

**CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA**

**DIOCESE OF CENTRAL ZIMBABWE**

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**Bishop Makumbe breaking the ground for the Elusion Boilers plant construction in Shurugwi on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.**

**CIRCULAR FOR JUNE 2019**

## 1.0 BISHOP'S DIARY

<b>13.06.2019</b>	-	St. Mark's Lozane	-Pastoral
<b>15.06.2019</b>	-	Bernard Mizeki	-Celebrations
<b>16.06.2019</b>	-	St. Peter's The Rock	-Pastoral
<b>30.06.2019</b>	-	Martins' Pastoral	-Pastoral
<b>06.07.2019</b>	-	St. Bartholomew Torwood	-Pastoral
<b>13.07.2019</b>	-	H.S.M Convent	-Blessing of House
<b>21.07.2019</b>	-	Holy Name Woodlands	-Pastoral
<b>28.07.2019</b>	-	St. Athanasius Shurugwi	-Confirmation
<b>04.08.2019</b>	-	St. Lukes' Kwekwe	-Pastoral
<b>11.08.2019</b>	-	St. Agnes' Gokwe	-Confirmation
<b>17.08.2019</b>	-	A.M.U.Z	-Masvingo
<b>18.08.2019</b>	-	Sanyati Churches	-Confirmation
<b>25.08.2019</b>	-	St. Michael's Mbizo	-Confirmation

## **2.0 PERSONNEL**

The following Clergyman and their families have been sent to new mission fields with effect from the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. May we uphold them in prayer as they discern what God has sent them to do in these mission fields;

1. Revd. Samuel and Mrs Ndwana – St. Pauls Rimuka
2. Revd. Wonder and Mrs Nyoka – St. Bartholomew Torwood
3. Revd. Adam and Mrs Siyachivutuka –St. James Nyamuroro
4. Revd. Edin and Mrs Maseko – St. John's Rutendo
5. Revd. Clever and Mrs Mpinga – St. Cyprian Zhombe
6. Revd. Charles and Mrs Dzikiti – St. Thomas Senga
7. Revd. Christopher and Mrs Machakaire –St. Michaels Mbizo

Following our encouragement that Clergy should keep on improving themselves professionally and academically; Revd Makamure and Revd Chikuyo have registered with the Midlands State University for a BSc Psychology Degree. Well done.

## **3.0 LAPTOPS FOR PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS**

Due to the use of technology that is being embraced internationally we are encouraging all churches to buy laptops to be used by the clergyman. These will remain church property and will be used for church business. In our August Conference, we are going to have training that requires the use of laptops for both Clergy and Clergy Wives. Churchwardens and Council please take note of this one.

## 4.0 ASSESSMENT & LENTEN APPEAL

We thank those who have remitted their Lenten Appeal to the Diocesan Office. Some parishes including those led by Archdeacons have decided to forgo lent this year. May we please fulfil our God-given obligations. I hope by now we have all received the new assessment schedule. The increase is meant to cushion us against the high cost of living so let us make sure that starting this month we pay the new assessment. However, the economy continues to be unfriendly and our answer lies in the investment drive for sustainable income streams.

## 5.0 ARTICLE -CLIMATE CHANGE

**NEWS**DAY

Africa needs proper climate change solutions for sustainable development: April 15, 2019

African countries have relied too much on prescriptive measures from the international financial institutions, donor agencies and organisations for too long. The World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Food and Agricultural Organisations, Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and many others, under the auspices of the United Nations. These have been in the forefront of prescribing developmental, economic and sustainability dosages for African countries so that they could prosper. Why Africa and other developing continents? Africa cannot properly manage its affairs, plan or design its own climate action programmes and above all, it's not very much accountable.

Africa has, however, accepted this prescriptive tag and continuously try to live at the mercy of these fore bearers. Yes, Africa is part of the global community of practice, even when it has its heritage to influence its development capacities. Africa has also a duty to fight climate change, but instead of designing its own climate action strategies from its local worldviews,

Africa always get climate action prescriptions, in dosages from elsewhere, which resulted in it being overdosed and overloaded with information, hence, it doesn't know what to do with it. Africa also has its problems as well, these include mismanagement of resources, endemic corruption, poor governance and human rights abuses. I am not quite sure if all these have stopped people from thinking constructively. Surely, we cannot have a situation where three men sit in one plush World Bank boardroom, designing climate action programmes for Africa, yet African presidents, academics, researchers, entrepreneurs and development practitioners are there to design their own programmes of action.

