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purpose for our existence. He helped us to meditate and understand that God doesn't call those who are able, but enables those who are called. In the evening Rev Maqoma started the session on enthusiastic servant leadership within our respective roles in the Anglican Church. Afterwards, the Guild executive went over the Guild structure as well as the qualities, roles and responsibilities of the portfolio positions within the Guild structure. Later, Mrs Silwana spoke about the Guild adopting a women centered approach to our work. She encouraged the women to build their image by being able to distinguish where they fit in by knowing who they are and their worth. She encouraged the women to have strategic interests and, most importantly, have inner power to be able to defend and protect themselves. Lastly, we watched the movie "War Room" which taught us more about the importance of praying and acting in love and that we must always fight the enemy that is the devil.

Over the weekend of the 16th-18th of June 2017, the members of the Guild of St Agnes Council had their leadership training at St Pius Catholic Centre in East London. It was facilitated by Rev W Bloko, Rev N Maqoma, Mrs J Silwana with the assistance of the Guild executive members.

The weekend was a success and everyone left motivated and ready to work for God. The Guild would like to express its most sincere gratitude to all the facilitators who came and imparted their God given wisdom and skills unto all the leaders, we would like to thank the Mothers of East London West who cooked our meals and Church of Christ who opened their kitchen to us to use over the weekend.

The running theme for the weekend was Christ Like Model Leaders- enthusiastic leadership/ servanthood. The weekend commenced with the retreat conducted by Rev W Bloko. Rev Bloko focused on the book of Exodus 3:15. It focused on the personal realization of God's

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR:



Media Intern and Umbuliso Editor.

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord. I trust that you are well. In this edition of *Umbuliso*, we acknowledge Women's Month by highlighting the problems and challenges that women in our society face, as well as celebrating the strength and resilience

recognised. May you be celebrated, this Women's Month and beyond.

I would also like to highlight broader issues affecting our country at the moment. Our country continues to face tumultuous times in terms of politics and socio-economics. We need to stay resolute in prayer as well as practical action. As proactive servant leaders, we need to exercise agency and protect one another and guide one another towards a better life for all. This is a time for us to make prayerful and informed decisions, as well as actions.

of hard working women in our Diocese. It is definitely not easy to be a woman. Often we face monumental struggles, but are required to stay strong for the sake of our partners, friends, and families. I would like to extend warmth, love and light to all the women of this Diocese. Your hard work and dedication is

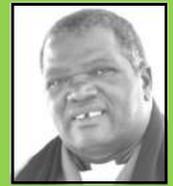
Have a good read, engage and let us know what you think!

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Dear Brothers and Sisters

As a diocese, we are a Eucharistic family. We have been sealed in our faith through confirmation. For example, the Bishop prays "heavenly father we pray for your servants upon whom we have laid our hands. May your fatherly hand ever be over them. Sustain them continually with the body and blood of your Son and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word that in the end they may enjoy the fullness of eternal life". This shows us that the Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ's life and it is our spiritual food which sustains us. (APB 1989, p 394).

The Anglican understanding of the Holy Eucharist is about the inward and spiritual grace which we receive from the Body and Blood of Christ through our faith. (APB 1989, p440,117). It is also a supreme act of Christian thanksgiving which expresses the sacrifice which our Lord Jesus Christ made for us to receive life in and through him.

The Catechism teaches us that in the Holy Eucharist we receive benefits of the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly bequest which is our nourishment in eternal life (1989, p440,118). In 1 Corinthians 11: 17-26 St

Paul reminds us not to abuse the Holy Eucharist which is God's gift to all Christians. He teaches us of how we need to prepare ourselves as we approach the Lord's table to receive the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He encourages the Corinthians and us as the Christians of the 21st century to take the Holy Eucharist seriously. He believes that the Holy Eucharist proclaims the Lord's death until He comes (1 Cor 11: 17-26).

