75. HOLY EUCHARIST

This was celebrated in each Diocesan Hub starting at 8:00.

76. BIBLE STUDY

This was conducted in each Diocesan Hub following the Eucharist.

77. RECONVENING OF SYNOD

09h00 The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba opened the formal sitting of the Fourth Session of Synod in prayer at 09h00.

Opening prayers done by The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba. A special prayer offered for the Chancellor’s son by marriage who is not well at this time.

78. SPEAKER: PROF. ADRIAN PUREN

The following introduction of the Speaker was made by The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba

“Speaker: Prof. Adrian Puren (Prof Puren is the Acting Executive Director of the NICD since December 2020. Prof Adrian Puren was trained and held a lectureship at the University of the Witwatersrand, before taking on various positions at the NICD. Adrian was appointed as Deputy Director and Head of Virology in 1999 and Head of the Centre for HIV and STIs in 2017. As head of virology, he focused on developing and implementing a range of viral diagnostic platforms in support of the NICD’s EPI surveillance programmes and diagnostic support.)”
78.1 Presentation notes

Noted that we are deeply affected by the pandemic and wished ACSA well on this Synod, discussions, deliberations and decisions.

"The Future in our past in Pictures"

- History of pandemics:
  - It was noted that we have lived with various diseases and pandemics. Reference was made to the plagues in the 13th century and then the recent ones such as HIV, flu, Ebola, SARS and now Covid-19. All of which have changed our world.
  - Interactions with animals have increased our risks and exposures.
  - Before Covid-19, looking at the Global Health Index (GHI) which looks at the country's readiness to pandemics. The most prepared was the USA and the UK. However, with Covid-19, no one was ready and therefore we faced many challenges. Looking at the GHI scores, South Africa (SA) had a mid-ranging score of 54.8% (34/195) in terms of prevention and ability to respond.
  - When the outbreak occurred and state of disaster declared, SA noted as having most stringent lockdown regulations. The thought was that we could change the course of the pandemic. But this was not so.

- Since the first cases up until today, SA has gone through surges. We are currently in a third surge, and we are not out of it yet. Numbers are reducing but there are still people becoming infected, hospitalised and dying.

- The surges have been complicated because of the variants. Noted Beta variant in 2nd surge and Delta variant in third surge.

- Urged caution that we must keep in mind readiness and preparedness in respect of our communities and implementation of non-pharmaceutical measures and hospital capabilities.

- The virus and transmission – transmitted through droplets (size and range) and the aerosol spread. The latter, more important resulting in the need for masks, social distancing, reduced numbers in shared spaces, importance of ventilation. It is about HOW the virus is spread. We have not always been understanding of how and why we need to manage the virus regarding its spread. Thus, the need for distance, wearing masks, cleaning surfaces are critical.

- The numbers in churches must be kept to as minimal as possible to reduce infection.

- Super spreading events are drivers of transmission too.

- Challenges – not sufficiently engaged which has been more enforcement than engaging and understanding.
• The virus impact is related to age and comorbidities. This ‘mixture’ has affected hospital systems.

• Controlling the spread is therefore critical.

• Regarding the three surges – with each resurgence, the 40 to 59 and greater than 60 age group has been most affected by the virus.

• Children younger than 18 have not been affected in comparison to the abovementioned age groups.

• For SA and other societies, we are unequal societies in terms of economics, education. This also affects access to healthcare.

• We had a high burden of disease recognised as one of the six highest for the first surge. Positively, this declined with the following surges.

• By Feb 2021, half million in USA had died.

• Excess deaths not accounted for in our data recordings are likely also due to covid. Access to healthcare – people got sick and stayed home and died. They were not able to access healthcare as they should have been able to. Also, deaths due to other ailments as a result of the adverse effect of Covid-19 on our health systems e.g., Visits to Clinics, access to chronic medication, treatments etc...

• Emphasised that we must take this disease seriously.

• Looking at other diseases like HIV we see how it resulted in spiked death and with ARVs this has reduced. But we have ‘managed’ HIV. Likely we could do the same with Covid-19.

• Noted that non-pharmaceutical interventions are important.

• Vaccine development has been extraordinary. Noted that getting to the vaccines haven't been too quick. They are effective and potent and certainly prevent severity and death.

• Vaccine proactivity – will help us to get out of the pandemic. We need to vaccinate as many as quickly as possible. Noted fears RE needles, and religious and philosophic beliefs in vaccines.

• Noted that for SA a lot of us have been infected. We know there are lasting effects too.

• Portions of those reinfected are not large in the total outlook of all those being infected,

• Noted asymptomatic transmission too that PCR testing recorded cases is a lot more since people have not gone for testing. So, there are more people infected than recorded.
• Noted that those who have been infected should get vaccinated too. As this strengthens their ability to deal with the virus.
- Infection + vaccine has a good antibody response which improves the degree of immunity. Urged those who have been infected or think they have been infected to get vaccinated.

- Noted that access to vaccines is critical.

- Importance of vaccination

- Comes back to evolution of the virus evolving like all other viruses. It adapts. Immune evasion is not great to fight and manage infection. Need to reduce rate of transmission. Delta has been highly transmissible in this regard.

- It is an evolving threat. And so, we do not know what will happen next. What will be experienced next.

- The delta variant is dominant at present globally.

- Not always successful in stemming the variant. But we must make every effort to mitigate the effects.

- Future – we would like to see a future where we have adapted and can lead a ‘normal’ life. We will have consequences such as long covid too. Hoping with vaccine programmes, we can achieve some ‘normalcy’ for economic recovery.

- Economic recovery may be in fourth quarter of 2022. But requires our action.

- Noted personal responsibilities – non-pharmaceutical interventions e.g., masking, sanitizing, social distancing.

- Shared responsibilities – Government and financial support, quarantine and isolation, vaccine programme to ensure we protect ourselves, communities and each other.

- Acknowledged the NICD and the contributions to the presentation which has helped contribute to understanding and ability to work in our communities.

Comments and questions:

- Diocese of Lesotho - Rev David Sengoai.

Thanked prof for the talk. Queried, what causes the waves in light of us now anticipating a 4th wave. This causes confusion since people are implementing interventions, but the waves aren't stopping.

- Diocese of St Helena

At the moment there are no cases of Covid-19 but queried if the pandemic will always be with us. Will it ever go away?

- Diocese of Natal
Queried if it is fair to ask people in church context if they are vaccinated or not. We take their details, is it fair to ask if they vaccinated or not, or is this too intrusive?

- Diocese of Pretoria

Queried, in terms of vaccinations, there are talks of vaccinations of children from age 12. What are the plans for children below 12, especially those with comorbidities (asthma etc)?

- Dean of Province

Thanked prof for presentation. Queried if the virus will still spread if we sing with masks?

**Responses by Professor Puren**

Noted that when the pandemic started it was considered to be like the flu – but not so.

