

Commissioning Service of Diocesan CLGB Chaplain and Regimental Officers



In August 2016, I was appointed as the Diocesan Brigade Chaplain. Over the past few months, many discussions have taken place with regards to the Church Lads and Girls Brigade, as I settle into my new role as Chaplain. A challenge we faced as an organisation was the resignation of Regimental Colonel Wyngaardt.

So how do we move forward? We take cognisance that this ministry was started to engage our young people and provide an opportunity for involvement within the church and to live out the brigade motto: "Fight the good fight." We have thus buckled down and have been meeting regularly i.e. every third Wednesday per month. We have begun to flesh out our purpose within the church and our ministry to young people. We also had a fruitful planning and discussion morning on the

5th November 2016 and tentative dates and events for 2017 have been set and will be available soon.

On Wednesday, 9th November 2016, at a duly constituted Regimental meeting the following officers were nominated and elected to serve in the following positions with immediate effect for the next four years: Colonel: Ronald Jacobs (Church of Resurrection Bonteheuwel) Luitenant Colonel: Andrew Adams (St Cyprians's Retreat) Sergeant Major: Nicolette Fataar (Church of Reconciliation Manenberg)

On Sunday, 26th February 2017, in a befitting service, I was licenced as the Diocesan Brigade Chaplain by Bishop Garth Counsell and in turn commissioned Ronald Jacobs to the rank of Colonel, Andrew Adams to the rank of Luitenant Colonel and

Nicolette Fataar to the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major.

We congratulate them on their appointments and look forward to growing this wonderful ministry within our diocese. Please keep us in prayer as we continue to "Fight the good fight".

- **The Revd Marcus Slingers**
- **Photographer: Edwin Joshua**



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Rejoice and sing praises to God. For Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, just how He had promised. May your hearts be filled perpetually with compassion, hope and love. What better time to think of those who mean the most to us, than at this beautiful season of love.

I hope your celebration of Easter is filled with the joy the Christ offers in his resurrection. Jesus Christ promises us never to leave our side and to love us this way forever. Let us place all our trust in him.

Have a Joyous Easter.

Love and Light, Rebecca

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EVENTS AND NOTICES

FUNDRAISING

Concert by Jeremy Quickfall:

The Greyladies Association presents a concert by the Vocal Unity Choir and accompanied by Jeremy Quickfall. This will take place on Sunday 28th May 2017 at 15h00. The venue will be Christ Church, Constantia and the cost is R50. For more information contact Barbara (mornings only) at 021 671 0820. Tickets can also be bought at the event.

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A journey of yesterday, today, tomorrow - Synod 2017

Later this year, the Archbishop, as Bishop of the Diocese of Cape Town, will summon clergy and laity to a Session of Synod that will take place from 17th to 19th August. At the time of going to press, the venue for Synod was still to be finalised.

“What is a Synod?” The word “Synod” has its root on two in Greek words, *syn* meaning ‘together’ and *hodos* which means ‘the way’ or ‘journey’. It is used to describe a group or assembly of people who gather for the purpose of journeying together.

In our instance it refers to the gathering of representatives of the parishes that make up our Diocese, clergy and laity, for the purpose of meeting together in discussion and debate so that together, we can discover the will of God for the Church of God. It is thus a deeply spiritual time of discernment through listening to each other and God and in this way, strengthening to bonds of unity in the Body of Christ. Synod is therefore, a very special time in the life of the Church and its function echoes the will and desire of God to stand in relationship with us in establishing God’s Kingdom. God can establish God’s Kingdom without us but chooses to do so with us.

