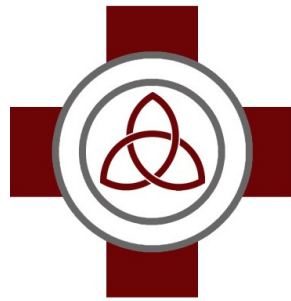


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The Trinitarian

Special points of interest:

- We welcome the maiden edition of the Trinitarian.
- MDT is fulfilling an aggressive church planting mandate.
- Spiritual stocktaking: evaluation and remembrance will advance our ministry.

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From the Diocesan

We heartily welcome the maiden issue of the Newsletter of our Diocese with the theme **Divine Mandate**. It is evident to us that God is continuing to work in MDT.

The Trinitarian is an important step, a wonderful work of God and it is marvellous in our eyes. So we give all glory, honour and praise to the Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Mission, *"To build a Christ cantered, Multi-cultural, Multi-racial, Bible-based Church that believes in the Apostolic teaching and practice, and is sensitive to human needs,"* and our vision statement, *"To harvest the world for Christ,"* clearly identify MDT as a Diocese principally for Missionaries whose primary business is Missionary.

What is the Divine Mandate? It is the mandate that was prophesied in Isaiah 61:1-2 and fulfilled in Luke 4:18-19:

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me; To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted; To proclaim liberty to the captives; And recovery of sight to the blind; To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

The Mandate is Divine because it is an authoritative order initiated, governed, and directed by the Holy Spirit. With the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit upon the Lord Jesus Christ, His life fulfilled completely all aspects of the Divine Mandate.

Therefore the MDT Newsletter will be a powerful and relevant tool to educate, inform, and lead our Clergy and members as they labour in the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out these mandates:

1. To bring the good news of liberation to the oppressed and the lost.

We are intentionally orientated to the needs of the poor, both to those who are poor within themselves and those who are underprivileged in social, political and economic contexts

2. To search for those within and those outside of the Church who are hurting, struggling and broken by life experience, to bring to them the assurance of God's presence and hope and comfort.

3. To offer intercessory prayer and make prophetic declarations of freedom in Christ for captives and prisoners.

4. To show the way of God to all who are astray and misguided.

5. To engage and speak out against injustice in our Churches and society, giving hope and freedom to victims of violence, racial discrimination and bigotry, deprivation and all sorts of abuses.

6. To remind and emphasize that we human



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**The Bishop addresses the
congregation at Synod 2013**

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beings are mortal and will face eternal judgment.

We commend this Newsletter to all families of MDT and ask everyone to pray for the anointing

of the Holy Spirit to relentlessly pursue the Divine Mandate so that we can make the world a better place.

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters in the editorial team for a job well done and may God remember their labour and bless them all.

Inspiration: God’s Holy Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:16-17 reads, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for inspiration in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Paul was telling Timothy that he must “courageously recommit himself to living and to teaching the same pattern, regardless of an increasing fierce opposition.” That Timothy should trust the lives of the people whose experiences have been shaped by Scripture. He said that the Scripture are entirely trustworthy. They are the very breath of God, and they find their coherence (“make you wise for salvation through faith”) in Christ Jesus. So in 2 Timothy 3: 16 Paul charac-

terizes the Old Testament’s benefit using four terms that have been much discussed.

First, “teaching”: the law told the story of God’s redemption of his people and spelled out implications for life in covenant with Him. This life with Him is what the Bible says in 1 Peter 1:16, “because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”” Second, “rebuking”: the prophets brought God’s covenantal lawsuit against His rebellious people; the prophets wrote in such a way as to convict an erring people of their waywardness, pointing them to one in whose sufferings and glory their hope lay.

Third, “correcting”: In the writings (Psalms and the Wisdom literature), God provided songs and sayings designed to realign his peo-

ple’s hearts with his own heart, teaching them to lament and rejoice and live in accordance with his wisdom.

Fourth, there is “training in righteousness”: An all-encompassing term for education and spiritual formation in Paul’s world. With this last phrase, Paul indicates that the world’s highest aspirations for wisdom are more than met in the account for redemption in Christ anticipated and embedded in Israel’s Scripture. The Scriptures are not only profitable for salvation but for sanctification and Christian growth as well. They are not only for road map to heaven, but the road map to the Christian life. As leaders of the church of God, we have to show this road map of Christian life in the way that we lead the

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flock committed to our cure and care. The example we show, the life we live determines who we follow, and who we serve. They are all we need for faith and doctrine.

