

Anglican Diocese Of Harare (CPCA) Newsletter Supplement

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WELCOME CHAD; FAREWELL SEBASTIAN



Incoming Bishop Canon Dr Chad
Nicholas Gandiya

Outgoing Bishop Dr Sebastian
Bakare, DD

Editorial

By Ophias Sherewa (Chairperson: Information Communication Documentation Commission)

The publication of this booklet was designed to coincide with the consecration of Bishop-elect Chad Gandiya. Its purpose is to give the new Bishop and the worldwide Anglican Communion a synopsis of the Diocese of Harare, Church of the Province of Central Africa (CPCA).

It is by God's divine design that Bishop Gandiya is consecrated on the last of the three days that the unity government of Zimbabwe has dedicated to national healing, reconciliation and integration, where all Zimbabweans are called upon to give themselves to promoting peace, freedom and stability – ingredients necessary for the much needed prosperity in our nation. It is our prayer that the truth and restorative justice prevail, as they are important pre-requisites for reconciliation and nation building.

The three days have far greater meaning to the Anglicans in the Diocese, who endured persecution in body, mind and spirit under the direction of the devil and those that follow and worship him. The establishment of commissions such as Pastoral Counselling and Family Life within the Diocese were out of the need to assist those that were victims of unjust brutality within and outside the church.

As some of the contributors to this booklet note, the trials and tribulations that this Diocese went through over the last two years were a blessing in disguise as we have now come out with stronger resolve to fulfill our mission as a Church.

As we heartily welcome Bishop Chad and Amai Faith Gandiya, we sincerely thank Bishop Sebastian and Amai Bakare for ably steering the Diocese on course under extremely difficult circumstances. Your vision for the Diocese will not falter – we will carry it through.

We also thank all Anglicans in Zimbabwe, the province and worldwide for their support in prayers and materially.

I would also like to thank the leaders of the various committees, commissions, guilds and associations in the Diocese for keeping the Church of God going and making Bishop and Amai Bakare's work possible.

Special thanks go to all parishioners in the Diocese – you make Harare great!

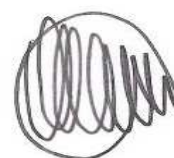
I would also like to thank all those that have contributed articles to this booklet. May the Lord bless you and continue to give you strength to do what he commissioned you to do – to love Him and work for Him.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Yvonne Munzara for her tireless efforts in ensuring the compilation and publication of this booklet.

God bless the Diocese of Harare, the Church of the Province of Central Africa, the Anglican Church Worldwide and His Church.

God bless our beloved country Zimbabwe.

Signed.



Interview with Bishop Bakare

By Yvonne Munzara



Question 1: What do you say to the coming in of Canon Dr Chad Gandiya?

I want to warmly welcome Chad and Faith to the Diocese and also to let them know that they are coming, not to a Diocese of the yester years which was Clergy led and owned, but to a transformed church whose laity now claim a high degree of ownership of the church. The yester years did not give the laity a major say in the general running of the Diocese. This sense of ownership is a result of serious persecution that the Diocese has gone through. Members of the Diocese had to stand together to defend what they believed was their God given gift (faith). The Beast mentioned in the bible has to be defeated.

Question 2: Any comments about the persecution which the whole Diocese experienced?

The persecution which we experienced in this Diocese gave us not only a sense of ownership of our church buildings but an identity which has become a source of pride for everybody. We hear people say that we are CPCA (Church of the Province of Central Africa). This identity of CPCA is very new, but it has now become a household name which distinguishes our people from the old identity, which was just Anglican.

Being Anglican seems to have been superseded by CPCA. We have to remind our people though, that being Anglican is a World Wide identity, that is "Anglican Communion". Members of CPCA have demonstrated that they are prepared to die for their faith in God. This is a new phenomena and the positive spirit of belonging to CPCA is very high. The persecution we have gone through has made us focus on God's mission as a church because of the new understanding of what we are as members of CPCA. It was felt that everybody has to offer her or his gift to further the proclamation of the gospel. We came up with new structures that we felt could be instrumental in bringing together everybody. These instruments are in the form of commissions which are at a Diocesan level and will cascade at parish level. Ours has been a story similar to that of Samson fighting a lion and later getting honey from it. From tears caused by police harassment, imprisonment and beatings, we now bear tears of joy for the church has become more lively than before.

Question 3: Can you share with us your experiences during the past 20 months that you have been in this Diocese?

My experience has been very enriching. I came to start a new Diocese from the old with no money, no office, no staff, no vehicle and no stipend for 6 months, But we read in the bible not worry about what you eat, drink or wear, God will provide. We in this Diocese experienced God's provision when I sat with a few people and discussed how we were going to set new structures of the Diocese according to the Acts, Trustees, Standing Committee, Senate etc. I was very grateful that those individual lay people and priests I co-opted differ from the old leadership which had created chaos in the Diocese. As a human being I was scared that all the clergy would be so disillusioned because of no funds to pay their stipends. No stipends were paid for 4 months but God did provide us with funds from generous friends (USPG, Southwark and Rochester).

Bishop Chad is coming to a Diocese that is still fighting to repossess its assets. We are a Diocese without endowment funds and we live from hand to mouth. But I can assure you, we have wonderful people who love their church and are contributing towards its mission. Mathew 28.

What has been most interesting is how people have captured and taken seriously the Nehemiah task, to rebuild Jerusalem. The reconstruction of our Jerusalem, CPCA Harare, will continue. The issue of assets is still in the High Court and we are waiting for a

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My wish for Chad and Faith is for them to fold up their sleeves in order to nurture the people of God and be a healing couple to those with memories of persecution. It is this healing that will enable the Diocese to forge ahead with its work. But also, we need to look beyond our immediate needs to the members of our society who may not be Anglicans and are hungry, sick, lonely, abandoned etc Matt 25. It is this caritative work or works of mercy that makes the proclamation of the gospel relevant. That remains our mission forever.