Noted that the vaccine programme allows us to reach 'epidemic control'. We recognise the virus there, but it is seasonal like the flu. We will not reach everyone with vaccines, but ongoing transmission may result in our ability to respond and adapt. We should not experience severe disease in future, like we are now.

We have not had two flu seasons. But 11000 individuals died annually from the flu. It was noted that we have a vaccine for flu but not many have access to it.

With regard to the vaccine programme, the president of SA said it is voluntary (underpinned by human rights), but as organisations we must have serious discussions on what we expect to see and what our expectations are. From a legal perspective there is good evidence on why we should get vaccinated. Emphasis is placed on engagement with communities to get them vaccinated. Discussions, where appropriate, around mandatory vaccination should be had.

Regarding children – the issue of equity and access to vaccines, strategy was taken in SA to vaccinate particular age groups. It was noted that the vulnerable groups will be children too. Noted that the effects of disease on children are different regarding transmission and extent. Therefore, we ought to be careful to vaccinate children and why. Younger groups, and high-risk children where vaccines are important, we must be careful of how we vaccinate and address this. Need to address equity before we introduce vaccines for children. Perhaps we could latch onto the country's existing child inoculation programme.

The fourth wave – if we have fourth resurgence – it will look different and must look different as we encourage non-pharmaceutical interventions and vaccinations. This will ensure avoidance of overwhelming hospitals too. Why do we have resurgence – the virus needs to find susceptible people- those with compromised immune systems-comorbidities. The more people that are vaccinated, the fewer number of people we will see being infected, and of course then fewer deaths. Why the third wave was so intense looking different from first two surges because of the variation and interventions. What can we do? - Persist with non-pharmaceutical interventions (masks, social distancing, ventilation).

Importance to engage communities to ensure restricted spread. We will be with masks, social distancing, ventilation even though we have the vaccine programme. The escape mutants are inevitable.
Reducing evolution of virus means we must have a good vaccine programme.

Request for presentation to be received and for dissemination. Permission granted by Prof Puren. Attached as Annexure 9.

**Vote of thanks by The Dean of the Province.**

Bishop Steve extended a vote of thanks for the very informative and helpful presentation. Noted that the whole world is standing at a threshold like the people of Israel did before us, that we are all in the pandemic. We are promised a Canaan, but we must play our part by cooperating, changing our behaviour, or we will perish in the wilderness. Noted if we don't wear masks, social distance, sanitise, vaccinate, we will ‘perish between Canaan and Egypt’ and beyond the pandemic.

Thanked prof for conscientizing us to adhering to the regulations and that we all get vaccinated.

Noted covid has no cure, but we can play our part in prevention. Key today is to get jabbed and encourage others to get vaccinated too.

Getting vaccine does not mean you will not get virus, but important that with vaccination it reduces the impact of virus, severity and impact on hospitals.

Before adjournment, Rev Grant noted that all members of Synod needed to register using the link sent on 23 September 2021.

**09H56 SYNOD ADJOURNED**

**10H15 SYNOD RESUMED**

**79. DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**79.1 PRAYERS**

The Lord’s Prayer was said by all after greeting by the Archbishop.

**Congratulations:**

- Archbishop congratulated Revd Natalie and her husband Warren on their 17th Wedding Anniversary.
- The Bishop of Grahamstown, the Rt Revd E Ntlali consecration Anniversary 20 September 2021
- The Right Reverend Carlos Simao Matsinhe, consecration Anniversary 20 September
- The Dean of the Province, The Bishop of Matlosane, the Rt Revd S Diseko Birthday on 22 September
- PEO, Revd Dr Makhosi Nzimande’s birthday on 22 September
- Provincial Registrar, Lloyd Fortuin’s birthday on Sunday 26 September
- The Very Revd S Sibeko’s 11th wedding anniversary
• The Vicar General of Lesotho, the Very Revd T Mofana birthday on 21 September
• The Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt Revd Dr S Moreo 36th anniversary of ordination of the priesthood.
• Revd John Sefantsi's birthday on 21 September

79.2 CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Quorum was confirmed by the Registrar Mr. Lloyd Fortuin.

79.3 PRESENTING AND READING OF PETITIONS (RULE 22 – 25)

None received

79.4 GIVING NOTICE OF MOTIONS (RULE 30(A)(III) AND (IV)

Motions under Standing Rule 30 (a) iv 2

79.4.1 MOTION OF APPRECIATION: COMMISSIONS SET UP BY THE METROPOLITAN TO GUIDE ACSA IN PUBLIC AND PROPHETIC MINISTRIES.

1. This Provincial Synod wishes to thank the Metropolitan and the Synod of Bishop for their leadership in setting up these different Commissions that affect our life and witness

2. This Synod
   a. Acknowledges the outstanding work done to date by these Commissions (Human Sexuality, Safe and Inclusive Church, Discrimination and Racism in Anglican Schools and Theological Education in ACSA)
   b. Appreciates the insights and recommendations of these Commissions as detailed in the reports received.
   c. Thanks, the members of the various commissions for their love, time and dedication to our church.
   d. Therefore, resolves to pray for and support them in their ongoing ministry to us.

Proposed by: Revd. Anastasia Huntley

Seconded by: Ms. Tebogo Molefe

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.2 MOTION OF APPRECIATION: ACSA COVID-19 ADVISORY TEAM
1. The advent of the global COVID-19 pandemic brought with its far-reaching disruption to our way of worship and witness.

2. This Provincial Synod wishes to:
   a. Extend our gratitude to the Metropolitan for his wisdom and leadership in setting up a Provincial Advisory team with the purpose of saving lives and contributing through our actions our love for each other
   b. Acknowledge the time, effort, hard work and dedication of the COVID-19 Advisory Team for all the iterations of the guidelines given to assist Diocesan and Parishes to navigate the various levels of lockdown and regulations pertaining to them
   c. Express our deep appreciation and gratitude for the teams' witness and dedication
   d. Offer a special word of thanks for the information video that the team scripted and produced at no cost to ACSA.

3. Synod therefore resolves to pray for and support them in their ongoing ministry to us.

4. The members of the team are:
   a. Lay Canon Rosalie Manning - Chair
   b. Bishop Raphael Hess
   c. Lay Canon Delene Mark
   d. Dr JJ Tabane
   e. Dr Ashley Petersen
   f. Dr Pampata Mbekeni
   g. Dr Arthur Manning
   h. Rev Canon Janet Trisk
   i. Mr Rob Rogerson
   j. Mr John Allen

Proposed by: Revd. Anastasia Huntley

Seconded by: Ms. Tebogo Molefe

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.3 MOTION OF EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: RETIRED BISHOPS

That this Provincial Synod extends its appreciation to the following bishops, who have retired since Provincial Synod gathered in 2019, for their episcopal oversight and ministry and wish them well in their retirement years –

The Right Reverend E.S. Williams
The Right Reverend A.M. Taaso
The Right Reverend O.P. Swartz
The Right Reverend M.A. Breytenbach
The Right Reverend Dino Gabriel

Proposer: Mr Wayne Jones
Seconder: Ven Mark Long

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.4 MOTION OF ENCOURAGEMENT: MISSIONARY SERVICE TO SOCIETY

Noting that:

- ACSA has been historically missional in areas of education, health, and community outreach.
- Lately the challenges in education are affecting society and the future generations.
- ACSA has infrastructure presence in every country, city, and community.