St Paul gives instructions to the Corinthians and the Christians of today; we should take the Lords supper thoughtfully because we are proclaiming that Christ died for our sins. For him the Holy Eucharist should be taken worthily with due reverence and respect. He argues further that those who eat the body of Christ and drink His blood should examine themselves for any unconfessed sin or resentful attitude. We are called to receive these Holy gifts based on our belief in the love of Christ. As we receive these Holy gifts of the Eucharist we should be considerate of others in eating and drinking in an orderly and unified manner. For Paul, the Holy Eucharist should be received not in an environment of drunkenness, divisions and self-interest groups but in fellowship with God in Christ and one another expressing our unity (1 Cor

11:25-27).

Archbishop Williams and others in their book "Love's Redeeming Work – The Anglican Quest for Holiness" writes that in the Holy Eucharist the elements (bread and wine) are consecrated and set apart to represent the body and blood of Christ, in the gravest and most solemn manner. The Lord's words in the institution of the Eucharist and the administration of the inestimable benefits teaches us about the death and the resurrection of our Lord. This enables us to devote ourselves to God both in body and soul through our prayers. This way of doing is to train ourselves in holiness, devotion and virtue for glories of the heavenly state (2003, page 283-284).

As we live in the modern world, let us pray to receive Christ's wisdom that would lead us to a spiritually joyful freedom as we develop a sense of oneness with God. with ourselves, with others and the entire universe.

He or she feedeth on the flesh of Christ dwelleth in Him shall never be alienated from the life of God (Rowan *et al*).

(IsiXhosa: tyhila kwiphepha lesi-4)

Shine Brightly for Christ



By Siya Mkiva

The Order of St Vincent had a convention/workshop on the 01st of July 2017 at St Gregory, Mdantsane. What a fruitful and great service it was. It started with the Eucharistic service conducted by the

Chaplain Revd. Canon Noluthando Gixana, who was also the preacher of the day. Her sermon was in the book of Revelations 4:1-11. "We are special to God and the altar, what you are in the altar is what you are in the world, you are called

beloved by God" She also quoted 1 Corinthians 6:15 and Matthew 13.

We had an Anglicanism conducted by Revd. Sinje Dlokweni "uBhele" teaching us about our church, vestments used in our church and how they are used, the importance of our church and how the servers, lay Ministers, Deacons, Priests and Bishops are supposed to robe.

We had a session on self-respect. It was discussed that the matters leading to women and child abuse start with not respecting yourself and your background. Peer pressure and the consequences of



Revd Sinje Dlokweni

sexual abuse were also listed as some of the reasons for the abuse of women and children. Consequently, we decided that servers should know how to respect themselves, handle their behavior in an appropriate manner, know how to treat other people and respect them. This was conducted by Mr. N. Tetani.

“Christmas in July”



By Lihleli Vellem

The Youth Guild at St. Francis Mdantsane hosted a high class Gala Dinner on the 29th of July 2017 at St. Francis Church. The theme of the day was “Family Life is the Cure Of A Broken World”. The event was aimed at re-instilling the value and significance of healthy families and re-iterating that home is where it all begins. Guests from different denominations graced us with their presence and surely felt the early Christmas spirit that filled the atmosphere. It is worth mentioning that everyone who attended the event looked dazzling in the dresscode, “Swagg Up your Jeans”.

The order of the programme went as follows: Opening Devotions were led by our dearest mother, Mrs Matshaya who reminded us that we are the brand ambassadors of our homes everywhere we go. Afterwards, Mr. Siphso Jamela gave the history of the St. Francis Youth Guild. The Keynote Address was jointly delivered by Mrs. Andiswa Zweni and Mrs Qondeka Zantsi who spoke under the theme, “ Re-instilling simplicity in families”. Afterwards, Archdeacon Matshaya gave the closing remarks and devotions for the day. The Master of Ceremonies for the event, ‘DJ Jigga’ of Mdantsane FM,

did a wonderful job steering the programme and keeping the atmosphere alive. The entertainment of the day was provided by Msimelelo Kelv Qata, a local comedian, along with Sabelo who provided us with a warming solo singing performance and lastly, the little dancers from St. Agnes.

Thank you to all the St. Francis people who contributed to the success of this event and a special word of gratitude to all the mothers who supported the Youth in organising this event to. A special and sincere thankful mention goes to the following mothers:

Ms Weziwe Busakwe and Mrs. Nomasomi Vellem for donating all the decor for the day and other services.