Question 4: Any last words to Canon Dr Chad Gandiya?

As I have already mentioned, we have a vibrant Standing Committee, a Board of Trustees, Mothers Union, Bernard Mizeki Guild, Vabvuwi, and Youths. These people have been a source of inspiration to my wife and I and I hope they will be, to both of you. Members of this Diocese are very keen to help as you will soon experience. I have no doubt that this Diocese, with its great potential will be a model in the Province. But not to be complacent, we also need to learn from others about how they are fulfilling their mission.

People here have been truly inspiring. My wife and I leave this Diocese spiritually filled. And we will always pray for the Diocese of Harare to stand for what it believes and to keep on praying, be it in houses, churches, study groups workplaces. It is through these activities that God gives us His Grace to do His work.

Interview with the Dean Farai Mutamiri

By Yvonne Munzara

Question 1: What is your role as the Dean?

My role in the Diocese as Dean is to look at the Pastoral and administration needs of the Cathedral and to assist the Bishop where ever possible.

Question 2: How has the Harare Diocese changed?

I wish to let Canon Dr Chad Gandiya and his family know that the Diocese has changed in its administrative thrust. The establishment of various commissions has decentralized the administration thereby involving more competent people.

The on going wrangle between the Church of the Province of Central Africa and its former bishop Nolbert Kunonga poses many challenges to the smooth running of the church. It seems we are fighting on two fronts, one being the economic challenges affecting the members the other being the court cases.

Question 3: What do you expect the new Bishop to do for the Clergy?

As a Senior Priest, I am expecting the new Bishop to do more retreats and in house training of priests in order to remind us of our vocations and also to train us in the areas of Public Relations.

Question 4: Any words to the members of the CPCA?

To the Anglican Diocese of Harare CPCA I say hats off to you, A good fight, you have fought, but the struggle is not yet over. Let us all give our new Bishop a chance to shepherd us, giving him our maximum support and above all let us all thank God for his mercies which endure forever.



The Dean Farai Mutamiri

Witness among witnesses

By Dr Ruth Bakare



Having been asked to write about my experiences in the past 20 months in the Diocese of Harare CPCA, I am tempted to say that they were one of the most rewarding times in my life and yet one of the most challenging. We came into some kind of a vacuum – no house, no office, no staff, no car, no stipend, no anything - BUT people who were waiting for change and something positive to happen. The first services we attended were most encouraging, and soon it became apparent that the church of God was still there, namely the faithful members in our congregations. It reminded me of the Sunday school song which goes:

The church is not a building

the church is not a steeple,

the church is the people.

Similarly, when I called for a first meeting of Mothers' Union (MU), I was heartened to see more than 80 women turn up at St Michael's Mbare on 5th January 2008 to find out how we could re-constitute ourselves. From there we did not look back but only forward. An interim executive was chosen by those present and began its work immediately. I saw my role mainly as a facilitator in assisting members to get the MU working again as a Diocesan organization.

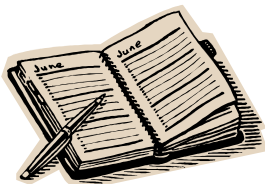
The first big MU event was Maria Day at St Michael's attended by about 3000 women – the church was too small to house us but Rooney's had been so gracious to supply us with a big tent and chairs free of charge! The event was interrupted by riot police chasing us from the church grounds. Our members prayed before they left, some with tears in their eyes. They all assembled just outside the gate to the church property and sang at the top of their voices providing a "triumphant exit from Jerusalem" for those who had their cars parked inside and were now driving out in a procession. I have rarely seen so much joy and jubilation in the face of persecution.

Yes, we were witnesses. Ironically on that Maria Day my address to the women was based on the theme: "You are my witnesses" from Jeremiah 43. As I was relating all that we were witnessing in Zimbabwe at the time, the riot police drove in. Once again, we became witnesses

What else did I become a witness of?

- I was witness at St. Philip's church, Tafara, where the gate to the church was locked in our faces by a so-called priest when the Bishop and I arrived there for a service.
- I was witness to the former bishop stripping the altar at the cathedral and grabbing the service book from the Bishop of Harare, CPCA when he wanted to start the service, as well as accosting the new bishop with his bishop's staff. Even the policemen present were shocked.
- I was witness to a service in Greendale where the congregation met in the church hall while the former bishop and his wife sat in the empty church claiming it was theirs. The hall was too small for all the people present, but we had one of the most memorable services. When the police came to disperse us we had just finished anyway. But the priest was arrested by police as he blessed the food ready for lunch.

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- I was witness to 8 courageous MU members and their moving testimonies after they had been released from police cells. While on bail they had been banned from attending services at their church – St. Andrew's, Glenview. So we met them after the service in an adjacent house for them to receive communion.
- I was witness of a Good Friday I shall never forget when more than 2000 members from all over Harare assembled at St Michael's, Mbare having been denied the right to assemble at Africa Unity Square by riot police. Many priests and lay people gave moving testimonies in a 5 hour service. I would like to believe that the story of the passion of Jesus took on a new meaning and dimension for all of us who attended.
- I could go on and on. Today I thank God for all of these experiences as they have deepened my faith and brought us closer as members of one church.

