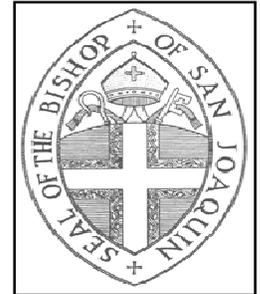


THE SAN JOAQUIN ANGLICAN



The Bishop's Corner

The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees

It's hard to believe but we are right around the corner from Diocesan Convention 2013! I love the gathering of the diocese for convention because it is the one time in the year when the entire diocesan family gathers to give thanks to God, to fellowship with one another, to learn together and to worship together. This year the theme of the convention is Catechesis!

The term Catechesis dates back to the fourth century and before, is derived from the Greek and refers to a style of oral instruction that uses questions and answers. Now I recognize that sounds fairly boring however when you think that the recipients of this style of instruction are new believers then it Catechesis takes on a whole new urgency and interest. Thus a Catechumen is a new believer receiving instruction prior to their baptism or confirmation.

In the Anglican Church in North America we take very seriously the process of calling forth and making disciples. Because of that commitment one of the first acts of the College of Bishops was to establish a Catechism Task Force charged with putting together the instructional material, in the form of Questions and Answers, that would be used by the Catechists in the process of making disciples.

The mission of the Catechism Task Force is awesome in the true sense of the word. They are tasked with developing a means of instruction in the form of questions and answers about God and mankind with all of the answers found in the eternal truths of the Scripture. A catechism is not a man made add on to the Bible; it is instruction in good theology derived from Holy Scripture. None of us is smart enough to mine the full truths of the scriptures by ourselves. We need the sound instruction of a good catechism and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND DIOCESAN CALENDAR

- October 1— Sequoia Deanery Clericus, St John's, Porterville
- October 4-5—Clergy Wives Retreat
- October 6—Bishop at Grace Anglica, Turlock
- October 9—Bishop at Daughters of the Holy Cross Quiet Day
- October 12—Diocesan Honored Women's Luncheon; 11:30 AM, Tachi Palace Events Center, Lemoore
- October 13—Bishop at St James, Lindsay, and St Mary's, Fresno
- October 19—Diocesan Council, Diocesan House, 10 AM—2 PM
- October 20—Bishop at St Luke's, Bakersfield; Sequoia Deanery Pre-Convention meeting at Trinity Anglican Church, Bakersfield
- October 21-27—Bishop attending GAFCON II, Nairobi, Kenya
- October 25-27—The WELL North; 6 pm on the 25th—Noon on the 27th, at St Luke's, Merced
- October 26—Yosemite Deanery Pre-Convention meeting at Grace Anglican Church, Turlock



Caminemos Juntos Conference



This summer, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe participated in the 2013 Caminemos Juntos Conference in El Paso, Texas. A total of twelve (12) of us from our congregation traveled to Texas, consisting of seven (7) adults and (5) youth. The trip went very well and everything was a great blessing. For some of the participants it was their first time participating at Caminemos Juntos Conference and it was a very exciting moment for them.



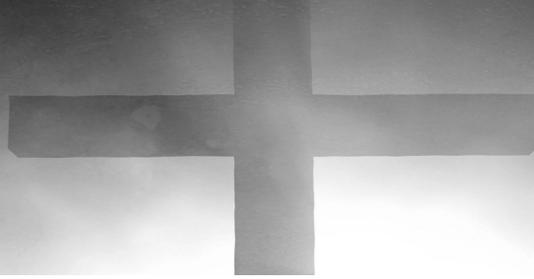
The purpose of this Conference was to continue on our preparation and leading us to God's purpose! There were several workshops during the conference to choose from as the Holy Spirit guided us. One of the biggest teachings from the Conference was true WORSHIP! ALL are invited to true WORSHIP! The Conference underscored that we must all

unite to convey the true love of Christ, building new churches and leaders across North American, "So we have been sent to speak in the name of Christ. It is as if God is calling people through us. We speak for Christ when we ask you to be reconciled to God." 2

Corinthians 5:20



This trip was a great spiritual awakening for all of those who attended and we are very grateful for God allowing us to attend this wonderful Conference. We especially thank all of the families who opened the doors of their homes and hosted us during our stay in El Paso, Texas.



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Equally important to the task of the Catechism Task Force is the development of a process with which to train catechists - those who are trained to raise up disciples using the catechism which is being developed.

