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Dear People of God,

25 Oct 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to follow him, even in these times of extraordinary uncertainty and change. **Below you will find the link to the Archbishop's signed letter and poster to hang up in your churches.**

ST ANDREW'S DAY APPEAL 2021

Thank you to all who gave generously to the *St Andrew's Day Appeal* last year. Your gifts were used to help us to enable over eighty thousand people, young and old, to participate globally, in Anglicans Ablaze 2021 via Zoom, You Tube and Facebook. The following online ministries have also been launched...

1. Mission & Evangelism > A Global Alpha Challenge in partnership with Alpha SA is happening in 2022. In 2021, various online Alpha training courses were held over the course of the year. Thank you to the over 5000 people who attended the various Alpha Leaders training events throughout the year. **We are so grateful to Nqobile and Sam, along with the rest of the Alpha SA team** who are such a huge help to us as we continue to move forward and grow God's church.

2. Leadership Development > J-Life Lead Training. **Revd Thokozani Hlatshwayo** hosted an ACSA wide J-life lead training course, which over 80 people from 20 different Diocese' attended.

3. (Online Ministry for Bishops, Clergy & Lay Leaders) > Throughout 2021, usually once a quarter, Bishop Tsietsi hosted the various Diocesan Bishops and their core GtC Diocesan teams to help them reflect on what they had been undertaking in their Diocese', how they had progressed and the ministry evolved, and also to find out how GtC could assist them in their contexts to establish Diocesan teams and structures. This process continues, as the various Diocesan teams interact with Estelle at the office, Revd Trevor as well as Revd Bruce and Revd Bulelwa. Diocesan teams - thank you for all your support!

3. Youth Ministry: YO! (Youth Online): > YO! has been continuing every Sunday afternoon. We have had some great speakers over the last few months. Every Sunday at 16:00pm. Revd Bulelwa hosted various speakers like Craig Stewart, Guvna B, Mel Awu, Revd Wilton Muller, Revd Hectorina Tsotetsi and the list goes on. Join us each week at 16:00pm.

4. Children's Ministry: > Archbishop Thabo launched this future monthly ministry last year as well, with **7,549 children, parents, Sunday School teachers and clergy attending.** At the recent Anglicans Ablaze Online conference over 20 000 people watched the children's segment of the conference. A big thank you to Revd Thabang and the Childrens ministry team. Childrens ministry training was also held through the GtC team in the Diocese of Natal at a number of local parishes.

5. Discipleship Ministry (All ages): > **Bishop Martin and Colleen Breytenbach, Hectorina Tsotetsi plus other team members hosted a very successful face to face course in the Diocese of Pretoria.** Requests for training and materials are coming in, with "Rooted in Jesus" being the most popular course. **Revd Bulelwa Sihlali Woolley, Mrs Pam Mbambo, Mrs Estelle Adams, and Revd Bruce Woolley** hosted a very successful online Rooted in Jesus training course as well.

6. (a) Clergy Care: Church Growth & (b) Gender-based Violence: The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby addressed the Clergy on Discipleship, Archbishop Tito Zavalla from a from Zambia spoke on church growth, and was extremely good. His church has grown from about 200 people to 1500 over the last 5 years. The GBV event on "Black Lives Matter" presented by Archbishop Michael Curry and Canon Stephanie Spellers, was also hugely appreciated.

YOUR gifts given last year helped to make all this possible. THANK YOU!!! So, will you please assist us again?

Archbishop Thabo writes, **“I am therefore asking you to please take a special collection in church on Sunday 28th November (St Andrew’s Day is 30th November) and to send it to: GtC Teaching and Training, Standard Bank, Constantia, Account Number 243 374 151, Branch Code 051001.** Ref: Your Name or Parish. You are also welcome to encourage your people to give directly via EFT by giving them the banking details please”.

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Account Name: **Growing the Church**
Account No: **271 625 864**
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Branch: **Constantia**
Branch Code: **025309**
Branch Code EFT: **02530900**
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You can also donate using the donate tab on both the Growing the Church, and Anglicans Ablaze website.

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Link to original signed letter for circulation – click here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OL1gTQhWpjbHgQTmTO_MXfIBLEj4W6wG/view?usp=sharing

Link to Poster – for circulation – click here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dVx8PIbeYQPTaXDxUma08mo1ohHZwMma/edit?usp=sharing&oid=104199666888077369635&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tsietsi Seleane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Bishop Tsietsi Seleane
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