When sanctification takes

place in the man of God and he is perfect or mature, the Scriptures are for service “furnished unto all good works.” Doctrine always should emanate in good works. Let us go and pursue all that make for peace.

Amen.

-Venerable Martyn Chukwuma Anagbogu

Children’s Corner: The Perfect Miscommunication

Genesis is a sweet 3 (or 4) year old girl. I don't get to see her regularly since her parents usually go to a different Church. But when she's around, her smile is one of the most beautiful that I've ever seen. Caycee is another one. Looks quiet but she's not. She has the smile of a caring mother.

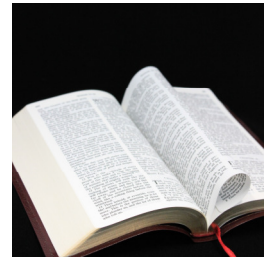
Sunday school class started that Sunday morning with so much energy. Shortly into class, Genesis came up to me, her smile now upside-down and whispered "KAKA". I automatically assumed she wanted her dad. My first move was to calm her down, and regardless of what she wanted, try to make her sit down. So I turned to her, and said "it's okay Gen-Gen, come sit with me and you will be my assistant teacher. You will

see daddy after Church". That did the trick. She brightened up as she sat next to me on the floor. Class began in full swing and again there were no distractions, until Caycee walked up to me and said "SUSU" with her motherly smile. Not understanding exactly what she wanted, I assumed it was an attention tactic, and really meant that she wanted to sleep. I discourage sleeping in Sunday School class, so I had her sit next to me. I had 2 great assistants. About 15mins later, I turned and saw tears rolling down Genesis' eyes. "What's wrong Gen-Gen, did I make you cry?" Again she whispered amid her tears, "KAKA". I tried to play another card. "Okay, everybody let's sing for Genesis". The whole class

sang "I'll give my heart to Jesus" Genesis calmed down while the song was being sung and again, I was happy my trick card worked.

On the other hand , Caycee was still pulling my dress and saying "SUSU", her motherly smile slowly diminishing with each SUSU she said. Fast forward another 15mins later, both girls were now seriously and visibly crying. I was a little upset that it caused distractions for the class but I still had ONE more card to play. "OKAY, Genesis and Caycee, let's go get some drink." They followed me and I gave them a caprisun each. I felt so happy because that just did the trick. They both had their drinks and came back sitting next to me.

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News and Events Around the Diocese

1. INAUGURATION OF ARCHDEACONRIES

Since the creation of the six archdeaconries within the MDT, the Diocesan has started inaugurating and inducting the archdeacons of the different areas

Missionary Archdeaconry of Canada: This comprises of all churches in the country of Canada. The inauguration was done on December 16, 2013 with the Ven. kayode Adebogun collated and inducted as the Archdeacon of Canada. The headquarters is at Anglican Church of the Redeemer Regina, SK.

Missionary Archdeaconry of the Pacific: This comprises of all churches in the pacific west of the USA and Alaska with headquarters at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hawthorne, California. The inauguration was done on Sunday May 26, 2013.

The Missionary Archdeaconry of the South: This comprises of all churches in the states of Texas all through to Florida. The headquarters is at Em-

manuel Anglican Church Raleigh, NC. The inauguration was done on Sunday July 28, 2013.

Upcoming Inauguration: Missionary Archdeaconry of the Mid-Atlantic on Sunday September 1, 2013

2. DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND

The Diocese has begun a fund drive that will cater for its missionary pursuits. This will be called the "Diocesan Missionary Fund". All adults in all our parishes are enjoined to contribute \$50 per annum.

3. PREFERMENTS

Two priests were preferred Archdeacons on Easter Sunday 2013: Ven Paul Aduba and Ven Dr Gbenga Akinbola. They were collated on Sunday July 14, 2013 at the Cathedral. The Ven. Aduba is the Chaplain for Knighthood while the Ven Akinbola will serve as the Archdeacon of the Mid-west as well as the Canon Residentiary in the Cathedral.