Ms. Nontobeko Ralane for her undying support, cutlery and crockery.

Ms. Pumeza Sotyelelwa for tables, cutlery and crockery

Miss Sheena Pereira and Mrs. Ayanda Holo-Tyebi, Mrs Nosiseko Sibham, Mrs. Nobuntu Holo, Mrs. Norooi Lujiza, Mrs Buyiswa Manzi and many other mothers who might have assisted It was through their generosity and love that we were able to generate a profit from the event and can proudly say that we pulled this prestigious event off without having to spend a cent from our Youth account. **Siyabulela.**

The Holy Name Parish Stutterheim jovially welcomes the MU honours.



From Left to Right, Revd S. Mnkiso, Mrs N. Matyana, Mrs P. Dyonas and Mrs Z. Genu

By Thembisile Dyonas

The parishioners of the Holy Name Parish were in a jovial mood on Sunday the 6th of August 2017 when the chairperson of their Mothers’ Union (UNomqulu), Mrs Zoliswa Genu, introduced to them the two women who made history for the Holy Name Parish at the Diocesan Mothers’ Union Conference which was held in Adelaide from the 13th to the 16th of August 2017. The Holy Name Parish had in the past

participated in various competitions during the Diocesan MU Conferences with no luck of ever making it to the first three winners of the coveted revolving trophies. But this time around a pall made by Mrs Pumza Dyonas of the Holy Name Mothers Union took third place out of 38 competitors for the best 3 palls in the Diocese. Mrs Matyana, 93, was given an award for her 69 years of service as a member of the Mothers’ Union. This is currently the longest period of membership in the MU in the Diocese of Grahamstown.

A jovial Mrs Genu thanked the two members for the work well done and said they hoped to get more awards at the next Diocesan Conference in a couple of years to come. Reverend Simphiwe Mnkiso, the Rector of the Holy Name Parish, was also full of joy as he thanked women for representing the Parish so well. He blessed them and committed all

three to God for their good service to the Lord.

The Guesthouse at Mariya uMama weThemba Monastery

As part of the Benedictine ministry of hospitality, the monks of Mariya uMama weThemba Monastery offer a 25 bed, fully equipped guesthouse for those seeking a quiet place of prayer and retreat and for meetings. The Guesthouse is open from Tuesday morning until Sunday afternoon.

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UMTHENDELEKO ONGCWELE



Bazalwana nooDade abathendekayo

Njengedayosisi, silusapho loMthendeleko. Sitywiniwe elukholweni lwethu ngoqiniso. Umzekelo, uBhishopu uye athandaze athi, 'Bawo osezulwini, sithandazela izicaka zakho esigqiba ukuzibeka izandla. Ngamana isandla sakho sobuzali singaba phezu kwabo ngamaxsha onke. Yiba soloko ubondla ngomzimba negazi loNyana wakho ukuze ngolo hlobo ubakhokelele ekulazini nasekulithobeleni ilizwi lakho khon'ukuze ekugqibeleni bavuyiswe yinzaliseko yobomi obungunaphakade.' Le nto isibonisa ukuba uMthendeleko oNgcwele ububomi bukaYesu Kresstu yaye ukukudla kwasemoyeni okusigcina siphilile. (APB 1989, ip. 394).

Indlela yamaTshetshi yokuqonda uMthendeleko ingozuko olungaphakathi nolwasemoyeni esithi silufumane kuMzimba neGazi likaKrestu ngokholo lwethu. (APB 1989, ip. 440, 117). Loo nto ikwasisenzo esiphezu konke sombulelo wobuKrestu esithi sivakalise idini eyathi iNkosi yethu yasenzela lona ukuze sizuze ubomi kuye nangaye.

