

GtC UPDATE



Our vision: To be a God-centred Anglican Church, clearly growing spiritually, numerically and holistically

APRIL 2019

Discipleship takes off in ACSA!

DIOCESE OF LESOTHO

THE Diocese of Lesotho recently hosted a Discipleship Training Conference – training small group leaders in *Rooted in Jesus*, *Rooted in Jesus Junior* and in the urban, post-modern discipleship tool, *The God Who Is There*. What an exciting and vibrant group of participants – about 55 people attended.

Facilitators consisted of Trevor Pearce and Estelle Adams of the Diocese of Cape Town, The Revds Itumeleng Pooe and Hectorina Tsotetsi from Qwaqwa, and Dr Joseph Morenammele, Dr Frangena Rathabanang and Me Thakane Mohapi, from Lesotho.

Joseph Morenammele said:

“I am totally humbled as I reflect on the weekend—words will never be enough to express what the Lord has done here! It was a wow experience. As Isaiah 43:18 says, “God is doing a new thing.” Several participants heard the gospel for the first time and committed their lives to Jesus. Thank God for Revd Trevor who preached boldly about salvation and gently challenged the people to consider inviting Jesus in their lives.”

Please pray for this initiative. We are excited about it and look forward to the Holy Spirit equipping us for Discipleship.

A few enthusiastic young leaders have been identified and will be enlisted to continue the work of training in Lesotho Diocese and beyond.

The 55 facilitators committed to starting 24 small groups. With an average of 10 people in each group, 240 people will be disciplined! There is such excitement. Yes! Lesotho TV aired part of the conference.



The GtC Implementation team from Qwa Qwa met with Trevor, The priest in the brown outfit, Revd Hectorina Tsotsi said: “So far Qwaqwa has seven Rinj groups, four Rinj adult groups, two Rinj junior groups and one group for TGWIT. God is awesome, through the Rinj program people are growing spiritually, physically and economically. The church of God is growing!”

“Sihambisa okukaJesu 2019”

DIOCESE OF NATAL

AFTER hosting Anglicans Ablaze 2018, the Diocese of Natal has become unstoppable! Their enthusiasm has led to lots of activities.

They launched Growing the Church, Natal, which included training conferences on various aspects of Intentional Discipleship in five different regions, including Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Port Shepstone, Ladysmith and Durban North. The training tools used were *Rooted in Jesus Adult*, *Rooted in Jesus Junior*, *J-Life*, *Alpha* and a *Discipleship Workshop*. Teams of trainers spread across the Diocese of Natal.

Bruce Woolley: “Each course will be rotating around the diocese over a period of 15 months. We are, with our

Bishop’s support, taking GtC to the people, and assisting and enabling parishes to evangelize and make disciples. God is good!”

Since then, three new *Rooted in Jesus Adult* groups, one new *Rooted in Jesus Junior* group, three new *Alpha Groups* and one new *J-Life* group have been formed at Parish Level.”

Zama Dlamini: (Faculty) RinJ took off nicely in our diocese. We had a great start in Ladysmith. God’s presence was experienced by all. The participants showed so much excitement with regards to RinJ. We had both lay people and clergy attending. On Saturday, youth members from various parishes joined us. All in all, the sessions went well. We appreciated all the support from Revd Bruce and Revd Shezi for organising the logistics pertaining to the workshops.”

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Tribute to Michael Charles Künz 26 Feb 1968—6 April 2019

MICHAEL WORKED IN GTC'S MEDIA DEPARTMENT FROM 2012 UNTIL 2017 WHEN IT BECAME AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY

WE are writing on behalf our GtC Bishops, Board, Staff and Volunteers to share our very deepest sympathies with the Künz family on Michael's passing.

