

Getting to know the extended family



I am part of an immediate family whom I know well, but I am also part of an extended family who I usually only see at weddings and funerals. It can feel the same in the local church, where we easily forget our connection with a province which extends beyond the borders of our country and a global Anglican family of approximately 85 million members.

Recently, I had the privilege to visit the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown, and get to know some of my 'extended family' as part of my ongoing training and vocational development as an Anglican ordinand from Cape Town. The College is the only residential college in the Anglican Province of Southern Africa, which covers twenty-eight dioceses and extends north as far as Mozambique and Angola.

Whilst working as part of the team

at Church of the Holy Spirit, Kirstenhof, I have been exploring a calling to ministry in the Anglican church. I joined the St John's Leadership Academy, which trains pioneering, missional leaders, and the Fellowship of the Vocation, to test this calling and was delighted and daunted to be selected as an ordinand.

Staying at the college, I took part in the daily rhythm of morning and evening prayer in the college chapel, participated in lectures focusing on practical theology, liturgy and Anglicanism and experienced life in community with the other students.

It was helpful to engage with a broad range of ordinands from across the Province, reflecting different expressions and traditions within Anglicanism. I was particularly struck by the many different contexts represented, and interested to discuss how the church is serving these varied com-

munities. Examples included; faith communities impacted by gangs on the Cape Flats; ministers serving a people still recovering from the civil war in Mozambique; urban inner city churches facing shifting demographics and crime; suburban churches seeking to engage an increasing materialistic post-modern culture; isolated rural parishes in Zululand faithfully serving local villages.

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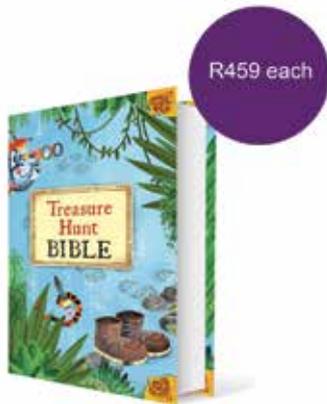
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“To everything, there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

God has appointed a “season” for everything and seasons have beginnings and endings. We might find ourselves in a season of drought in mind and spirit. During this season, He never moves. He is waiting for us to come back, to draw closer.

When we feel empty, He will fill us. If we wandering through the desert remember this is only a season, He will bring the rain, we just need to seek Him. We can take comfort knowing that there is a point in time in which God has ordained everything to happen. We can focus on feeding our minds and hearts with God's Word.

Love and Light, Rebecca

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Dear people of God

Accompanied by Marion I was once again privileged to share in what has for me become a priority commitment

since it began in London in 2010 with 11 somewhat wary and tentative participants. This time 23 bishops from North America, Africa and the U.K. gathered to continue this annual dialogue and mutual encouragement. What follows here in the 2nd part of our shared testimony summarising our 2018 experience. The full "statement" is available on the diocesan website, log in to www.ctdiocese.org.za. We are beginning to reflect upon our process of intercultural dialogue, and preparing to offer our testimony to the Lambeth Conference 2020. We commit to meet again in 2019 in Liverpool, England.

A Testimony of Constancy in Faith, Hope and Love

This Consultation's Context: "...that God was reconciling himself to the world in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation". (2 Cor. 5:19)

The 9th Consultation met from July 18th - 22nd 2018, in London, Ontario, the city where the Anglican concept of 'mutual responsibility and interdependence' was drafted for the 1963 Anglican Congress of 1963. We acknowledge that the land on which we gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral), and Wendat peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

The very journey to arrive in London became a metaphor of perseverance and constancy as members took up to four flights, negotiated missed communications and connections, and endured visa issues, misdirected luggage, and jetlag.

These challenges faded as we gathered for worship and to hear stories of the fruit that has emerged from the previous eight consultations in the lives of the elders of the dialogue. Listening to the testimonies of bishops brought joy and delight to our hearts. We were strengthened in our desire to share these fruit with others in the Anglican Communion as we all approach the Anglican Consultative Council 17 in 2019 and Lambeth Conference 2020.

In light of the 2020 Lambeth theme "God's Church for God's World", The Rev. Canon Dr. Todd Townshend drew us to reflect on God's purposes – God's new creation - in mission, and on the ends of words in Christian life today. (Dr. Townshend's speaking notes are

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appended to the Testimony for further reflection).