Chapter 2 of the Acts of Diocesan Synod (2014) describes the Synod process. The Acts are the rules enacted at previous Synods which give effect to the Canons (Rules governing our Province) and which regulate our day to day life as a Diocese. They stipulate the following requirements:-

- Each Diocese is required to have a Synod at least once every three years. Special Synods can also be called as the Diocesan deems necessary.
- All Clergy holding the Bishop’s licence are summoned to attend,
- Lay representatives duly elected at a Vestry Meeting, who are in good standing and ‘who have been communicants for the twelve months preceding their election or nomination’ shall also attend. Also attending are one representative from each recognised provincial institution (Mother’s Union, Anglican Women’s Fellowship, etc) and one youth representative for the Diocese make up Synod. The Bishop summons’ and presides at the Synod and three months notice has to be afforded in writing by the Bishop for a session of the Synod. Synod remains in session until all business is completed but sessions of the Synod may be limited in duration by the Bishop. The Bishop may suspend synod rules by calling ‘Conference’ to allow for more informal discussion and conversation to broaden participation and air matters informally.
- Once notice has been given by the Bishop of Synod and sessions, each parish/parochial district within 3 weeks of receiving such notice will make arrangements for a vestry meeting of the pastoral charge to be called with 7 days notice to elect their Lay Representative/s and Alternative Lay Representatives.
- The Office of Lay Representatives and its elected members, remain functional from election until notice of the next Synod by the Bishop.
- Lay Representatives are all communicants 18 years and older and in good standing within their parish.
- Lay Representatives are elected by utilising the weekly communion member headcount from each parish or parochial district (“Parish” includes their Chapelries). Weekly communion headcount of less than 200 people receiving communion per week elect one Lay representative; head counts between 200 to 500 communicants a week elect 2 representatives; and headcounts that exceed 500 communicants per week may elect 3 representatives. Parishes are encouraged to ensure that there is good representation of women and youth of those they elect.
- A proportionate number of Alternative Lay Representa



Synod Advisory Committee

tives is also elected and they may substitute a Lay Representative unable to attend Synod.

- Concurrently, when notice of synod has been given, an Advisory Committee of Synod is constituted to arrange all necessary preparatory work of Synod. This committee is made up of 3 clerical and 3 lay representatives and the representatives are usually invited by the Bishop.
- Motions to be discerned/discussed at the Synod are to be forwarded to the Bishop and the Advisory committee 6 weeks prior to the session of Synod. For legislative alterations (known as Measures) a general notice of such requested alterations needs to reach the Bishop /Advisory Committee before the Agenda is drafted. The Advisory committee is responsible for the compilation of the Agenda for Synod.
- Synod sessions are opened with a Eucharistic Service at which time the Bishop gives his Pastoral Charge to the session.
- Each Agenda item is afforded due diligence with a Mover proposing and Seconded giving to all present a succinct description of the issues the motion raises. The clergy and laity together then deliberate the business at hand. If the original proposer is not a member of synod, someone is identified by the Bishop / Advisory Committee to present the motion. A listening team is also on duty praying, listening and watching over the process. Deliberating teams and the Listening Team are afforded an opportunity to share their findings on each topic. Once the listening and feedback sessions are completed, Motions / Legislative alterations are voted on and either carried or enacted into the Acts of the Diocese or dropped.

Synod is therefore the calling together of all who make up the fellowship identified as the Diocese of Cape Town, under the guidance of our Bishop, Clergy and Laity and through the in-working of the Holy Spirit, to:

- Pray and administrate the Synod into fruition and completion.
- Affirm and evaluate the road we have already travelled;
- Discern and deliberate the motions tabled as whisperings of God throughout our Diocese and daily world; and
- To listen, respond, enact and provide for the journeying together to continue as a people busying themselves with God’s Mission.

Synod includes each one of us, our prayers, our presence at the opening Eucharist, our willingness to be a representative to Synod or the hands ensuring that motions are enacted within our daily Parish life and relationship. This is what makes Synod a journey of togetherness.

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Ordination of Distinctive Deacons at St Cyprian's Retreat

Journey of Discernment 2010-2012: When Father Louis Bank (the priest during interregnum at St Aidan's, Lansdowne) asked me in 2010 if I would consider the journey of vocational discernment to the ordained ministry, my immediate words were; "well not as a priest, rather to come alongside." Father Bank shared that the diocese was considering the ministry of the distinctive diaconate.