As for the **Mothers' Union**: The organization is back on its feet with a new constitution, a functioning MU office run by an able full-time MU worker and with several sub-committees who, under the leadership of the interim executive, look after the affairs of MU in the Diocese. We successfully applied for funding from Mary Sumner House in London. They have assisted us with the following: Payment towards the MU worker's salary and travel expenses; A desktop computer and printer ;MU office furniture; An encouragement project still to be undertaken. We really cherish their support and prayers at this difficult time.

One of the new features in trying to keep in touch with our members has been regular meetings with enrolling members which has not only helped the flow of communication but also given members a sense of ownership of the organization. This year's Maria Day's celebrations held at the City Sports Centre with nearly 9000 members attending was a sign of how alive and active MU are in this diocese. I am proud to say that the executive and sub-committees organized this function entirely on their own while I was looking after our grand-child in far away New York.

I leave with a sense of fulfillment for all I have experienced working with the executive team each of whom deserve a gold medal for all their commitment and hard work in an attempt to see MU resurrect as indeed it has. Thanks be to God!

Meet Mrs Fortune Sekeso:Secretary to the Board of Trustees

My role is that of minute taking, organizing the Trustees meetings, following up on matters raised during the meetings and liaising with the Bishop on matters to be handled by Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of eight members with a wealth of experience in the Diocese and in Industry and Commerce: Bishop Dr Sebastian Bakare, Ms P Mazhawidza, Mr J Tsodzai, Mrs M Rukuni, Mr H Mkushi, Mr T Chigumadze, Mr P Mahari and Mrs F Sekeso. As Trustees we met on several occasions and discussed emergency measures to house the Diocesan office and we assisted in the clearance of the Bishop's vehicle. We have also assisted in raising funds to sustain the Diocese which resulted in the setting up of the Nehemiah Project whose main objective was to raise funds for the benefit of the Diocese. Thus the Trustees organized a Nehemiah day which was held on the 26th of October 2008 at which a reasonable amount was raised. The project is on going and we will be organizing more events in future.

We have engaged a process of verifying a reliable inventory of church assets, and even visited some of the Diocesan properties like Bishop's Mount, St Barnabas, Vainona Land and Chitungwiza for possible development options in order to generate income for the Diocese. Currently the Nehemiah Committee is selling T-shirts.

The new Bishop needs to know that the CPCA Parishioners have grown spiritually and are committed Anglicans. All they are asking for is visionary leadership. The current team of priests is also very supportive and committed to the Diocese but they need guidance and encouragement when things are tough.

As Trustees we expect the new Bishop to continue to rebuild the Diocese, look into the welfare of priests and to expedite the logical conclusion of the court case on church property.

Standing Committee

By Dr Llewellyn Nhamo

Standing Committees are not mentioned in the Bible. The New Testament has deacons, elders, bishops and councils. The Standing Committee was probably an invention in the 18th century by men who wanted representative democracy and balance of power in Episcopal churches. These men had a wariness of potential ecclesiastical autocracy since the church had been separated from the state. Standing Committees, elected by the people (Synod), run the affairs of the diocese in between synods. Bishops have a primary responsibility for the holy things: the Gospel, the Sacraments etc and the people have the responsibility for the necessary sociological organization. Thus a shield against potential autocratic powers from the Bishops is created. The monitoring role of Standing Committee is very important. In the past months it has monitored the election of a new bishop for the Diocese of Harare.

The current Standing Committee has the Bishop as chairman, the leader of the House of Laity as the Vice Chairman and an equal number of Clergy and Laity. It has kept the Church together and resolute in the face of fierce persecutions. The Diocese started from nothing materially but had the greatest asset, THE PEOPLE with a strong WILL and FAITH.

To the new Bishop we say the Flock has gone through trials and tribulations. Like Abednico *et al* the people have shown that they worship only THE LIVING GOD and neither men nor principalities.

We expect the new Bishop to continue fighting the good fight. The Church resources should be directed towards what Christ came for: the SICK, the LAME, the POOR, the HUNGRY, the OPPRESSED etc.

To the Anglican Diocese of Harare (CPCA) members we say we will all recall in the near future ... ***"In the year that the Church was persecuted the Lord strengthened my faith and made me appreciate the things I took for granted and His greatness"***

Hear What Archdeacon Wilfred Zhuwankinyu Has To Say

I am Father Wilfred Kanyemba Zhuwankinyu, the Archdeacon of the Harare South, Rector of St Paul's Parish Highfield. Apart from my duties of being the Rector, I exercise the duties of an Archdeacon laid upon by the Acts of the Diocese of Harare CPCA within the geographical area of Harare South which comprises of ten Parishes.

I am currently inducting Churchwardens and Councilors within my jurisdiction. I also take the opportunity to meet them after induction to discuss the affairs of their Parishes.

Our new challenges as Archdeacons are to reconcile the relationship between the Priests and the Parishes who were betrayed and terrorized by the breakaway priests and their bishop; to restore the trust and respect they used to have in their priests and bishop; to deal with those who were excommunicated and intend to rejoin the church, particularly those priests and people who were terrorizing and beating our parishioners, to be accepted by the congregation.

We hope that the resolution of the properties will take shape soon, as we all continue to work closely with the structures of the Diocese, paying attention to the constitution of the church.

To the members of the Diocese of Harare CPCA, I say, do not be complacent, we still have a lot of work to do. Let us all unite and work together with the new Bishop for the glory of God to be realized in the Diocese.

The Readers Commission

By Dr Francis Podmore

On 6 September 2008 Bishop Sebastian called all Readers (= sub-deacons) to a meeting at Avondale Church. The response was overwhelming with over 200 attending from many parts of the Diocese. At the meeting, Readers currently serving in their parishes were registered, an exercise which is ongoing. The Bishop spoke of the very important role of Readers in supporting the clergy and taking services. Many questions were asked and answered. Representatives of the parishes present were grouped into nine geographical areas for the purposes of further communication.