Incwadi yombuzo isifundisa ukuba eMthendelekweni oNgcwele sifumana amalungelo okuxolelwa izono zethu, ukuqiniswa kobudlelwane bethu noKrestu kwakunye nomnye nomnye, sikwangcamla kwangaphambili isidlo sasezulwini esisisondlo sethu ebomini obungunaphakade. KumaKwabaseKorinte 1, 11: 17-26

uPawulos oNgcwele usikhumbuza ukuba singawuhlambeli uMthendeleko oNgcwele osisipho sikaThixo kuwo onke amaKrestu. Usifundisa indlela esithi sizilungiselele ngayo njengokuba sisondelela esithebeni seNkosi ukuba samkele umzimba negazi leNkosi noMsindisi wethu onguYesu Krestu. Uyawakhuthaza amaKorinte nathi ngokunjalo njengamaKrestu enkulungwane yama-21 ukuba siwuthathele ingqalelo uMthendeleko eNgcwele. UKholelwa ekubeni uMthendeleko oNgcwele uvakalisa ukufa kweNkosi ide ibuye (1 Kor 11: 17-26).

UPawulos oNgcwele unika imiyalelo kumaKorinte nakumaKrestu anamhlanje: kufuneka sisithathe ngentelekelele isiDlo seNkosi kuba sivakalisa ukuba uKrestu wafela izono zethu. Kuye uMthendeleko oNgcwele kufuneka uthathwe ngokufanelekileyo, ngentlonipho nembeko. Uxoxa athi abo badla umzimba kaKrestu basele negazi lakhe kufuneka baziphengulule bakhangele ukuba abanasono bangasixeliyo na okanye imo engamkelekanga. Sibizelwa ekubeni sizamkele ezi zipho zingcwele ngokusekelwe phezu kwenkolo yethu kuthando lukaKrestu. Ngexa sisamkela ezi zipho zingcwele zoMthendeleko kufuneka sibacingele abanye ekutyeni nasekuseleni ngendlela enocwangco nomanyano. KuPawulos, uMthendeleko oNgcwele kufuneka ungamkelwa kwimeko yobunxila, izantlukwano nakumaqela ajongele iziqu zawo kodwa

ebudlelaneni noThixo kuKrestu nomnye nomnye sivakalisa umanyano lwethu (1 Kor 11: 25-27).

UAthshbhisopu Williams nabanye kwincwadi yabo ethi "Love's Redeeming Work – The Anglican Quest for Holiness" babhala bathi kuMoya oNgcwele isonka negazi ziyasikelelwa zibekelwe bucala ukuba zimele umzimba negazi likaKrestu, ngeyona ndlela yakha yandileka yanesidima. Amazwi eNkosi ekumiselweni koMthendeleko nasekuhanjiseni kwamalungelo angathethekiyo asifundisa ngokufa nokuvuka kweNkosi yethu. Loo nto isenza sibe nakho ukuzinikela kuThixo ngokwasemzimbeni nasemphefumleni ngemithandazo yethu. Le ndlela yokwenza iyasiqeqesha kubungcwele, ukukhonza nakwisimo esihle loo nto siyenzela uzuko lwesimo sezulu (2003, iph. 283-284).

Njengokuba siphila kwihlabathi lezi mini, masithandazele ukuzuza ubulumko bukaKrestu obuya kusikhokelela kwinkululeko enovuyo ngokwasemoyeni lo gama siqhubela phambili ukuya kwimo yokuba banye noThixo, neziqu zethu, nabanye abantu nehlabathi elidaliweyo liphela. Lowo wondliwa yinyama kaKrestu uhlala kuye akasayi kususwa kubomi bukaThixo (Rowan nabanye).

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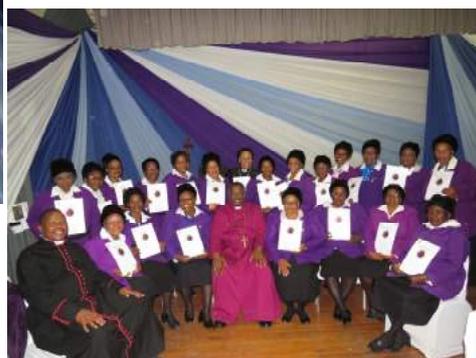
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The Mothers' Union Conference



The Mothers Union of the Diocese of Grahamstown held its Annual Conference in Adelaide hosted by the Archdeaconry of Alice and Winterberg. It ran from Thursday the 13th of July to Sunday the 16th of July 2017. It was well attended and

all Archdeaconries of the Diocese were present. There were other Dioceses that were there to support and to keep the friendship within