4. CHURCH PLANTING

In fulfillment of its missionary ideals, the MDT has embarked on aggressive Church planting. The Bishop gave all the archdeacons a mandate to plant three churches in a year and by God's grace they are doing this. The Bishop has authorized that all new churches formed will be known as "Anglican Church" within the location they are formed. The following churches have been planted in the last one year:

Anglican Church Somerville, MA-July 2013

Anglican Church Boston, MA-July 2013

Anglican Church Columbus, OH-July 2013

Anglican Church Dover, DE-March 2013

Anglican Church Montreal, Canada-August 2013

Anglican church of our Savior Toronto was revived in August 2013 by the visit of the Lord Bishop

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That sure calmed them down and I was happy. Throughout the rest of class, they held back their smiles but at least, they were not crying. Usually at the end of class, I make the children clean up after snack-time. On this day, everyone got up to do their share except for Genesis and Caycee. I didn't want to trigger the 'daddy' and 'sleep' words again, so I left them alone and interestingly, they both sat there on the same spot for the rest of the class. At the end of Sunday school, just before the parents walked in to pick their kids up, I had to make the girls get up for closing prayers. What I found was so shocking I felt bad for the girls. I pulled both of them up. Behold, they were both wet, (yes, pee,). I felt so bad. I shouldn't have given them that drink, I should have been able to read their body languages to know they wanted to use the bathroom,.

"Genesis, why didn't you tell me you wanted to go to the bathroom? Caycee, you too?" Genesis' mom walked

into class in the middle of this. I tried to put words together to explain. "I don't know what happened to Genesis today, she cried a lot and she kept asking for her dad" I didn't want to disturb you so I didn't bother to come get you. She even had a bathroom accident." Her mom was as shocked as I was when I found out. "But she's potty trained", she replied. "I don't know what happened", I continued, "but she must have really missed her dad because she kept saying KAKA." Genesis' mom looked at me and started laughing....."Ooooooh, KAKA means she wants to use the bathroom". WHAT??

Where I come from, words like that usually represent father (Baba, dada - for daddy, papa, etc). I felt even sorrier for Gen-Gen. I had even made her drink Caprisun while she wanted to KAKA the whole time. By the way, Genesis' mom is Haitian and she had been teaching Genesis some Haiti words. At this point too, Caycee's big brother

walked in and I had to explain what had happened to him as well. "I don't know why Caycee pee-ed on her pants," I said, "but she kept saying SUSU. Did she not get enough sleep at home?" You would not believe it but SUSU meant bathroom too. Where I come from, SUSU sounds like "sun" which means sleep. Caycee's mom is from Kenya and speaks Swahili. I'm guessing SUSU is Swahili. But anyway, I felt bad to have assumed and interpreted what these girls wanted based on my own language background. Each time I remember this episode, I always find myself laughing. But the big lesson was learned. Never base interpretations on assumptions. Listen attentively, ask carefully, and answer wisely. So today, take some time out to thank those people who have stood by you in your KAKA and SUSU moments. Those who have listened to you, asked you questions carefully, and answered you wisely.

-Mrs. Sola Arowolo, Cathedral-Sunday School Superintendent

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Editorial: Spiritual Stocktaking a Must for Believers

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye reprobate? (2 Corinthians 13: KJV)

Stocktaking is a call to remembrance. It is an integral part of any business or investment. It is examining and making list of goods in the store. It is self-examination. It enables you to look back and use your finding to estimate your present position. It is looking critically into one's spiritual life. It is an appraisal of the past. It involves evaluating one's failure and success. Our work with God is on a continuous basis. The original intention of God is that we would live like him and be perfect. When sin broke the relationship, man began to live and reason humanly rather than divinely. Redemption is certain through the blood of Jesus and we can therefore attain our lost position through him. On a daily basis we still struggle with the flesh, which is our human nature even though New Spirit is in us.

For flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: So that ye cannot do the things that would. (Galatians 5:17 KJV)

A number of believers do not have time to look back and make plans for the future. Will this not affect your growth, the church and your ministry? In our work with him there is a possibility of distraction. The devil may use our human nature; even use the counsel of fellow believers. This calls for care.

In the Scripture, Jesus' attention was being distracted from the central goal, but because of his sensitivity and closeness to the Father, He was able to refute the plans of the enemy.

Spiritual Stocktaking is a call to the original vision, a call to the first love. Many who would have made it in spiritual things, those who would have been great in the Lord, are still at the bottom of the ladder because when God began with them, they were spiritual machines working without

time for refuelling. No doubt they have made a shipwreck of their faith.