What is significantly important is that, all these African practitioners have local knowledge based on their heritage, which can be used to influence change and support livelihoods development. Because typically Africa is over reliant on prescriptions from elsewhere, the continent is always relaxed and waits for climate-induced disasters to render people homeless in order to react. Their manner of reaction is always predictable, mainly asking for donations or humanitarian assistance from the international communities of practice. Yes, aid is always required because no country can stand on its own during trying times in the aftermath of catastrophes.

But what does Africa have in the first place when asking for donations, because one cannot ask for everything. For this reason, Africa is called upon to come up with sustainable climate action strategies that are locally driven and influenced by its heritage in order to improve the people's livelihoods. But inasmuch as Africa would want to argue and defend itself, with all the prescriptive measures in place, one major question always arises. Why is Africa always poor and hungry? In this regard, can we safely say the prescriptive measures indeed work for Africa? Considering that the prescriptive measures were operational and beneficial, Africa could be managing its poverty levels, hunger, realise the climate action practices, resilience and climate based solutions. Because the developmental prescriptions always come from elsewhere, Africans' self-esteem and confidence has been destroyed. As such they appear not knowing where they are coming from, nor where they are going. They would, instead keep on revolving on the same place, watching their failures and inaction all the time. Locally-based climate action strategies are the best ingredients for Africa because they help to fight poverty, reduce hunger, and improve the well-being of the people, agricultural production and infrastructural development. For quite a long time indeed, Africa has failed to meaningfully produce sufficient goods and services, because it has become a dumping ground for goods produced elsewhere, some of which produce toxins that pollute the environment. Because of lack of confidence, poor self-esteem and disregard of their heritage, the continent is yet to

realise it's worth as well as climate solutions designed to improve the standard of living of the people. As such, those who prescribe climate solutions for Africa, will forever remain the industrialists while Africans remain the workers, ready to offer their unconditional labour, hearts and souls to the industrialists.

Can we, therefore, say that Africans do not possess the type of knowledge that would improve their standards of living, contribute to environmental protection, and move their countries forward, despite having good soils, rich mineral resources, tourist attractions and a human capital base? Although all the natural disasters and catastrophes may not be directly linked to climate change, it is evident that climate change has accelerated over the years and has overtaken the natural weather phenomena, in such a way that its footprints cannot be downplayed and mystified, for they are evidently glaring and uncompromising.

Africa needs heritage driven solutions that will conquer poverty, hunger, reduce inequalities, and improve entrepreneurial skills, remove gender blindness, foster agricultural production, infrastructural development and environmental protection skills to promote resilience, from local perspectives and world views. By so doing, disasters would be properly forecasted, planned for, managed and funded so that people and livestock deaths would be minimised. Focusing within their localities, Africans would be more climate conscious, in such a way that, at least, the local communities and the grassroots are seen engaging in programmes that contribute to the nurturing of climate solutions in order to manage future disasters. Africans should also guard against the acceleration of linguistic introduction and being bombarded with large volumes of climate science discourses, potentially meaning the same thing, just to confuse them and arm-twist their mindsets.

Despite a tirade of linguistic invasions and acceleration, Africans have their own languages, identities, culture, and beliefs, driven by their heritage and designed to influence their world-views and contribute to climate solutions. Today it is climate action, climate solutions, resilience, green living, smart farming and eco-conscious; while yesterday it was adaptation, mitigation, environmental conscious, organic farming and many others. Africans have also their linguistic diversities which they can use to describe their own situations sufficiently well. In this regard, Africans do not need to import expensive vocabularies and linguistic discourses in order to improve their environments. They need an easy language to communicate in simple, but important ways to communicate their heritages, values, ideologies, religions and traditions.

## 6.0 EVENTS

### 6.1 Elusion Boilers Groundbreaking Ceremony

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June is a memorable day in the life of the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe. Our vision of being a self-sustainable diocese was rekindled in Shurugwi when we gathered for groundbreaking on the site where we are going to construct Elusion Boilers plant for gold processing. We thank you for your presence and for your prayers. Our contractors have already started putting together the material required for the steel structure so work on the site will begin very soon.



