

Pastoral Zone of St Bernard Mizeki - Chimoio

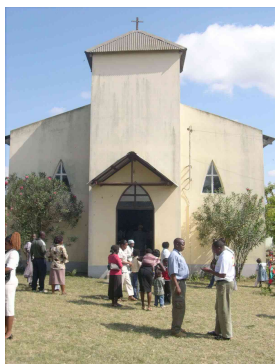
Diocese of Lebombo, Moçambique

Dear Sir

We acknowledge and appreciate your interest in establishing brotherly relationship with our Chimoio parish.

Who we are

The Chimoio pastoral zone of the Anglican Communion in Mozambique has been in place since 1982. This is also the year the first priest was posted here by the diocese. Our Diocesan Bishop is the Rt Rev



Dinis Sengulane. The diocesan headquarters is in the capital city of Maputo. We are in the Diocese of Lebombo, which is one of the dioceses in the Church of the Province of Southern Africa (CPSA) with the Most Rev Njongonkulu Ndungane as the Archbishop. St Bernado Mizeki Parish is in the Archdeaconry of Pungue.



The Coordinating Bodies of the Church.

The parish is headed by the Venerable Fr. Paulo Hansine, Archdeacon of Pungue, assisted by two priests. Rev Fr Tomas Chiponde and Rev Fr Tomas Zandamela. As is the tradition in all Anglican parishes, we have a Parish Church Council (PCC). The PCC has the Guardian, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and representatives from the respective congregations.



Currently there are 8 congregations. Within the municipality of Chimoio city there are 2 congregations. The other 6 are in the rural area. The priests preside over mass and oversee the administration of the church. They also oversee the welfare of the church. This they do in collaboration with the church council. Issues involved are church assets, general administration and conflict resolution.



Activities

The church is running a project of Malaria and HIV/ AIDS, TB, Leprosy and Cholera prevention. In the education sector, the church runs 2 pre-schools with a total child population of 42. The church also has an adult education class of 15 students.



Groups Associated to the Church



Mothers Union

Led by a chairperson, the group brings women together; carries out counseling and support activities to church and non church members, gives advice to youth on life education and others related issues.

The Fraternity of St Bernard Mizeki

brings together all fathers in the church and plays an important advisory role to the members and other groups. The father group is led by a chairman.





Youth

Like other groups, the youth group comprises all young church members within the youth group age. They play crucial role for the continuity of the church activities. The youth is involved in the HIV/AIDs prevention program.

Sunday School

All children in the church have Bible studies in the Sunday School.

Church Choir

The leaders of all these groups are democratically elected

Challenges:

- In the pastoral zone we use 5 different languages and do not have enough literature.
- Building church infrastructures for the rural congregations.
- Fund raising project to support different activities.
- Building a church at St Bernard Mizeki Shrine's congregation and training centre.

Pray for us: Growth of the church

Some Information

Literacy rate is 51%

Life expectance 35 years

HIV/AIDs prevalence 19% in Chimoio

Incidence of TB is 191/100.000 population

Malaria is main cause of morbidity.

Infant mortality – 137 for each live birth.

In Manica Province, more than 160 people go blind each year due to cataract, glaucoma and trachoma.



Please feel free to ask any other information you could be interested in about Chimoio Parish
We are ready and looking forward to working with you.

Chimoio, 17th August, 2007

Church Warden: Mr Domingos Eduardo

Parish Treasurer: Cristovao Cupertino

Parish Secretary: Bento Carlos

The Priest in Charge: Fr Paulo Hansine

Assistant Priest: Fr Tomás Chiponde