17th July 2023

Your Grace,

Greetings.

The Anglican Health and Community Network (AHCN) in partnership with CAPA, will over the next 5 months explore and develop mechanisms to support the development and delivery of several discrete activities to equip and empower local churches to engage with issues of health, especially those most pressing within their contexts. The initial focus will be on Mental Health in Africa.

This collaboration model will be driven and evaluated by HOPE Africa, a social development programme of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa with the support of AHCN team to assess whether it could be expanded to support the ACHN deliver similar activities on other health topics and in other regions.

We are, by this letter, therefore, kindly inviting you to participate in the following short online survey that HOPE Africa has put together using survey monkey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3GDHH2. The survey is intended to collect information from Provincial offices in all CAPA provinces on health awareness and health needs. It also provides opportunity to highlight current work been done in Provinces in the area of health ministry.

World Mental Health Day is marked every year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health around the world and to mobilize efforts to support those experiencing mental health issues. It is for this reason that we further want to invite participants from all Anglican Provinces in Africa to a webinar that is scheduled to take place on 10 October 2023.

The AHCN webinar seeks to bring together practitioners, church leaders and academics from across the Communion to inform practice and advocacy on Mental Health. The inclusion of both academics and active practitioners in the network brings a greater legitimacy to the work and voice of the Communion and provides a mechanism for cross Communion learning and skills building on health.

We kindly request your esteemed office to share the provincial and diocesan contact details of people you deem fit to also complete the survey and to attend the webinar to enable HOPE Africa to communicate with them directly. The Contact person in Hope Africa is Delene Mark delene@hopeafrica.org.za

Peace and blessings.

Bishop Michael Beasley
On Behalf of AHCN

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