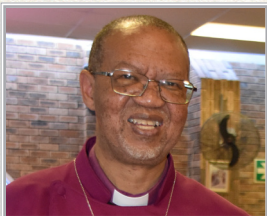


**67th Session of Diocesan Synod at Church of St Cyprian Retreat**



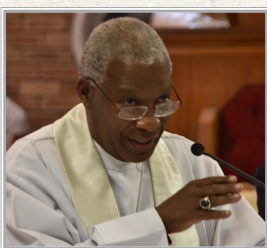
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**Witnessing to and working towards God's New Creation**  
 Adapted from Archbishop Thabo Makgoba's Charge to Diocesan Synod:

How have we fared in the Diocese since we last met in Synod, and how are we faring now in achieving our objectives? Let us attempt to wrestle with these questions by drawing first on the example of Anthony of Lisbon, who we commemorate today and who still speaks to our hearts and ministries in Cape Town today from his perspective as someone standing at the threshold of a new cultural era in 12th-century Europe.

Anthony is mostly pictured in art as the monk carrying the baby Jesus, the Incarnate One, in his arms, literally taking Jesus into places outside of his known world, crossing borders, and standing as a new witness of faith to the world. Anthony carried Jesus into many new and contested areas, so opening possibilities of an incarnational theology. The Incarnation is about Jesus taking on the form of flesh, and living amongst us in ways that speak of hope, courage and compassion to this burgeoning world. It is appropriate that Anthony died at the walls of the city of Padua in Italy, literally on the boundaries, pointing to his challenge to us to find faith on the edges, in the unlikely places, among the marginalised. Hence his famous saying that "The breadth of charity widens the narrowness of the heart."

In our times, we need expanded hearts in order to be sensitive to where Christ is to be found and where, like

Anthony, we are urged to carry him. Anthony was very clear in his preaching that that Christ is to be found among the poor and the excluded. He says, "O rich people befriend the poor, welcome them into your homes. It will subsequently be they who welcome you into heaven." Anthony's comment is so counter-cultural as to make it a prophetic challenge.

Secondly, we are privileged today to read our context not only through Anthony's example but through the hermeneutic of Matthew and his challenge to "leave our gifts at the altar and to be reconciled first with our sisters and brothers." It is no exaggeration to say that we cannot go to the altar, that our worship is impoverished as long as there are serious areas of division that keep us from being a united, worshipping people.

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## Events and Notices



## EDITORIAL

We have concluded our 67th Session of Synod, and now the real work begins in bringing all the passed resolutions to life.

Synods are crucial in the life of the Church because they provide a platform for the voices of the people as they come together in assembly. It is a time for spiritual reflection, listening to one another, and discussing issues to better guide our church.

On pages 4 and 5, you can find a condensed version of the Motions passed and adopted, with the full text provided in an attached addendum.

We extend our gratitude to Ven Terry Lester, our Manager of Synod and the Advisory team as well as the diocesan staff, photographers, volunteers and all who worked behind the scenes.

There were many new faces, and I can imagine the experience was eye-opening to what goes on beyond the church pews.

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## Recipients of the Diocesan Award presented at the Opening Eucharist of Diocesan Synod

*Congratulations to John Solomons from Church of the Reconciliation, Manenberg and Cameron Benjamin from Christ Church, Constantia.*

**The citations read as follows:**

**John Solomon's** involvement in the Church and the world epitomises true commitment to the Mission of God, a commitment expressed in lay ministry in various capacities over his whole life. He joined the choir at St Mark's, Athlone, aged seven, and his long journey in the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary began when he was 11. He joined the Church of the Reconciliation, Manenberg, from the Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel, when it was in its infancy in 1971. He became leader of the Servers' Guild, where he guided both retired clergy Keith de Vos and Clement van Wyk.

