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Dear People of God,

I greet you all in the name of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As host, it is my joy and privilege to invite you to this year's Anglicans Ablaze International Conference.

**Anglicans Ablaze International Conference 2023**  
**A Jesus-Shaped Life: The Whole Church for the Whole World**  
**4 to 7 October 2023, New Life Church, Johannesburg**

While the conference does not need much introduction, I do commend it as a ministry which has had a significant impact, both locally and abroad, both both in-person and online, both for individuals and the wider Church. We celebrate the diversity of our worship, enriched by a variety of speakers and topics that minister to our context.

In past years we have experienced an amazing celebration of God's love, pouring out through us and impacting us as we engage with challenges of evangelism, discipleship, integral mission, social justice and so much more. The beauty of our Anglican heritage shines through as we allow God's inspiring love to bind unique individuals into a family of faith.

We recently hosted Archbishop Justin Welby in Cape Town, whose words in 2021 can still inspire us: "There are hints of hope everywhere, signals of God's love for us," he said. "If Christians are there – where God is – restoring relationships, assuring love and working towards justice, mercy and peace, we might rebuild a post-Covid world that looks more like the kingdom of heaven."

With this as a challenge, I very much hope that clergy, parish councillors, lay ministers, lay leaders, parishioners, and young people in particular, will join us at Anglicans Ablaze, along with members of organisations and ministries such as the MU, AWF, Bernard Mizeki, Iviyo etc; too many to mention them all. Young people, you have been offered a special subsidised rate. Do use our fund-raising letters if required.

We truly desire Anglicans Ablaze to be God's conference. Whether or not you can join us, please pray for God to shape and mould the conference. Pray for the organisers, comprising a large committee from the Dioceses of Johannesburg, Highveld, Pretoria and Christ the King, working in partnership with Growing the Church.

The conference will be held at **New Life Church, Johannesburg from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. The theme is *A Jesus-Shaped Life: The Whole Church for the Whole World*.

Detailed information will be sent out very soon. We are thrilled to have confirmation from outstanding leaders and teachers, so look out for regular email updates. Information can be found on the Anglicans Ablaze website: [www.anglicansablaze.org](http://www.anglicansablaze.org).

I look forward to seeing you there soon. Please share this information with others.

God bless you