

# GtC UPDATE



*Our vision: To be a God-centred Anglican Church, clearly growing spiritually, numerically and holistically*

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## Discipleship takes off in ACSA!

### DIOCESE OF LESOTHO

THE Diocese of Lesotho recently hosted a Discipleship Training Conference – training small group leaders in *Rooted in Jesus*, *Rooted in Jesus Junior* and in the urban, post-modern discipleship tool, *The God Who Is There*. What an exciting and vibrant group of participants – about 55 people attended.

Facilitators consisted of Trevor Pearce and Estelle Adams of the Diocese of Cape Town, The Revds Itumeleng Pooe and Hectorina Tsotetsi from Qwaqwa, and Dr Joseph Morenammele, Dr Frangena Rathabanang and Me Thakane Mohapi, from Lesotho.

#### Joseph Morenammele said:

“I am totally humbled as I reflect on the weekend—words will never be enough to express what the Lord has done here! It was a wow experience. As Isaiah 43:18 says, “God is doing a new thing.” Several participants heard the gospel for the first time and committed their lives to Jesus. Thank God for Revd Trevor who preached boldly about salvation and gently challenged the people to consider inviting Jesus in their lives.”

Please pray for this initiative. We are excited about it and look forward to the Holy Spirit equipping us for Discipleship.

A few enthusiastic young leaders have been identified and will be enlisted to continue the work of training in Lesotho Diocese and beyond.

The 55 facilitators committed to starting 24 small groups. With an average of 10 people in each group, 240 people will be disciplined! There is such excitement. Yes!

Lesotho TV aired part of the conference.



The GtC Implementation team from Qwa Qwa met with Trevor, The priest in the brown outfit, Revd Hectorina Tsotsi said: “So far Qwaqwa has seven Rinj groups, four Rinj adult groups, two Rinj junior groups and one group for TGWIT. God is awesome, through the Rinj program people are growing spiritually, physically and economically. The church of God is growing!”

## “Sihambisa okukaJesu 2019”

### DIOCESE OF NATAL

AFTER hosting Anglicans Ablaze 2018, the Diocese of Natal has become unstoppable! Their enthusiasm has led to lots of activities.

They launched Growing the Church, Natal, which included training conferences on various aspects of Intentional Discipleship in five different regions, including Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Port Shepstone, Ladysmith and Durban North. The training tools used were *Rooted in Jesus Adult*, *Rooted in Jesus Junior*, *J-Life*, *Alpha* and a *Discipleship Workshop*. Teams of trainers spread across the Diocese of Natal.

**Bruce Woolley:** “Each course will be rotating around the diocese over a period of 15 months. We are, with our

Bishop’s support, taking GtC to the people, and assisting and enabling parishes to evangelize and make disciples. God is good!”

Since then, three new *Rooted in Jesus Adult* groups, one new *Rooted in Jesus Junior* group, three new *Alpha Groups* and one new *J-Life* group have been formed at Parish Level.”

**Zama Dlamini:** (Faculty) RinJ took off nicely in our diocese. We had a great start in Ladysmith. God’s presence was experienced by all. The participants showed so much excitement with regards to RinJ. We had both lay people and clergy attending. On Saturday, youth members from various parishes joined us. All in all, the sessions went well. We appreciated all the support from Revd Bruce and Revd Shezi for organising the logistics pertaining to the workshops.”

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# NATAL DIOCESE



1. The Rooted in Jesus Junior delegates
2. The RinJ Adults during their small group practise
3. More practical demonstrations in small groups.
4. Delegates who were trained in J-Life Discipleship by Thokozani Hlatswayo, left, in Port Shepstone

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### DIocese OF FREE STATE

The Diocese of the Free State held a discipleship training conference in May last year, followed by their own AA Conference in November. A recent visit by Trevor Pearce revealed that as a result the Diocese was growing in fruitfulness, and development was obvious.

- Bishop Letloeny Dintoe's group with his staff members are now moving on to book three of Rooted in Jesus!
- Fr Itumeleng Pooe has a group with some of the members of the Fellowship of Vocation. He also runs a RinJ Junior group with his family.
- The programme has also taken root in the Far Eastern Free State, where the Revd Hectorina Tsotetsi, on her own, is coordinating 7 discipleship groups!

In addition, the Revd Itumeleng Pooe and Revd Hectorina Tsotetsi, Drs Joseph Morenammele and Frangena of Lesotho have been assisting Growing the Church in conducting training Rooted in Jesus in the Diocese of Lesotho. We are increasing our faculty base with talented people.



Some of the Team Leaders and participants who served at the conference with willingness and patience to ensure that the programme ran smoothly

## DIocese OF LESOTHO



Revd Itumeleng Pooe, Bloemfontein Cathedral, Moleboheng Mohapi and Matumelo Pefole from Maseru Cathedral, Revd Hectorina Tsotetsi from Qwa Qwa and Kenole Motumi from Thaba-Nchu in the Diocese of Free State.

## Trevor's travels

"I had an amazing time in the Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman a few weeks ago when I met three groups—the youth and their leaders, clergy and the GtC Implementation Team. They are excited about the future and gearing up to host their own discipleship training programmes as well as an AA Conference.

I was invited to preach at an Ash Wednesday Service and 75% of congregation stood up to turn away, and leave their sins in ashes. They asked Jesus to enter their hearts and to give them a brand new start - 2 Cor 5:17 was the text. Wow! Thank you Jesus!

Then off to Bloemfontein the following day, where I met with the GtC Implementation Team, Bishop Dintoe and their Coordinator. They had Rooted in Jesus training last year followed by their own Anglicans Ablaze. Things are really blazing there.

Trevor videoed some testimonies, click here to view both. [TESTIMONY](#) and [TESTIMONY2](#), and Bishop Dintoe [HERE](#)