During his ministry, John exposed hundreds of young people to the ministry and structures of the Church by arranging visits across the then Diocese of Cape Town. He became a lay minister and one of the first to train as a lay preacher, whose ministry formed the core of his calling until he retired at the age of 70. John Solomons has also contributed immensely to the development of Manenberg. He was a member of the Church-Based Community Organisation in the Western Cape Region, becoming coordinator of the Manenberg cluster. Many community projects were initiated under his leadership, and through this activism he added to that aspect of the church's mission which calls us to speak truth to power for the liberation of all people. We are pleased to present to him our Diocesan Award.



**Cameron Benjamin** has given generously of his time and his considerable financial expertise during his long involvement in and support of the Diocese of Cape Town.

He first exercised his calling in the ministry of lay people from the time of his confirmation in 1988. He became a Sunday school teacher at St John's, Crawford. He went on to lead Bible groups and youth groups. Many young people were formed by his teaching and spiritual formation. His gentle and compassionate leadership guided them into the service of their communities through various community-oriented initiatives. In particular, he and the young people of the parish served Leliebloem House with dedication. Later, Cameron served with distinction on the Parish Council at Christ the King, Claremont, where he exercised his accounting skills to the benefit of the mission of the church. He went on to serve on the Diocesan Finance Board, which he chaired for ten years.

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### Dear friends

So much has happened since our last edition and I just want to encourage us with Paul's words to the Phillipians.

***"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you."* (Phillipians 4:8-9)**

It is so easy to be drawn into the negative but Paul asks us to focus and do that which is life-giving, with the assurance that God is with us.

We've had a successful national and provincial election with no outright winner. A Government of National Unity is being negotiated and our prayers are that the needs of all the people of this country will be the primary motivation when deals are being struck. The month of June is Youth Month and it is my wish that the young people and children will be high on the agenda of our new government. We pray for our President, Parliamentarians and Premiers of all our provinces that they may govern justly. We all deserve a better tomorrow.

We give thanks to God for a very fruitful synod – first in-person, in one venue synod, since the beginning of covid. Our last one was a hybrid one where people met in hubs. All the resolutions can be found in this edition, it is now our responsibility to implement these decisions. I hope that those who attended for the first time, left there with a greater appreciation of how the Diocese operates at the highest level. Thanks to all who worked so hard behind the

## From the Bishop's Desk



scenes to make this synod a memorable experience.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Diocesan Award: John Solomons of the Church of the Reconciliation, Manenberg, for his contribution at parish level and Cameron Benjamin who has served the diocese faithfully as the chairperson of the Diocesan Finance Committee for the past 10 years. John Gardener was made a member of the Order of Simon of Cyrene, for his contribution in education and as a hymn writer. This is highest honour for a layperson in ACSA.

On Saturday, 22 June we had the joy of instituting Revd Oswald Cloete as rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel, after he had been priest-in-charge for almost a year. We pray that the parish will grow wonderfully under his leadership.

On Sunday, 23 June, I had the wonderful privilege of leading the 'Soil Breaking' service at Eluvukweni, Crossroads. This is a congregation that has been in existence for the past 44 years and will finally get their permanent church building. For years, they have been worshipping in an informal structure, that didn't always protect parishioners against the

forces of nature. It is our hope, that in a few months' time, they will be able to move into their new building. This is not the complete structure that we had envisaged but, due to financial constraints and pressed by the desperate need, we are able to erect enough of a secure building, with the hope that this will motivate parishes and individuals to pledge financially for the church building and hall/educare centre to become a reality. Once off or monthly contributions will be most welcome. The amount doesn't matter. For banking details, please contact Lay Canon Charleen Van Rooyen, our diocesan administrator or Canon Rachel Mash. I want to reiterate that this was the only informal church structure in our diocese, let us put shoulder to the wheel to help the congregation of Eluvukweni, Crossroads to have their church building and hall/educare centre.

As we are in Youth Month, I can announce that after a long process, our new YPM co-ordinator is Siphe Nyhaba and he will be starting on the 3 July 2024. We pray that this will be a wonderful time of building upon what there is and into the future. We pray for the Chaplain, Revd Jeremy Smith, the YPM council and the parishes with whom Siphe will be working.

The young people are our investment, may this ministry grow from strength to strength.

