



STATEMENT

The Revd Dr Vicentia Kgabe is “a woman deeply rooted in the Anglican tradition with a living spirituality and faith practice.” That is how the Chairperson of Council, Bishop Rubin Phillip, introduced his commendation of the Revd Vicentia Kgabe for the position of Rector of the College of the Transfiguration.

On Monday 30 June 2014, the Council of the College of the Transfiguration, meeting in Port Elizabeth, voted unanimously to appoint Dr Kgabe as Rector of the College with effect from 1 January 2015.

Dr Vicentia Refiloe Kgabe is Rector of the Parish of Weltevreden St Michael and All Angels, a position she has held since 2013. She has, however, served in parishes around the Diocese of Johannesburg since she was ordained in 2002. She has also had diocesan responsibility for the promotion and discernment of vocations to the ordained ministry of the church, and served in the Bishop’s Executive for 4 years as Archdeacon.

Born in Soweto, Dr Kgabe attended schools in Soweto, and trained at the College of the Transfiguration. She undertook further theological studies at the University of Pretoria where she obtained a PhD in Practical Theology in 2011. She has also attended Pretoria University’s Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) to undertake the Nexus Leadership programme. In the wider church Revd Kgabe has served on the Board of Hope Africa and the Council of the College of the Transfiguration featuring more recently as a member of the Academic Board of the College.

Members of Council were unanimous in their view that the church had found in the Revd Dr Vicentia Kgabe a person situated in the life and work of the church in the parish, and yet with a high level theological training, for which the church is both proud and very grateful.

The outgoing Rector, the Revd Canon N Barney Pityana welcomed the appointment and “expressed confidence that the candidate had the competences, qualities, character and experience necessary for the position.” He wished her well as she steers the College onto its next stage of development.

The Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba, as well as the Synod of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, have already indicated their support for the appointment.

Grahamstown, 1 July 2014.