The Bishop, The Chaplain and those won the Awards

Dioceses of the Province strong. They

had speakers that encouraged them, Awards for long service in the Guild, as well as different kinds of activities such as music competitions, handworks, outreach etc. All these activities and fundraising took place from Thursday up to Saturday. On Sunday, The Bishop of Grahamstown Ebenezer St Mark Ntlali closed the Conference with a massive Mass Celebration where he preached and presided over the Eucharist. The Mothers' Union had an amazing vibrant worship, and they fundraised about R325 000.00 and their plan is to build the Conference Centre.

St Bernard Mizeki's Memorial lecture

By Solomon Mkiva

The St Bernard Mizeki Mens Guild had a memorial lecture on the 09th August 2017 held at St Bartholomew's church (Alice).

Our Theme was "CARIG FOR PEOPLE IN CHRIST". Our speaker for the day was Mr N.M. Mkiva, Diocesan Secretary of St Bernard Mizeki. His talk was based on the theme. He mentioned Luke 18:40 (Wema ke uYesu). "Acts of kindness make difference in people's lives. It is for us make a difference in our communities and to the people of our communities. Caring for others to gain respect, Ubuntu is the old African

practice. It says that we are human beings through the humanity of others. The consideration of people's needs and views is part of Ubuntu. People can volunteer in their communities to show Ubuntu to others.

One can volunteer at community organisations such as: Old age homes (delivering food, donating books), Orphanages (playing with children, donating clothes), Park (picking up rubbish)

Caring for other people is not only about giving things, but communicating honestly and respectfully"

After the meeting, we identified an old

woman. Mrs Makhlima (in Alice), who is very old and cannot walk to church due to aging. We went there and held a service and we brought her a present which we thought might uplift her spirit.



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUALITY

"But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come"

"For men .. Lovers of themselves, money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient, un-Holy, unthankful, unloving, unforgiving, slanderous, without self - control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, head strong, lovers of pleasure, having a form of Godliness but denying its power. From such turn away!"

Here Paul teaches us to be vigilant and able to read the signs of the times. Reading further on up to verse 9 exposes the perilous times we live in. It becomes difficult to turn a blind eye to a South Africa that is affected on so many levels and as such, the voice of the Church needs to be heard.

Allow us to take a short break from our Spiritual Anointing journey, and discover where we are in the map of the country as well as in God's calendar and put it all into perspective. Rape is so prevalent that there is no day that goes by without an incident being reported. It is numbing to realise that there is no age limit to this violation of human dignity: from neonate to elderly, family, friend and foe alike. We live in a sick society. The murder of babies, girls and women is reaching unprecedented proportions and often, these gruesome murders culminate in the mutilation and burning of bodies beyond recognition as an act of concealment of the crime committed. Lack of truth, which, whilst it might take long to surface, will always find its way to seep through. The Rand tumbling to junk status in front of our very own eyes and the consequences thereof are too ghastly to contemplate and needless to point out; the cost of living is surely going to soar.

Donkeys are being bred for export as they have now become the new "brown"

gold.

Human trafficking knows no barriers - sometimes with priests and pastors at the helm of this atrocity - not only are the men of the cloth agents but also participants as well. How despicable?

Body parts trafficking - Body parts have become a booming business. Lord have mercy!! Let us find out what the Bible says about all this that we are currently confronted with:

2 King 6:17 "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see" That is my prayer for you. May He open your eyes that you may see and join us in prayer

2 King 6:24- 28 Here we find people selling donkeys' heads for 8 shekels and in verse 28 they are cooking and eating children. Lev 26:29; Deut. 28:57 tells us that when you operate under closed heavens, or bronze heavens, you will be cursed as chronicled in Deut. 28 :15 -68.

Rev 6:5-6 Unprecedented inflation but there is hope for those who are anointed by the Holy Spirit and covered in the Blood of Jesus because the voice in the midst of the four living creatures clearly says; "do not harm the oil and the wine Are you anointed by the Holy Spirit? Are you covered by the Blood of Jesus?