### 6.2 BENARD MZEKI COMMEMORATIONS 2019

This year's Benard Mzeki commemorations will be held at the Bernard Mzeki Shrine in Marondera from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. This is an event not to be missed so please start your preparations now. We call upon all the faithful in this Diocese to avoid travelling at night. No group or individual from the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe will be allowed to travel after dark or before sun light. Please note that this year all pilgrims will be expected to contribute ZWL2 upon entry into the shrine grounds for the administration and maintenance of the shrine.

Ten energetic subdeacons are required from each diocese and this year the diocese will be represented by Kwekwe Archdeaconry subdeacons. Ushers will also come from Kwekwe Archdeaconry. The programme will be sold at the venue to avoid piracy. Chairs will be hired at the supplier's price. Any group that is interested in providing entertainment through music please contact Revd Wilson Gumede. The issue of trading at the shrine is also heavily condemned as it disturbs the flow of worship. Please know that the primary purpose of going on the pilgrimage to the shrine is worship, not a business.

## **7.0 CLERGY, EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS**

Mrs D. Bwanakaya	-	16 June
Mrs P. Chapata	-	26 June
Revd. P. Mathema	-	26 June
Revd. T. Mahwerera	-	7 July
Mrs L. Motsi	-	13 July
Mrs O. Mathema	-	14 July
Revd. A. Makamure	-	16 July

## 8.0 AROUND PARISHES

At one parish, one parishioner donated the of land for use by the parish, irrigation equipment for use by the parish and 7000 seedlings of cabbage. All this is towards fulfilment of endowment obligation and other developmental issues of the parish. This kind of giving is what has been absent in the church. We want to tank this couple. It means that it is possible to score income of not less than \$30000 bond. Income generating projects are not limited to the Diocesan office, this should be our culture in this Diocese. Well done to the Kadoma couple for such giving.

We also want to thank Mrs Mhuriyengwe of Shurungwi, St. Chads, for the donation of the land on which the elution boilers plant shall be established. Those who witnessed the groundbreaking ceremony understand what we are talking about. She even relocated her homestead to give way to the project. May the Almighty continue to bless her.

## 8.0 NEWS FROM ARCHDEACONRIES.

### 8.1 Kadoma Archdeaconry

I hope I find you well. The cold weather is around the corner and our parishioners will need to be excited to come to church. You must think outside the box there are now too many pressures on our people and you must lead from the front.

We were blessed by the Bishop on the 25/May. He came for the induction and welcome of Ven. and Mrs Nyereyegona. He also dedicated the borehole and ablution block. Thank you all for your support.

Preparations for Bernard Mizeki are at an advanced stage. It will be cold, therefore to carry warm clothes. Pentecost is at St. Pauls Rimuka, Archdeaconry event. We shall also be saying goodbye to Rev. Nyoka and Amai who is being sent to Kwekwe Archdeaconry, we wish them well it was a blessing to work with them. We shall be receiving Rev. Ndawana very shortly. We ask the Lord for a smooth transition. Let me repeat that Endowment is at Archdeaconry level and targets are in USD.

This needs planning and any day you sit back is lost. I am happy All Saints town has started. We have a few days left, time flies and waits for no man. As long as you are in the negative mode you are like the servant who buried his master's money. Please come forward and put me in the picture.

*Compiled by Ven. C. Nyereyegona*

## **8.2 Gweru Archdeaconry**

It is with deep sadness and regret that I report the passing on of Mr Bimha, the Church Warden of All Saints Maboleni. He was hit by a speeding car as he crossed the road on his way from receiving the Ordinand who has been sent to minister there. May we uphold the Bimha family in prayer.

I also learnt of a fire that broke out in the St. Patrick's High School Kitchen and extensively damaged the ceiling the and the roof. We thank God that no one was hurt in the inferno. Lastly, we will be having a joint Pentecost Service at St. Philips Parish, Mkoba.

*Compiled by Ven. T. Sherewa*

### 8.3 Kwekwe Archdeaconry

Dear friends in Christ the months of May and June 2019 have not been good to the Archdeaconry of Kwekwe. A few weeks ago Revd C. Dzikiti lost his Mother and the burial took place at his rural home. We are so grateful for the support given by the Bishop and Mrs Makumbe to the Dzikiti family. They travelled to Watsomba to share their condolences with the family. We also thank St Michaels, Parish, Archdeaconry clergy and those beyond who travelled to Watsomba for the burial. We do appreciate your kindness and generosity may God bless you all.

