

## **Motion arising out of current events.**

### **This PSC Noting that:**

- a) The Synod of Bishops discussed the unexpected heavy rainfall that the Western Cape experienced that caused flooding that led to major damage and destruction to infrastructure and property.
- b) Many communities have been left destitute as they have had no electricity and water for days.
- c) Some communities are still cut off from towns and cities, as roads and bridges have been washed away and this has led to food shortages.
- d) Flooding in informal settlements has left water standing for days which may result in waterborne diseases.
- e) Governments, NGOs, and community organisations have been working to clear debris, fix roads, distribute needed aid and restore services to areas affected.
- f) The impact has been felt in the dioceses of Cape Town, False Bay and Saldanha Bay and many of our Parishes need assistance with food, blankets, clothes, and other basic needed items.

### **PSC hereby resolves to:**

- a] Pray for the communities affected by the floods in the Western Cape.
- b] Send messages of support and encouragement to the dioceses of Cape Town, False Bay and Saldanha Bay in their relief efforts.
- c] Request HOPE Africa to assist with the relief efforts as advised by the respective Bishops.
- d] Urgently request all Dioceses and Parishes and organisations at Provincial and Diocesan level to send donations to HOPE Africa so that they can reach communities most affected by the floods.

**Proposed: Bishop Joshua Louw**

**Seconded: Bishop Vicentia Kgabe**