It was a 2 year journey (2011-12) with the wardens; the late Father Anthony Langenhoven, the Revd Pat van der Rheede and Mr Gerald Hendricks including the previous year's candidates and new group for 2011. We shared morning prayer and vari-

ous presentations every 2nd Saturday at St Peter's, Mowbray. During this prayer filled discernment journey I felt a more stronger pronounced calling to the priesthood that I shared with my warden, Spiritual Director, Sister Francis (Catholic Nun) and our Saturday prayer group at St Aidan's. I discussed it with the previous and current Dean of Studies as well.

I thank my family, friends, fellow FOV candidates, all the parishioners (St Marks, St Aidan's and Christ the King) who prayerfully supported me and the priests who mentored me during my seven year journey. I am thankful for God's amazing grace, His faithfulness

and the experience that joy truly comes in the morning.

After the ordination on 16 February 2017, Bishop Garth Counsell led us out and instructed us to greet the parishioners at the door. As I shook their hands, I felt the overwhelming and the exceeding spirited joy to serve God's people.

The words which came to mind for me, "the Joy of our Lord is our Strength" and my prayerful journey continues in His strength.

- Glynis Rhodes



The Revds
**Glynis Rhodes and
Patricia Gordon** were
ordained as
Distinctive
Deacons on
16th February 2017
by the
Rt Revd
Garth Counsell,
Bishop of Table Bay.
They are pictured with
their spouses.

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James Jacobs

What is the role of a Deacon?

An extract from the sermon preached by the Revd Lynn Pedersen at the ordination: ... within Paul's time leaders were being called deacons. Romans 16: 1 refers to Phoebe a deacon at Cenchrae. We see 1 Tim 3: speaks to would-be bishops and deacons, both the men and woman deacons, about character and qualities needed in the ministry.

Once the apostles were succeeded by a next generation of leaders, they were called overseers [bishops] and servants [deacons]. All local congregations had them. Deacons more likely carried the functions the rector mostly holds today, that of the organization and practical administration of the local church, releasing the bishop to teaching and sacramental ministries. But as the church grew the bishops became overseers of multiple congregations and another role developed of the presbyter [the word for which in the NT is usually translated 'elder' and what we call 'priest'] in the local church. The 3 roles worked in complementary fashion. It is highly likely that the functions were not cast in stone, but grew as they still do today, out of individual gifting.

As the Church grew numerically and in extent in this early period, the first 3 centuries, the deacons' influence strengthened along with their

growing administrative responsibilities. Liturgically, the deacons led the people in prayer and often preached. Their direct connection with the bishops in supportive roles, began to eclipse that of the priests. They could baptise and even lead Eucharists in the absence of a presbyter or bishop. It was however what we often call 'outreach', [charity advocacy and pastoral care – be it in the congregation, in homes or hospitals, or among the voiceless and disempowered in the society] that remained the essential characteristic of the deacons. It was leadership of the deacons that connected the church to the servanthood of Christ in the world.

From the 4th century onwards the Church began to restrain the development of the diaconate because it started in some places to encroach on the presbyterate, particularly in the offering and administration of the Eucharist. Correction of abuses began to be made. Many Councils in the 4th and 5th centuries both affirm and reinforce the limitation on diaconal ministries. After the 6th Century, the diaconate entered a period of prolonged decline. The reasons are diverse and complex, but Barnett has persuasively argued that the reasons lie in profound changes taking place in the relationship between the three orders of ministry in the Church.

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Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild Provincial Council

Our Diocesan Executive attended the Bernard Mizeki Provincial Council meeting in Maseru in the Diocese of Lesotho in March 2017. The focus was on guild matters, as it's statutory to meet twice annually for such meetings.

Most importantly for this Council was to finalise preparations for the upcoming Provincial Conference taking place in the Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman from 27 September – 01 October 2017.

With the meeting taking place in Lesotho, in the midst of the country's political turmoil and instability; the guild led by the Diocese of Cape Town's delegation drafted a media statement as an acknowledgement and assurance of prayers for the church in Lesotho and its people in their political challenges.

The meeting concluded with a Eucharistic service led by the Diocesan Bishop Adam Tasso. In his homily he reminded members of our call to true and faithful discipleship. There was also an opportunity to do social respon-

sibility action where some dioceses heeded to the call to donate toiletries and non-perishable contents. This was distributed for the benefit of the needy surrounding communities, and members were thereafter invited to assist in planting 50 trees in the community of Lesotho around the Darum Link park. This serves as a memoir of the presence of the Guild around Lesotho at this time.

