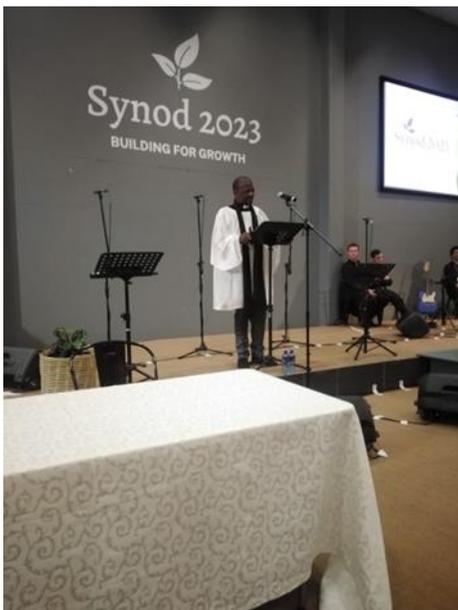


September 2023 Newsletter

Warm greetings to you.

I trust that by the grace of God you are well. It has been a long time since I have updated you on my work and ministry.

On September 12-13, 2023, my denomination, REACH SA (Reformed Evangelical Anglican Church of South Africa), held its annual Synod in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. At this Synod, I was elected as a Bishop of the Western Cape. I would be grateful for your prayers as I and my family take on this new responsibility.



Rev Makapela at REACH SA Synod 2023

In addition to attending the conference, I was invited to be a guest speaker at the REACH SA men's convention in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). It was inspiring to see such a large group of men who love the Lord and are committed to serving Him. I was also impressed by the great work that my colleagues in ministry are doing in the Gqeberha area and throughout the Eastern Cape.



REACH SA Men's Convention



Shepherd's Conference

This year, I had the pleasure of joining my colleagues from REACH SA in representing the organization at the GAFCON conference in Kigali, Rwanda. Over 1,500 Anglicans, both clergy and laity, gathered in Kigali for this event.



GAFCON, Kigali, Rwanda

I also accompanied our shepherds (lay leaders) as they travelled by bus to Johannesburg to attend the Shepherd's Conference. The training on relational evangelism was the most beneficial part of the conference. Lay leader training is a key focus of our church. We wanted to take all of our lay leaders to the conference, but financial constraints prevented us. Next year, we hope to take as many lay leaders as possible. Your financial support would enable our local church to send more lay leaders to receive training and attend conferences like this.



Shepherd's Conference

My family and I took leave to visit my home village, where we spent time with my father and other relatives. We then drove to KwaZulu-Natal to visit Mpumi's family. We are grateful to our friend for her financial support, which made this trip possible. Without her generosity, we would not have been able to afford taking this leave.



Family



Friends in KZN

PRAYER:

Please pray for:

- Strength and wisdom for my ministry which now has become wider.
- Our family's health.
- Financial support, as I depend on outside support.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Villiersdorp Kids Camp

From June 25-30, we held a Kids Camp in Villiersdorp for 35 children in grades 2-7, led by 5 leaders. The children were taught from the book of James, and we also had fun with games and activities.

Our prayer is that God will bless us with even more children in the future. However, our current campsite can only accommodate 35 children. We are so grateful to the Barrows family for allowing us to use their campsite for free, and we only needed to pay for food and transportation.

Our vision is to see children in our area come to know Christ through Children's Ministry.

PRAYER:

- Pray that the Lord will help us find a full-time children and youth worker.
- Pray for more leaders.
- Pray for the restoration of our midweek Kids House Church, which needs stable leadership.



Kids Camp

TEENAGERS

Teenagers Camp

From July 2 to 7, we held a Teenagers Camp with 38 participants, including leaders. The camp focused on introducing Jesus to the teens and training them on how to introduce Jesus to others. We thank our friends who assisted in covering some of the costs of transportation and food.

PRAYER:

- Pray for teens to come to know Christ.
- Pray that the Lord will help us find a full-time children and youth worker.
- Pray for more leaders.



Teenagers Camp

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults Camp

From July 7 to 9, we held our Young Adults Camp with 26 in attendance. Unathi Yose, a third-year student from GWC, was the main speaker and taught through 1 Corinthians.



Young Adults Camp

SEWING PROJECT

Our sewing project has been successfully training community members since 2015. However, we are currently facing a shortage of sewing machines. Our existing machines are old and frequently require repairs, which causes our students to have to wait for each other. We are seeking donations of sewing machines and sewing fabric.

In the future, we hope to acquire a 12x3 container to use as a dedicated sewing space. This would allow us to expand our program and train more students.

We are grateful for your support of our project. Sewing is a valuable skill that can help people improve their lives and earn a living. By donating sewing machines and fabric, you can help us empower our students to achieve their goals.



Sewing Project

FEEDING SCHEME

Since June 2010, our church has been feeding people in need every Thursday. At some point, we also fed people on Wednesdays, but due to financial constraints, we had to reduce it to Thursdays. We have about 100 adults who come to receive a meal every week. Through this ministry, we have seen people come to know Christ and their lives changed.

However, our church is struggling financially, and it is becoming difficult for us to continue this ministry. We are asking for your support so that we can keep this ministry going.

How to Support Us:

- Financially: Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and will help us to continue to provide nutritious meals to children and families in need.
- In-Kind Donations: We also accept donations of food and other supplies, including:
 - Rice, Potatoes, Stock tubes, Onions, Carrots, Salt, Tinned food
 - Chicken, sausage, or soup bones (we chop chicken into small pieces to make soup)
 - Gas
- Volunteer Appreciation: At the end of November, we give our volunteers a small gift as a token of our appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

We thank you for your support!



Feeding Scheme

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT



Community Garden Project

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Women's Conference

CHURCH GENERAL NEEDS

Financially, our church is not in a healthy position. We currently live on a month-to-month basis, and we are unable to fully support our staff without outside financial support.

Our church building is in need of a serious painting, both inside and out. Unfortunately, we do not have the financial resources to undertake this project at this time.

Additionally, our alarm system is broken. We have received a quote to fix it for R14,000 which is a significant expense for our church.

We are also considering drilling a borehole to provide our preschool with an independent water supply. While we currently have water tanks and a purifier, we struggle during the dry summer months when there is no rain. With around 70 children attending preschool from Monday to Friday, we use a significant amount of water, and a borehole would be a sustainable solution.

Your prayers and continued support are much appreciated.

On behalf of the church,

Rev. Peter Makapela (Rector)