International Youth Discipleship and climate change conference: Zambia 2016

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa’s Environmental Network (Green Anglicans) together with the Anglican Province of Central Africa, hosted 75 young participants on a week-long conference in Lusaka, Zambia in April.

Participants were chosen by their diocese as movers and shakers on care for creation, to learn on how to grow environmental ministry further in their regions. They joined representatives from Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana. They were excited to be visited by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dioceses represented included: Angola, Free State, Highveld, Johannesburg, Lebombos, Lesotho, Namibia, Natal, Niassa, Pretoria, Saldanha Bay, Swaziland. Continue reading HERE

“You are the Church of today, and the leaders of tomorrow. And tomorrow may not be far away.”

Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury

African Leaders hear the cry of the Small Island States

Bishop Mzamane Diocese of Mthatha (South Africa) and Esther Kazilimani Pale from Diocese of Lebombos (Mozambique) are among the leaders who are representing Africa at the Encountering God in the Storm Conference in Fiji. The Small Island States are at the forefront of climate change due to sea level rise. Fiji already has 676 villages at risk of flooding and being forced to consider relocating. This leads to economic impact as the salt water ruins farmlands, but also social devastation and ancestral lands are destroyed. The Fiji conference “Encountering the storm” is looking at climate change in the different Anglican communion context. For most of the developing world, Africa, Asia South America (Brazil) deforestation is playing a huge role. Continue reading HERE

Ncumisa Magadla, from the Diocese of Cape Town and Kathrine Ngagira from Anglican Diocese of Harare attended the Anglican Consultative council representing the Young people in the Anglican Communion. To hear more of their message click HERE
ASF takes the green route

The Green Anglicans partnered with the Anglican Students’ Federation for the success of their 56th annual conference which took place on 26 June – 01 July 2016 at the beautiful game farm in Mooiriver, Diocese of Natal. The conference was attended by 184 people, this included students and chaplains from across the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. There was also a visiting priest, Revd. Samuel Sifelani from the Diocese of Harare (Zimbabwe) Ncumisa Magadla did a thought provoking presentation in which she challenged and encouraged the students to be responsible citizens and caring for creation. The students committed to becoming responsible and good stewards of God’s creation. The Green Anglicans also sponsored 10 students (7 from Namibia and 3 from Mozambique). The students took part in a fun clean up day. Continue reading HERE.

The Green Movement crosses denominational barriers in Swaziland

On the 26th of June a historic service was hosted by Mbabane Parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa, Eastern Diocese, Swaziland circuit. The Young Green Anglicans last month were invited to a Lutheran Youth conference and they presented a Fig tree to the Lutheran Bishop challenging the church to go green. The Green Anglicans kept inviting the Lutheran Bishop and others Lutherans to their Green events. Mbabane Parish of the Lutheran Church responded to the call by God to be Earth Keepers. These two Denominations (Anglicans and Lutherans joined hands in the subject of the environment and as we speak the Lutherans are Green Lutheran. Our slogan is, “alone you can run fast but together we can run far,” we are Green Anglicans Lutherans. Continue reading HERE.

Cleaning up in Maputo

The Anglican Youth of Saint Parpetua de Mavalane had a Clean up day and collection of waste as part of the Active Citizenship Campaign launched by Anglican Youth of Southern Africa (AYSA). The Youth of St Parpetua chose Environmental Action in order to participate in this competition and they had the support of the Municipal Council of the City of Maputo. This is the first of various activities which will take place. Continue reading HERE.
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Cluster Meetings 2016

Jan 2016 – JHB
Johannesburg
Highveld
Christ the King

Feb 2016 : Mthatha
Mthatha
Mbashe
Umzimvubu
Port Elizabeth
Grahamstown

May 2016 K&K
Free State
Lesotho
Matlosane
Kimberly and Kuruman

July 2016 KZN
Natal
Zululand
Umzimvubu

August 2016
Mpumalanga

Mpumalanga
Swaziland
St Mark the Evangelist

Diocese of Zululand children's conference

The green Anglican team from the Diocese of Natal was invited to address the energetic youth of the diocese of Zululand’s about the importance of safeguarding our environment, a message which was well received. The group was very diverse in terms of the age groups represented from Sunday school children to a much older youth. The focus was on mobilizing fellow church members to engage in environmental challenges that are unique in their area by committing themselves to becoming green. They looked at issues like finding solution for water and energy crises, recycling, awareness campaigns and most interestingly empowering more eco-schools. Continue reading HERE

Earth Festival 2016 : All Saints Belhar

World Environmental Day Celebrations took place in various locations across the globe on the 4/5th of June 2016, and we couldn’t miss that chance. Green Anglicans with the Diocese of False Bay, Cape Town and Saldanha celebrated the day at All Saints Anglican Parish, Belhar. The celebrations kicked off with an opening prayer and an uplifting praise and worship. A band from St Mary Magdalene entertained the crowds with amazing sounds that everyone could sing along and dance to. Rev Shaun Cozett from the Parish of the Resurrection, Bonteheuwel delivered a talk to the young people, teaching them about the value of creation and how they could take care of it. The winners of the talent competition were St Paul’s in the Valley with a water saving song called “Splish Splash Continue reading HERE
CLERGY HEAR THE CALL OF THE FIFTH MARK OF MISSION

A vibrant clergy conference was held at St Bede’s Mthatha on the 2nd of May. Almost one hundred people, over 80 clergy gathered to discuss the Mission to care for God’s Creation. They came from Mthatha, Mzimvubu and Mbashe Diocese in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. Continue reading HERE

GOING GREEN IN GRAHAMSTOWN!

Forty five members of the three Dioceses of Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown and Khahlamba Diocese met for an Environmental Conference held at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown. Continue reading HERE

The New Anglican Communion Environmental Network Chair

Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya

Bishop of Swaziland Ellinah Wamukoya is the first Anglican Women Bishop in Africa. She was appointed as the Chairperson of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network at the Anglican Consultative Council 16 in Zambia in April 2016. She is also a liaison Bishop for the Anglican Church of Southern Environmental Network. Continue reading HERE

NEW Diocesan Environmental Resolutions

Diocese of Grahamstown commits to care for creation

Diocese of George priorities Care for Creation

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