Acknowledge that:

- Shared and practical partnerships with schools, hospitals and communities provide a missionary and discipleship role for ACSA.
- Establishing new accessible schools that model Christ’s love and care is the foundation for learning and teaching.

Resolve to request this synod to:

- Encourage ABESA to strengthen its role and partnership with Dioceses and the Chaplains to make education a priority.
- Encourage ABESA to provide new models of establishing new schools in needy Dioceses and partner with schools on programs regarding school leadership, ECD Psychosocial support and transformation.
- Encourage Dioceses to make every parish a missionary hub for partnering with local community, schools in an invitational manner.

Proposer: Rev. Delani Mthembu
Seconder: Lay Canon Lulama Ntuta

This motion was put and carried.
79.4.5 MOTION OF APPRECIATION: EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: OPENING EUCHARIST AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

That this Provincial Synod extends its appreciation and thanks to:

i. The Revd Jo Tyers, Churchwardens, Parish Councillors, and members of The Good Shepherd, Protea, for graciously hosting the opening service of this 36th Session of Provincial Synod.

ii. The group responsible for the broad and technical support throughout.

Proposer: Lay Canon Charleen van Rooyen

Seconded: Revd Shaun Cozett

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.6 MOTION ON PEACEFUL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

This Provincial Synod,

Noting that:

1. Local Government elections will be held on 1 November 2021.

Acknowledging that:

2. Every registered voter is entitled to vote.

3. Every registered voter should be afforded the opportunity to exercise their vote without hinderance.

4. Competing political interests often give rise to tension.

Resolves:

To call on everyone entitled to vote, to allow for a peaceful and respectful democratic process.

5. Request the Archbishop to put out statement calling on voters and political parties to encourage a free and fair election.

6. To accept the outcome of a process declared to be free and fair.

Proposer: Bishop M Vertue
Seconder: Archdeacon Lundi Joko

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.7 MOTION OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS

Dean of The Province presided over this motion to put the motion for acceptance.

That this Provincial Synod thanks the Metropolitan, Archbishop Thabo, for his wide-ranging and challenging Charge. Synod gives thanks for his incarnational servant leadership, one that is rooted in a deep spirituality that is anchored and sustained in and through Christ. In his prophetic ministry, we value his capacity to speak truth to power, not only to national leaders in Southern Africa and beyond, but also to the household of faith, both within the Province and across the wider Anglican Communion. We thank him for his ability, while challenging us, also to hold us together in our diversity. We thank God for his life, witness and ministry. We also recognise the pressure that his public ministry imposes on his family and reassure Lungelwa, Nyakallo and Paballo of our love and appreciation for the sacrifices they make for his ministry.

Proposer: Venerable Edwin Pockpass

Seconder: Lay Canon Ingrid Titus

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.8 UNOPPOSED MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS

Noting that this year the Olympics and Paralympics were held in in Tokyo, we respectfully request this Synod to:

1. Congratulate all those from within the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) who participated in the Olympics and Paralympics in Tokyo

2. Send a special message of congratulations to all the winners of bronze, silver and gold medals who are from within the countries of the ACSA.

Proposer: Mr. Kgowe Moleme

Seconder: The Revd. Dennis Lukuleni

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.9 MOTION OF CONDOLENCE - DIOCESE PRETORIA

Motion of condolence to all members of the ACSA Family who have lost loved ones to COVID
The scourge of Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in many deaths, thereby causing great suffering to the church and families.

This Synod extends its compassion, love and condolence to all the members of our Province; lay & ordained, who grieve the loss of their loved ones due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Proposer: Ms Kefiwe Maila

Seconder: Revd. Selinah Ngoako

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.10 POLITICAL UNREST IN ESWATINI

Noting:

1. The Archbishop in his charge alluded to the Political unrest in Eswatini.
2. Such political unrest led to destruction of property left hundreds of Emaswati with Permanent injuries and over 70 citizens (Children, women and Men) lost their lives.
3. The devastation that such unrest has caused to the people of Eswatini.

Resolve that:

1. This Synod join the people of Eswatini in thanking the Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of ACSA for the constant calls and pastoral letter he wrote to the people of Eswatini on behalf of the Province.
2. Request the Archbishop to continue working with other regional, continental and global structures pushing for meaningful engagement and dialogue in Eswatini to find an amicable solution to the challenges of Eswatini.
3. Respectfully request that provincial pastoral and fact-finding mission be sent to Eswatini within the next two months.

Proposer: Venerable Bhekindlela Magongo

Seconder: Ms Thobile Dlamini

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.11 MOTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE ZULU ROYAL FAMILY

This Synod sends message of condolences to the Zulu Royal family for the passing away (Ukukhothama) of His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini and assures them of our prayers and support.

Proposer: Mrs Zinhle Mchunu
Seconder: Revd S'fundo Sikhakhane

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.12 MOTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE ZULU ROYAL FAMILY

This Synod sends message of condolences to the Zulu Royal family for the passing (Ukukhothama) away of Her Royal Highness the Regent Queen Mantfombi MaDlamini Zulu and assures them of our prayers and support.

Proposer: Mrs Zinhle Mchunu
Seconder: Ven Sifiso Dlamini

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.13 MOTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE QWABE FAMILY

This Synod sends message of condolences to the Qwabe family for the passing away of the former Lay member of the Provincial Synod Mr Kensington Qwabe and his wife, and that we also assure them of our prayers and support.

Proposer: Mrs Zinhle Mchunu
Seconder: Mr Sibusiso Gumbi

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.14 MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRINCE QEDUKWAZI ZULU

This Synod sends message of congratulations to Prince Qedukwazi Zulu the recipient of the award for the Order of Simon of Cyrene.

Proposer: Mrs Zinhle Mchunu
Seconder: Mr Sifiso Zuma

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.15 MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RIGHT REVEREND DR VIKINDUKU MNCULWANE
This Synod sends message of congratulations to the Right Reverend Dr Vikinduku Mnculwane for his Consecration and Installation as the 15th Bishop of the Diocese of Zululand.

Proposer: Mrs Zinhle Mchunu
Seconder: The Very Revd Isaiah Manqele

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.16 MOTION OF CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORT TO HIS GRACE THE MOST REVEREND DR THABO CECIL MAKGOBA

This Synod sends message of congratulations and support to His Grace The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba for his visionary leadership that culminated to the birth of IAMA.

Proposer: Mrs Zinhle Mchunu
Seconder: Revd S’fundo Sikhakhane

This motion was put and carried.