- Revd Mkhusele Lujabe
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The offices and the activities of the church, hold little meaning to much of society in the post-Christian world where we now find ourselves. Maybe as a result, as someone aptly wrote, Post-Christian cultures are word-deaf but action-sensitive, doctrine-jaded but personally-sensitised. It may be for this reason that the diaconate has showed a marked resuscitation, across nations and denominations

Moved up

In our church the restoration of the diaconate is still taking baby-steps. While the first three centuries would have never seen a bishop or congregation without at least one deacon, we have very few congregations that even know what a deacon is. [other than, a deacon in a transitional few months on the way to the priesthood. This time is more that of an 'in-

tern' priest].

In the face of this distinctive deacons are often not regarded as invaluable, complementary partners in the total mission and ministry. Some church leaders do not really know how to use or mentor deacons. Let us not be surprised! Most have never seen deacon role models themselves.

Many deacons feel that they are not recognised, or helped to serve or use their gifts in the Church's mission. As a result they feel side-lined, or that they are sometimes 'used' to do the things the priest does not like doing. Being a servant does not equate with allowing others to ignore or walk over you. Being a servant is not being a doormat to others' whims. But it is truly seeing our neighbour, truly seeing our colleague's needs and serving them in these. And so, we are still needing to

work hard firstly as deacons to understand the role ourselves and then to help others recognise the role. Deacons priests and bishop need still to help each other, to work out how this 'tripartite alliance' should work to the best for the mission of Jesus Christ in this world he died to save. But that requires in deacons gentle toughness. I put to you this challenge. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us. Be grounded and secure in those gifts – not seeking prestige or power, but sure of who God has called you to be, because it is God who asks 'whom shall I send?' and you have responded, 'Here am I; send me'.

[Note: source of much of the above
<http://www.orthodoxdeacons.org>
The Diaconate in Today's Church by
Fr. Gregory Hallam]

Faith in the real world - Pastoral letter from the February 2017

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As Bishops of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA), we met in Synod in Benoni from Monday 20th until Saturday 25th February 2017.

The full bench of Bishops was present, including: Those from all the countries that make up our Province of the Anglican Communion – St Helena, Angola, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique and South Africa; Those who were Consecrated Bishop on Saturday 25th February – Rt Revd William Mostert, Bishop of Christ the King (southern Gauteng) and Rt Revd Vicente Msosa, Bishop of Niassa (northern Mozambique).

As always our meeting took place in a framework of worship and warm fellowship as we shared our lives and worked on issues facing the church and our communities. At our opening Eucharist we heard the words of Jesus, “All things can be done for the one who believes!” (Mark 9:23) and the response, “I believe; help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24). We met as church leaders and people of faith who are deeply aware of the challenges facing our churches and communities and the desperate need for leadership of the highest quality.

Most of our time this week was devoted to receiving training in the basics of Economics and Management, and reflecting on how God is calling us to exercise leadership in today's economic climate. We were ably led by Prof Martin Büscher (Institute for Diaconic Science and Diaconic Management (IDM), Protestant University of Wuppertal/Bethel, Germany) and Dr Bright Mawudor (Deputy General Secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches). They helped us to understand the prevailing economic theories; challenges of globalisation; the New St Gallen Management Model; financial management and accounting; personnel management; innovation and creativity; and church and property development as mission.

We had an informative and challenging time wrestling with the interface between economics and theology: profit-making and the prophetic; the market place and mission; self-interest and compassion; market value and Kingdom values; personal wealth and community-building; corruption and integrity; free trade and fair trade.

Dr Mawudor said, “When money is lost, something is lost. When health is lost, more is lost. When integrity is lost, everything is lost”. We accepted the challenge to live and

lead with integrity ourselves as we demand integrity in our political, business and community leaders. We also recognised the need to work ecumenically in this area.