Dr. Townshend proposed that speaking and listening are in crisis at the moment, in the church and in the world. Words are in a state of chaos. The Christian narrative and how we share it through words, actions, silence, must lead to new revelations of God. We have the capacity for this through story-telling that keeps the Gospel message real and thick, life-giving and connected to the life and ministry of Jesus. The focus, the true end of words today is reconciliation, a core 'thesis statement' of the New Testament (2 Corinthians 5: 19). Reconciliation is the work of God, in us and through us, always painful, beautiful and particular, almost the nature of God and so impossible to know or fully describe.

We pondered what is it about this Consultation, or anything to do with the church, that helps us join God's yearning for reconciliation. Our Consultations have repeatedly learned about efforts toward reconciliation within local contexts. We have considered the legacies of racism, colonialism, and slavery. In this gathering, we listened to The Rev. Roslayn Elm, young Anglican priest of the Oneida Nation speak about the legacies of European colonial settlement upon the land, waters, traditions and dignity of Canada's First Peoples. Her use of words and images, stories of enforced migration, lack, and landlessness continuing to this day were deeply moving. We were taught the wampum wisdom of The Dish with One Spoon Treaty binding all to share territory and protect the land, become reconciled with one another, with creation and the Creator.

"The Church in Canada, despite having the Gospel, has taken a back seat, has been on the bad side of history. Really listening to one another, forgiveness and reconciliation is kingdom work. Take this strength within your circle and do something with it".

Each Consultation lays down longer and deeper roots. The tree of our relationships fills out through the laughter and pain of stories shared. It produces new fruit to strength-

en our joint commitment to the Gospel.

Archbishop Fred Hiltz (Primate of Canada) inspired us with a passionate summation of the work of the Consultations and encouraged us to remain faithful to face to face dialogue and telling our stories of life and hope discovered together. He identified four different conversations within the Anglican Church of Canada, which could learn from the Consultation's commitment to and constancy in discussion between church leaders holding different views on Christian marriage.

Two new bishops to the Consultation spoke about the mission and ministry of their diocese. Bishop Paisible Ndacayisaba, Diocese of Muyinga, in the northern region of the Anglican Church of Burundi, leads a young diocese of 23 parishes, 35 pastors, 109 catechists and 35,000 church members. Muyinga Diocese's mission is to proclaim and share the Word of God, strengthen local communities, and plead for justice. Evangelization is the foundation upon which other mission develops, including youth development, welcome and integration of people living with disabilities, Mother's Union, assistance to orphans, HIV/AIDS, Malaria and TB programs. After many years of civil war and a changing climate, the diocese, with the support of partners, especially the companion diocese of Qu'Appelle, is building a health centre, promoting tree planting, sponsoring an interethnic soccer team, and building wells for potable water.

Archbishop Melissa Skelton, Metropolitan, Province of British Columbia and Yukon, is Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster. The diocese is small in geography on the ancestral territories of 40 First Nations, comprised of 66 parishes and 3 worshipping communities in the Vancouver BC metropolitan area, the Fraser Valley and the Sunshine Coast. The diocese's priorities are fostering relationships with one another and with neighbours, parish development, nurturing relationships with and learning about Indigenous peoples as well as advancing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, engaging the diversity of peoples in parishes and in leadership, working on financial sustainability, and fostering a culture of transparency, collaboration, courage and choice. Specific initiatives include the School for Parish Development, a revamped process of discernment for Holy Orders, greater emphasis on the Synod Office and Committees serving the needs of parishes, property development, and a companion diocese relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines.

+Garth Table Bay

Ground Zero Seminar



St Martin's Women's Ministry celebrated Women's Day with a difference. Conscious of the contribution of women in our country and the challenges which we face, a special day was set aside to celebrate Woman's Day, where each woman could have the opportunity to strengthen their spiritual bond with God as they pray for and with each other. The theme for this year was focused on Prayer and Fasting. The overarching reason was that all women attending would come to realize that God, through His Holy Spirit is at work in our lives right now just as He was in biblical times.

Four prayer stations were created around the church to inform all those who came to "look, feel and experience" God's love: Seven steps to prayer and fasting: what is your purpose of fasting, which type, prepare spiritually and physically, put yourself on schedule, end fast gradually and expect results;

Types of fasting: regular fast, partial fast, liquid fast, full fast and sacrificial fast;

Esther Fast: the story of Esther - explaining how she got to become Queen and how she called on all the Jews to fast for 3 days after discovering Haman's plot to have them all killed.