Reverend Shepherd Munzara (St Andrews', Glen View) and Dr Francis Podmore (Bernard Mizeki Chapel, Borrowdale) were asked to be the joint Chairmen of the Readers Commission, which is a part of the Diocesan Council. A meeting for Area Representatives held last December adopted the following mission statement:

To provide support, encouragement, guidance and training for Readers in the Diocese of Harare (CPCA) to equip them to fulfill their duties and responsibilities effectively and confidently to the glory of God.

The functions of the Commission are: identify and register all Readers currently serving in the Diocese; assess the needs of Readers for support and ministry; compile and distribute guidelines for Readers; and offer training courses for Readers.

The Readers Commission has met five times on alternate months to be made aware of the situation prevailing in the parishes of the Diocese and to receive teaching. To date we have learned about the healing ministry of the church and exegetical preaching. The intention is that Area Coordinators will arrange meetings for Parish Representatives in their areas, to repeat the teaching and provide feedback – the Parish Reps will then hold meetings for all the Readers in their parish to share the teaching and also provide feedback. That system is working well in a few areas (e.g. Gुरुve) but needs significant work in others. Communication difficulties are a major problem and progress has been slower than we would like. However we are glad that the work and needs of the Readers in the Diocese are being recognised and addressed.

A Training Day for all Readers in the Harare area is being planned for the end of August 2009, and two representatives from each of the outlying parishes are encouraged to attend. Topics to be covered are: Leading services, including intercessions; Preaching; assisting at Communion services; Funerals. All clergy are also invited to attend and contribute to the Training Day.

The incoming Bishop of Harare will be briefed on these plans – we are very much looking forward to working with him in the responsibility of serving our congregations alongside the clergy to the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom in this Diocese.

The Youngest Priest In The Diocese Shares His Thoughts: Rev Naboth Manzongo

I am Rev. Naboth Manzongo, a Curate at St Mary Magdalene, Avondale Parish. I hereby share thoughts about the Diocese of Harare (C.P.C.A) since it was struck by the “Cyclone Museyamwa (Kunonga Saga)”, the changes we have witnessed, challenges and expectations as the era of the new Bishop dawns.

Storms are not a good experience but however there are times when we see good things emerging out of bad storms. The Saga brought with it good things that this Diocese has to appreciate. Take note that the Spirit of prayer had completely died, thank God for the storm, for we can now see that this Spirit has resurrected. We now witness All- Night Prayers being held at a Diocesan level, people praying for peace and unity within the Church and State. There is now transparency and accountability on transactions within the Diocese, such things have given the people confidence in the Diocese and its leadership. Transparency and accountability have made parishioners support the Diocese in both cash and kind. It is also not a secret that transparency and accountability have also made the World-wide Anglican Communion have confidence in our Diocese. This is evidenced by the resurrection of the relationship between us and our link Diocese of Rochester and other Dioceses in the U.K. Truly, it is in the darkest night that stars do shine.

However, I cannot hide behind the finger and say that the storm that hit the Diocese was smooth sailing, it brought challenges. We were denied access to our Churches, numbers of parishioners dwindled as some lost hope. We no longer had freedom of worship. As a clergyman it was no longer a joy to celebrate communion on a Sunday because you would know that the police would soon descend on your congregation.

As the era of the new Bishop dawns there are things to look forward to. Bishop Sebastian managed to build the fallen walls of the Diocese as a Nehemiah but the project is not yet complete. We expect the new Bishop to continue the noble task. It is expected that he will use the blue print of Bishop Sebastian. Again as a former principal of Bishop Gaul College I expect the incoming Bishop to concentrate on restoring serious Theological education at the college. I also expect the resurrection of Clergy continuing - education/ refresher courses in areas of Liturgy, Anglicanism and Homiletics. Above all, there is need to build the college using the blue print the incoming Bishop left on paper when he was still principal of the college.

Finally, to the members of the Diocese of Harare (CPCA), “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” (2 Corinthians 4: 8, N.I.V). I believe that as a Diocese we have to accept the positive things that the problems in our Diocese have brought. We should no longer dwell on the negatives but the positives, for I know that, “Smooth seas never make skillful sailors”. Thank God for the storm that swept through our Diocese for we can now witness the good parks and pools it created.

The Youth Commissioner Gets Interviewed: Darling Kuwengwa

By Yvonne Munzara

1) *Introduce yourself briefly stating your role in the commission.*

My name is Darling Fortune Kuwengwa. I am currently the Churchwarden of St Luke's Greendale. I am also a member of the Standing Committee. I am the Chairperson of the Youth Commission.

2) *How many members constitute your commission?*

Currently we are a commission of ten people, namely myself as chairperson, Rev Blessing Sham bare (Rector Christchurch), Mr. L Chibanda (former Ayah Adviser) Mrs. Nyamupungidza (ZAYA Adviser), Mrs. Prisca Dekeya (Churchwarden St Mary's Cranborne), Busi Mahlangu (Former Ayah Secretary), Clifford Watama (Past Ayah Chairman) Terence Herani (Incoming Ayah Chairman) Talent Chinyamutangira (Incoming Ayah Secretary) Mr. Kapota (Ayah Adviser). We are hoping to increase the number to about twelve to fifteen members soon.

3) *What have you been doing in your commission?*

We have not done much as a commission. It really took us some time to come up with a list of dedicated individuals who really want to work for their Lord in the Youth Commission. The Youth commission shall inspire, initiate and execute programmes to enable youths within the diocese to grow in their Christian faith and practice, to develop socially and physically and to develop entrepreneurial, professional and other skills.

