

**LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
GAUTENG DIOCESAN REPORT TO GENERAL SYNOD
VENUE: WARTBURG
DATE: 10-13 DECEMBER 2012**

1. Introduction:

Greeting the Bishop, Deans, Pastors, Vicars, Deacons, Visitors and the Synodical members in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Present Leadership of Gauteng Diocese:

New leadership of Gauteng Diocese were elected on the 01st of October 2011 at Khutsong and they were inducted on the 30th of October 2011 at Mohlakeng,

1. Dean: S.M.Danisa
2. Deputy Dean: M.J.Nkambule
3. Treasurer: Ms. W.Masike
4. Secretary: Ms. H.Mokgosane
5. Church Council Member: Mr. P.Ntshoe
6. Additional Members:
 - a. Ms. O.Sebopa
 - b. Mr. S.Makgorogo
 - c. Mr. G.Molefe

3. Personnel:

Pastors:

The Gauteng Diocese has 07 Pastors serving this Diocese and one (01) Deacon.

Parishes:

The diocese has 09 Parishes and 14 Congregations. Some parishes are very strong and others are weak. The following membership indicates this:

- 1.1 **Carlentoville:** Rev. L.Mogoshane is serving this parish. The total membership is **300**, i.e. adults, youth & children.
- 1.2 **Daveyton:** Rev. T.Z.Mkhize is serving this parish. The total membership is **250**, i.e. adults, youth & children.
- 1.3 **Germiston:** Rev. S.M.Danisa is serving this parish. The total membership is **290**(Katlehong **220**& Vosloorus**70**), i.e. adults, youth & children.
- 1.4 **Mofolo North:** Rev. D.P.Tswaedi is serving this parish. The total membership is **451**, i.e. adults, youth & children.
- 1.5 **Mabopane:** Deacon A.Segoe is serving this parish. The total membership is **150**, i.e. adults, youth & children.

- 1.6 **Naledi/Mohlakeng:** Rev. M.J.Nkambule is serving this parish. The total membership is (Naledi**165** & Mohlakeng**237**), i.e. adults, youth& children.
- 1.7 **Tembisa:** Rev. S.B.Maleke is serving this parish. The total membership is **71**, i.e. adults, youth& children.
- 1.8 **Kagiso/Extention 12:** Rev. A.M.Maragelo is serving this parish. The total membership is **350**, i.e. adults, youth& children.
- 1.9 **Elspark:** The retired pastor Rev. N.Ngcobo was assisting in this home cell parish. The total membership is **20**, i.e. adults, youth & children.

Therefore the total membership we have in Gauteng Diocese is **1 934**. This figure shows that there is a lot of work to be done.

Resignation:

Rev. D.B.Bojane resigned as a pastor of LCSA, saying it is his personal reasons. This happed in May this year. After resignation, Rev. Bojane wrote a letter to apologize for his decision. The Church Council decided to help him by asking the Deputy Bishop Dean V.Vilakazi to do counseling/rehabilitation sessions.

4. Meetings:

1. D.C. meets four times per year for meeting, unless there are emergencies.
2. Once after a month co-workers are meeting.

5. Workshops:

The D.C. decided to have workshops meeting for finance. We have two workshops, first was at Katlehong on the 24th of March 2012 where increment of pastors was discussed, payslip and insurance. The second was held at Mohlakeng on the 18th of August 2012, the **Manyano Bookkeepers**, made a presentation about the importance of good management in our congregations.

6. Joint worship Service:

Each year the diocese celebrates together the big event of Good Friday.

7. Activities:

Projects:

Naledi and Mohlakeng congregations have extended their church building and it is completed.

8. Leagues:

1. Youth: The youth at the moment has no pastoral advisor after the resignation of Rev. Bojane who was their pastoral advisor.
2. Women: The pastoral advisor is Rev. S.M.Danisa.
3. Men: The pastoral advisor is Rev. S.B.Maleke.
4. Sunday School: The pastoral advisor is Rev. L.Mogoshane.
5. Women in Action: No pastoral advisor.
6. Young Adult: No pastoral advisor.

9. Finance:

With the help of the workshops we had managed to encourage people to send some money in the Diocesan treasury (**SEE THE ATTACHED BANK STATEMENT**).

10. Vision and Mission Statement:

Vision:

Our vision is to revival every member of our congregations to devote themselves in their commitment to assist the church.

Mission Statement:

Our mission statement is to teach all members to recognize their gifts from God, by arranging workshops which will help them to build confidence towards the work of the Lord.

A year plan by Gauteng Diocesan Council to achieve this goal:

Tasks To be Performed	By Whom	By When	Achieved/Not Achieved	Comments
1. Co-workers Meetings	Dean/Deputy Dean	5 Per Year		
2. Hold consultative meetings with all parishes in Gauteng	Dean, Deputy and Lay person	9 Per Year		
3. Address financial issues such as checking books in Parishes and ensuring that Financial	Gauteng D.C.	Quarterly		

Committees are operational in all the congregations and they strive for sustainability				
4. Monitor effectiveness of congregational, Parish Committees in Gauteng	Gauteng D.C.	Quarterly		
5. Ensure the flow of information to all Levels in LCSA	Dean, Deputy and Council	Twice Per Year		
6. Parish Committee financial meeting	Gauteng D.C.	Quarterly		
7. Various leagues for a project	Gauteng D.C.			

We hope that strategy will help us to monitor our works in D.C. and to build a strong line of communication in the D.C.

11. Property:

In Gauteng we have **8** parsonage, **9** church buildings and none vehicles.

Conclusion: We thank God for His love to us, guiding us through challenges and difficulties.

Thank you.

Submitted by Dean S.M.Danisa