism.

When people reach or attain the level where communication can transform and facilitate the establishment of climate for change then we can start to see the beginning of the unfolding of the new paradigm shift and impetus. In developing countries, before we could talk of the aspect of communication challenges as other forms of obstacles, the other militating barriers which are in the form of lack of meaningful infrastructure development in order to complement efforts towards the desired climate for change.

In some instances and situations, infrastructural establishments may not be existing, rather substandard, dilapidated or all of the above.

As such, the people of these contexts and settings cannot be expected to move at the same wave length with those from the developed countries.

In this regard, the role of effective communication employed in the developing countries should be used to the existing procedural barriers and uplift their standards of living, spirits and social motivations to the same levels as those in the developed countries.

Of course, too many communicators and change agents may either duplicate roles of failure to communicate effectively if these aspects are not handled quite well, hence they may not communicate.

Therefore, inclusivity and engagement should be able to remove or tame existing obstacles and barriers, militating against the creation of meaningful climate for change.

It would also be interesting to note that some of these barriers and obstacles are firmly entrenched in their thoughts and imaginations hence it would be necessary to cleanse their world-views and imaginations so that they are transformed and initiated to the current discourse for social change.

These can come about as a result of being able to do away with the prevailing socio-cultural myths which can also culminate into climate change of myths as well.

The climate change are still very much prevalent and common in developing countries, hence they have to be termed constructively.

Otherwise, if they are not termed or even powerfully designed, communication strategies may end up not achieving desired and sustainable results, aimed at creating a sustainable climate for change as against the idea of climate change.

7.0 AROUND PARISHES.

7.1 There was much joy and jubilation on Saturday 17th March when St. Josephs Bembe celebrated 100years. The colourful crowd enjoyed a very lively service in the new church building which has no roof yet. The hospitality after service was out of this world. They are probably the best caterers in the Diocese but I am not too sure how they compare with St. Faith which is also in Lower Gweru. Wonderful. Our sincere thanks to the Archdeacon of Gweru and Amai Nyereyegona, Revd. & Mrs Mpinga(Rector), the Churchwardens and members of the congregation at St. Josephs for organising such a successful event.

8.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES.

8.1 Gweru Archdeaconry

Things are happening so fast and we can hardly keep pace. After all had been said and done we now have a new Bishop Elect. Revd. Dr. I. Makumbe.

Our visitor from the UK Canon Simon Moore came and is now gone. Thank you all who help in this project more so St. Martins Lozane.

We are now looking at Bishop Mukuwandas' farewell service on the 7th of April. I do not have to repeat what we agreed upon and how we shall do it. I humbly ask you all to comply. This is a once in a lifetime let us all come to scratch.

By the time you read this I will have finished licensing of wardens and councillors. I can see a turn around in the economy be ready to ride the wave by being vigilant and leading your talk from the front. The M.U Lady Day was hosted by Gweru Archdeaconry and I am happy to say we came out tops. I look forward to the same spirit on the farewell. I am still to announce how we are going to do our Pentecost services and how we shall bless our clergy. The Bishop once said we have all the opportunities to excel but we fail to catch the wave. Be positive this time around think outside the box throw out the loser attitude and get on with what God called you to do. Make where you are to be what it to be and that it is half the battle won. With God's all things are possible .

Compiled by Ven C. Nyereyegona.

8.2 Kadoma Archdeaconry

We are done with the vestries,admissions and we now wait for the personners to let the Holy Spirit work through them.

In our last Archdeaconry meeting we encouraged churches to buy vehicles as it is essential for the effective work of a priest today.

A lot of activities are happening in different areas. All Saints Town saw quite a number of families gathering second hand clothing and shoes to donate them to the needy in Barcley Chase area in Sanyati.

This is where one of our schools is. This is where the new outstation(St. Matthews) for St. Marks Patchway is located and the people were overjoyed during the distribution.

At St. Pauls Church the congregation is struggling to build a new rectory within the Church yard. They now have the courage because they managed to build a hall which is also assisting them to raise funds.