4) *Any achievements and or challenges?*

Our major challenge is the court case which is to determine the properties. We have vast land in Chitungwiza, Westwood near Kambuzuma where we can commence youth projects, But we are afraid that these projects can be vandalized and looted by you-know-who.

5) *What changes have you seen in the Diocese that you would like to share with the new Bishop?*

The Diocese is more prayerful than ever before. We have seen a lot of people going on a fast than ever before. This is what the commissions are capitalizing on. As a Diocese, I believe we are now able to listen to the voice of God. The Diocese of Harare had suffered for a very long time. The freedom of worship was being stumbled upon and I think the new Bishop should go a step further in resuscitating the rural Anglican person although there is still a lot of work to be done here in town.

6) *Any words to the members of the Anglican Diocese of Harare CPCA?*

Let us keep praying for the court case. Let us all be patient as God has something for us. We have come a long way. We have been beaten, tear gassed, and a lot of pain has been inflicted on us as a church but the devil has not managed to crush us. Let us remain steadfast on the word of God and we shall enter His kingdom. " For He said I am with you until the end of the world"

Another Co-worker in the Vineyard: Training and Development Commissioner: Phides Mazhawidza

The Commission has five (5) members Torayi Nyakonda, Simah Chipunza, Luke Gwaka , Rev Gusha and I am the Chairperson.

The main objective of the Commission is to identify the training needs of the Diocese and then develop responsive training programs and if need be training materials for different facets of the Diocese

We have identified operating structures of the Diocese (guilds, ministries), prioritised them according to the urgency of the training need (training need analysis). And so far we have identified Sunday School as the need area, and has held one meeting with the Sunday School teachers which will be followed by developing a training program for them and identifying training materials. The main challenge is effective communication.

It is a true fact that most Parishioners have been bruised and are hating (spiritually and mentally). There is need for teaching and counseling . Also teaching and preaching on effects of hampering anger, bitterness and unforgiveness. Then one can start talking about healing. Because of the persecution, parishioners have become closer to God, been more prayerful and are clear on what they go to Church for. This is an interesting development which needs to be captured and build on.

I can confess that Bishop Bakare has been powerfully used by God to lay the foundation of the great work that God wants to do in the Diocese of Harare, as well as in Zimbabwe and the Province (CPCA). His mission is to build on this foundation a people of Power; and a people of Praise; who will move through this land by God's Spirit; Glorifying God's name.

To all I say, let us continue running the race that we have started ... to win the crown that awaits us eternally.

Quite a Promising Commission: Social Services

My name is Trish McKenzie. I am the Chairman of the Social Services Commission and also serve as the Secretary to the Great Commission. I have been a Warden at St Mary Magdalene Parish, Avondale for the past five years and was made an Honorary Canon in 2008 by Bishop Sebastian Bakare.

At present, we are only two members as we are developing slowly. We have been working with Bev Lawes and the Pastoral Care Commission in developing ideas for the provision of Social Services. The greatest challenge is finding people to serve on the Commission but once the Outreach/Welfare Committees are established in the parishes it should become easier as we establish more effective lines of communication.

I have seen so many changes in the Diocese: Greater involvement of the laity in all aspects of the church and a revival in the Diocese even though there was persecution - more participation in Church Wardens' Meetings; a coming together of the parishioners; a wonderful Synod and the confirmation of 1,385 candidates in 2008 at a most moving Holy Spirit filled service; the development of the Great Commission and the work that the various Commissions are doing in the parishes; and the launch of the Nehemiah Project to rebuild the diocese.

To the Anglican Diocese of Harare CPCA I say, Well done good and faithful servants. We are showing the world that we will not be overcome by evil. Continue the good works that you have been doing in every facet of the church life. Let us remember the words of Nehemiah and follow those of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

Formal Education Commissioner Shares His Plan

Dr Llewellyn Nhamo (Chairperson)

The Formal Education Commission (FEC) shall be responsible for developing, enunciating and acting upon policy for the church's work in formal education (primary, secondary and tertiary levels).

FEC shall accept that the church has a deep and systematic concern for the quality of education available in the Diocese especially to those that are culturally, spiritually, physically and financially disadvantaged or deprived,

Education in Anglican educational institutions shall be one major focus. Additional focus shall be education of Anglican students in non-Anglican institutions.

To fulfil its mandate FEC shall:

- complement and support State and other religious commissions
- monitor trends in educational theories and practices at national, regional and international levels
- work in developing short-term and long term policies in effective application of resources
- negotiate on behalf of Anglican education with national political authorities and government arms
- work together with other bodies associated with education e.g. Independent schools, Non-governmental organizations and parent bodies
- support legitimate educational aspirations of disadvantaged communities

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION (TENTATIVE)

Chairman	Llewellyn Nhamo
Nominee from a University	Dr Zengeni/Dr Kugara
Nominee from Schools Education	Mrs Nyakusendwa/Mrs Nyawera
Nominee from Industry and Commerce	Mr Tsodzai

Evangelism Commission Plan 2009-2013

By Matonhodze Murombedzi (Chairperson)

Purpose: To spread the Gospel through Alpha.

Values: Love for the Holy Trinity, Love for His Kingdom; Love for His Church; Love for the lost

Vision: Evangelization of Humanity

Objectives

Every parish in the Diocese of Harare to run at least one Alpha Course per year by mid night 31 December 2013.

Every zone in the Diocese to run twenty (20) all night prayers by mid night 31 December 2013.

Every parish to run five revival weeks concluded by an all night or day of prayer by mid night 31 December 2013.