In our own leadership structures, we affirmed Archbishop Thabo's appointment of his Management Team: Bishop Stephen Diseko: Dean of the Province; Bishop Dino Gabriel: Theological Education; Bishop Martin Breytenbach: Provincial Finance Board and Bishop Brian Marajh: Provincial Trusts Board

We were saddened by reports of loss of life, injuries and devastation caused by tropical cyclone Dineo, especially in Mozambique. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba wrote a pastoral letter to those who were affected in the Dioceses of Lebombo, Mpumalanga and St Mark the Evangelist. We are working with H.O.P.E. Africa to find ways to assist those who are most affected.

As Bishops we continued to debate, with great concern, the state of higher education in South Africa in the light of the ongoing “Fees must Fall” campaign. We call for the release or charging of Bonginkosi Kanyile who has been incarcerated since September 2016, insisting that there should be no detention without trial. We agreed to write to the government and other stakeholders expressing our concerns.

We gave attention to a number of areas of mission and ministry.

1) We heard about steps taken and progress made on issues in the Dioceses of Umzimvubu and Lesotho. We agreed on further action that will be done.

2) We received a report on Theological Education, including successes and challenges at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown (COTT). We rejoiced in the progress that has been made and affirmed the importance of having a residential Theological College alongside other training schemes. We recognise that we will need to consider new funding models for COTT and its students.

3) We adopted a proposal for the training of new Bishops and the ongoing training of all Bishops. Training includes a course for new Bishops at the International Study Centre at Canterbury Cathedral; a course run by the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA); “Episcopal Accompaniment” sponsored by Us (formerly USPG); and mentoring of new Bishops by those who are more experienced.

4) We received a presentation on the proposed establishment of a Youth Academy to equip the church for more effective ministry

to children and young people. We welcomed the idea and affirmed the importance of training those who minister to our youth. However, we identified a number of issues that need to be investigated more fully before it can be implemented, and agreed on steps to do this.

5) We received a report about the “6th Trumpet of the Global South” which took place in Cairo from 3rd to 8th October 2016. This report highlighted both the commonalities and the tensions within the Anglican Communion at present. We remain committed to being a reconciling presence in the Communion and to engaging with all those involved.

6) We committed ourselves to continue to support the training of suitable people from our Dioceses to conduct formal mediation processes – particularly people with a legal background. Retired Bishops Rubin Phillip and Peter Lee have already received advanced training in this area.

7) We were deeply disturbed by the death of about 100 mentally ill patients following their transfer from the Esidimeni Life Hospital to NGOs that were not equipped to care for them. One of those who died was the son of a priest in the Diocese of Johannesburg, Canon Joe Maboe. We commended the Bishop of Johannesburg and others who are walking alongside them, and encouraged them to continue to do so.

8) We heard about the ongoing pain of those related to the three employees of the Lily Mine in Barberton who are still trapped underground after a year. We continue to work with the South African Council of Churches to engage with the mine and all those involved.

9) We welcomed the plans of Growing the Church (GtC) to be located in the Dioceses, with the office in Cape Town as a resource and training hub, and committed ourselves to appoint Diocesan GtC Teams to work locally. We started work on identifying the values that should mark Anglican “Fresh Expressions” of Church.

10) We received with appreciation a demonstration of the capabilities of “MyAnglican”, our Provincial Church Management System. This powerful, secure system can keep all our membership records, enable bulk emailing, keep service registers, record parish finances, manage conference registrations and much more (It can be accessed at www.myanglican.org).

11) We said farewell to Bishop Mazwi Tisani, first Bishop of Kahlamba, who will retire before the next session of Synod of Bishops, and thanked him for his long, faithful and effective service in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Synod of Bishops

12) We heard stories about the phenomenon of “Sugar Daddies” and “Blessers” and the vulnerability of young women. We are looking at various resources that will help the church to engage effectively with this social evil.

13) We discussed the Pastoral Guidelines for ministry to those in same-sex relationships, which are still incomplete. We asked Archbishop Thabo to set up a small group of Bishops to work on completing them, together with others who could help the process.