Spiritual stocktaking is an essential part of your work with God. There is need for you, on a regular basis, to ask yourself from where did you start? Where are you going? And where are you now? These are the questions the church in Ephesus did not ask (Revelations 2: 1-7). It has been recorded that the church started very well with great readiness to work and labour for the Gospel. They had great patience, not ready to put up with those which are evil. They were against compromise. The church preached the word with all fervency of heart. They tried those who called themselves apostles but were found to be liars.

Along the way probably because of pressure, over confidence, negligence or other vices, they lost the vision. They were no longer doing the work as expected. They were not faithful and they had no time for spiritual stocktaking. Maybe they thought they were still

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doing fine in the Lord. But God spoke in verse 4: "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." He therefore called them to spiritual stocktaking verse 5.

Spiritual stocktaking will involve remembering from where you have fallen and repenting. It would involve you going back to the ancient landmark.

Today ministries and individuals who started very well are ending badly. Many who used to preach powerful messages with the leading of the Holy Spirit are now preaching dead sermons to dead people. Many started with the message of holiness but are now focusing their attention on the message of prosperity. The *too-busy syndrome* has eaten into people to extent that they have no time to look back or reflect on the present life. Many churches and denominations that once had the fire of evangelism and revival in their bones are now busy serving the table. Many have lost their vision. The end time waves and *Syndromes* have

taken over many. Many who valued God's call at the beginning of their lives are now busy running after degrees and certificates to the detriment of the call of God upon their lives. If we must go back to our first love, if we must affect this generation, we must have spiritual stocktaking. We need great targets to be able to do great exploits for God. It's not the will of God that any of his children should look back. Many, who are going back, are falling from grace to grass. They are doing so because they have no time for spiritual stocktaking. They are already burnt out. Think about your way of life! Maybe what is happening to you is as a result of neglect of spiritual stocktaking.

Remember that in Act 6:1-7 all the apostles have been serving the table until the twelve called the multitude of the disciples and said "it is not reasonable that we should have the word if God and serve tables"

They were able to retrace their steps, knowing where they had missed the target. Verse 4 made a great

change in their ministry and life. *"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word"* (Acts 4:6). Because they took the right step, there was great harvest.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7 KJV)

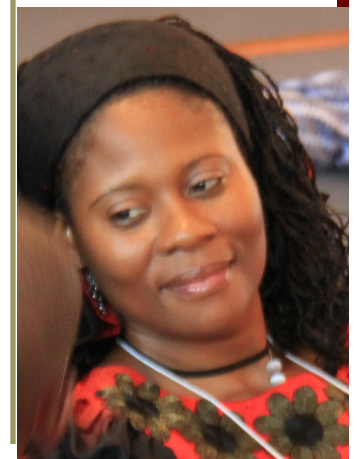
If only we will call for a retreat and examine ourselves afresh, a great number of people will come to know the Lord and become disciples in this nation and great numbers of our persecutors will become obedient to the faith which they once persecuted.

What do you have left in your store? Go back now and take stock. Many of our friends, brothers and sisters who ran the race well some years back have turned themselves into Ghazi's and Balaam's who, because of the love of silver and gold, forsook the straight path of the Lord. The Pentecostal message has become the message of *things* and the acquisition of the feeble and transient things of this age.

Righteous living and brokenness in the presence of the Lord in retreat, in the assembly of the saints, and



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Ven Olukayode Adebogun
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and finding a company of saints walking in the admonition and ways of the Lord is rare. It is now scandalous for members of a new-wave ministry led by trendy preachers to even contemplate being different and separate from the ways of the world. They must be modern and use the graces and blessings of God to satisfy their carnal desires while proclaiming themselves as the heirs of the throne of God or army of God. All this is happening because most of them have no time for spiritual stocktaking.

There is no substitute for spiritual stocktaking. Begin now. Remember the words of John R.W. Stott:

How odd it is to be an unconverted preacher of the unevangelised evangelist (or a backsliding preacher). It is like the blind leading the blind, a blind man claiming to be a professor of optics, when he himself is absolutely in the dark!

It is like deaf man claiming to be a professor of music, demonstrating symphonies and harmonies. Moles professing over eaglets. A fool rushing where angels tremble to trek.

Dare to be different. God has called you to remain in constant fellowship with Him. He is willing to keep you, if you continue to keep in touch with Him. To be sure you are always in good relationship with Him, to be sure He

is happy with you, take stock of your life. Put yourself under the x-ray of God. Reflect on your past and plan to move to higher heights in Him. This is spiritual stocktaking!

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