Needless to say, we grew very fond of Michael as we worked together on a daily basis. There were many things about him that we will remember. Here are a few:

- His very clear commitment to Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. This leaves us without a doubt that he is with his Lord!
- He loved his wife and children and none of us were in any doubt of that. We loved the many stories and photographs that illustrated that fact. He spoke of each one with great pride!
- Mike had the wackiest and most wonderful sense of humour. He was pleasant to work with and most days had a bucket of laughs in it. He knew just how to make us laugh, and raise our eyebrows in surprise when he was being quirky. He

touched us with his generosity by opening his heart and his hands to whoever might be in need.

- Whilst Mike was a dreamer, he was also a hard worker. This combination gave him an astonishing ability to learn, understand and implement computer-tech, without too much formal education in that field. His production of the MyChurch Management System can thus only be described as genius! It was his pride and joy!
- His greatest sadness was not being able to be part of the Anglicans Ablaze 2018 Conference. He provided both the registration systems as well as looking after the photography and videography for all four previous conferences. His technical ability was a real asset to have around.

We will miss him terribly. When we think of Mike and of our relationship with him, we are left with a tear, a smile and even a chuckle remembering the



Michael in the Caribbean where he had been invited to set up *My Anglican* in the Diocese of the North East Caribbean.

fun we had as the family of GtC and MyChurch IT.

We thank his wife Tilly, his son Christopher and his daughter Shar-ron for sharing him with us.

And we must say thank you to the Media Team – Rae, whom he called his right-hand, the interns, Nathan and Caleb, and Craig who holds the programming side of things.

The Revd Trevor Pearce and Mrs Estelle Adams.

Kimberley and Kuruman prepares for Diocesan AA



Back row: Fr Christie, Dean Leeuw, Fr Paulsen, Fr Langa and Fr Kea
Front row: Fr Mottaung Fr Thomas, Fr Mandla, Fr Gilbert, Bishop Oswald, Revd Starkey, Fr Maritz and kneeling in front, Fr Barends

THE Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman are gearing up to host their Diocesan Anglicans Ablaze, tentatively, from 20-22 September this year. For information contact The Ven Carol Starkey via email: diocesanmissioner@gmail.com

SERVING INTERNATIONALLY

Bishop Martin serves on the “Jesus Shaped Life” core group - the Anglican Communion’s task team which gives leadership and shares resources for the current Season of Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-making.

Meanwhile, Trevor Pearce has been asked to be an occasional consultant to “The Upper Room”, a Christian publishing house based in Nashville, with an office in Johannesburg, whose focus is on providing two kinds of material: “Daily devotional material” and “Food for the Christians journey”! Trevor believes that through this collaboration, they can both help provide us with



Revd Steve Bryant and Mr Peter Velandar from USA, meeting with Upper Room Africa Board Members, staff and friends willing to serve this ministry.

good resources, and assist us with producing resources for Africa, written by Africans, which could also bless the world.

ANGLICANS ABLAZE 2020

UPDATE

We can confirm that the next Anglicans Ablaze will take place in Johannesburg Diocese. **Proposed dates 23-26 September 2020.** Dates will be confirmed at a later stage.

NATAL DIOCESE



1. The Rooted in Jesus Junior delegates
2. The RinJ Adults during their small group practise
3. More practical demonstrations in small groups.
4. Delegates who were trained in J-Life Discipleship by Thokozani Hlatswayo, left, in Port Shepstone

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DIocese OF FREE STATE

The Diocese of the Free State held a discipleship training conference in May last year, followed by their own AA Conference in November. A recent visit by Trevor Pearce revealed that as a result the Diocese was growing in fruitfulness, and development was obvious.

- Bishop Letloeny Dintoe’s group with his staff members are now moving on to book three of Rooted in Jesus!
- Fr Itumeleng Pooe has a group with some of the members of the Fellowship of Vocation. He also runs a RinJ Junior group with his family.
- The programme has also taken root in the Far Eastern Free State, where the Revd Hectorina Tsotetsi, on her own, is coordinating 7 discipleship groups!

In addition, the Revd Itumeleng Pooe and Revd Hectorina Tsotetsi, Drs Joseph Morenammele and Frangena of Lesotho have been assisting Growing the Church in conducting training Rooted in Jesus in the Diocese of Lesotho. We are increasing our faculty base with talented people.



