

GtC UPDATE



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

FIRST QUARTER – MARCH 2018

ANGLICANS ABLAZE 2018



Registration is now Open!

REGISTRATION is now Open! Click on the link below to register directly <http://anglicansablaze.org/conferences/aa-2018/register-for-anglicans-ablaze/>

Then click on **REGISTER DIRECTLY** for an easy registration and online payment.

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

DYNAMIC speakers have always been a highlight of the Anglicans Ablaze conferences, and the 2018 event will not disappoint.

JUDGE LEONA THERON is a Constitutional Court Judge, who has smashed through glass ceilings during her career. When appointed to the KwaZulu-Natal division of the high court in 1999, Theron became its first black female judge and, at the age of 33, it's youngest. At age 12, Theron started a sweet-making home industry in order to pay for schooling and music lessons.

This led to a proficiency in the piano, organ and violin. Judge Theron also has a passion for writing poetry, but it is the writing of judgments and the adjudication of legal cases where she has left her most indelible mark on the public sphere. She has consistently demonstrated an independent mind and a

SOME CONFIRMED AA2018 SPEAKERS



Sam Uys
Alpha Co-ordinator
Kwazulu-Natal



Judith February
Institute for Security
Studies



Mahlatse Mashua
Director of Ravi
Zacharias Int Ministries



Judge
Leona Theron
Concord Judge

hard-nosed attitude to rape and gender-based violence in South Africa.

In 2008, she handed down a seminal judgment in the KwaZulu-Natal High Court when she ruled that women in customary marriages were, in effect, married in community of property and so accrued similar rights and benefits.

MAHLATSE MASHUA who is the Director of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries [RZIM] Southern Africa will speak on the social attitudes and concerns of modern-day Southern Africa, especially in the areas of race, identity and reconciliation. Against this backdrop he speaks powerfully into personal and community transformation.

Mahlatse Mashua grew up in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga, but now lives in Cape Town. He studied biochemistry at the University of KwaZulu Natal and theology at the University of Oxford. He is married to Lusanda, who will also be a speaker at Anglicans Ablaze. Mahlatse will minister at AA2018 with a small team of young passionate speakers.

SAM UYS is the Alpha coordinator for KZN. Sam was born and raised in Pietermaritzburg, and she worked as an Au Pair in the USA while she studied American culture and history at Long Island University.

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A new season for the Corlew-Curtis family

A tribute to Nicole and Wayne

Bishop Martin Breytenbach

IN 2011, Trevor Pearce and I participated in a missions conference in New Zealand. During our time there we were told about a young African American woman who felt God was calling her to serve in South Africa.

This was the start of a wonderful association with Nicole Corlew. She joined the GtC Team and was soon making a huge contribution in ministry to young people - teaching, training, writing and editing, maintaining our web site, and leading the youth dimension of our Anglicans Ablaze Conferences.

Nicole has been an enormous blessing to many people in Southern Africa. I think especially of her work with Youth Alpha and Rooted in Jesus Junior. Nicole has always been positive and cheerful in her attitude, always willing to serve and very effective in what she does. Little did we know that Nicole, who came to us as a single woman, would leave in 2018 with a husband and twin girls!



Nicole, Wayne, Anna-beth on the left and Sarah-Grace on the right.

We are delighted that Nicole and Wayne met, got married and had their first children here.

Wayne joined Nicole as a valuable member of the GtC Team working alongside her in various aspects of our Youth Resourcing ministry, especially our missions' ministry. Being a highly trained VIP Protection Officer, Wayne was

also assigned to take care of the Archbishop of Canterbury at Anglicans Ablaze 2014. This he enjoyed immensely!

We hope that our partnership in ministry and friendship will continue, even if at a distance, and pray that God will lead and bless Nicole, Wayne and their family as they settle down in the USA. ☺

ANGLICANS ABLAZE 2018 SPEAKERS

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Sam is passionate about people, building strong families and God-fearing communities.

She is a dynamic young lady whose vibrant personality immediately impacts one. Her vision for Alpha in the KZN region is to see it extend into more communities, townships, rural areas and schools. Sam is married to Carl Uys, and they have one child.

JUDITH FEBRUARY is often heard commentating on radio, television or gets us thinking via her insightful newspaper articles. She is a Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), affiliated to UCT's Graduate School for Development Policy and Practice.

Judith studied to be a lawyer and practised for five years. Then, realising she wanted to make a difference in public life, she chose writing and research, among other things. A compelling speaker, she is not to be missed!

SOME OF THE KEY TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Evangelism in the 21st Century
- Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making
- Justice Now!
- Creation Care's global challenge

As with previous Anglicans Ablaze conferences, there will be a strong youth component. ☺

AA 2018 Registration Fees and Deadlines

Full Registration: R850,

Deadline: 31 August 2018

Early Bird: R650,

Deadline: 31 May 2018

Financially Assisted: R650,

Deadline: 31 August 2018

Student/Youth - must be students currently & under 30 years of age R450,

Deadline: 31 August

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And be sure to follow us on Twitter at [@GtCACSA](https://twitter.com/GtCACSA)

Life-changing mission in Botswana! 15-19 March 2018

THE Botswana Mission can easily be described in one word – Life-changing! It was a collaboration between Growing the Church and SOMA with Chris Viljoen and Trevor Pearce leading the event.

In 2014 about 10 people from Botswana attended Anglicans Ablaze. They felt deeply ministered to. As a result, over 30 people attended AA 2016 held in Cape Town. This time the group included Bishop Metlha and his wife.