Ezek. 22:11-12 How low can we go?

What is your role as a Christian in all that we have exposed above?

It is indeed perilous times that we live in. Jesus also taught us in Matt 24: 3 -51 giving us details of the ends of times

There are two distinct things to learn from this exposition - He says, vs 6 " See that you are not troubled" This you can only experience when you have the Spirit of fortitude we have taught on previously.

He also repeatedly admonishes us not to be deceived!! In this passage alone He warns us no less than 5 times on deceit

In Mark 13:3-37we find yet another detail of the end times

As I close this session I would urge you to pray the prayer of Daniel 9:3-19

Psalm 121; Jonah 2; James 5:16; 1Thes.

5:17; Ps 119:147

2 Chr. 7:14 should continually be on our lips

Have you met your Saviour? Do you have a personal relationship with Him? Are you anointed

by the Holy Spirit? Have you allowed your body to be the temple of the Holy Spirit?

Remember: You without Christ you can do nothing and without God the Holy Spirit guiding you it is impossible to please Him. Heb. 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to serve God"

It is important to realise that the battlefield is in the spirit realm and we need also to be appropriately prepared for the spiritual warfare.

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought to captivity to the obedience of Christ, and ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." 1 Cor. 10:3-6

We need to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" and also to have the correct weaponry unto this battlefield - the Word of God that is the "two edged sword"

Ps 119:10 -11 "With my heart I have sought you. Oh let me not wander from your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart that I may not sin against You"

As we close this session let us pray that God imbues us with the power from on high that Jesus promised His disciples as we together prepare for the battlefield Pray for South Africa, Pray for God's intervention. Pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit!!



Violence against Women and Children



By Sizwe Ngcobo

Violence against women and children is going side by side with the technological improvement in our time. We see images of violence on social media: Facebook, Twitter; on TV shows, in the News, in the movies, in our homes and communities. Women of all ages, races and classes are victims of humiliation, exploitation and torture, often, by men. This violence against women is one of the least prosecuted crimes and one of the greatest threats to lasting peace and development. It is the ultimate abuse of power.

One of the key characteristics of power is the ability to go unexamined and lacking introspection. The abuse of power is rendered invisible in issues that are primarily about us, even in the theological discourse. It is very easy to erase a man as a central subject from the conversation about violence against women. The way that we think and use our language is biased towards keeping our attention on men. It takes our attention away from the dominant group, let alone challenging them to think about their dominance.

Violence against women is woven into the fabric of society in such a way that many of the victims feel that it was their fault. I believe that 'victim-blaming' messages make the perpetrators of violence feel justified and that some forms of violence are acceptable in our society. If we can

sit here and ask questions about the victims of violence, it will never get us anywhere in terms of preventing violence against women and children. We need to interrogate and problematise the perpetrators as well as the role we play as the broader society.

We need to look at the root causes of gender based violence. Why, in over 20 years into democracy, is violence against women and children still a big problem? What is going on? Why are so many men physically, emotionally and verbally abusive towards those they claim to love? We need to take a closer look at societal institutions that keep on reproducing abusive men. The family structures, the religious beliefs, the social systems, the economic system, the sports culture, etc. Many women and children continue to suffer, enduring pain in the name, or under the guise of, culture and religion. There has never been a religious or cultural justification for inhumanity. We need more people who are going stand up and speak out against this virus that keeps on destroying the moral character of our societies. It is not easy to challenge a societal system that has been in place for years and years because one will be challenging power. In our methodology we need to make connections and talk about how we can change the socialization of boys and the definition of "a man". The same system that produces men who abuse women is the same system that produces men who are abusive to other men; as well as

women who abuse other women and men. We need not to see this as a binary fashion; this gender vs that gender. Violence against women and children is an issue of human rights. Freedom from fear of violence is a basic human right. To intervene is a basic moral obligation for every human being. We need to transcend our boundaries, our religious concerns and cultural differences. One may not be directly involved in an abusive situation, but we are all affected as social beings. In a community like this where do we begin, how do we speak out? How do we not remain silent in the face of injustice? It begins here, when someone says something that is sexist or degrading instead of laughing along or pretending you didn't hear anything, one needs to stand up and speak out and say that is not funny. This is my sister, or this is my brother that you talking about. In malicious gossips we need to stand up and speak out. If I'm sitting at Freedom Square with other Zulus and then one makes a bad comment about a Xhosa, if I keep quiet my silence means consent. I need to stand up and speak out. Martin Luther once said, "in the end what hurts the most is not words of our enemies but the silence of our friends."