I will be on sabbatical leave from 1 July to 31 August. In my absence the Archdeacons will deal pastoral matters and the office of the Diocesan Administrator will deal with administrative and financial matters. It has been a while since my last sabbatical, so my intention is to enjoy it thoroughly.

As we journey forth may we continue to follow the voice of God amidst the noise of the world by following the advice of St Paul and live positive lives as individuals and Christian communities. **God bless! + Joshua - Table Bay**



**Left to Right:** The Revd Philip Donald was instituted as rector of All Saints Lansdowne and St Patrick's Crawford on 1st June 2024 by the Rt Revd Joshua Louw. He is pictured with Bishop Joshua, his wife and children. Right: The Revd Oswald Cloete was instituted as rector of Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel on 22nd June 2024 by the Rt Revd Joshua Louw.

**Photographer of Revd Cloete institution: Kazlin Abrahamse**

# Motions passed and adopted at Diocesan Synod

## **MOTION 1: Refining of the Acts of Diocesan Synod Respectfully requests**

1. That this Diocesan Synod tasks the Bishop of Table Bay and the Diocesan Secretary or the Diocesan Administrator (if so appointed), together with a maximum of 5 persons with the necessary interest and skills, (bearing in mind the demographics of our diocese), to workshop the refining of The Acts of Diocesan Synod, mutatis mutandis to the Canons of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.
2. That the above task team deliver its first interim report within 6 months of this Diocesan Synod to the Bishop of Table Bay for consideration with Diocesan Chapter and, if necessary, referral back for consultation with the task team to take place.
3. The report shall be finalized by 30 June 2025 to be presented at the next Diocesan Standing Committee meeting.
4. Following adoption by DSC, the final report shall be handed to a drafting committee to prepare measures/motions in preparation for Diocesan Synod 2027

## **MOTION 2: Diocesan Safe and Inclusive Church Subcommittee Proposes that:**

1. This synod approves the establishing of a Diocesan Safe and Inclusive Church Subcommittee, which will deal with matters in accordance with ACT XX, more specifically Section 6.3, sub sections (a) – (j);
2. The DSAIC Subcommittee governing body be comprised of:
  - a. The Bishop of Table Bay
  - b. Three (3) legal persons, comprising the Diocesan Chancellor or Registrar, and two others appointed by the Bishop of Table Bay, in consultation with the Archbishop.
  - c. Two (2) members of Diocesan Chapter
  - d. A psychologist or other specialist involved in counselling, spiritual guidance, or support in cases of abuse, appointed by the Bishop of Table Bay from a list of recommended people prepared by the DSIC subcommittee and Diocesan Chapter
  - e. The Diocesan Secretary / Diocesan Administrator (if so appointed)
3. The terms of office of the DSAIC Subcommittee's members will be:
  - a. The Bishop of Table Bay (until his tenure ends)
  - b. Two legal persons, (other than the Registrar) for a period of three (3) years, which may be renewed for no longer than a second 3-year term.
  - c. The two (2) members of Diocesan Chapter, to serve for a period determined by the Bishop of Table Bay in consultation with the Archbishop.
  - d. The psychologist or other specialist, for a period of three (3) years, which may be renewed for no longer than a second 3-year term.
  - e. The Diocesan Secretary/ Diocesan Administrator (if so appointed), for as long as he/she holds this position.

## **MOTION 3: Ministry To People in Same-Sex Unions Proposes that:**

1. We respectfully request the Bishop of Table Bay to constitute a working committee to provide materials to parishes that will a) facilitate discussion on the content of the prayers, and b) discuss how parishes could more effectively respond to the pastoral needs of people in the LGBTQIA+ communities.
2. These discussions to take place during the 'Month of Compassion'

(August 2024).

3. Parishes submit a brief report, by latest 9 September 2024, to The Bishop of Table Bay on the outcomes of the discussions held at parish level.
4. That the working committee compile a report of responses received from parishes to inform the Bishop of Table Bay and Provincial Synod Representatives of the mind of the diocese as they deliberate on these prayers at Provincial Synod.
5. The parishes be encouraged to hold the Provincial Synod in prayer as they continue to wrestle with this very sensitive matter and discern God's will for our Province.