Chris Viljoen, our senior ministry partner and Director of SOMA South Africa, followed up the AA 2016 event with two missions to Botswana, and this one was the third. There were three primary foci: (a) teaching on healing (b) teaching on evangelism and (c) to meet and speak with leaders from Botswana Diocese about assisting them with hosting their own “Anglicans Ablaze Botswana” in 2019.

Most of Friday was taken up with teaching and modelling practical ministry to the large group present,



The Revd Chris Viljoen and the Revd Trevor Pearce with Dean Celestino Chishimba.

with them ministering to each other in the afternoon. This continued on Saturday morning as we prepared for the big event – to hold an open-air service inside a mall in which we would preach the gospel and engage people who indicated some kind of response. And depending on the response, lead some of them to

Christ, pray for healing where desired – physical or relational, wipe away tears and so much more. It just went on and on. Some passers-by saw that folk were being prayed for and simply stood in line for prayer themselves. Our mission participants experienced a model of evangelism that was holistic, gentle and life-changing. And what was the biggest lesson learnt? That the ministries of evangelism and healing were a lot easier to engage in and quite non-threatening – more than anyone could have imagined. There was an explosion of joy when we got back to Holy Cross Cathedral!

This joy was also evident the following day as we preached at the cathedral services at 07h30, 10h00 and 16h00, with lots of ministry following. Needless to say we returned home exhausted, but deeply satisfied by having had the enormous privilege of sharing the good news in word and deed, and making so many new friends. To God be all the glory! ☸



Thy Kingdom Come – 10-20 May 2018

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.

Archbishop Welby is calling all Anglicans to join the call to prayer which will take place between Ascension Day, 10 May and Pentecost, 20 May 2018.

The aim is simple and threefold:

- To join with the whole family of the Father
- To pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit
- That we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ

In his video, explaining the “Thy Kingdom Come” global prayer wave for evangelism, The Archbishop of Canterbury says: “We all have people in our lives who do not know about Jesus and the difference he longs to bring them.”

Archbishop Thabo in support says that during the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring others to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.

For more ideas and details about Thy Kingdom Come, please watch Archbishop Justin Welby’s message on video click on <http://www.thykingdomcome.global/> ☸

During Thy Kingdom Come, pray especially for Anglicans Ablaze 2018, to disciple the church more intentionally and to witness to the world more effectively.

Rooted in Jesus training planned for Niassa

DR Alison Morgan and a team from different parts of Africa will conduct three Rooted in Jesus (RinJ) training conferences for the Diocese of Niassa in October - November 2018. Bishop Martin and Colleen Breytenbach from ACSA will be part of the team.

Niassa was the first Diocese in ACSA, under Bishop Mark van Koevering, to use RinJ as a programme for making disciples – including Confirmation preparation.

Since 2008 RinJ has spread to a large number of Dioceses in Southern Africa. In the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist, for example, it is part of Confirmation preparation and foundational in the training of licensed Lay Ministers.

Bishop Vicente of Niassa has seen the need to train more leaders in that diocese so that Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples

(Matthew 28:18-20) can continue to flourish.

Rooted in Jesus is a practical, hands-on disciple making course comprising 4 books, each with 12 lessons. Some of the special marks of RinJ are the use of memory verses; practical illustrations; learning to pray with and for one another; and putting what is learnt into practice. In the process lives are changed, churches grow, and new churches are planted. The course was originally developed jointly by Anglicans from the UK and East Africa working together – with Africans and for Africa.

RinJ is not particularly challenging academically – only the course leader has to be literate. But people of all academic levels have found it extremely challenging as they learn to follow Jesus in everyday life. Participants learn to apply Scripture to the



+Martin and Colleen Breytenbach

challenges of living as disciples of Jesus, and to support one another in prayer and fellowship. The Goal of RinJ is to make disciples who make disciples (2 Timothy 2:2). For more information, please go to the website www.rootedinjesus.net

The Decade of Intentional Discipleship

Living and Sharing a Jesus-Shaped Life



The Season of Intentional Discipleship and Discipleship-Making in the Anglican Communion:

PERHAPS the biggest need in the church today is for members who see themselves as disciples of Jesus, to help others to become disciples as well.

Jesus' disciples were apprentices who followed him, watched how he lived, healed the sick, confronted evil and imitated him. They listened to his teaching, sought to live by it, and passed it on to others. In the process they were willing to set everything else aside in favour of the reign of God, which Jesus proclaimed. They wrestled with what it meant to love God, their neighbours, one another and even their enemies. They turned the world upside down!

God is calling the church today, and Anglicans in particular, to accept the challenge to become disciples who make disciples (2 Timothy 2:2). With this in mind the Anglican Consultative Council adopted a Season of Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making in the Anglican Communion in 2016. Our Provincial Synod accepted the call in that same year and ACSA launched the Season at the Anglicans Ablaze Conference in October 2016. Since then the challenge has been accepted in many Provinces of the Communion, and a Task Team has been established to encourage and guide the process globally.

I am privileged to serve on that team under the chairmanship of Archbishop Ng Moon Hing of Southeast Asia and members from South and North America, the United Kingdom,

several parts of Africa, Asia and Australasia.

Our goal is for disciple-making to become central to the life, ministry and mission of Anglican Churches everywhere. In order to do this we are working with appropriate groups and ministries throughout the Communion.

We are also developing and encouraging the development of disciple-making resources for all ages, which will help our people address the challenges of life in the 21st Century as disciples of Jesus. It is all about becoming more like Jesus in our different contexts. Hence the phrase: living and sharing a Jesus-Shaped life – in a Jesus-Shaped church.

†Martin Breytenbach

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