Some of the Team Leaders and participants who served at the conference with willingness and patience to ensure that the programme ran smoothly

DIocese OF LESOTHO



Revd Itumeleng Pooe, Bloemfontein Cathedral, Moleboheng Mohapi and Matumelo Pefole from Maseru Cathedral, Revd Hectorina Tsotetsi from Qwa Qwa and Kenole Motumi from Thaba-Nchu in the Diocese of Free State.

Trevor’s travels

“I had an amazing time in the Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman a few weeks ago when I met three groups—the youth and their leaders, clergy and the GtC Implementation Team. They are excited about the future and gearing up to host their own discipleship training programmes as well as an AA Conference.

I was invited to preach at an Ash Wednesday Service and 75% of congregation stood up to turn away, and leave their sins in ashes. They asked Jesus to enter their hearts and to give them a brand new start - 2 Cor 5:17 was the text. Wow! Thank you Jesus!

Then off to Bloemfontein the following day, where I met with the GtC Implementation Team, Bishop Dintoe and their Coordinator. They had Rooted in Jesus training last year followed by their own Anglicans Ablaze. Things are really blazing there.

Trevor videoed some testimonies, click here to view both. [TESTIMONY](#) and [TESTIMONY2](#), and Bishop Dintoe [HERE](#)

ABP appeals for support for Cyclone Idai victims

The port city on Mozambique's central coast bore the brunt of Cyclone Idai, which made landfall on March 14, bringing torrential rain, heavy winds and widespread flooding in parts of southeastern Africa.

The storm battered Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Madagascar, killing many hundreds and displacing tens of thousands of people.

Additional stress on relief efforts is the outbreak of cholera and malaria and the death toll may rise much higher. Once the big international aid agencies start reducing their support to focus elsewhere, and as the flood waters recede and life gets back to

normal, the church is still there in the ministry of restoration and rebuilding.

The Archbishop has made an appeal to the Province, using all possible avenues for assistance as the problem is huge.

“HOPE Africa has also been asked to assist. We will help the bishops with planning, and reporting. As well as fundraising, through HOPE Africa and directing people to the ACSA disaster relief fund.”

The HOPE Africa bank account dedicated to this appeal is on our website:

<http://www.hopeafrica.org.za>



Bishop Martin Breytenbach says good bye to the Diocesan staff before he and his wife, Mrs Colleen Breytenbach depart for Cape Town. He has retired from the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist, Polokwane.

THY KINGDOM COME ***Key new resources for all***



MAY 31ST TO JUNE 9TH 2019

Thy Kingdom Come 2019 is less than 10 weeks away! Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

They have a wonderful range of new resources available - whether you are looking to take part as a church, a

family / small group or as an individual - suitable for all denominations and traditions.

Some of this year's key resources: The Prayer Journal, The Novena, The Family Adventure prayer map etc. For more details visit www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome.

Global Leadership Summit 2019 – Special Anglican Rates R430 Code

4 – 5 October 2019

Johannesburg – Mosaïek Teatro

11 – 12 October 2019

Vanderbijlpark – River of Life Family Church

Somerset West – New Gen Church

East London – Christian Centre

Durban – Grace Family Church

18 – 19 October 2019

Durban – Kloof Harvest Church

Richards Bay – Outlook Church

Rustenburg – Agapé Gemeente

Durban – Linc Church

Port Elizabeth – Harvest Christian Church

25 – 26 October 2019

Bloemfontein – Doxa Deo

Cape Town – AFM Friend of God

Klerksdorp – Oase Gemeente

George – George Methodist Church

1 – 2 November 2019

Pietermaritzburg – All Saints United

Church

Pretoria – Doxa Deo Brooklyn

8 – 9 November 2019

Pretoria – Doxa Deo Midstream

9 November 2019

Kimberley – Taberna Dei Diamantstad

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