The Good Shepherd in Ngezi is waiting for a roof,they are making their own windows and door frames for their big church. The construction started when Ven. Mazula was still at St. Pauls. This church will cater for the Prison officers and the surrounding locations being developed. Maybe in future we will need a priest to be placed in this area so that he can minister to followers in Ngezi, Venice,mine and the community residing in B.F Battlefield camps area.

Sanyati

We are thinking of the church at St. Augustine Nyimo, that if we can build a habitable house so that the Deacon or a priest can be place there to cater for St. Peters in Chenjiri.

We have the Rectory at St. Johns Arda, it needs to be painted and the yard to be fenced to avert domestic animals and people do not make a thorough road or gain access. The big project is to construction a church

building as currently they are using the priest's house for services which is very unhealthy. The congregants at St. Bernads Hozheri now have a stand to build their church building. The Sanyati rural district allocated them quite a big stand since the Council had removed them from the area which was allocated for grazing. We are not sure of the survival of All Saints Eiffel Flats Church. It can be demolished at any time any day from now. Let us pray for the next move which will be taken by the mine. We pray for good compensation of the building of the Diocese. We have the house the Rectory and the ablution block.

Compiled by Ven A. Gwena

9.0 PROJECTS

9.1 Hospital.

By the time you get this Circular, 100 tons of stone would have been delivered. We are also hoping that ±90 bags of cement would have been delivered. The hope that with the resources available, we should complete the slab.

9.2 Diocesan Centre.

No progress

9.3 Butchery/Minimart.

No progress

9.4 Boreholes.

The remaining \$1000 for the St. James Nyamuroro borehole was paid. Hopefully a borehole will be drilled.

9.5 Water Harvesting

No progress

10.0 GUILDS

10.1 Mothers' Union.

The Lady Day Celebrations were held at Vashandiri training Centre from the 23rd to 25th March. The attendance was good, a lot better than last year. The programme was also good. This was Mrs Mukuwanda's last Lady Day Celebration as the President of the Mothers Union. A very good send-off indeed. Many thanks Mothers Union!

10.2 Anglican Church Men.

I am sure the preparations for their annual conference are on course. I also hope that the leadership is mobilising men to attend this years' conference. The new A.C.M Patron will be introduced. The old one would have long gone.

10.3 Wabvuwi.

No report

10.4 Married Couples Fellowship.

No report

10.5 Youth.

10.6 St. Agnes Guild

No report

10.7 St. Peter's Guild

No report.

10.8 Child Ministry

10.9 Choir.

No report

11.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

11.1 Programming and Sustainability

The Nutri Meal Maheu are available for sale at \$1 per 500g. We do have 600 pockets. Each packet bought for a \$1 there is a \$0.20 donation to our social service arm. Let us support the fund by buying a pocket.

Health

Stigma & Discrimination Reduction Programme Evaluation.

The evaluation of the above programme run from the 10th to the 30th of March 2018. The USPG team visited the Diocese on the 16th and managed to have a discussion with The Bishop. The also spend half a day with The St Andrews Mkoba Team. We are still to receive feedback of the evaluation



Thank you The M.U President Mrs E. Mukuwanda for presenting a token to our visitors.

A total of 90 households, 6 Key informants, 6 focus group discussions were conducted during the evaluation.

R.D.S.S.A Day of prayer

About +/- 160 people attended the function that was held starting from Harben Park and then St Mathews Mtapa. The Green House was dedicated and the 'Chicken Out Grower Scheme' was launched.

MASO, CCBICA and Croydon Representative gave some presentations. The Keynote address was given by The Bishop I. Mukuwanda.



Dedication of Green House



St Philips Group At Harben Park

Thank you Canon M. Dupwa and St. Phillips group for adopting the portion at Harben Park. It is already

contributing to percentage land utilisation hopefully soon to income flow. Thank you St. Phillips as well for the 500 standard bricks donation for Chicken Outgrower Scheme by Mrs Hlabati. *See load below*



The Bricks to Harben Park



St Andrews Mkoba portion At Harben Park

Food and Nutrition Security



The Maize Crop at St. Patricks Farm

The one and half ha maize crop at the farm did well despite the prolonged mid-season drought spell experienced.