79.4.17 MOTION OF APPRECIATION

This Provincial Synod expresses its appreciation to those who served at the Mission to Seafarers at the Port of Cape Town. The mission was closed on 1 May 2021 after many decades of faithful service to seafarers visiting the shores of the Mother City. We also extend our condolences to the family of Rev Ashley Petersen, the last chaplain to the Mission, who sadly died in December 2020.

Proposer: Rev Shaun Cozett
Seconder: Ven Mark Long

This motion was put and carried.

79.5 GIVING NOTICE OF QUESTIONS (RULE 28(A))

No notices of questions were received.
80. MOTIONS

80.1 MOTION 4.7 IN SECOND AGENDA BOOK: ADDRESSING THE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG YOUTH

SEVENTH MOTION

ADDRESSING THE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG YOUTH

This Provincial Synod,

Noting that:

1. In support of combating challenges of unemployment, inequality, and poverty, there is an opportunity for the Church to be more intentional in supporting local entrepreneurs.

2. A motion on entrepreneurship was passed at the 2019 Synod to encourage young people within the Province to get involved in this initiative.

3. The Third Mark of Mission calls for the church to respond to human need by loving service.

Acknowledging that:

1. The Provincial, Diocesan and Parish Youth, and other structures are currently having programs which seeks to address entrepreneurship, skills development, and career paths within their own context;

2. The Metropolitan has raised unemployment, poverty, and inequality as a concern;

Resolves to:

1. Respectfully ask the Metropolitan to call for the governments in the Province of ACSA to investigate and enact a law which instructs corporations and large businesses to increase their overall local manufacturing/insourcing of local products, which would open the market for local entrepreneurship.

2. Respectfully request the Metropolitan to establish a task team to champion this campaign.

3. Encourage Dioceses, Parishes and Organizations within ACSA to make available internship/learnership programs for young people seeking employment opportunities and/or experiential training.

Proposer: Lay Canon Lulama Ntuta

Seconder: Ms. Kim Williams (Diocese of False Bay)
Discussion

Ms Tebogo Molefe (Diocese of Johannesburg) stand in support of the motion. Alerting proposer, since 2014 there has been policy on localisation on jobs and industrialisation that there are incentives for companies to manufacture locally and has enabled companies to successfully manufacture local products. Which is why most products during covid (masks, oxygen cylinders etc) were manufactured locally. Noted recently by SA President to increase manufacturing.

A challenge of entrepreneurship in SA is an issue of land RE agriculture and agro-processing. Noting that the barrier to land is a challenge for young people. And thus, need to look at working with traditional leaders to make land available for entrepreneurship. Noted a lack of skills RE artisan skills. Look at community colleges. Now a policy for establishment of community colleges that looks at young people not in school and university and make church property available for the community colleges to enhance skills.

Amendment from ‘instruct” to “encourage” under resolve #1.

Voting on Motion as amended: the Motion was put and carried.

Motion carried:

80.2 MOTION ON CANON 42  OF TRUST

In terms of the Provision of Notice of Motions Rule 30 (a)(iii) and (iv) arising out of the Archbishop’s Charge:

“ I have occasion to meet with the Provincial Treasurer to pray and reflect on challenges that face the Province broadly and Dioceses specifically”

This Provincial Synod, notes that:

- In some dioceses the practice of conflating the Trust Board and Finance Board is taking place. This is not good fiduciary practice.

- The Provincial Province presents the Financial Account and the Trust Account of ACSA separately.

Resolves to:

1. Calls on Dioceses to replicate this practice at Diocesan level.

2. That legislation be put in place to structure the two separately;

3. Respectfully request the Archbishop to task the Canon Law Council to draft legislation to address this matter and to present at the next session of PSC.

Proposer: The Right Reverend Brian Marajh
Seconder: The Lay Canon Clarence Martin

Comment made that there are more questions on governance within the church and institutions which this motion speaks to.

Voting on the motion - the Motion was put and carried.

80.3 MOTION ARISING FROM BISHOPS CHARGE ON VACCINE

This Synod

Noting that:

1. The Archbishop raised the importance of vaccination in his charge

2. There is a need for appropriate information about covid-19 vaccines to be shared within the province, so that priests and people can make informed decisions

Resolves to:

Request the ACSA Covid-19 Advisory Team to arrange a webinar on Covid-19 vaccines with Prof Koleka Misana, Prof Adrian Puren and other relevant experts.

Proposer: Rev. Shaun Cozett

Seconder: Wayne Jones

Motivation of the motion

The motion considers two presentations Professor Misana and Professor Puren. The motion highlights the need for us to be theological in our response.

The request is for Synod to support the Archbishop’s call for all clergy to be vaccinated. Seconder emphasised that the ‘eyes’ are on ACSA in engaging and looking for leadership regarding vaccinations. Reminded us of the call to not force anyone but to encourage all to get vaccinated.

Discussion

Zululand – supports some points but cautioned for the need to be clear that Arch is not calling for mandatory vaccination for clergy.

Mzimvubu – noted Dr said he can't get vaccinated RE his condition. Noted that it would be a problem if he is forced to vaccinate but medically told he should not.
Synod must craft a Canon that will address all pandemics so that if we faced with a pandemic, we are guided by law so that church can go by what is written and not church leadership making up as we go along.

11H59 SYNOD PAUSED FOR MIDDAY PRAYERS

Midday prayers lead by Revd Allen Williams of St Helena

12H03 SYNOD RESUMED AFTER MIDDAY PRAYERS

Resume discussion on 80.3.

Diocese of Swaziland – supports the motion as they understand the importance of people getting vaccinated but encourage to not use the word - compulsory.

Diocese of Cape Town – supports motion. Concerned about the compulsory nature of the motion. Appreciates the language of ‘leading by example’ as people look up to their clergy. Rather supports clergy leading by example than being compelled into doing something.

Revd Rachel Mash – supports the motion but speaks against compulsory vaccination. Noted compulsory forced pushback which may result in negative consequences such as becoming voices for anti-vaxxers. Rather we must remain with encouraging vaccinations.

Grahamstown, Rt Revd Ntlali – noted that the church promotes good health of God’s people. Proposed amendment regarding compulsory nature of motion. But the church must take lead in inviting people to get vaccinated and allow during the service for vaccination encouragement.

Umzimvubu, Bishop Tsietsi- what about people who for medical reason are not able to get vaccinated? Due to his medical condition, his doctor advised against it.

None of the discussion led to a proposal to amend the motion.

Voting on the motion as proposed was put for acceptance by the proposer.

- 2 abstentions were recorded
- The motion was carried

80.4 MOTION 4.8 IN SECOND AGENDA BOOK

INCLUSION OF YOUTH MINISTRY / SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY MODULE

The motion

EIGHT MOTION

INCLUSION OF YOUTH MINISTRY/ SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY MODULE
This Provincial Synod,

Noting that:

1. The Church requires leaders and clergy who are not only passionate about youth ministry but also have the skills to provide effective ministry to children and young people.