As I was writing this article I received a message from Revd Mazula that, his mother in law, mother to Mrs Mazula had passed on. They were on their way to Harare to join the rest of the family. On behalf of the Archdeaconry, I convey our heartfelt condolences to Revd and Mrs Mazula for their loss. Funeral logistics will be announced in due course. Your prayers and support at this difficult time are most welcome.

Now that the transfers are official we take this opportunity to congratulate Revd C. Dzikiti and Revd S. Ndawana for their new appointments. We sincerely thank them for the long service they rendered to the people of Kwekwe Archdeaconry and beyond. The old saying says we meet to part and part to meet, we wish them successful ministries in the new places they are going to serve.

On the same topic of movements, we also welcome Revd and Mrs Machakaire, Revd and Mrs Mpinga and Revd and Mrs Nyoka to Kwekwe Archdeaconry. We are confident that these clergymen and their spouses will have a successful ministry in Kwekwe Archdeaconry and Zhombe area. Revd and Mrs Maseko and Revd. and Mrs Siachvhutuka are also moving to new places but within the Archdeaconry. We wish them all the success they deserve in the new areas that they will be exercising their ministry. Congratulations to them and their families for what God has done in their lives. We pray that with these new changes the Archdeaconry and the Diocese at large will move from one glory to the other.

Revd and Mrs Madhala were welcomed at St. Peter's the Rock at a colourful event that was well supported by the churches in Kwekwe. We thank God that the two are now settled and we pray they will live up to the expectations of the people of St. Peter's the Rock. St. Peter's is in the middle of constructing a very large church building by their standards; let us rally behind them to see the completion of the church building coming to a reality.

*Compiled by Austin July Archdeacon Kwekwe*

#### **8.4 Cathedral/Senga/Shurugwi Archdeaconry**

**No report**

*Compiled by Ven. T. Matienga*

## **9.0 PROJECTS**

### **9.1 Elusion Boiler**

*See events*

### **9.2 Diocesan Offices**

*No progress*

### **9.3 Hospital.**

*No report*

### **9.4 Diocesan Centre.**

*No progress*

### **9.5 Water & Sanitation**

*No report*

## **10.0 GUILDS**

### **10.1 Mothers' Union**

The M.U President and the CDC attended the Provincial Conference in Zambia from the 9th to the 12th of May 2019. Most importantly was the availing of the long-awaited Provincial Mothers Constitution to all Country Reps and in our case, like Zimbabwe, it was handed to Mrs Taonezwi of Masvingo Diocese. This was done by the MU Provincial Chaplain Bishop Tawonezwi.

*Below the Provincial Chaplain handing over a copy of the Constitution to the Provincial President Judith Shilemuna*



*Group photo showing members who attended the 3 day Conference*

## **MULOA**

The MU President and the CDC have been going around Archdeaconries to teach members on the MULOA concept on capacitation of the marginalised and the vulnerable as these are the main groups we are focusing on as MU in the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe. Areas visited so far are Gweru, Chiundura, Lower Gweru, Gokwe and Kwekwe. In Zhombe, members gathered at St Cyprian for the training of MULOA concept.



*The M.U President addressing members at a MULOA session at St. Barnabas Chiundura*

We shall be visiting the Kadoma Area on the 22nd of June and Cathedral on the 29th of the same month. The workshops shall be conducted at St. Lukes Patchway and St. David 's Dosert respectively.

### **MULOA around parishes**

M.U.L.O.A as a concept mainly focuses on the questions,  
Whose lives have you touched?

What changes have you brought?

The questions have been answered by two Parishes in the Gweru Area.

St. Philips adopted 2 school children at a home in Mkoba 14. They pay fees for the two children and also one MU member provided the uniforms for the children. On our visit there they also brought them some foodstuffs.

*The following pictures are to that effect.*



*All in all the home has 16 children under its care*

St. Matthews Mtapa MU has also fulfilled their promise on capacitating the Gweru orphanage through a poultry project. They donated 50 chicks and some feed for the project.

Below is the Administrator for the orphanage receiving the lot from the St. Matthew's Mothers Union



As M.U we thank God for the progress so far and we are looking to more projects on capacitation.