## **MOTION 4: Violence in our City Resolves to:**

1. Respectfully request the Bishop of Table Bay to take appropriate action in order to strengthen the relationships with existing community partners and to establish these relationships where they do not currently exist.
2. Develop a plan for regular Processions of Witness, covering all communities plagued by gang violence and GBV.
3. Encourage greater participation, at parochial and archdeaconry level, in Civic structures.
4. Call for an annual Day of Prayer for an end to violence in our city and
5. Find ways of working with Ward Committees, Non-Profit Organisations and other community-based Structures, alongside the police serving in our communities.

## **MOTION 5: Resolution: A call for solidarity with the people of Palestine**

### **Now therefore resolves to:**

1. Promote education in our parishes,
  - 1.1 regarding the history of Palestine and Israel and the ways in which Palestinians have been dispossessed of their land;
  - 1.2 regarding the differences between the political State of Israel and the Biblical ideas of Israel as God's chosen people.
2. Call on churches throughout the Diocese to join with people of the Abrahamic faiths – Muslims and Jews, for a Free Palestine in acts of prayer, solidarity and witness against the genocide.
3. Call on all our members to boycott Israeli products and companies associated with Israel.
4. Engage in public acts of witness and solidarity such as candle-lighting in homes and in churches, to remember the 35 000+ Gazan victims;
5. Find other ways to create communities of care and support which foregrounds our belief in the indivisibility of global human rights.
6. Call for an immediate ceasefire, the return of hostages and the release of prisoners.
7. Call on all governments to refuse to send any arms or supply any military or other material support to Israel.
8. Call for food and other aid to be allowed into Gaza safely and without restrictions and for the immediate opening of all entry and access points.



**MOTION 6: STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY****This Synod resolves:**

1. To respectfully request the Archbishop to form a commission, (as a sub-committee of DTB) inclusive of qualified persons, skilled in the property industry, to investigate the usage of church property with the following mandate:
  - 1.1 To identify parishes and chapelries that are no longer viable and to make recommendations to either twin with other parishes, merge with other parishes, or to be closed;
  - 1.2 To make recommendations to the DTB on the potential re-use, development and/or lease/sale of any such non-viable or dormant parish/chapelry property assets.
  - 1.3 To make recommendations on the usage of the proceeds of such property sales or development income with due reference to Article XVIII and XIX of the ACSA Constitution when read with Schedule A together with Canon 42 of the Canons and Constitution of the ACSA.
  - 1.4 To include affected parishes in all the discussions and deliberations.

**MOTION 7: Under Chapter V1 of Canon 34: of Holy Matrimony**

This Synod respectfully, requests the Archbishop to set up a Commission on marriage to review, gather statistics and make recommendations on changes to Canon 34 to bring it in line with other pastoral guidelines on matters affecting the church and its people like GBV and same-sex unions.

### Resolution arising from Conference of Synod on ministry to Anglicans in civil unions

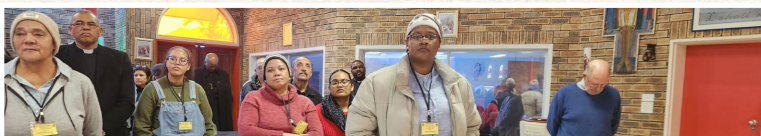
**This Synod,***Noting:*

- That there have been discussions concerning the LGBTQIA+ community at both Provincial and Diocesan level for more than 13 years,
- That in 2013, Provincial Synod respectfully requested the Synod of Bishops to work towards finalising guidelines for pastoral ministry as soon as possible, including prayers for those in Civil Unions recognised by the State,
- Our inability to make decisions causes pain to the LGBTQIA+ communities and their families,
- That the Church, whilst speaking out publicly on GBV, crime, poverty, corruption, international atrocities and many other areas, remains tellingly silent on crimes of hate and violence against LGBTQIA+ communities,
- That this Diocesan Synod has already reflected extensively on the theological, biblical and pastoral implications of providing effective pastoral ministry to all people in faithful, committed relationships, no matter their sexual orientation,
- That we cannot fully be called a Safe and Inclusive Church when we exclude and discriminate against the LGBTQIA+ community, knowing that many of them are hurting, vulnerable and in need of pastoral care,
- That we are all created in the image of God, and this truth embraces individuals from the LGBTQIA+ community as well,
- That through our engagements during the Conference of Synod 2024, we recognised the readiness to move from mere discussions on this matter to a practical response as we seek to minister to all of God's people.

