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Dear People of God,

I greet you all in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I am delighted to invite each one of you attend the 2020 Anglicans Ablaze International Conference, to be held on from September 23 to 26 in Johannesburg.

The Anglicans Ablaze conferences enrich our common life with their diversity of worship and the variety of their speakers on topics relevant to the context and needs of our ministries: evangelism, discipleship, integral mission, social justice, climate change and so much more. At Anglicans Ablaze, the beauty of our Anglican heritage shines through as we allow God's inspiring love to bind a diverse bunch of unique individuals into a family of faith, enabling us to take that love to a needy world.

I have asked Bishop Martin Breytenbach to invite the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, to be a keynote speaker again – he spoke in 2014 and many said how deeply they appreciated his ministry to young and old. Archbishop Moon Hing of South-East Asia will also be with us again, heading up a team of twelve gifted international leaders and speakers – the Anglican Communion's task team for discipleship.

Other speakers include Bishop Marinez Bassotto of Amazonia Diocese in Brazil, the Revd Canon Robert Sihubwa from Zambia, who specialises in youth ministry and church growth, and the Revd Canon Stephanie Spellers from the USA, who is an evangelist and teacher. And there are eight more gifted people in the team – see www.anglicansablaze.org Among the South Africans who will be with us again are Mrs Janine Couchman and the Revd Afrika Mhlope.

For AA 2020 to grow God's Church and transform God's world, the team senses that we should aim at:

- ✠ **Vision:** To continue to pursue practically what it means to be “Anchored in the love of Christ; Committed to God's Mission and Transformed by the Holy Spirit”.
- ✠ **Leadership:** To encourage our clergy to attend AA 2020 with a small team of leaders, the purpose being to seek God together, learn from his word and each other, and then seek to implement God's vision in our parishes.
- ✠ **Discipleship:** To launch at least 500 “Disciple-Making, Peer-Mentoring Small Groups” across ACSA as a direct response to God's call to the Anglican Communion to “...make disciples of all nations...” (Mt.28:18-20)
- ✠ **Prayer:** To respond to the plague of violence, poverty, corruption, climate change and other challenges we face, by drawing on Chronicles for our prayers: “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land, or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land”. (2 Chron 7:13,14)

People of God, please consider coming to Anglicans Ablaze 2020, where we will humble ourselves in new and fresh ways before our Maker with the objective of helping to heal our nations.

God bless,

+ Thabo Cape Town