

Dean's Letter, May 28 2017

Dear Cathedral family

Today, the 6th Sunday after Easter, is observed as Anglican Communion Sunday. The ten days from Ascension to Pentecost, including today, make up the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in line with the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus in today's Gospel reading: "may they be one, as we are one." (John 17:11).

This is also a time in the life of our country when we continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to descend on us all, to convict us of sin, to bring us to repentance and new life, and to heal our land. In the "Unburdening, Uncapturing" report released by the South African Council of Churches (SACC) on May 19th, 2017, the SACC has concluded that "the government of the day has lost the moral radar that should inform the public service of *batho pele* – 'people first'... the present government has lost moral legitimacy." We are in deep waters.

Today, in the context of the 9.30 a.m. service, we shall be licensing (on behalf of the Bishop) two new lay ministers, Noncedo Reme-Mnandi and Vuyokazi de Beer. We give thanks for them and we pray for their families, and their ministry amongst us in the time ahead.

We shall also be licensing the Reverend Idowu Akinloye, from the Anglican Church in Nigeria. Fr Idowu is a PhD student at Rhodes University and has been with us since the start of 2017. He gives us something of his background:

My name is Idowu Akinloye, a native of Ejigbo in Osun State of Nigeria and the fourth of the five boys born to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Akinloye. I had my primary education at Christ Apostolic Church School, Ejigbo and my post primary education at ADS High School also at Ejigbo. In 2008, I bagged my LLB degree with Honours, admitted as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 2010 and became a professional chartered secretary in 2013. In 2014, I bagged my degree of Master of Laws in corporate management at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. I am currently studying for my PhD in Law at Rhodes University, Grahamstown with specialty in church law. I am a law lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Nigeria as well the Legal Adviser to the Diocese of Ogbomoso, Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion.

My journey into the ministry started during my undergraduate years when I led the fellowship of the Anglican Communion students in the Bendel Province of Nigeria comprising of students from about 15 higher institutions. I later had my theological training both at Ibadan Diocesan College of Theology and Archbishop Vining College of Theology in Nigeria. In 2013, I was ordained as a clergy in the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion. I was the Vicar of Christ the King Anglican Church, Ogbomoso, Nigeria before resuming at Rhodes University in January, 2017. My passion is to teach the Word and motivate the youth.

I am happily married to Aduragbemi and we are blessed with a daughter, Greatness."

We look forward to his ministry in word and sacrament amongst us in the time ahead.

My love to you all

Andrew Hunter