**Therefore:**

1. Acknowledges the pain the Diocese has caused to the LGBTQIA+ community and their families, and
2. Refers to Diocesan Standing Committee the task of carrying forward the process of developing clear guidelines for ministry to the LGBTQIA+ community, including the blessing of same-sex unions, and engaging all the Diocese's clergy and parishes on the matter.

*Please refer to the addendum for the full report of the Accepted and Approved Motions of Synod*



## Manager to Synod report

The 67th Session of Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Cape Town has come and gone. It was striking when representatives were asked to indicate, by a show of hands, who was there for the first time - more than a third raised theirs! Synod has many formal aspects to it which can so easily overwhelm those who are new to its processes. Yet the level of engagement belied this even with so many first-timers! Time spent in Conference of Synod, when formalities are suspended in favour of a more informal setting, also helped participants be more relaxed and feel that their views and contributions should and could be shared. Our Eucharistic readings from the Book of Kings helped frame our time together inviting us to be courageous as Elijah was for the things and work of Yahweh. Likewise, the gospel readings from Matthew, from the Sermon on the Mount, challenged us to go beyond just the letter of the law but to strive for holiness and a total commitment to the values of the Kingdom. These were all well captured in the Archbishop's Charge entitled, "Witnessing to and working towards God's New Creation".

In one discussion on the motion: Ministry to people in Same-Sex unions, one participant noted that she was present thirteen years ago when this matter came up for discussion and expressed her deep sadness that, after all these years, it remained on the agenda. She said that it reflected a lack of urgency and care tantamount to shunning those in these relationships and marriages. She expressed the hope that she would not have to return thirteen years hence and face the same issue! Following the conference of synod, there was a change in the mood as each report back expressed the need to move on this matter with haste and contrition for the church's perceived lack of compassion over the years.

There were good debates on a variety of motions before synod and I urge and encourage you to access these and make it both a matter for your prayers and for your action. In Archdeaconries representatives will now be elected for Diocesan Standing Committee, a mini version of synod in between synods, so ensure that those who are chosen have attended synod, so that the matters decided on can be actioned in our parishes too. May God bless the efforts of God's church to make Christ known in all we do.

- the Ven Terry Lester





**Archbishop's Charge from page 1:** To allude to the psalmist's words in Psalm 65, and paraphrase the Matthean challenge, we need to be radically de-cluttered of the stacles which prevent us from freely giving thanks and praise to God, a god who is known for his bounty.

We need to ask of ourselves: Are we experiencing the liberation of the divine presence who provides joy, or are we still hiding behind unjust political and societal structures, or even bringing them into God's holy sanctuary? Matthew is clear and instructive: Leave those gifts aside, and first be reconciled. As that great prophet Elijah boldly reminded King Ahab, who worshipped idolatry, those who are faithful to God are "already vindicated" and can catch a glimpse of the Lord's vision of victory.

Third, what in God's church and in the world is in need of reconciliation? What is lacking in our praise and worship of God? What is required to bring our values and mission statement to bear as moral pressure on the institutions and structures of our society, to give life, and life in abundance?

In our national life, the signs of the times – as demonstrated by the results of our recent elections – have clearly shown that the crises most injurious to our social well-being lie in the areas of poverty and joblessness. The disillusionment with the governing party of the last three decades is evidenced in the collapse of support for them. Can we really be surprised, living as we do in the most unequal society in the world, overtaking even Brazil? The income gap between the rich and the poor has widened, with the top one percent



earning nearly 20 percent of income, the top 10 percent taking 65 percent, leaving only 35 percent of income for the remaining 90 percent of our people. This poverty stubbornly clings to racial lines. The latest unemployment rate has been reported at 32.6 percent, with unemployment reaching a staggering 45.3 percent among the youth. The challenge is clear: something needs to shift in our economy, and in our structuring of society, if it is to serve the common good.