The Rural Water Supply

The programme target is adequate safe drinking water to all people within Diocesan Catchment area. First phase is targeting water sites that require rehabilitation and phase 2 will focus on establishment of new sites. A water Consultant Sandy Esworth with team up with Diocesan trained surveyors in verification of the sites visited. Parishes with water points that have got some problems are encouraged to submit the sites so that they can be taken on the database now standing at about 60 sites.

Parishes that do have water sites that require inspection between 10 and 20 May 2018 can submit completed forms by the 29th of April for planning purpose.



Parish/ Station..... Rural Water Project.....

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12.0 INSTITUTIONS.

12.1 St. Patricks High school

Mr Benson Msindo was promoted to the position of Deputy Head of St. Patricks high with effect from the 16 of March 2018. We congratulate him on his new appointment.

13.0 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

The long awaited for stakeholders meeting which was to be held at the recently established Holy Cross High school was overtaken by other events in the Diocese. As a Diocese, we reckon the provision of adequate and conducive school fabric as a top priority. It is common knowledge that where communities pool their efforts towards infrastructure provision commendable educational standards have achieved. We still have new and underdeveloped schools in this Diocese. We therefore have to be generous in terms of mobilising the resources. It is for this reason that we had intended to hold the stakeholders meeting on the 23rd

March at our new school at Gokwe Centre. The meeting will be scheduled on a date to be announced presumably immediately after the inauguration of the new Responsible Authority. However we are indebted to the outgoing Bishop. I. Mukuwanda for his relentless effort to develop all the schools under his jurisdiction. It was not easy to secure the stand at Gokwe Centre and to mobilize the resources such as was the case on the day of the ground breaking ceremony. Churches, organisations, individuals and families gave generously towards the construction of the Holy Cross High school. Others made pledges and we are hopeful they will honour their commitments. As a Diocese we cherish and the spirit of giving generously to the worthy cause of educational infrastructure provision. May we continue to exert more effort to develop the necessary amenities in our individual institutions for the benefit and development of the children in our schools. Remember the old adage that time and time wait for no man. Let us start doing what we are supposed to do today instead of waiting until tomorrow

14.0 FAREWELL SERVICE.

As mentioned in the March Circular this is a Diocesan event whose date is 7th. April 2018 starting at 0900hrs at the St Cuthberts Cathedral Gweru

15.0 LENTEN APPEAL.

St Michael's Mbizo and St George's Redcliff have submitted their contributions to the diocese.

16.0 THOUGHT OF THE MONTH.

When it comes to character, each of us must answer the critical question, “Who am I?” that answer often provides the motivation to practise self-discipline. It is fundamental for the Identification of core values. And it helps to establish emotional security. Our sense of security – or lack of it – often drives what we do.

American novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne recognised this truth. ‘No man can for any considerable time wear one face to himself and another to the multitude without finally getting bewildered as to which is the true one.’ How do you identify yourself? Where does your personal value come from.? What is your motivation as it relates to money and power.?

If you live with a chip on your shoulder, believe deep down you have no intrinsic value, or see yourself as a victim, you will have a distorted view of yourself and your surroundings. That, in turn will impact your character. No matter how hard you try, you cannot consistently behave in a way that is inconsistent with how you see yourself. Thus a strong and accurate sense of identity is essential. To paraphrase author Ruth Barton, people are set up to fail if they envision what they want to do before they figure out what kind of person they should be.

17.0

PRAYER OF THE MONTH.

Almighty and heavenly Father

Your Son Jesus Christ

Was resurrected from the dead for our benefit

And you promised us that by His resurrection

All who die believing in Him

Shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Help us to believe in this saving message

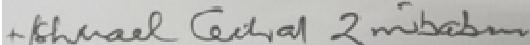
And grant that we may strive

To believe in your only Son

Jesus Christ our Lord

Who lives and reigns with you

One God, now and forever. AMEN



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08/04/2018

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