## 10.2 Anglican Women Fellowship(A.W.F)

At St. Matthew's Mtapa six members were admitted. It was a very blessing ceremony with full back up from the congregation. Congratulations to the six ladies. *See the following pictures*



Clergy, it is your responsibility to admit these new members into the fellowship, just as you do for the MU.

We continue to notice some misconception about AWF. Kindly note that membership is open to all ladies, married or not married. It is not for single mothers or widows only; it is for all ladies who are not members of M.U for one reason or another. The leadership of this fellowship is open to all ladies. *Please ensure that you elect ladies with leadership qualities.*

Clergy and wives help to explain this. Note that when admitting these members, the Bible is one of the items to be handed over to the new member. Feed the office with information on admission of members into the fellowship so that an accurate record is built. The uniform has a double collar, advise the tailor to ensure that one centimetre is maintained on the overlap.

- 10.3 **Anglican Church Men.**  
*No report*
- 10.4 **Wabvuwi**  
*No report*
- 10.5 **Married Couples Fellowship.**  
*No report*
- 10.6 **P.A.Y**  
*No report*
- 10.7 **Child Ministry**  
*No report*

## 10.8 Choir.

We are going to participate in the Inter-Diocesan competitions at Bernad Mizeki on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. Preparations are underway and Kwekwe Archdeaconry is going to represent our Diocese. We wish them the best.

## 11.0 RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

No report

*Compiled by Mr D. Musekiwa*

## 12.0 PENTECOST MESSAGE.

There is hope, even in this economy, only remain faithful to God. Nothing will get better because we have disobeyed God.

Our lives can get overwhelming, daunting, and hard. We can easily get discouraged, frustrated, and burned out by circumstances or relationships that are beyond our control. It will be disastrous to plan to do nothing. In those seasons where we are feeling hopeless and helpless, the best thing we can do is to turn away from the challenges and turn toward Christ. We should remember that God is in control and our lives are not our own, we should remember that we have a Savior who gives us strength when we are weak and who comforts us in all our times of need. Jesus commanded us to love one another. Let us just do that. At the wedding of Cana, Jesus gave instructions and people followed the instructions, the result was good for everybody, more good wine.

We love and serve a good, gracious Father, and we are undeserving of the love, grace, and mercy he so freely lavishes on us. What else could we do but give him endless thanks and praise in return? Remember Paul and Silas in prison, praying and praising God (Acts 16v25) and the chains were loosed. Economic chains can be loosed, if we believe in Jesus Christ as our savior. God knows and cherishes our hearts, therefore let us trust Him. He has given us so much to be grateful for in every season; life, salvation, loved ones, tiny blessings in our busy days, kind words from strangers, sunshine and the list goes on. This Pentecost season, feel encouraged by the knowledge that God is in charge of everything in us and around us. Jesus gave instructions to the disciple to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. They obeyed and the promise was fulfilled. We say, remain faithful to Jesus until He comes, even in these times where temptation is high to disobey God. Love one another, Christ is coming.

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## FOCUSED-DRIVEN LIFE

How focused are you? One of the greatest challenges of the modern world is being able to focus. It is also evident even in the church, that to be focused on the relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ is a challenge. Research shows that the average attention span is less than 7 seconds. Just watch how people behave in a service on a Sunday. We are in a world full of distractions, which often prevent you from starting a productive day, staying healthy and enjoying the people and things that matter the most in your life.

One way to see if your life is not focused-driven is the presence of procrastination and easy yielding to distractions. Procrastination is defined as to keep delaying doing something because it is unpleasant or boring. It is thought that, procrastination may be symptomatic of a psychological disorder. Procrastination has been linked to a number of negative associations, such as depression, irrational behavior, low self-esteem, anxiety and neurological disorders. They say unfocused life style is a symbol of laziness, which is, you keep piling things which should have been done a while ago, and these things should have benefited you in one way or the other.

The advice I am giving you in order to start leading a focused life is to focus on starting rather than finishing. Start doing what you are supposed to do today. Today's work must be done today, not tomorrow.

To quote Napoleon Hill: *"There is one quality which one must possess to win, and that is definiteness of purpose, the knowledge of what one wants, and a burning desire to possess it."*

**PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

Heavenly Father, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us, even in these hard economic times .

Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes.

Thank you for your great love and care.

Thank you for your mercy and grace.

Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us.

Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given us.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.

Renew our spirits; fill us with your peace and joy.

We love you and we need you, this day and every day.

We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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