If we are really to work at reconciliation in our land, to leave our gifts at the altar so we can work to reconcile ourselves with our brothers and sisters who are materially poor, we must, to paraphrase Anthony's words, explore more seriously a people-centred economy, one in which people are more important than profits. Since we are part of the global financial architecture, this is a mission to be pursued not just in South Africa, but across the globe.



Do you remember Gandhi's powerful words that "poverty is the worst form of violence"? Apart from poverty, the other scourge which challenges our church and society is the shocking prevalence of gender-based violence. The statistics are brutal and its incidence is probably even under-reported. We know that our patriarchal world-views and our structures conceal so much of this crime in plain sight. It is chilling that in the three months of July, August and September of last year, South Africa recorded 10,516 rapes, 1,514 cases of attempted murder and 14,401 assaults against female victims. Between April and September, 165 members of the SA Police Service were identified as alleged perpetrators of domestic violence.

These sins cry out to heaven, and in order to defeat them, we need to begin by promoting a culture that is hostile to any form of sexism or discrimination, beginning with the language all of us use. I issue a call, here and now, to consciously interrupt others who use sexist and discriminatory language. Every time we laugh at a sexist joke, or trivialise or commodify women or girl children, or indulge in victim-blaming, we strengthen and normalise cultures which lead to violence and dehumanisation. Where language goes, action follows.



If we, like Anthony whose ministry we recall today, are indeed going to cross boundaries, then one must surely be to build a new vision of masculinity and a different way of expressing our shared lives.

Over and above our relationships with one another, we need a fundamental reconciliation in our relation to our only home, the earth. Climate change and the loss of biodiversity, the deforestation, pollution and habitat destruction we are experiencing, are destroying our earth, and doing so virtually irreversibly. Again, it is the poor who suffer most. At a time when 84 percent of the world's population has some measure of identification with or are conversant with some or other religion, the religious imagination is an important source for inspiring engagement with issues around the environment. It can range from advocacy to teaching and advocacy at the levels of decision making. If we do not act urgently we will destroy our planet. There is no Plan B. The future is in our hands.

At least five times in his letters, Paul invites us to be ambassadors of reconciliation. He challenges us not to be satisfied only with reconciling with God, but encourages us to enter the contested domains I have enumerated: the practices of injustice, greed, discrimination and violence which prevent reconciliation. We need to wrestle with these life-destroying behaviours and evangelise them into places of justice, social cohesion, peace and the common good, not only for the benefit of our generations but indeed for the generations yet unborn. This must be our solemn pledge before we kneel at the altar.

I conclude: at the end of one of his famous sermons Anthony of Lisbon says: "If you preach Jesus, he will melt hardened hearts, if you invoke Him he will soften harsh temptations, if you think of Him, He will enlighten your mind, if you read of Him he will satisfy your intellect." We need at this time in our lives to marshal all of that in the service of bringing about the reconciliation which is the crying need of our fractious times. Amen.

To read the full text, login to our website: <https://ctdiocese.org.za/archbishop-thabo-charge-to-67th-session-of-diocesan-synod-2024/>

# 2024 Synod Election Results

## Ballot voting results in alphabetical order

### VOTE 1 : 3 Clerical Representatives to Provincial Synod

Revd Shaun Cozett  
Ven Mkhusele Lujabe  
Revd Miseka Mapukata

### 3 Clerical Alternate Representatives to Provincial Synod

Ven Allen Goliath  
Ven Melaney Klaasen  
Ven Reeva Mulder

### VOTE 1 : 3 Lay Representatives to Provincial Synod

Miss Melissa Awu  
Mr Wayne Jones  
Lay Canon Charleen van Rooyen

### 3 Alternate Lay Representatives to Provincial Synod

Miss Celine Bailey  
Mrs Saskia Emary  
Mr Keenan Priestley

## ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PROVINCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE:

One Clerical and One Lay Representative and alternates by respective houses.