Each Archdeaconry to run five (5) youth camps by mid night 31 December 2013.

Every parish to have a running Sunday School by mid night 31 December 2013.

Key Success Factors: Persistent Prayer; Servant leadership; Unity of purpose between EC, Diocesan council and the House of clergy; Strategic Issues (Dangers); Weak relationship with Christ at individual level; Low level of sensitivity to the Holy Spirit; and Division in the Young Church

Strategy

Our strategy is to form and maintain a New Testament Anglican Church in the long run, through the adoption of Alpha as the evangelism engine for the Diocese and to run Alpha Courses on a continuous basis, supported by effective prayer systems at parish levels. The central thrust of our strategy is to focus on the creation of a Youth and Young Church movement that has an intimate relationship with Christ, focused on the Great Commission and has a love for the: Holy Trinity; Kingdom, Church of the Living God and the Lost,

Initiatives

Set up Evangelism committees in all parishes by 31 December 2009. (Mrs. Nheweyembwa/ Mr. C. Chinhengo)

Establish a training program for Evangelists by 31 December 2009. (AM/ Mrs. Mushonga)

Confirm availability of Diocesan map and zones by 31 March 2009. (Tagwete/Ms. Marowa)

Check on availability of Alpha training and other resources by 31 March 2009. (MKM/Allen)

Introduce Evangelism agenda to the Youth, Young Church and other Commissions by 30 April 2009. (MKM/ Mrs. Mushonga/Ms. Marowa)

Assumptions: It is assumed that there is an uncompromising focus on the purpose of the Church of the Living God

Prayer Diary- Intercession

Prayers to cover among other issues: We should pray for:

The hearts of the group under focus to be receptive and sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

The revelation of Word of God in hearts of the group under focus

That the relationship with Christ for the group under focus be deepened.

That the Holy Spirit protects the group under focus from the evil one.

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Evangelism Commission Plan 2009-2013

Monday: The Bishop and Amai; House of Clergy and their wives; Retired Clergy; The Diocesan council and all commissions (By name)

Tuesday: Lay leaders; The Congregations; the Diocesan council and all commissions

Wednesday: Sunday School Children; Youth; Young adults; The Diocesan council and all commissions

Thursday: Mothers union and all mothers; Fathers fellowship; Marriages: Evangelism Commission; The Diocesan council and all commissions

Friday: Spiritual war awareness among all Christians; The Diocesan council and all commissions

Saturday: Single parents; Orphans and widows; Senior Citizens; The Diocesan council and all commissions

Sunday: The Church; Services around the Diocese; The Diocesan council and all commissions

Vabvuwi - "The Fishers of Men"

By Cornelius Rugara (President)

My role is to ensure that members of the guild are following and fulfilling the expectations of the Guild's constitution as well as Diocesan expectations, organizing programmes for the guild and networking with other guilds within the outside Harare Diocese.

The Vabvuwi members in Harare Diocese are more than 600 with about one third scattered in rural stations. Currently we are running a project of building a clinic at St Clare's Mission in Murehwa. We have managed to have outreach all-night revivals in rural district of Mhondoro and Chiveshe; urban districts in Chinhoi, Maraondera, Kariba, Bindura and Chegutu. All these revivals were very successful.

Our main challenges: there is no transport when we want to undertake outreach programmes to rural stations; the Murehwa project is at a stand still because the Kunonga faction had politicized the project, resulting in us being barred from entering the premises of our project. There is need for improved relations between the clergy and laity e.g. between priests and Vabvuwi. We expect to see a united Diocese with decentralized decision making bodies which cater for all guilds. We expect to work with a Bishop who understands the servant leadership concept, who has his flock at heart and one who fears God.

A God fearing church attracts God's favours and a favoured church lacks nothing since God is a God of God provisions. We need to inform the Anglican Communion that we are going to have a conference in memory of our late members at St Clare's in Murehwa on 28 - 30 August 2009. You are all invited.

Here is One Family Woman Chairing The Family Life Commission

By Lucy Bvumbe

My name is Lucy Bvumbe. I am married to Micheal and we have three grown up children and one grandchild. I go to St Peters Church Meyrick Park in Mabelreign. I am the chairperson of the Family Life Commission.

Nine people constitute this Commission. These are Isaac Mugwede (Secretary), Auxilia Nyanguru, Maida Mhene, Alwin Nyamangodo, Arthur Mandisodza, Jonathan Makoni, Leonard Garikai and Rev William Nyapokoto. The first task we were faced with was to come up with the vision, terms of reference and plan of actions for the Commission in line with the Bishop's vision for the Diocese. This was done in order to help people understand what the Commission was all about.

Our first public meeting was held at the Diocesan offices on the 13th of June 2009. The aim was to introduce our Commission to all parishes and to encourage formation of family life committees in all churches. This would in turn enhance the communication between the Commission and all the churches in the Diocese.

It was unfortunate that this meeting was not well attended. Many parishes were not represented. Invitation letters were collected from the Diocesan Office and not acted upon. This is the challenges we are faced with communication. We continue to meet every second Saturday of the month at 10am at the Diocesan offices to review plans and update them.

We have seen great changes take place in the Diocese:

1. people have become prayer warriors
2. many people are now willing to do God's work voluntarily
3. people now give donations in cash and in kind
4. there is transparency in the running of the Diocese
5. there is a strong spirit of togetherness
6. everyone is made to feel important because they are listened to and appreciated.

We expect the new Bishop to be with all the people and for all people. Work that has been started needs to be carried on and changes may be made here and there. People who have worked so hard to get things where they are now might be frustrated if programmes are cancelled. Above all we want him to be our Shepard.