There has been a lot of silence in male culture about this ongoing tragedy of violence against women and children. It is not easy in male culture to challenge another male when it comes to the issue of women abuse. Quiet frankly, it is not easy to intervene in someone's personal affairs. There are so many men who care deeply about violence against women and children, but caring deeply is not enough, we need courage and moral integrity to break the silence. We need to stand with, and not against, women and children and break the silence. We need to stand up and speak out until more and more are brave enough to step forward to break the silence. We owe this to our young brothers and sons who are growing in societal cultures that do not give them a choice but dictates how to live and behave.

Sizwe Ngcobo is a student at the College of Transfiguration and an Ordinand from the Diocese of Nata.

He presented this Address during the peace march by the students on the 2nd of June 20117.

From the Mothers' Union News Desk

By Prim Beja

On the 2nd and 3rd June 2017, the Diocesan President Mrs Mhlwatika exercised her leadership oversight and summoned the newly elected Presiding Members for a mandatory training session. This is in line with good governance prescripts where newly elected board members attend a training session for compliance to ensure transference of skills and impartation of information. This is to ensure that all are evenly mantched as they are deployed to extend their leadership across the various Archdeaconries throughout the Diocese.

(Treasurer) and Mrs Mfazwe (Secretary.)

The training session was held at the El Shaddai Guest House and started at 18H00 and ended at 22H00 on the first night. It continued on the following day to about 15H00.



Mrs Mhlwatika did not waste any time and applied the Service Book to cover the Morning and Evening Prayers as appropriately needed.

Mrs Beja presented the topic of Financial Governance with the assistance of Mrs Ntshingwa and Mrs Mfazwe. It was felt that a Summit for all handling finances should be expeditiously summoned.

The meeting ended on a high note where the delegates came out with Strategic Goals that were aligned with the 5 Objectives of the Mothers' Union for implementation. As the session ended all were yearning for yet another session. We are happy and grateful that the session went well and would like to wish our newly elected members good luck!



The Facilitator, Mrs Mangaliso, had all the delegates spell bound as she exercised her training skills with praise. She was able to unleash the hidden potential of the newly elected Leaders who had had to hit the ground running as they were also being prepared to ensure the smooth running of an imminent Bi-Annual Conference.

The topics covered were Governance, the Rule Book, the MU Manual, the Service Book and the Constitution.



The President was with her formidable team: Mrs Mangaliso (Deputy President,) Mrs Beja (Deputy President) Mrs Ntshingwa

Boys and Girls Workshop

By Olwethu Lugodlo

Saturday the 29th of July saw nearly 200 children (boys and girls) of the Diocese, aged between 7- 21, and 30 mothers of the Mothers' Union come together for the Boys and Girls Workshop hosted by the Diocesan Guild of St Agnes. The Theme for the day was under the scripture, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" Matt 19:14 .This workshop came as an answer to the call of the Diocesan Council that boys should also be nurtured and not left behind. The aim of the Workshop was to firstly close the gap between these two groups as well as addressing the social ills affecting young kids every day in our society.

The Facilitators of the day were two young ladies from the Help A Student Foundation, a foundation for young people by young people. They assist young school children not to fall victim of peer pressure,

teen pregnancy and drugs. The day saw the children split into groups as per their ages and tackle issues such as teenage pregnancy, alcohol and substance abuse, peer pressure, bullying, abuse and others.



Boys and Girls photo shoot

The children were equipped on how to deal with these should they be faced with any of these challenges such as telling a parent, or calling Child Line. The issue of abstaining was greatly emphasised to both boys and girls and waiting for marriage to engage in any sexual act. M.U

President also graced us with a few words and told the boys and girls to always uphold the values taught at home and church, even when they are not in front of parents. She told the kids to value their education and to work towards building themselves up to be successful citizens. She said that hey can only do this by not falling into the pressures of the world. Cannon Nzwana also addressed the children and said they should apply all they have learnt at the workshop to their lives.