We are truly blessed in the Diocese of San Joaquin to have the chair of the task force, Rev. Dr. Jack Gabig and members of the Catechism Task Force, join us as the keynote speaker and workshop leaders. Our own Fr. Lee Nelson, also a member of the task force, is helping to organize the teaching aspects of the convention. Convention 2013 seeks to empower the people of the Diocese of San Joaquin to raise up disciple makers in fulfillment of our mission - to be "An Apostolic Community on Mission with the Life Giving and Transforming Message of Jesus Christ."

Transitions

We wish Godspeed and blessings to Fr. Richard and Martha Menees who will be ending their ministry at St. Andrew's, Lancaster, on the last Sunday in October to go into the mission field as SAMS Missionaries in Menouf, Egypt.

Congratulations go to Steve Veselsky has graduated from Trinity School for Ministry is back in California and preparing for Canonical Exams.

Congratulations to Fr. Paul Gibbons who was chosen to participate in the Anglican Leadership Institute in South Carolina.

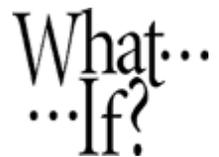
Welcome home to Fr. Martin Bunsy who returned home in Mid-September to attend to family matters.

(Ed. Note: ASK THE BISHOP will be a regular feature beginning with the November, 2013, San Joaquin Anglican)

[The Bishop wrote: "From time to time I receive questions from members of the diocese the response to which might be interesting to a broad segment. For example, I recently received a question regarding my philosophy regarding laypeople laying on hands and anointing with oil for healing."]



ASK THE BISHOP



IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE BISHOP, PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL TO THE DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR, TANIA WERNER, AT: administrator@dioceseofsanjoaquin.net AND KEEP WATCHING FOR YOUR ANSWER IN FUTURE ISSUES!!



St. James Women's Retreat November 1-3, 2013

St. James Women's Retreat—like always, open to the women of the Diocese.

Cost per person for 2 nights, 5 meals:

\$233 – Private Room

\$155 – Double Room

\$131 – Triple or Quad Room

\$97—R.V. and Day Use with meals

\$25—Saturday with Lunch

Please register by October 18th.

Thanksgiving at ECCO November 27-29, 2013

Again, we've held the cost of the event from last year to encourage new and returning ECCO family to maintain this lovely tradition. Imagine how wonderful Thanksgiving can be when you can relax with old and new friends, eat delicious food, enjoy the beauty of our surroundings, and no dishes to wash! Thanksgiving festivities begin with an optional Holy Eucharist with Bishop Menese from 11:00 to 12:00, followed by appetizers, and then dinner at 1:00 p.m. Spend a quiet afternoon visiting, playing games and relaxing. For those choosing to spend the night, join us for ringing of the bells, a fun and interactive event for all ages. Consider an optional stay over that evening with departure on Friday morning after breakfast. Just try to beat these prices!

Per person pricing:

Thanksgiving dinner: \$29.00 for adults, \$14.50 for children ages 4 to 11

Package 1: Thanksgiving dinner, evening snacks, Thursday night lodging and Friday breakfast:

Single Occupancy: \$122 Double Occupancy: \$81/person Quad: \$75 Children 4 to 11: \$36.50

Package 2: Wednesday and Thursday nights lodging, Thanksgiving dinner, evening snacks, Friday breakfast:

Single \$212 Double \$130 Quad: \$118 Children 4 to 11 \$57

Please submit reservations by November 14, 2013.

Kristen Cook

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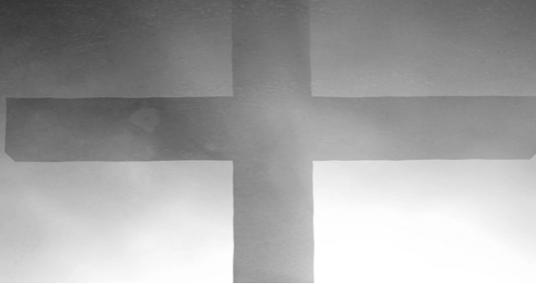
St. Timothy's Bishop was the scene of a very unusual wedding last month. Both the bride and the groom were deaf. This presented an interesting problem both for pre-marital counseling and also for the ceremony itself. Unlike a normal situation where counseling is confidential between the priest and the couple, meetings were attended by a trusted translator either using sign language or lip reading or both. At other times short conversations were shouted in a very loud voice.

