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Dear Friends

Warm greetings to you from Growing the Church (GtC).

GtC - Exciting Progress

I am writing with much excitement having just seen an email from Archbishop Thabo Makgoba in which he again signals his support for GtC and its agreement to host the next Anglicans Ablaze Conference scheduled to take place at New life Church in Joburg from 23 to 26 September 2020. Archbishop Thabo has encouraged us to invite the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, as a keynote speaker again. Wonderful news, and we shall be doing so!

Why the excitement? Our Staff, the GtC Board and our GtC Volunteer Faculty have laboured for several years in thirty dioceses across seven countries in Southern Africa, and there is growing evidence of how people's lives and circumstances are being changed – spiritually, numerically and holistically. This growth, initially small, is now multiplying at an ever-increasing pace - the more than 2000 people at AA 2018 bears witness. You have no doubt read about what is happening in our dioceses via our newsletter, GtC Update.

Partnership with Growing the Church

We are writing to you dear friends to invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us in changing people's lives for good by investing an amount of money, on a monthly basis, in God's mission – alongside your prayers. This appeal goes out to individuals, churches and dioceses asking that you consider pledging R200 p/m, or more, to this ministry please. We covet your prayers and your financial partnership. And if you can only give less than R200, we would be equally grateful. The plans which we write to you about below requires us to raise R1.5 million Rand.

To all those already partnering with us, a very, very big THANK YOU for partnering with us so faithfully in what GOD has been doing across our Province, both through your prayers and through your generous giving. We could not have done this without you, and we deeply value your on-going partnership. Many thanks again!

Exciting Plans

These are some of the initiatives that are planned for the next 18 months, some relatively new and others are ongoing:

1. **We are transitioning GtC into the dioceses:** This requires clearly defined training engagements in all 30 dioceses across 7 countries. This has always been part of our succession plan and is accelerating growth.
2. **Disciple-making, peer-mentoring small groups:** Disciple-making training events are regularly held in dioceses across the Province. In the process of training the small group facilitators we also identify and train new faculty members.
3. **Leadership for Evangelism Training Conference – 12 to 17 November 2019:** Research is clear, visionary leadership, compassionate evangelism and intentional disciple-making are key initiatives that help to grow churches. GtC will host their Diocesan Coordinators and their mentees in Cape Town.
4. **“Love Cape Town Cityfest” – 2 to 17 November 2019,** is a huge ecumenical outreach event. As a partner, we will help Anglican churches to join and we will invite some of the speakers to the GtC event in no.3 above. We will also participate in, and learn from the major outreaches in Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain and on the Grand Parade, besides the

daily stratified evangelism events – many dozens of outreaches into businesses and institutions all over the city.

5. **The Anglicans Ablaze 2020 International Conference** will host up to 2500 people in Gauteng from 23 to 26 September 2020. Archbishop Moon Hing of Malaysia and the Anglican Communion's gifted Disciple-making resource team have been invited as guest speakers. Our goal is to launch 500 "Disciple-making, Peer-mentoring Small Groups" as a direct result of empowering people at this conference.
6. **Youth - empowering young leaders:** The youth and young-adults segment remains a high priority. We aim to host 1000 young people at AA 2020 (we had 750 young people attend AA2018). Their feedback indicates that they were deeply encouraged by the inclusive worship, teaching and training, inclusion in ministry, and building friendships / networking with people from all over Southern Africa, and the world.

Support Needed

Whilst the GtC mission is a very challenging one, it is also very rewarding. Our GtC teams, made up mostly of volunteer trainers, travel many hundreds of kilometres to serve the people of God in dioceses across Southern Africa, as part of *their* engagement in the mission of God. All we do, be it travel, hiring of venues, developing or purchasing training materials, requires finances. The GtC office has to be maintained and stipends paid. All our younger participants are subsidised - making it possible for them to participate in events.

The GtC Team and Board are very careful about how the resources received from generous donors are spent. But the ongoing work requires ongoing funding. GtC is required to fundraise for 92% of its ministry needs. To accomplish the mission and ministry mentioned in the 6 areas above over the next 18 months, we estimate that we would need to raise R1.5 million, as mentioned earlier.