We encourage members of the Anglican Diocese of Harare CPCA to remain united and to pray without ceasing. United we stand and divided we fall. The Bishop needs to be given a chance to settle down. We discourage people from making the Bishop their private property because he belongs to everyone, the rich and the poor. May we all pray for him and his family in our daily prayers and in our churches.

The Worship Commission

By Keith Nicholson (Chairperson)

VISION

To initiate programmes which will enable all congregations in the Diocese to participate in devotional worship and liturgical celebration.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Keith Nicholson (Chairman)

Gill Alcock

Angelina Hatendi

Arthur Mutsonziwa

Ruth Chard (English music)

Thompson Mapuranga (Shona music)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Preparing approved forms of liturgy, their translation and reproduction;

Enhancing the use of church music;

Preparing special liturgical services, including ecumenical services;

Facilitating retreats;

Providing guidance for intercessions and prayer;

Promoting Bible reading and study.

PLAN OF ACTION

Current projects:

Prayer Book: To compile a draft bi-lingual liturgical prayer book for use within the Diocese by all parishes. A questionnaire is currently being distributed to parishes to find out which prayer books and hymn books they are using at their services. From this the Commission will be able to ascertain which service and liturgies are most commonly used.

Library: To establish a reference library of liturgical service books, hymn books and service sheets.

Lectionary: To adopt the Common Lectionary which is used widely within the Anglican Communion, as well as other denominations. It is hoped to introduce this in time for Advent 2009.

Projects still to be examined:

Retreats: To consider suitable venues and themes for retreats; identification of their purpose and target groups (ie clergy, intercessors, musicians, readers, youth leaders, confirmation class leaders etc)

Intercessions: To draft wider guidelines for relevant and topical intercessions.

Bible Study: To recommend various booklets and manuals currently available to encourage both private and house group bible study and reading.

Prayer: To promote a wider understanding of, and to give guidance on, more meaningful methods of personal and group prayer.

The Information Desk

By Yvonne Munzara

The information Commission is one of the Commissions within the Anglican Diocese of Harare that has been given high priority. It was approved in the 62nd Synod on the 29 -30 August 2008 that new structures be set up in order to draw more efficiently on a wider range of talents and to effectively implement programmes in which the Diocese should be involved.

MEMBERS of the Commission.

Mr O. Sherewa (Commission Chairperson),

Rev E. Ruwona,

Mr H. Makina,

Mr P. Shumba,

Ms Y Munzara

The Information Desk

The Information Desk has been run along side administrative duties but I am pleased to say that some achievements have been made so far. Since the inception of the Commission, it has managed to do the following:

- Produced the first Edition of the Diocesan Newsletter in May 2009, which is going to be produced quarterly
- Set up an e-mail address for the Diocese (dhrecpa@ecoweb.co.zw)
- Drafted the Diocesan Directory
- Established contacts with friends abroad through Bishop Bakare. The liaison has brought us 5 Computers and 5 Printers from Raymond James Moran of Perth in Australia. Shearly Cripps Children's Home was allocated 1 computer and 1 printer. The other 4 were allocated to Diocesan Officers.
- Acquired a RISO printing machine

Next Plan of Action:

- Produce the Newsletter Quarterly
- Set up a website for the Diocese
- Ensure installation of broadband wireless internet connectivity,
- To set up an information resource centre for the Diocese
- To provide the communication conduit for Diocesan programmes; among other communication duties

The Pastoral Care Desk

By Bev Lawes

The Pastoral Care Desk falls under the Social Services Commission. The aim of the Pastoral Care Desk is to provide healing for the many wounded people in Zimbabwe, and within the Anglican Church. Also to empower and assist parishes to provide this healing. This is being done through two different ways;

- **Counselling.** Trained counsellors are available to provide sensitive, confidential counselling. Volunteer counsellors are also being trained to provide counselling both at the Diocesan offices and in the parishes.
- **Workshops.** In the first half of 2009 workshops were held for all sectors of the Anglican community in the Diocese of Harare. These workshops were brainstorming sessions to find out the needs in the parishes. From July onwards the workshops are aimed at the identified groups such as bereaved people, victims of HIV and Aids and people suffering from conflict and/or violence. As a result of these workshops, more people are now coming for counselling. And we are planning longer, more in-depth workshops to address specific areas of need.

The inception of the Pastoral Care Desk was a result of the Bishop's compassion for the wounded people in Zimbabwe. He had a vision and he worked very hard to make it the reality which it is today. Our hope is that our new Bishop will have the same feeling of compassion and have the same vision. The Pastoral Care Desk will then grow from strength to strength.

PLAN OF ACTIVITIES 2009

1 st August	HIV/Aids workshop
28 th to 30 th August	Priest's wives retreat
5 th September	Marital and family issues workshop
12 th September	Youth leaders day
3 rd October	Single parents and child headed families workshop
October	Basic counselling course for selected volunteer counsellors
7 th November	Conflict in community, church and family workshop

Advocacy Desk

By Rev Paul Gwese (Rector St Francis Waterfalls)

Introduction

The Advocacy Desk is a component of the Anglican Diaconal Services which also includes the Family, Pastoral and Counseling Desks. Its mission is to bring about political, social and economic transformation through prophetic proclamation of the Gospel and action.

Our vision:

To be a prophetic voice in the nation and carry out prophetic action that will mobilize the Christian Community (Church) to be engaged in pertinent social and economic issues

To promote social transformation as a way of achieving social and economic justice so to have a transformed and prosperous Zimbabwe based on God given human rights

To work for national healing and reconciliation

To establish processes of adequate checks and balances from grassroots level using the bottom up approach.