**Clerical Representative:** Revd Miseka Mapukata  
**Lay Representative:** Lay Canon Charleen van Rooyen

**Alternate Clerical Representative:** Ven Mkhusele Lujabe  
**Alternate Lay Representative:** Mr. Wayne Jones

### VOTE 2 : 4 Clerical Representatives for the Advisory Committee for the Election of a Bishop

Ven Mkhusele Lujabe  
Revd Miseka Mapukata  
Ven Reeva Mulder  
Revd Jennifer Swartz

### 4 Alternate Clerical Representatives for the Advisory Committee for the Election of a Bishop

Revd Shaun Cozett  
Ven Allen Goliath  
Revd Moeketsi Mototjane  
Revd Ronald Muller

### VOTE 2 : 4 Lay Representatives for the Advisory Committee for the Election of a Bishop

Miss Melissa Awu  
Miss Celine Bailey  
Mr Keenan Priestley  
Lay Canon Charleen van Rooyen

### 2 Alternate Lay Representatives for the Advisory Committee for the Election of a Bishop

Miss Ongezwa Hanase  
Mrs Roslyn Moosajie'

### Nominations accepted unanimously by Synod (b) A Lay Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for the Election of a Bishop. (Canon 4. 9(b) (i) (aa))

Mr. Wayne Jones

### (c) A Deputy Lay Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for the Election of a Bishop. (Canon 4. 9(b) (i) (aa))

Mrs. Saskia Emary

### (e) Two Clerical and two Lay Representatives and their alternates for the Council for the Appointment of the Dean and Rector of the Cathedral. (Chapter 11, 2. 2.1.2 of the Acts)

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Lay Representatives</b>
Revd 'Moeketsi Mototjane	Mrs. Roslyn Moosajie'
Ven Melaney Klassen	Mr. Keenan Priestley

### (f) Six Lay Representatives to serve on the Diocesan Trusts' Board (Canon 42, and Chapter 7, 2.1 of the Acts)

Mrs. Melissa Baker	Mr. Dennis Martin
Mr. Mark Benjamin	Mrs. Zandile Mcutshenge
Mr. Wayne Jones	Mr Bevil Stellenberg



**Diocesan Award recipients from page 2:** Cameron Benjamin has unselfishly brought his immense skills to the service of the Church. He is a stirring example of faithfulness to the calling of lay people in the Mission of God and we are pleased to present to him our Diocesan Award.



**Synod photographers: James Jacobs and Malcolm Overmeyer**



## Hymn writer John Gardener admitted to the Order of Simon of Cyrene (OSC)

John Gardener has devoted his manifold gifts to the betterment of our community and the South African nation during his long life. As a scholar and an educationist, his stellar career culminated in service as principal of Kingswood College in Makhanda and Bishops Diocesan College in Cape Town, and he is highly regarded for his role in developing, with his wife Sue, the Independent Quality Assurance Agency.

For the churches in South Africa, he has written more than 60 hymns, including the stirring "Who can save our land and people", sung extensively during the struggle years and appearing today in many hymn books. Other notable achievements have been in the fields of writing, editing, dictionary contributions and journalism, including as a rugby columnist.

As a master of the written word John Gardener has applied our faith to our context, both teaching us and challenging us to live out our faith in action. He has lived as a humble servant of Christ, never seeking attention for himself but working tirelessly for all. We are privileged to admit him to the Order of Simon of Cyrene in recognition of his lifelong service to our culture and society, and in particular for his service to education and for enriching our worship through his God-given gift of hymn writing.



## The Service of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate



The Ordination service took place on 2nd June at St Saviour's Claremont.

Congratulations to Revds Keegan Davids and Avron Flowers.

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We would love to hear from your parish, send articles and photographs to Rebecca Malambo at [malambor@ctdiocese.org.za](mailto:malambor@ctdiocese.org.za) or call 021 469 3766.

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