The workshop saw a great start to the initiative of nurturing boys and girls of the church. We hope to see every parish of the Diocese taking up the call and continuing with such a program. The Guild would like to express its deepest gratitude to the Help a Student Foundation for facilitating the day's events, the Mothers Union and Cannon Nzwana for their unending support and to all the children for coming on the day.

Umbuliso uyakubulisa

St Mary Magdalene Conference



St Mary Magdalene held its first Conference at the new St Matthew's Tourism Centre. It was hosted by Archdeacon Dr Lulama Ntshingwa and his dear spouse Nomhle, on the 20th of July to the 23rd of July 2017. It was a tremendous Conference and was undergirded by

brilliant speakers and activities. One of the main speakers was Revd Mduyvelwa from the Diocese of Mthatha who spoke and encouraged young and old ladies about the offertory, and Mrs Nzwana who showed her love of the Guild and willingness to support and see the Guild going forward.

They had Outreach where they went and visited homes around St Matthew's Parish but their main target was the house of an old mother who has stayed with a child for years and taken care of her because the child is a victim of rape.



Lindelwa Mkhosana (The New President)

faces.

There were messages of support from the Diocesan Guilds and from the Province by Mrs Adonis who is the Provincial President.

On Sunday the Bishop officially launched the Conference and as a result, the Guild of St Mary Magdalene is now a full Diocesan Guild. He planted a tree which is a symbol of the new beginning or a new start. The Bishop, after he preached and presided, thanked and congratulated the new President Lindelwa Mkhosana who now takes the Guild forward after Luleka Tini.

SEPTEMBER

Fri	1	SACC-EC Meeting in East London
Sun	3	St Clement's, Grahamstown
Thu	7	Inaugural Lecture: Prof Di Wilmot at RU, Grahamstown
Sun	10	Confirmation service at Cathedral,
Sat	16	DSG Council Meeting St Barths, Alice Gala Dinner
Sun	17	St Barths 160 th Anniversary Eucharist (Archbishop preaching)
Tue	19	CoTT Council Meeting
Thu	21	Good Shepherd Trust Meeting
Fri	22	Meeting with the Diocesan Youth Guild
Sat	23	10 th Anniversary & house blessing: Magxwalisa Family
Sun	24	Leaving for SoB
Mon	25	to Synod of Bishops, Provincial Trust Board and Provincial Standing Committee Meetings

OCTOBER

Fri 6 to Sat 7	Clergy Spouses' Retreat at St John, East London
Sun 8	All Saints, Breidbach
Mon 9	14h00 - Confirmation Service at DSG, 17h30 - Confirmation service at St Andrews College
Fri 13 to Sun 15	Anniversary Celebrations: Holy Cross, Mdantsane
Sun 22	Order of St Barnabas Commemoration Service
Sun 29	St Francis Confirmations

NOVEMBER

Wed 1	Trust Board and Diocesan Finance Committee Meetings
Fri 3 to Sun 5	AWF Conference
Sat 11	DSG Council Meeting
Sun 12	St John, East London Confirmation Service
Tue 14	Chapter Meeting Good Shepherd, East London
Sun 19	St Mark's, East London
Fri 24	Gala Dinner, Christ Church, Amalinda
Sun 26	Scenery Park Confirmation Service
Wed 29	Diocesan Council Meeting



The Bishop is Blessing the planted Tree

The visitation of St Mary Magdalene in this house was as if Jesus himself came because happiness was written on their

AWF CONFERENCE

Will take place Friday 3rd November to Sunday 5th November 2017. Kindly uphold them in your prayers that their conference will be successful and their deliberations fruitful

Bereavement and Prayers

We pray for Mtuze Family after the passing on of Ms Fezeka Rungqu, the Mother of Mrs Kutala Mtuze. Her funeral was on the 26th August 2017. May her soul Rest In Peace.

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