Jesus Fast: 40 days and 40 nights fasting in the desert before beginning His work for His Father to praying in Gethsemane.

We all could identify with each station we visited, and that God sent His Son into the world to save each one of us.

The stations were focused around prayer of scripture, how to pray, how to intercede, how to fast and how to help our families develop a prayer life of their own. We opened the seminar with powerful testimonies about how God changed people's lives through prayer and fasting. It was a special moment and not to mention a very emotional time as

many ladies could identify themselves with the testimonies being shared.

Edith Sher, our first guest speaker, shared, based on her book, *Unmasking Esther*, how she had to come out from hiding and present herself before the King asking him to save her people. She felt so humbled and blessed as He held out the sceptre to her.

Gloria Veale-Oliver, our second guest speaker, launched *Love Revolution*, a Fearless minister that takes on gangsterism on the Cape Flats, who works alongside other community-based organisations to improve the lives of people living in low-income areas. It aims to offer an alternative to young people, emphasizing the need to Connect Women across the Western Cape, empowering women to stop being a victim. "We need to step into our rightful place as women, as wives and as mothers", she said.

The word offered by these two ladies confirmed that God's hand was on this Prayer Day and the messages that were shared resonated with mothers, women and wives the world over. We give all glory to God for this amazing opportunity to connect communities in Christ.

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- Magali Vrede



Getting to know the extended family from page 1: It was wonderful to hear how each church had developed a locally flavoured Anglicanism and how this had shaped the faith journey of the students.

While debating issues facing both our country and denomination, I was struck by the complexity of the worldwide Anglican Communion and the challenge of finding a clear way forward. Is there one Anglican way or many? Can we respond to our context and remain in communion with those who hold different views to us? What are the fundamentals that unify us? Where do we draw the lines and boundaries and how can such a diverse institution be effectively governed and led? I was challenged to think about how we can affirm and create space for different Anglican approaches. I was also encouraged to meet young leaders who place their trust in a faithful God and were willing to grapple with these difficult questions as they lead the church into the future. - **Brendan Fox**

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Human Sexuality: The article published was incomplete. The last 2 paragraphs omitted reads: "The Consultation ended with an open session where individuals and couples were able to share their stories without comment or discussion. These were stories of pain and joy, suffering and healing, hope and longing, and presented a beautiful tableau of who we all are in God. It gave hope for a Church where we can put judgement aside, and truly love each other for who we are."

Bishop Garth Counsell, on his return from Canada, will be meeting with the Diocesan Reference Group and Provincial Standing Committee representatives to plan a similar set of discussions within the Diocese of Cape Town." - **the Revd Mark Long**

The editor apologises for the oversight and any inconvenience caused.

CCN Sunday at Good Shepherd Protea

The Community of the Cross of Nails, South Africa Committee met up with the delegates who attended the CCN Youth Conference in Coventry, UK recently at Good Shepherd Protea in the Parish of St Saviour's Claremont on Sunday, 19th August 2018. It was the 18th anniversary of St Saviour's Parish (with Good Shepherd Protea) becoming a CCN Centre. During the special service the delegates gave feedback on their experiences at the Conference

In the picture from left to right are Ryan Davids (St Saviour's), Deirdre Legg, (Good Shepherd) Sarah Oliver, (G.O.A.L. Trust) Jason Carelse, (St Saviour's) Toby Koloti, (Hope Africa) Jenny Wilson, (Good Shepherd) Bronwyn Damon, (Hope AFRICA) Jeanette Halls (St Saviour's) and Herbert Halls (St Saviour's).

- Jenny Wilson



Aunty Annie celebrates her 111th birthday



Ms Annie Adonis fondly known as Aunty Annie celebrated her 111th birthday on the 5th August at Nerina Place Bishop Lavis. Surrounded by family and friends from as far as Greyton, she received a special Eucharist blessing from the Ven Joshua Louw and the Revd Anthony Williams.

Aunty Annie is the founder member of the AWF branch at St George's Silver-town 48 years ago. This she shared proudly with Mrs Pamela Paulsen, the Diocesan President of Cape Town and Ms Lucille Henniker, the Provincial President.

She started the branch with 8 members and supported by the late Revd David Profit, the ladies were visible in their community, serving the needy. Aunty Annie contributes her long life to 'live a simple life' and 'God first every day before anything else'.