To effectively execute its mandate, the advocacy desk intends to build and strengthen its strategy by equipping its structures at a parish and diocesan level with advocacy skills.

The strategy will also include advocacy campaigns tackling various issues pertinent to the communities. The organization's activities are anchored on four key result areas;

- Building a critical mass of informed public opinion on issues of gender, justice, human rights, governance and peace.
- Taking a prophetic Christian stance towards resolving the crisis in Zimbabwe.
- Mobilizing regional and international solidarity towards the resolution of the crisis.
- Increasing the active participation of the Christian community in Zimbabwe's political, social and economic transformation process.

The Advocacy Desk is currently being facilitated by Fr P Gwese who has been assisting the Bishop to oversee and coordinate social justice projects with the help of various volunteers who have professional skills in different aspects of human rights and human security.

Bernard Mizeki Guild

By Edgar Mutamuko (Secretary)

The Guild was formed in 1996 in Harare. Its rule is to mobilize the Anglican men into an organized and effective organ of the church in order to complement the good work being done by other groups i.e. Mothers Union and Wabvuwi. The guild proclaims and preaches the word of God to all the people around us. It enables other people to see Christ in us through our disciplined lives and daily testimonies. It upholds the sanctity of the Christian marriage and promotes good family life where the Christian faith is taught and practiced. The guild members assist their respective priests by creating time and showing their individual talents. We have a membership of 350 plus men who are all married with one wedded wife.

We make a yearly programme at the beginning of every year which guides us. We have been attending general meetings, organizing all night prayers (Pungwes) spear heading projects such as installing electricity, building toilets and other improvements at the Bernard Mizeki Shrine. We conduct weekly prayer meetings at our different parishes. We also do out reach by visiting the sick and helping the needy. We attend Bernard Mizeki festivals yearly in South Africa and Mozambique and they reciprocate. We receive and accommodate our visitors and provide them with food including Bishops, clergy and their spouses at the shrine. We also hold workshops and (Magungano) in which certain aspects of Christianity are discussed under an invited member of the clergy.

We noticed a big change when things were not going well for the parishners. There was a decline in members attending Sunday church services but thank God things have now improved tremendously. The Anglicans are now more determined than ever before to worship and share the word of God confidently because of the current situation. Our young priests seem to have contributed immensely in reducing the number of our children (youth) who are leaving our organized church to join Pentecostal churches where they enjoy music. Most of their songs are in form of choruses. The church should hold seminars regularly to conscientise our youth in regards to their mentality that there is no spiritual power in our Anglican church.

We expect the new Bishop to meet with Guild members regularly and listen to their reports. He should share his views with them and make recommendations where necessary. We expect constant communication through our chaplain. The New Bishop should motivate our people to look forward to a better future under his good leadership.

The new Bishop should accommodate everyone who needs assistance from him without favour. He should promote love and unity in our church. He should try by all means to win back all those who have fallen by the way side as a result of intolerable persecutions from our opponents.

We wish you all the best in your new position of the Bishop of Harare Diocese under C.P.C.A..

May God bless you Tenzi Bishop.

The 2009 Bernard Mizeki Commemoration Festival

By Freddy Saruchera (Education Secretary)

In 2008 there were no commemoration services held at the Shrine due to the schism experienced in the Diocese of Harare (CPCA). The energies of 2008 seemed to have found their expression in this year's celebrations.

PREPARATIONS

There were noticeable improvements in the preparations of this year's festival. One can only assume that this was due to the fact that the Bernard Mizeki Guild has, over the years, accumulated considerable experience as well as enthusiasm in organizing the festival.

ATTENDANCE.

The deliberate misinformation campaign jealously launched by what one pilgrim termed, "**KUNONGLICANS**" dismayingly failed to derail the programme of the Diocese of Harare (CPCA). Word had gone round that celebrations at the Shrine were going to be held jointly between the "Kunonglicans" and the Diocese of Harare (CPCA) during the weekend of June 19, 20 and 21. Be that as it may, our people could not be hoodwinked; they went to the Shrine in thousands during the weekend of June 26, 27 and 28 as per arrangements. It was estimated that there were approximately fifteen thousand (15 000) people at this year's celebrations. The celebrant was Bishop P.R.Hatendi, Bishop of Manicaland.

MUSIC

The music was most heart-warming. The drums, hoshos and horn blended harmoniously with the melodious voices of the choir and congregation both very ably conducted by no other than the gifted Mr. Mapuranga who was assisted by Mr. Changadzo.

SERMON

The sermon marked the climax of the celebrations. Many sermons were delivered on Friday night June 26 as well as Saturday night June 27. Here I am focusing on the main sermon delivered on Saturday morning during the main Eucharist delivered by Bishop Dr. Sebastian Bakare. The preacher based his sermon on **Isaiah 51 verse 1 ... "Listen to me you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn."** To many, the sermon had a new message that Zimbabwe has its own Martyr whom we remember every year and that we should tell not only Zimbabweans but also the world about our Bernard Mizeki who has become a point of reference to our faith in Zimbabwe. To this end, the preacher recommended that as a reminder to their pilgrimage, the people should take back home with them a small rock hewn out of some rock around the Shrine. "That," said the preacher, "should for ever remind you of your visit to the Shrine and should exhort you to emulate the life, dedication and commitment of Bernard Mizeki. The singing of, "Dombo rakatsemurwa" (Rock of ages cleft for me) was a most appropriate introduction to the sermon.

FELLOWSHIP.

As always, at the end of the main service, people took the opportunity to socialize. The reunion of friends, relatives and former school contemporaries is always cause for great excitement. We all felt greatly blessed as we took with us back home our small rocks as souvenirs of the wonderful celebrations.

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