Thank You

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of you who are prayerfully considering whether to give to God through GtC to help impact the church and change the world together. Thank you!

And a very big **THANK YOU** again to all of you who are *already* giving to God through GtC! You are already impacting both the church and the world. Unless you wish to increase your giving, this appeal will naturally not apply to you.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about our ministry, please feel free to contact The Revd Trevor Pearce, our Director (details above) who would be happy to speak to you by telephone, skype, zoom or email. **And if you are planning to give, please let us know so that we can thank you.**

On behalf of our Board, a very big thank you again for giving this letter of appeal your consideration. Details of how to give can be found on the next page.

We assure you of our regular prayers. We are keen to support you in your mission and ministry too!

Yours in Christ,



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HOW TO GIVE:

1. **The best ways of giving are by DEBIT ORDER or by EFT.** If you choose Debit Order, please fill out the Debit Order below / attached and return it to us by email, or post to: GtC, 4 Mafeking Rd, Bergvliet, 7945.
2. **Our bank details are as follows:** Standard Bank, Constantia Branch. Account name: Growing the Church, a/c no. 271 625 864, Branch Code: 051 001 (Swift code ZBZAZAJJ)
3. **If you wish to deposit cash or a cheque,** please deposit into our account **at the ATM.** If you are not sure how, simply ask a bank staff member to show you how. Over the counter deposits cost a lot more in fees.
4. **You can give an annual amount** instead of a monthly amount if you wish to.

GtC RESPONSE FORM

Please can you let me have this back? Thank you!

Title: _____ Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Diocese: _____ Parish: _____

COMMUNICATION / SUPPORT

I wish to support GtC through prayer **Please send me newsletters**

I wish to support GtC financially

- R_____ per month / annually / once-off < (please circle whatever applies.)
- By: EFT / cheque / debit order / cash deposit at ATM > see debit order below

DEBIT ORDER FORM BELOW...



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Full Name (Debtor) : _____ Date : _____
Address : _____ Contact No.(Tel/Cell) : _____
_____ Monthly Debit Amount : R _____
_____ Commencement Date : _____

Dear Sirs/Madams

The details of my/our account are as follows:

BANK : _____ ACCOUNT NAME. : _____
BRANCH TOWN : _____ ACCOUNT NO. : _____
BRANCH NO. : _____ TYPE OF A/C (circle) savings, cheque,
transmission

I / We hereby authorize you to issue and deliver payment instructions to the bank for collection against my / our abovementioned account at my / our above mentioned bank on condition that the sum of such payment instructions will never exceed my / our obligations as agreed to in the Agreement, and commencing on the commencement date and continuing until this Authority and Mandate is terminated by me / us by giving you notice in writing of no less than 20 ordinary working days, and sent by prepaid registered post or delivered to your address indicated above.

The individual payment instructions so authorized to be issued must be issued and delivered as follows:

On the 1st (First) day ("payment day") of each and every month commencing on _____. In the event that the payment day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or recognized South African public holiday, the payment day will automatically be the very next ordinary business day.

I / We understand that the withdrawals hereby authorized will be processed through a computerised system provided by the South African Banks and I also understand that details of each withdrawal will be printed on my bank statement. Each transaction will contain a number, which must be included in the said payment instruction and if provided to you should enable you to identify the Agreement. A payment reference is added to this form before the issuing of any payment instruction. I / We shall not be entitled to any refund of amounts which you have withdrawn while this authority was in force.

MANDATE

I / We acknowledge that all payment instructions issued by you shall be treated by my/our above mentioned bank as if the instructions had been issued by me/us personally.

ASSIGNMENT

I / We acknowledge that this Authority and Mandate has been ceded to Netcash (Pty) Ltd as per your agreement with Netcash (Pty) Ltd. **(Netcash processes the debit orders for Growing the Church)**

Signed at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20____

SIGNATURE AS USED FOR BANKING

WRITE IDENTITY DOC NUMBER ABOVE PLS

FOR OFFICE USE > AGREEMENT REFERENCE NUMBER IS: _____