

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

MPUMALANGA DIOCESE

Dean report to the Lutheran Church General Synod

Honorable Bishop, Church Council members, Synod members visitors and all participants I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Amen.

Let me take this opportunity to update you with the work in Mpumalanga Diocese.

PERSONEL

- Rev. B Ngobese was inducted on the 09 September 2012, the service went well though it started late at Salem Congregation, at the moment he is staying with his family at Ntithane, he is not yet moved to Salem since the renovation of the mission is not yet started but as soon as it finish he will move in the Mission house.
- Rev.M.N. Monthato was released from working in the MPUMALANGA DIOCESE this year due to unsolved problem between him and the Congregation. He got a letter on the 31 June 2012, any Diocese that can use him he is available.
- Rev. J M Nkambule has successfully build his family house as it is, he has moved in the house early this year January but they've got a person who is looking after the mission house.
- Rev Mthimkhulu is officialy retired his farewell was on the 27-28 October at Dumbe Congregation, it went very good with God blessing but he is still looking after the Congregation, until the MPUMALANGA Diocese got a Pastor for Dumbe Congregation.
- Rev MP Khumalo is still ministering Ermelo Congregation the MPUMALANGA DIOCESE has to evaluate his work and see if he can be inducted to that Congregation we hope that be done early next year with the help of God.
- With God blessing all the MPD Parstors are warmly married with beautiful wives thank you Pastors for your good financial manangement.
- **STUDENTS**
- Two students from the MPD who are studying at the LTS are: Isaac Madonsela from Ncaka Congregation\Derkiesdorp(Mabola) and Thulani Hadebe from Itshelejuba Congregation.
- One student from Shiselweni Congregation(Swaziland) Mduduzi Gcinumuzi Shiba will be joining the LTS student next year.
- NB Most of the Pastors in the Diosece have cars only three who do not have cars up to date.

Congregations

Salem:

There has been a development in Salem, very soon the renovation will start with the help of some of the farmers surrounding that area, the Congregation is up an running with the membership of 120.

Shiselweni: The project has finally finished and the settlement with the contractor has being made, we thank God and all the hands that contributed to this work. Finally this Congregation has a member of the name Mduduzi Shiba who requested to be a Pastor of the Lutheran Church he is from Swaziland by birth.The Congregation is running very smooth with the assistant of the Dean,the membership is 59.

Ngema2: The project of building the Church has started with the help of MR Heiner he is requesting that the Lutheran Church also contribute to the project. The meeting with him and the Dean towards this project with other donors is going well soon it will be finish.

Piet Retief: The project of renovating has started and it will be finish next month, on December 09- 2012 they will be a year-end service it will start at 9h30 so Deans, Bishop, Pastors with your respective Congregations deligates of the synod you are warmly invited . The membership is 789.

Mpuluzi: The Congregants has successfully bought a car for the Pastor,it is running smooth the membership is 586 .

Itshelejuba: The Congregants has successfully bought a car for the Pastor,it is running smooth the membership is 579.

Ncaka: This Congregation is running smooth the membership is 242 including Dirkiesdorp(Mabola).

Fernie: This Congregation is running smooth the membership is 450.

Pongola: This Congregation is running smooth,they also bough the car for the Pastor.The membership is 116.

Dumbe: This Congregation is running smooth their membership is 300.

Driefontein: This Congregation is running smooth their membership is 176.

STATISTICS: Sub total for Mpumalanga Diocese is 3408

Projects: The Diosece has three projects.

1.1. Building a Church at Ngema2, it has started already

1.2. Building a rental houses in Shiselweni

1.3. Building a Centre and a hospice in Salem

FINANCE: At this point in time the Diosece is not on good financial status but the programmes are in place to better the situation, they will be implemented next year.

Important Events for next year

- Three Treasures meeting next year.
- Youth League Convention next year.
- Three Pastors workshop next year.
- Every month Pastors meeting.
- Mpumalanga general synod December next year.
- Womans league convention next year.

- Goodfriday celebration.
- Three workshop for Abashumayeli next year.
- Sunday School convention.
- Young Adult convention.
- Pastors wives convention.
- Pastors Children meeting.

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