At both the wedding ceremony and also the rehearsal on the day before a translator stood at my elbow signing when I was speaking and she signed throughout the service including the readings and prayers as there were hearing impaired members of the congregation. It is not generally known that people with this kind of disability also have difficulty forming words and speaking clearly, because, of course, they have never heard them. It was important to coach the bride

and groom that, not only did they understand the vows that they were taking before God, but also, that they could acknowledge them clearly so that they could be heard when they spoke them.

The groom is from Oregon and the bride is the youngest daughter of the famous Schat Bakery family here in Bishop. They are now living in Oregon.





MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ANGLICAN 4TH DAY!!!!!!!

Now hear this!!!!!!! The San Joaquin Secretariat is excited to let you know of our upcoming A4D Weekend at ECCO, to be held January 2-5, 2014.



The theme of our Weekend is “The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me”. Prayer and planning are seriously underway.

The Leadership Team for the Weekend is:

Dennis Mann (St. Jude’s, Tehachapi) – Rector

Annie Curtier (St. Andrews in the Desert, Lancaster) – Rectora

Christine Miller (Trinity Anglican Church, Bakersfield) Head “Cha”

Frank Reed (St. Luke’s Anglican Church, Merced) – Assistant “Cha”

Ron Christolear (Trinity Anglican Church, Bakersfield) – Music Director

If there are any Cursillistas/Anglican 4th “Dayers” from the past who wish to get involved again, please let us know ASAP so that you can be a part of our dynamic, Spirit-filled Team! We would love to have you!

Please be praying about those in your congregations who wish to deepen their commitment to Christ by coming to the Weekend as a Candidate.

We ask for your prayers as we seek the Lord’s will for every phase of HIS Weekend!

Questions:

Annie Curtier - 661-433-6889

Christine Miller – 661-431-9365

2013 Meeting Schedule – all meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, except December.

October 19th – St. Mary’s, Fresno

November 16th – St. Luke’s, Merced

(All Meetings: Secretariat at 10 AM; Lunch at 11:30; Ultreya at 1 PM)

Please be in prayer for our Movement. We desire to offer this wonderful discipleship tool to all who will come!!

In Christ,

Christine Miller, 4th Day Lay Director

(4thdaylvr@gmail.com)





Global Teams Int'l

**Martin & Rose Bunsy
September 2013**



Seeing the
Heart of Christ in
Laos

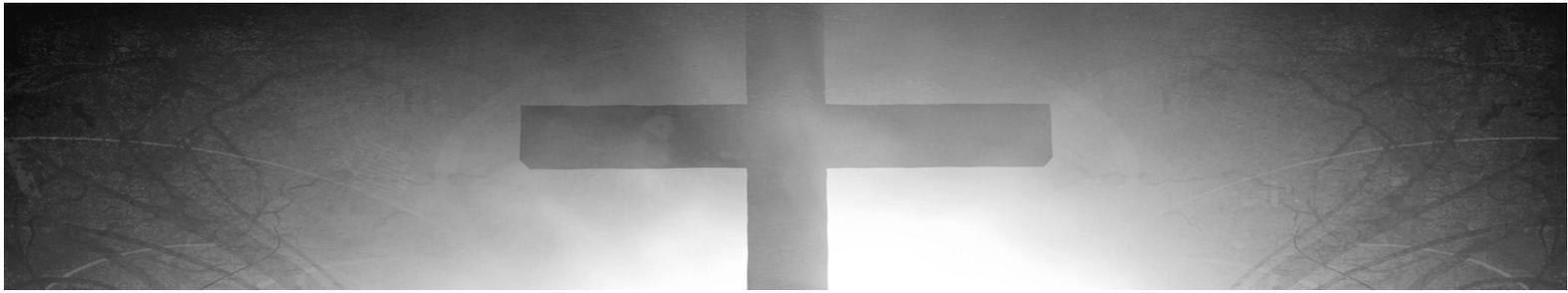
Lao Mission News

Last year there was a forest fire that destroyed the home, and meeting place, of one of the House Churches. The good people of the diocese of San Joaquin came up with \$6,500 to help Levy and his wife rebuild a home for themselves and two children from the village who were left orphaned following the fire. The newly constructed home is strong and sound and will hold the approximately 50 people attending services regularly there.