2. By virtue of being a Rector/ Priest in Charge a cleric assumes the role of youth Chaplaincy at Parish level.

Acknowledging that:

1. The College of the Transfiguration is already offering a Youth Ministry Module to all its students.

2. Liturgical renewal and transformative worship (as per ACSA mission statement priorities) remains an ongoing process.

Resolves to:

1. Encourage the Diocesan Dean of Studies to include Youth Ministry and School Chaplaincy modules/programmes as part of the training of the Diocesan Fellowship of Vocation, Post Ordination Training, Diocesan Clergy School and or any vocational training structure.

2. Call on the Provincial Theology Advisory Committee to recommend institutions or material which could be used for the above.

Proposer: Revd Mpho Mohale (Diocese of Christ the King)

Seconder: Lay Canon Lulama Ntuta (Diocese of Highveld)

Motivation:

Referred to a previous speaker regarding the measure of youth involvement in leadership expressing their weariness of untrained/ill-trained young people in leadership.

It was noted that at the ordination of priests it is agreed that they identify and nurture the gifts of those in their care which includes the untrained and ill-equipped. It was noted that youth ministry is seen as one of those on the periphery. It was stated that the church requires special ministry that will ensure the sustenance of the church. Clergy, in some instances, feel as if they are sent out as sheep among the wolves.

It was highlighted that being a specialised ministry, requires skilful nurturing and direction by those in leadership. Especially clergy.
The President referenced a module by Tony Lawrence that has not been implemented yet.

**Discussion**

Diocese of Johannesburg (Bp Steve) suggested that the University of Pretoria Department of Pastoral Care have a good youth ministry programme that has been running for a number of years. Diocese of Johannesburg have sent their youth to the course. Recommended for clergy and lay people.

Revd Jacques Pretorius of Abesa requested that a proposed an amendment under resolve #1 to include school chaplaincy: This Amendment was proposed by a member of Synod.

‘... Youth Ministry modules and school chaplaincy programmes as part of the ...’

Rosalie Manning highlighted continued improvement and education of clergy with this motion being only one area thereof. The Theological Commission must be requested to look at this.

Diocese of Mpumalanga supports the motion. Example made of Jesus looking at church leadership at age 12. Supports nurturing the young people and keeping them in the church.

Diocese of Natal, Mandisa Gumada stands in support of the motion on the basis that often the clergy appointed to chaplaincy are unable to deal with youth issues. It is found that there is then a clash between what the young people require and the Chaplain’s ideas or thoughts on what is required. It was noted that it is important that both youth and Chaplain share the same objectives and goals.

*Motion was put as amended for approval. The motion as amended is carried.*

**80.5 MOTION 4.9 in the Second Agenda Book**

**MOTION ON IGREJA ANGLICANA DE MOZAMBIQUE E ANGOLA (IAMA)**

This Provincial Synod,

**Noting:**

1. The 2002 Provincial Synod decision.

2. The Archbishop’s Charge 2019 on his vision for the establishment of a Portuguese speaking Anglican Province in Southern Africa and the multiplication of the Dioceses in Angola and Mozambique (IAMA);

3. Approval by the Anglican Communion for the establishment of such a Province;

4. The work and support of Mrs Matliotisang Mototjane, the Ven Horace Arenz (former PEO) and The Revd Dr Makhosi Nzimande (current PEO) and the efficacy and hard work of Archbishop Josiah and the Anglican Communion Standing Committee;
Acknowledging that thanks should be extended to:

1. The four founding Bishops of IAMA, Bishop Carlos, Bishop Andre, Bishop Manuel, and Bishop Vicente for their vision and leadership;

2. The former and current Provincial Executive Officers: Ven Horace Arenz and The Revd Dr. Makhosi Nzimande as well as the Provincial Executive Officer Administrator Mrs Matlotly Motoljane;

3. Archbishop Josiah, the Anglican Communion Exploratory Committee and Canon Maggie Swinson, Chair of the Exploratory Committee and their team;

Confirming that:

1. Appreciation and thanks are due to ACSA for its commitment to journeying with IAMA through the following:

1.1 Financial support of R500 000 (1/2million Rands) per annum over five years;

1.2 Collaboration and support in Theological Education with The College of the Transfiguration, HOPE Africa, Green Anglicans, Youth Structure, ASF and other Provincial Bodies;

1.3 Sharing of knowledge of best practice in such areas as Safe and Inclusive Church, Canon Law Council, Anglican Board of Education and Provincial Secretariat matters;

Resolves to:

1. Commit to walking with IAMA as we venture together in faith into the new Province.

Proposer: Acting Presiding Bishop Carlos Matsinhe

Seconder: Bishop Andre Soares

Motivation:

This Synod recognises the consecration of this province. That this is not a new motion but that the motion with this intent was passed in 2002 to split the then existing Diocese. In 2019, the vision was shared at Synod and motivated the Angola and Mozambique Diocese to work to become a province. They acknowledge the energy and input of Bishops in Angola and Mozambique and the ACSA team in assisting them to ensure all requirements are met. Thanked The Archbishop for his vision, courage and support in guiding the teams to get to this point.

Acknowledges the financial assistance from this ACSA Province, the sharing of best practises between ACSA and IAMA, and collaborating in support of theological education and other structures.
This motion appeals for this Synod to continue to journey with the new Province, IAMA.

_Motion was put for approval and carried._

80.6 MOTION 4.10 SECOND AGENDA BOOK

RESOLUTION OF PERMANENT FORCE – CANON 44: OF PROVINCIAL OFFICERS

This Provincial Synod,

Noting that:

1. The Canons or Acts of the Province do not contain a description of the roles and responsibilities of the Provincial Chancellor and Registrar or their deputies;

Resolves to:

1. Define the roles and responsibilities of the Provincial Chancellor and Registrar or their deputies;

2. Confirm these offices and that the fulfilment of their Canonical responsibilities of the holders are honorary, subject to:

   2.1 The holders of these offices may be instructed to act for the Province in a professional capacity, in a particular matter or generally, by the Metropolitan after consultation with the Provincial Treasurer and with the informed consent of the Provincial Trusts' Board as to the fee or fees to be charged and any possible conflicts of interest;

   2.2 In general terms and in addition to responsibilities undertaken expressly in terms of the Canons (for example, and without derogating from the generality of the foregoing, those under Canon 14(2) when a bishop is being compulsorily retired or under Canon 42(2) on the Provincial Trusts Boards), the roles of these officers are as follows:

      2.2.1 The Provincial Registrar's role is akin to that of an in-house legal advisor available to the Metropolitan or the Provincial Executive Officer or Provincial Treasurer;

      2.2.2 The Provincial Chancellor's role is akin to that of an independent senior legal counsel, to furnish opinions and advice to the Metropolitan or Registrar as needed.