- Sheila Stoffberg

Confirmation service at Church of the Reconciliation Manenberg

The service was conducted by the Rt Revd Garth Counsell on 12th August 2018. There were thirty-seven candidates of which six were baptised. The Parish Council would like to thank all involved who made the occasion a great success.



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To the Laos - to the people of God

The debate over land reform in South Africa came to mind on a trip to Chile recently, where I represented the Archbishop of Canterbury on an Anglican Communion delegation investigating whether to recognise the church in that country as the 40th Province of the Communion.

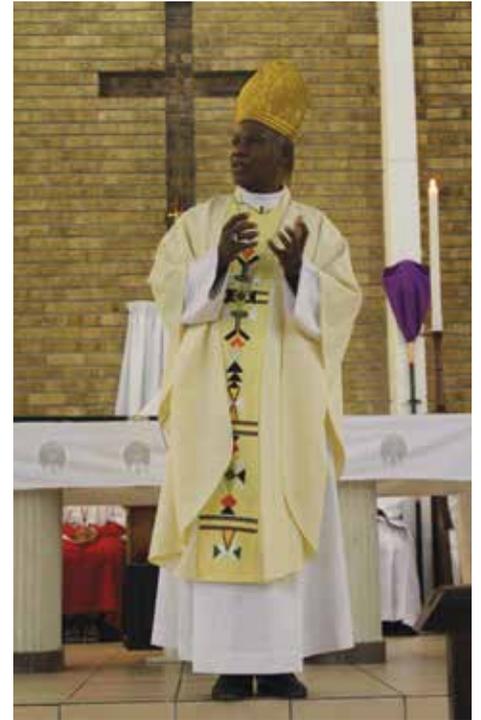
The Diocese of Chile has for nearly 40 years been part of the Anglican Church of South America, a single Province which covers the whole continent. Now the church in Chile wants to establish four dioceses in place of one, and to form its own Province. While we were in the country, members of the delegation split up into groups to travel to different regions, and I found myself visiting an area in which the Mapuche people – who constitute Chile's largest indigenous ethnic group – are well represented in the church. Just as in our Province, since the 19th century the church has helped to bring education as well as make converts, and there is as a result respect for Anglicans in Chile. But also as in South Africa, the Mapuche feel to some extent that in the process they lost their language and their land. So, many years later, they are now fighting to reclaim both the language and the land.

At home, we have faced criticism that the church has been quiet in the debate that has been raging over restoring the land to its original owners since the ANC adopted a resolution last year allowing for expropriation without compensation. But I want to highlight the fact that long before the land issue became a buzzword in society, it has been addressed in at least some parts of our church. The example with which I am most familiar is that in the Diocese of Grahamstown, where as a

token of our commitment to reconciliation we have given two sizeable pieces of church land to communities, one at St. John's, Bolotwa, near Komani (Queenstown), and the other at St Luke's, Nxarhuni, near East London. In conjunction with the relevant government departments and with descendants of the traditional leaders who made the land available to us, we negotiated to place it in the hands of trusts with the aim of benefitting local people, whether in agricultural or other projects.

At a time in South Africa when tensions are building over how we control and manage the land, my call is for parishes and dioceses of our church to be in the forefront of the dialogue over land reform. Right now there are many criticisms of how the State is or will be conducting the land reform process: for example, that greedy farmers are trying to extract too much money from the State in compensation for their land; that traditional leaders are trying to seize control of the land and dispose of it in their own financial interests; that politically-connected individuals will be allocated tracts at the expense of the poor; and others.

The church can bring a different approach to land reform. In some rural parts of our Province, we have tracts of land, some given by chiefs, some bought and some inherited because of who we are. Now we want to be a source in our communities which says that, yes, we may have been granted this land legitimately and have looked after it over many years, but now in the interests of reconciliation, let's talk and work out how best we build the future together. We can influence the process to ensure that land is kept in the hands of community trusts, run for the benefit of all and with particular concern for the poorest of the poor. We can include a provi-



sion – as happened in the Diocese of Grahamstown – that if those who take over the land fail to use it properly, it will revert to the control of the church.

The church can bring a different lens through which to focus on the land issue. We can infuse a debate otherwise being pursued for political and commercial gain with the values of the Gospel: values of sharing, reconciliation and healing.

God bless you as we chart our course through this difficult time in our history.