Last May Fr. Martin & Bishop Menees announced that the time had come for Fr. Martin to begin the process of winding down and returning to the United States to be with his wife Rose and his children.

Because the Anglican Church in Laos is so young it was prayerfully determined to work in conjunction with the well established Evangelical Church. Bishop Menees met with the three lead pastors last fall and Fr. Martin met with the house church leaders in the Spring upon his return. We have begun the process of turning over the care and nourishment of those house churches and their pastors to Pastor David and his large and very organized team of pastors and lay administrators. It is expected that this process will be completed in December of 2014 so please keep your financial and prayerful support coming!



DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD



The Anglican Church Women of St. Columba Church in Fresno have been busy this fall in a missions project to make and send 80 dresses for the *Dress A Girl Around the World* program of Hope 4 Women International. The program has over 1600 members sewing throughout the US, Canada, the UK, Australia, Poland, Puerto Rico, Coasts Rica, and many other countries around the world. So far over 100,000 girls in 58+ countries, including many cities throughout the US, have been dressed.

The 80 dresses made by ACW will be added to those made by other groups to be shipped to the Appalachian area. St. Columba parishioner Jo-Ann Hagstrom will join Barbara Brotsis, member of St. James and local program contact in travel to Applalachia to distribute the dresses.

The St. Columba ACW plans on continuing this project in 2014

Daughters of the Holy Cross
Christ Church Anglican
presents its 20th Annual

Quiet Day

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

ECCO - Evergreen Conference Center Oakhurst

The Woman at the Well John 4:4-26 =====

FEATURED SPEAKER



THE RIGHT REV. ERIC MENEES serves as the 5th Bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin. He served as Deacon/Priest in Charge of the Church of Epiphany and the Associate Rector of the Church of the Messiah, both of which were Spanish language ministries. The Rev. Menees served as the Chaplain to the Bishop's School in La Jolla prior to becoming Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in San Marcos, CA. He later founded the Anglican Church of the Resurrection in 2006.

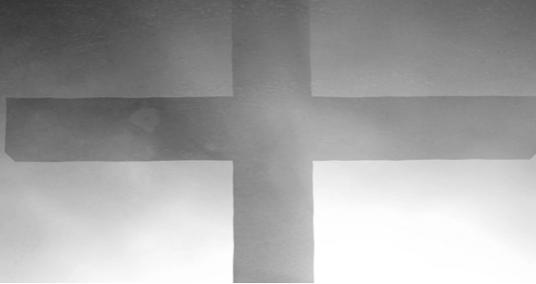
MUSICAL INTERLUDES BY

Janice Britten, soloist; accompanied by Tyrell McKenzie

This nondenominational event is held each year amid the quiet beauty of the Sierras at E.C.C.O. 43803 Hwy. 41, just 1/2 mile north of the Bass Lake turnoff.

Your \$18 donation includes a continental breakfast and lunch. **For reservations, call Lori Hedvall at (559) 642-3534 or email her at rayhedvall@sti.net.**

Quiet Day is underwritten by Christ Church Women, Oakhurst



Notice of Convention

JULY 29, 2013 BY THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN
4159 E. Dakota Avenue
Fresno, California 93726-5297

NOTIFICATION OF DIOCESAN CONVENTION

We are an Apostolic Community on Mission with the Life-Giving and Transforming Message of Jesus Christ

To: All Parishes, Missions, and Clergy of the Diocese of San Joaquin

From: The Rev. Gordon Kamai, Secretary of Convention

In accordance with Article V, Sections 3 of the Constitution of the Diocese of San Joaquin, notice is hereby given that the Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of San Joaquin will convene at St. James' Cathedral, Fresno, California November 8-9, 2013.

Delegate changes must be mailed to the Diocesan Office

Attention: Convention, 4159 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93726-5297

To be elected at the Diocesan Convention:

Standing Committee Class of 2017: 1 clergy and 1 layperson

ECCO Commission Class of 2016: 1 clergy or layperson

*Diocesan Education Trust Class of 2016: 1 clergy or layperson

*San Joaquin Anglican Foundation Class of 2016: 1 clergy or layperson

Ecclesiastical Court Class of 2016: 1 clergy

Ecclesiastical Court Class of 2016: 1 layperson

Provincial Assembly: 2 clergy and 2 laypersons

To be elected at the Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings

Diocesan Council Deanery Representatives Class of:

2016 – Yosemite – 1 layperson

2016 – Delta – 1 layperson

2016 – Kern – 1 clergy

2016 – Sequoia 1 clergy

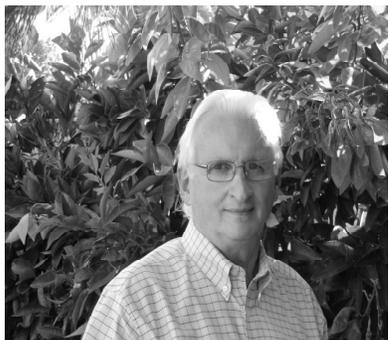
Mission Board Representatives, Class of:

2016 – Sequoia – 1 layperson

2016 – Delta – 1 Clergy

- *Committee is currently on hiatus due to the funds being frozen. In the eventuality of our win, the committee will once again become ac-*

(Ed. Note: the following is the first in a series of profiles introducing leadership of the Diocese)



Introduction To Franco Bernardi Diocesan Council

My life in the Anglican Church began in 1966 when Kathy and I were married at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas, California. During that time our life has been centered on serving God in whatever capacity we feel He has called us. I have served as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Convention Delegate, Bishop's Warden, Bishop's Committee Member, Junior and Senior Warden and Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, small group Bible study leader. I made my first Cursillo in 1979 at Cursillo #1 in Tucson, Arizona. In 1999 I was Rector of Cursillo #31 in the Diocese of San Joaquin.

Our family has attended St Paul's Anglican Church, Visalia for 23 years. Currently I am Senior Warden at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Visalia, Delegate to the Diocesan Convention 2013, a member of the Diocesan Council, Head Usher and chairman of the newly formed Safety Committee—a committee to train ushers to be more aware of unsafe activity in order to ensure security during the service.

My wife Kathy and I have five children ranging from 45 to 21 and 11 grandchildren scattered throughout the world. Our oldest son is an Anglican Priest, one of my Son-In-Laws is an Episcopal Priest, and our oldest daughter's Brother-In-Law is the Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, Andrew Waldo. When we are not traveling to visit children and grandchildren I am General Manager of Suntreat Citrus Packing in Lindsay, California.

Anglican churches in Colorado are reaching out to those who have been impacted by recent flooding.

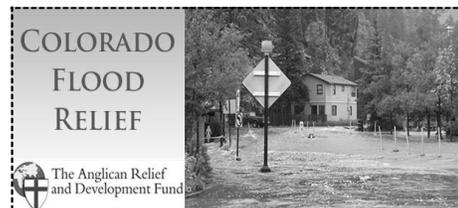
Led by Bishop Ken Ross, and supported by Anglican Relief and Development, an effort is underway to provide immediate help with food and shelter for those who have been displaced.

Individuals and parishes from around the Anglican Church in North America are encouraged to do to the relief effort. Gifts can be made online here: http://weblink.donorperfect.com/colorado_Floods_2013

or sent by mail to:

Anglican Relief and Development
800 Maplewood Ave.
Ambridge, PA 15003

Checks can be made out to: Anglican Relief and Development Fund. Please note Colorado Floods on the memo line.



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August letter from Archbishop Wabukala

August 22, 2013

To the Faithful of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans and friends from Archbishop Eliud Wabukala, Primate of Kenya and Chairman of the GAFCON Primates' Council
22nd August 2013



My dear brothers and sisters,

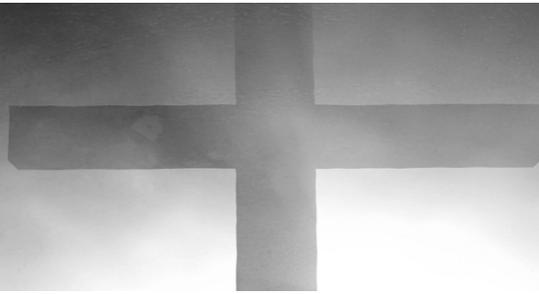
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

As I write, we are now only two months away from GAFCON 2013. There is much still to do, but over the past month great strides have been made and I am confident that this will be another wonderful and historic occasion. Many of those who shared in the fellowship of our first gathering in Jerusalem remarked that it had been a once in a lifetime experience, but I believe that GAFCON 2013 will be equally memorable, yet in a different way. We remember the mighty acts of God in order to build faith for the present and, with thankful hearts for the foundation laid in Jerusalem, we look to the Lord to do a new thing as we gather in Nairobi.