Proposer: The Ven Mark Long

Seconder: The Revd A Huntley
Motivation of motion

This motion is in support of Canon 44 in terms of appointment and service. This seeks to define roles and responsibilities of Provincial Registrar and Provincial Chancellor.

The motion was put for approval and carried.

80.7 MOTION 4.11 THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE CURRENT DIOCESE OF NATAL INTO TWO OR THREE DIOCESES

This Provincial Synod,

Noting that:

The Diocese of Natal has in the recent past been led by three Bishops, as no one bishop can manage such a diverse and geographically spacious diocese, and at present the Diocese has no Bishop (the Diocesan having resigned, and the Suffragans having been translated and consecrated to other dioceses);

Resolves to:

Urge the Laos of Natal, with the Bishop-Elect, to consider prayerfully once more the wisdom of creating two or three dioceses from the present one, at a special Session of their Diocesan Synod called for this purpose and being mindful of the requirements of Canon 21(2).

Proposer: Bishop Vikinduku Mnculwane

Seconder: Bishop Tsietsi Seleane

Motivation

This motion was discussed at Synod of Bishops identifying the need for Natal to divide into two or three Diocese. This is presented to Synod for approval.

Bishop Vikinduku Mnculwane - The Diocese of Natal needs to reconfigure itself from maintenance to mission. There is a need for a paradigm change. The 2nd rational is that the population has increased - in 71 years the population is 3.2million people noting an increase in all towns and at present has grown by 1% (17,570).

Bishop Tsietsie Seleona - supports the multiplication and is long overdue noting a Bishop is required in the regions where there were Diocesan Bishops in each region. This reality cannot continue. Two attempts were made to divide or multiply the Diocese previously. However, this never came into fruition.

It was noted that the Diocese is geographically too large and administratively too complex. It was cautioned that the incoming Bishop will not manage on their own. It was noted that there are also
family and personal responsibilities. It was highlighted that as the Vicar-General for three months, it was nearly impossible to cover everything with several sacrifices made in order to reach the vast distances.

81. 13H03 SYNOD ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH

Lesotho prayed for lunch

82. 13H45 SYNOD RESUMES

83. MINUTES OF SOB SIGNED

Minutes of the Synod of Bishops were signed by The Archbishop, proposed by Rt. Revd. Luke Pato, Bishop of Namibia and seconded by Rt. Revd. Charles May Bishop of the Highveld.

84. MINUTES OF PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

The minutes were proposed for signing by The Bishop of Highveld, the Rt Revd C May and seconded by Mr P. Thiba of Kimberley and Kuruman.

85. MOTIONS

85.1 MOTION 4.12 IN THE SECOND AGENDA BOOK

TECHNOLOGY AND ETHICS

This Provincial Synod,

Noting that:

Lambeth XII conference held in 1998 passed Resolution 1.12 calling for the establishment of a commission on Technology and Ethics;

Affirming that:

The last two decades have seen significant advances in technology across a broad spectrum of disciplines which has had an impact on the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and the people of Southern Africa;

Resolves to:

1. Respectfully request the Archbishop to establish a commission to track technological developments, to reflect on them theologically and ethically, and to provide feedback to bishops and church leaders and the wider church; and
2. Recommend that such a commission does its work and informs the church of it, as far as possible, through e-mail and internet conferencing.

Proposer: Bishop Vicente Msosa
Seconder: Ms Charleen van Rooyen

Amendment was proposed by the Bishop of Pretoria Rt. Revd. A.J Kannemeyer and seconded by the Bishop of Johannesburg Rt. Revd. S. Moreo.

That the first part of the second resolve be deleted from recommend to possible and be the rest from through be inserted after feedback in the first part and the sentence to end with wider church. Numbering to be deleted.

Amendment was put and accepted.

The motion:

TWELFTH MOTION

TECHNOLOGY AND ETHICS

This Provincial Synod,

Noting that:

Lambeth XII conference held in 1998 passed Resolution 1.12 calling for the establishment of a commission on technology and Ethics;

Affirming that:

Resolves to:
Respectfully request the Archbishop to establish a commission to track technological developments, to reflect on them theologically and ethically, and to provide feedback through e-mail and internet conferencing to bishops and church leaders and the wider church.

Proposer: Bishop Vicente Msosa
Seconder: Canon Charlene Van Rooyen

The Amended motion was put and carried.
85.2 MOTION 4.13 IN THE SECOND AGENDA BOOK:

AFRICAN BISHOPS CALL FOR A HALT TO GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION IN AFRICA

The motion

THIRTEENTH MOTION

AFRICAN BISHOPS CALL FOR A HALT TO GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION IN AFRICA

This Provincial Synod,

Affirming that it:

1. Recognises the negative impacts of fossil fuel exploration in the Dioceses of Namibia and Nampula;

2. Recognises the increasing impacts of climate change across the Continent of Africa, caused by the burning of fossil fuels;

3. Commits to standing in solidarity with the rest of Africa to call for a halt to gas and oil exploration in Africa;

Resolves to:

1. Invite all ACSA Bishops to sign the letter below to the African Union, European Union and Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States of America;

2. Invite the All-Africa Conference of Churches and the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa to circulate this letter for signature throughout Africa.

THE PROPOSED LETTER

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: AFRICAN BISHOPS CALL FOR A HALT TO GAS AND OIL EXPLORATION IN AFRICA

Africa, our home, is a continent of spectacular beauty and abundance. It still has remnants of its unique and priceless wildlife in areas of great variety, biodiversity, and wonder. The land has deep rooted cultural and traditional significance and 80% of the Continent’s people depend on small scale farmers for their food.

A new era of economic colonialism by fossil fuel companies is well underway. This is supported by self-serving governments. They are enticed by the promise of job creation and finance for ‘development’ while ignoring the harsh reality of the climate crisis, the ravages of which are being felt across the Continent. Biodiversity loss, exacerbated by catastrophic climate change will have dire consequences for all life on this planet and Africa will be severely affected.
Africa’s natural habitats are being destroyed at an alarming rate through the extraction of oil and gas, with many new projects in the pipeline. Known in Nigeria as the curse of “black gold”, fossil fuel extraction is polluting the water and the land. Oil companies are abusing the rights of indigenous and rural people and forcing them off their land. Oil and gas exploration and exploitation are leading to political destabilisation and increased violence.

The choices we make now will determine the future of Africa. We face species extinction, widespread disease, life-threatening temperature extremes, droughts, ecosystem collapse, and rising sea levels, floods, storms, and wildfires, unless there is transformational change by individuals, communities, businesses, institutions, and governments.

Africa is a continent richly blessed with sun and wind. Investment in renewable energy, now the cheapest form of energy worldwide, will create far more jobs and long-term savings. Renewable energy will be generated without the health-damaging pollutants of fossil fuels or global warming that will push the world past a catastrophic 1.5°C increase in temperature. The declining worldwide demand for fossil fuels will also leave Africa with a legacy of stranded assets.