14) We received a request from the Diocese of Angola to change from a Missionary Diocese to a fully-fledged Diocese. This Diocese has grown in numbers and strength and would like to make more of a contribution to the life of ACSA. They are now in 14 of the 18 provinces of Angola, and will soon need to consider multiplication into two Dioceses. We agreed in principle to this request, subject to them submitting the required returns to Provincial Finance Board.

Dear people of God, please commit these things to prayer and offer yourselves to God to serve in God’s mission and ministry. We your Bishops will continue to lead as God’s servants and servants of the church, to the best of our ability.

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

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Consecration of two new bishops



Archbishop Thabo Makgoba presents the two new bishops at a service of consecration in Johannesburg in February 2017. Left to Right: the Right Revd William Mostert of the Diocese of Christ the King, and the Right Revd Vicente Msosa of the Diocese of Niassa. At the start of the service, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba lit a candle and prayed for foreign nationals under attack in South Africa. More than 30 bishops and retired bishops from the Province, as well as the Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion, and Archbishop Albert Chama of Central Africa took part in the service.

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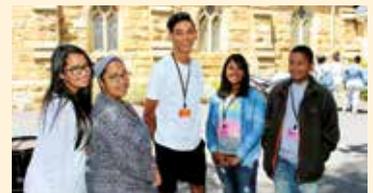
Thank you to outgoing Youth Chaplain and NYC

The Young people’s ministry is a special and unique one. Within our diocese a stronger ongoing relationship with Young people’s organisations such as GBFS and AYF is emerging. I would like to say a special thank you to all the leaders and members of the different organisations, for your dedication and role that you play in this ministry.

To the outgoing NYC. Thanks for your time, effort and dedication and for showing true leadership. May you continue to seek God’s guidance in your future endeavours. Wherever you face a big task especially one that seems impossible- you come face to face with the reality that you are a limited being. But be careful not to project your inadequacies onto God. Just because you can’t, that doesn’t mean He can’t.

To our outgoing chaplain the Venerable Donovan Meyer; my deepest appreciation for your spiritual guidance. Thanks for freely sharing your knowledge with us. Thanks for offering and sacrificing family time so that the YPM can make progress and achieve its successes.

- Abigail Hopley



Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) Conference statement



7 March 2017: On Saturday 4 March 2017, young Anglicans from the Diocese of Cape Town gathered for a one day conference, at St Saviour's, Claremont. The day commenced with a Eucharist service with the Bishop of Table Bay, Garth Counsell who was the Preacher and Presider. In his sermon, Bishop Garth challenged the young people of the Diocese to respond to the call of intentional discipleship, a call and commitment endorsed by the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. This call was heard and as a way of responding the following contextual issues were highlighted;

1. We thank the leadership of our Church, especially Archbishop Thabo and Bishop Garth for their leadership and for being the moral compass of society. We acknowledge the privilege of having both Archbishop Thabo and Bishop Garth expressing a keen interest in the wellbeing of the young people within the diocese.

2. With sadness we acknowledge the increase in 'bullying' at places of learning e.g. schools, colleges etc, as well as 'cyber-bullying'. We call on perpetrators to stop this demeaning

and violent behaviour and we encourage all victims to speak out. We also call on those witnessing these atrocious acts to discourage this kind of behaviour by standing up against bullying.

3. As inheritors and custodians of the Earth, we acknowledge with concern and regret the drought within Cape Town, the surrounding areas and the Western Cape at large. We implore all young people to save water and to be creative in re-using grey water and to bring to birth new ideas for water saving, not only for the time of drought but for future living to ensure sustainability of this precious gift from God.

4. As young people we call on government, and especially the Department of Social Development, to speedily and appropriately resolve the growing concern and confusion around the social grant issue. As the youth of this country, we do not wish to see our parents and grand-parents, people who were promised freedom and democracy, experiencing such unnecessary financial anxiety and worry caused by the very government who made these promises. We urge the Min-

ister of Social Development to ensure these grants are paid out efficiently and on time and that a sustainable solution into the future is found urgently.

We continue to give thanks to Almighty God for calling us as His children to be part of the change which we are called to bring about in our city, country and world.

- The Revd Chesnay Frantz
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