God bless you.
+ **Thabo Cape Town**

Archbishop Thabo gives thanks for lives of a selfless generation of leaders

We have reason to thank God for the contributions to the good of humanity of a great, selfless generation of leaders.

In South Africa, we give thanks for the life of Mama Zondeni Veronica Sobukwe, widow of Robert Sobukwe, who died in Graaff-Reinet weeks after her 91st birthday in early August 2018.

Abroad, we received with shock the news that Kofi Annan, a great African and a Nobel peace laureate who gave new energy to the United Nations to intervene to prevent conflict, has died in Geneva after a short illness.

And at home we celebrate the long lives of leaders who are still with us: the 93rd birthday of Mama Gertrude Shope, a former trade unionist and the first leader of the ANC Women's League, and the 90th birthday of Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Our prayers go to the families of those who have died, and our best birthday wishes to those veterans celebrating milestone birthdays.

- **Archbishop Thabo Makgoba**

Athlone Archdeaconry men's group hosts a family day at Leliebloem on 9th August 2018



The Athlone Archdeaconry Men's Group (AAMG) was established in 2015 as an informal group with its prime aim to assist struggling organizations and to portray male role models in the various parishes and communities.

The group is currently made up of men from St George's Silvertown, Church of the Holy Nativity Hazendal, St John's Crawford, St Patrick's Crawford and All Saints Lansdowne. An active WhatsApp chat group exist consisting of 31 members.

The group generates cash through various functions held and our main source of income is from the breakfast we host annually. We've also been blessed with very generous donations from parishioners, family and friends. The funds generated and donations (stationery as example) received are disbursed to nominated beneficiaries in various formats.

By the grace of God we're on route to achieving our goals. In 2015, we kitted out 11 scholars at Bokmakierie Primary school. In 2016, we kitted out 28 scholars at Kewtown Primary school. In late 2017, we managed to secure a stationery donation for Church of the Holy Nativity and cash support. We ring-fenced R1000 for this, following damaged caused by bird infestation to their Sunday school equipment.

Our main beneficiary for 2018 is Leliebloem House in Crawford. We feel very blessed that

we managed to achieve both our targets on Women's Day, 9 August. We fed 60 kids between the ages of 4 to 16 from a morning snack, braai for lunch, a party and with a take-away party pack.

The men played various games and interacted with the kids throughout the day in an attempt for the kids to regain confidence in men (portraying our male role model goal). It was an energy sapping day but the look on the faces of the Leliebloem residents made it all worthwhile.

A cash donation of funds remaining in our

coffers will also be made to Leliebloem later this year. We call on men from other parishes in the Athlone Archdeaconry to join the group. With greater support we believe we can achieve more going forward. Please contact Gregory Samuels (AAMG Chairman) on gregsamuels1953@gmail.com or 084657026 should you require any further information regarding the AAMG.

The Athlone Archdeaconry Men's Group give thanks to Almighty God for the opportunity to be of service.

- John Ruiters



Fikelela hosts winter holiday club with collaboration from the Department of Community and Safety



Fikelela Aids project was availed the opportunity by the Department of Community and Safety to host a winter holiday club for the week 9-13th July 2018.

The aim was to teach life skills such as: Jerry Giraffe, Survivor Africa and Agent of Change. Five communities were earmarked by Community and Safety and the Anglican churches in the area hosted us. They were St Mary's Gugulethu, Church of the Reconciliation Manenberg, St Andrew's Steenberg, Church of the Holy Spirit Heideveld and Church of the Resurrection Bonteheuwel.

Funding was given for only 35 children per site but up to 120 children attended on any given day and we could not turn them away as there was a need. Despite the numbers, we managed to feed each child (breakfast, lunch and a snack), thanks to those who donated extra food. We had the following stakeholders on board: Anglican Environmental Department, Superbook, South African Police Service, Fire Brigade, they introduced awareness topics that added to the wellbe-

ing and safety of our children. A representative from the Department of Community and Safety visited each site and checked the program, facilities and meals given.

We are thankful to the Anglican churches for opening their doors to host the holiday club, the clergy, members of the parish and community members who volunteered and gave of their time and talents to sew a positive seed in the children lives.

The holiday club was a huge success and we looking forward to working with more partners keeping our children busy during the school holidays.

There is the possibility of this collaboration again during the December / January 2019 school holidays. We will communicate closer to the time.

- the Fikelela Team

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