Yet rather than halting fossil fuel extraction, many governments are actively encouraging exploration for oil and gas reserves by foreign companies. This, despite each country’s commitment to the Paris Agreement and their promise to formulate nationally determined contributions (NDC) of climate changing emissions.

Across the continent, foreign companies, supported by African governments, are putting profit before planet:

1. Recon Africa, a Canadian oil and gas company, is drilling for oil and gas in the Kavango Basin in north-east Namibia. The company’s 25-year production license covers over 34,000 square kilometres. Major oil extraction threatens scarce water supplies and is likely to cause widespread ecological destruction to the Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It would also disrupt traditional livelihoods and displace indigenous communities.

2. The Virunga National Park in the DRC is a ‘protected’ UNESCO World Heritage Site. It has a wealth of biodiversity but is threatened with oil exploration. UNESCO has appealed to the DRC government to cancel all oil exploration permits and focus rather on longer term sustainable development opportunities.

3. The plan to build a heated pipeline that will carry crude oil from western Uganda through Tanzania to the Indian Ocean, the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), will damage fragile ecosystems and displace families from their land. The Ugandan and Tanzanian Governments, the French oil company Total, and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) have partnered in this agreement.

4. Multiple foreign corporations (including Total) have invested in the offshore gas reserves of northern Mozambique. In spite of promises, the vast development has not benefitted local communities. People are losing their ancestral land and culture. Many young men have joined the Al-Shabab insurgency group making brutal attacks. Nearly 900,000 people have been internally displaced due to the violence. The Quirimbas National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, will also be exposed to the impacts of dredging, waste disposal and construction.
As people of faith, we believe we have been given responsibility to care for, protect and preserve Africa’s magnificent creation. Therefore, we call for:

A. The immediate cessation of fossil fuel exploration across Africa.

B. The application of effective climate justice so that countries of Africa, disproportionately affected by climate change, may be enabled to leapfrog the polluting fossil fuel era into the clean renewable energy era.

C. An end to bribery and corruption especially by multi-national companies to secure contracts from political leaders, with disastrous consequences for local communities.

D. A decisive and determined shift by governments to embrace a transition to a renewable energy future with its enormous job creation potential so that people and planet may breathe and thrive.

E. The recognition of Ecocide as a crime in national and international law. Ecocide is causing irreparable damage and destruction to ecosystems and harming the health and wellbeing of species, including humans.

Proposer: Rev Dr Andrew Warmback

Seconder: Rev Shaun Cozett

Motivations

Referenced the Archbishops address at the Presidential Climate Change Commission noting that we are at a Kairos moment.

The Archbishop’s charge was referenced: “that may faith transform from greed and ….hope, the aim to clear the church towards pushing against things which cause climate change. We are at a tipping point on the damage to climate change - if we draw back and act immediately as our hope lies in your actions. Oil and Gas companies

Events of gas and oil exploration were referred to. Total France has been conducting explorations in northern Mozambique.

Video of Bishop Luke Pato was played and included in these minutes. Goal is to locate and mine gas and oil reserves. Namibian government allowing this is a regressive step with negative impact on people and environment. Concern noted at a public meeting that there is real danger in disturbing groundwater reservoirs from fracking. It is recommended that the Namibian government think carefully of the process. The process has also not been transparent. The drilling will result in removal of rural families because of the extent of pollution and distraction. Urged the government to look to renewable energy and move from non-renewable energy. Moreover, that energy be produced locally which will strengthen the local Namibian economy.

Shaun Cozett supports the motion noting that the oil drilled in the Okavango Delta, the IUCN has raised concern on the impact assessment reports. UNESCO has brought attention to the impact on this World Heritage Site too. Signing the letters is not saying no to mining and development.
But rather yes to community development, community owned and protected environments, yes to sustainable indigenous livelihoods,

Comments

- **Diocese Free State**

  Reservation of petitions. Noted corruption in terms of fossil fuels and calls for us to be proactive in holding governments accountable thereof. Noted we are expected to deal with issues as if we are the same as the rest of the world. Noted people who are poor, are not worried about beauty but rather on surviving and having a job to put food on the table. Noted that when government decisions affect African people, they must be held accountable.

- **Diocese of Highveld**

  Government of Russia and China to be sent this letter too.

- **Revd Dr Rachel Mash**

  Speaks in support of the motion in terms of job creation. At a Kairos moment noting we can choose green jobs from various nations too. COP26 will decide the funding of transition to green energy. If we continue the fossil fuel way, we miss out on the funding opportunity. Chile made the change to renewable energy and have created several new opportunities for young people.

- **Diocese of Nampula**

  Supports the motion as it affects the Diocese too. Noted that many people are displaced. In terms of dialogue, things are improving on energy considerations.

**Response to comments**

Noted that job creation is still intended with a just transition to renewable energy. Emphasis on transition. Writing to other governments is acceptable. Noted that Chinese president noted their interest in withdrawing from carbon investments in the world.

*The motion was put for approval and carried. One abstention was noted from Free State.*

86. REPORTS

86.1 5.3 ANGLICANS ABLAZE REPORT

*There were no questions or comments.*

86.2 5.4 ANGLICAN BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
Bishop Allen Kannemeyer moved to include the following new Board members: Ms Audrey Mazibuko, to replace Ms Melanie Sharland, and The Revd Dr Delysia Timm, to replace Mr David Argyle.

Name of report to be changed to "... of Southern Africa".

The proposal for the appointment of the new Board members was put and accepted.

86.3 5.5 ACSA DEACONS REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

86.4 5.6 ANGLICAN WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

86.5 5.7 ST BERNARD MIZEKI GUILD REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

86.6 5.8 COLLEGE OF TRANSFIGURATION REPORT

Interim measures are required since the Rector of the College is now Bishop Elect of Lesotho. Bishop Elect of Lesotho Rt Revd Vicentia Kgabe thanked Synod for all the support in seven years at COTT. The Archbishop wished Bishop Elect of Lesotho well on her new journey and congratulated her.

86.7 5.9 COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY NAME (ZULULAND) REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

86.8 5.10 GROWING THE CHURCH REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

86.9 5.11 GLOBAL SOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

86.10 5.12 LITURGICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The President thanked the committee for their work. Special mention was made of Revd Canon Cynthia Botha, her continued effort, support and dedication, members, and the liaison Bishop.

86.11 5.13 MEDIA COMMITTEE REPORT
There were no questions or comments.

86.12 5.14 MOTHERS’ UNION REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

86.13 5.15 NORTHERN LANGUAGES REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

86.14 5.16 SOMA SA REPORT

The President wished the family of Revd Chris Viljoen well following the death of Revd Chris earlier this year.

87. COMMISSION REPORTS

87.2 6.1 IGREJA ANGLICANA OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA REPORT

It was noted that this is the final IAMA report submitted 78 – 81. IAMA will be inaugurated as a new Province on 24 September 2021.