Last week, my brother Archbishop Stanley of Uganda reminded us of why GAFCON 2013 is so necessary. It is now ten years since the Episcopal Church of the United States consecrated Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire, despite the fact that he had left his wife and family and then later entered into a sexual relationship with a man. This action opened the door to the fragmentation of an already fragile Communion. It was in deliberate defiance of the collegial mind of the bishops worldwide expressed at the 1998 Lambeth Conference and became a serious hindrance to those of us committed to biblical evangelism and discipleship.

Archbishop Stanley rightly speaks of a spiritual cancer in the Communion, but we need to see that the overthrow by some Churches of the creation order of male and female is just one symptom of the disease. The cause is spiritual, the overthrow of God's Word as revealed and authoritative truth. So it is very appropriate that Archbishop Stanley also speaks of the need for confessing Anglicans to see themselves as a movement of revival, taking inspiration from the East African Revival. We need to learn from our history. Divisions about the Bible had spread to some missionary organisations in East Africa after the First World War, but the leaders of the East African Revival knew that there could be no true evangelism and no true revival unless the Scriptures are allowed to speak as what they really are, the inspired Word of God.

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So we can see why our affirmation in 2008 of the Jerusalem Declaration was so very important. We described it as ‘*a contemporary rule... to guide the movement for the future*’. Anything less would have ‘*healed the wound of my people lightly*’ (Jeremiah 8:11) given the widespread confusion about the gospel and Christian discipleship which we sought to address. Let me remind you of the commitment we made in the Jerusalem Statement to restore Scripture to its rightful place in the life of the Communion:

‘We, together with many other faithful Anglicans throughout the world, believe the doctrinal foundation of Anglicanism, which defines our core identity as Anglicans, is expressed in these words: The doctrine of the Church is grounded in the Holy Scriptures and in such teachings of the ancient Fathers and Councils of the Church as are agreeable to the said Scriptures. In particular, such doctrine is to be found in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordinal.’



On this foundation we can address the challenges of the twenty-first century with faith and confidence. Work is well advanced on the programme for our time together and will include ‘mini-conferences’ on topics such as gospel proclamation and culture, theological education, economic empowerment and the church, marriage, family and sexuality, and engaging with Islam. It is intended that plans for action will be prepared on each theme and that we shall develop the necessary organisational structures to carry them out. Our work on these challenges will be a response to hearing God’s Word taught and preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, trusting that the word of the Lord will not return to him empty, but will indeed accomplish that which he purposes.

To conclude, let me ask you to do two things as members of our global fellowship. Firstly, please be in earnest prayer for GAFCON 2013 and use the prayer bulletins which are posted weekly on the [GAFCON website](#). Many are working very hard, but we need the Lord’s overruling hand of blessing and protection, knowing that without his presence and mercy we can achieve nothing of lasting value. Secondly, please prayerfully consider your financial support. We have a number of brothers and sisters who would love to be with us from parts of the world where there is persecution and hardship and we do not want them to be excluded for lack of funding.

May the Lord who has called us to this gospel fellowship grant you fullness of joy and peace in his service.

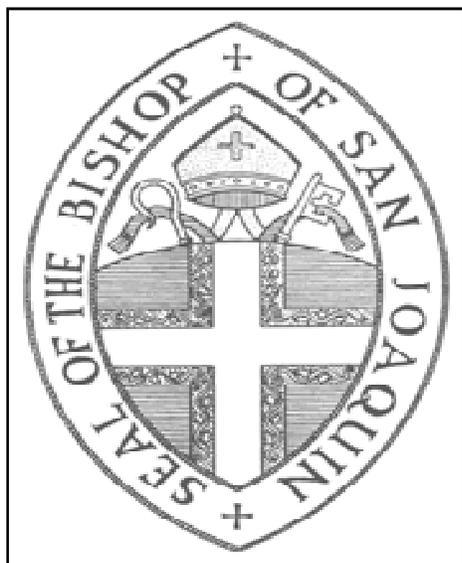
The Most Rev Dr Eliud Wabukala
Primate of Kenya and Chairman of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans

- See more at: <http://gafcon.org/news/august-letter-from-archbishop-wabukala#sthash.wQK5InAo.dpuf>



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Thank you!