87.3 6.2 DISCRIMINATION IN ANGLICAN SCHOOLS

88. DIOCESAN SUMMARY REPORTS

89. ADDENDUM 2 REPORTS

89.1 4.1 HOPE AFRICA

There were no questions or comments.

89.2 4.2 PROVINCIAL YOUTH COUNCIL (ANGLICAN YOUTH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA) AYSA-PYC

There were no questions or comments.

Special mention was made of Ms Basetsana Makena, the current president of Anglican Students Federation who was elected to the Anglican Standing Committee, the highest body in the Anglican Church.

Girls And Boys Friendly Society

There were no questions or comments invited

89.3 4.3 ANGLICAN MENS FELLOWSHIP AND EVANGELISM – 1968 TO DATE

There were no questions or comments.
89.4 4.4 SOUTHERN AFRICAN ANGLICAN THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION (SAATC)

There were no questions or comments.

89.5 4.5 ADVISORY BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING MINISTRIES REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

89.6 4.6 SAFE AND INCLUSIVE CHURCH COMMISSION

There were no questions or comments.

90. VOTE OF THANKS

The vote of thanks was done by The Dean of the Province; The Bishop of Matlosane, the Rt Revd S Diseko

The following persons and committees were thanked for their work and their efforts to make this Synod a success:

The Advisory Committee:

- The Most Revd Dr T C Makgoba (Chair)
- Rt Revd J Louw
- Mr R Rogerson
- Mr L Fortuin
- Adv E De Villiers-Jansen
- Adv Masechaba Ncholo
- The Ven Dr M Nzimande
- The Ven G Walters
- The Ven H Arenz Former PEO
- Revd Canon Dr V Kgabe
- Revd Canon J Trisk
- Lay Canon D Mark
- Mrs B Ntshingwa
- Lay Canon Rosalie Manning
- Mr J Allen
- Judge I Farlam

The Bishopscourt staff

The technical team

- Rev G Walters
- Mr Quintin Clemens
- Revd Natalie Simons
- Canon Delene Mark
- Ms Melissa Awu
• Mr Rhine Toby Koloti
• Mr Corne Resant
• Rev Matt Esau
• Rev Collette Saldanha

The Liturgical Committee lead by Revd Keith Griffiths

The Treasury committee

• Rob Rogerson
• Terry Robinson
• Provincial Treasury office for the budget preparation

• Mr John Allen - Media

The Secretaries

• Lay secretaries: Ms Kim Williams assisted by Ms Funeka Ndungane
• Clerical secretaries: Revd Canon Delmaine Petersen and Ven Edwin Pockpass

• The Revd Douglass Torr as Prolocutor and Lay Canon Manning as Chair of house of laity.

• Mr Lloyd Fortuin as Chair of the Committee of Synod.

• The Resolution Committee - Adv E De Villiers-Jansen, Mr D Mampa, Judge I Farlam, The Revd M Esau and The Ven Grant Walters.

• Minute scrutineers - Mrs R Beneke; Lay Canon R Manning; The Rt Revd M Vertue; Adv E De Villiers-Jansen and the Rt Revd H Ndwandwe as the Convenor.

• To all invited guests
• Dr June Dickie (who spoke to us about church resilience to challenges and sharing a new approach to ministry with women and young people used in ministry)

• Prof Mlisana (explaining the impact on Covid and how life won’t be the same – encouraged us to observe the regulations, and to get vaccinated and to encourage others to reduce pandemic severity, death and illness)

• Prof Puren – (who spoke about being cooperative citizens, the need to adhere to protocols, encouragement to get vaccinated)

• The POPIA Team who addressed us on the church’s responsibility in terms of POPIA

• Thank you was extended to guests from near and far as observers

• To Lay and Clergy delegates and Bishops for representing their respective Dioceses

• All hub technicians making sure all are connected
• The parish Good Shepherd the Protea for hosting the opening session of Synod

• The following congratulations were shared:

Honorary Canonry

The following members who inducted as Honorary Provincial Canons.

The Ven. Horace Arenz
The Ven. Keith De Vos
The Canon Hamilton Mbatha
The Rt Revd Funginkosi Mbhele
The Very Revd. Tanki Mofana SSM
The Very Revd. Ndabezinhle Sibisi
The Revd. Carol Starkey
The Revd. Canon Janet Trisk

Archbishops Peace with Justice Award

The Revd. Courtney Sampson
Revd. Can. Rachel Mash

Order of Simon of Cyrene:

Adv. Raynold Bracks
Ms. Dianne Oliver

Lambeth Decorations

Revd. Can. Rachel Mash
Right Revd. Luke Pato (Order of St. Augustine’s, Canterbury)
Right Revd. Ellinah N. Wamukoya

• Special congratulations to IAMA. The Dean of the Province expressed that this is a ‘bittersweet’ moment. The negative is having to part ways with brothers and sisters. But the positive from this is that there is a clear growth of the church of God. This is not a break away but rather a multiplication of the same church.

• Farewell was extended to Bishop Luke Pato and his wife.

• Thanks was extended to The President, The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba for his role in the church as the Metropolitan. Noted the roles he is in – chair of Provincial Synod and SOB. Thanked him for inspiring charge in which he called us to action. Thanked for leading and guiding us of this Synod. Convey greetings to Mama Lungi and family on behalf of this Synod.

The Vote of Thanks was concluded with Philippians 2: 1
• Bishop Raphael Hess tabled a vote of thanks to Dean of the Province for his ministry of support to The Archbishop. Thanked him for his ministry in ACSA on the Archbishop’s behalf. Often doing thankless and unrecognised work, Thanked him for his ability to move on things on the cuff. We warmly extend a vote of admiration and appreciation to the Dean of the Province.

91. The President noted that elections have been postponed to the 2022 Provincial Standing Committee.

92. Promulgation, attestation of enactments of Provincial synod and Dissolution.

The attached Liturgy was used to promulge the enactments of Provincial Synod, which were signed by the Metropolitan and attested by the Registrar. As both the lay an clerical secretaries joined virtually from their respective hubs, Synod agreed that the PEO obtain their signatures later. As is the practice, the Minutes of the last day of Synod will be signed by the President once the scrutineers have approved them. Then Metropolitan than dissolved the synod following the benediction.

93. CLOSURE OF SYNOP

15H20 SYNOD WAS DISSOLVED AND MEMBERS WERE REMINDED TO BE PRESENT AT THE INAUGURATION SERVICE OF THE IAMA PROVINCE TO BE LED BY ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY AT 16H30.

94. SIGNING OF MINUTES

The minutes of the final day of Synod were prepared and signed off by the scrutineers and presented to the Archbishop for signature.

Signed as a correct and complete set of the Minutes by His Grace, Archbishop of Cape Town. The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba.

Signature

Date 28th September 2021