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Message of support from the Provincial St. Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild

Nakwatumbah and the Family at large!

When King David learned about the death of Saul and Jonathan, he lamented and said,
2 Samuel 1:23-24:

*“Saul and Jonathan in life they were loved and gracious,
And in death they were not parted.
They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
O daughters of Israel, weep for Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
Who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.
How the mighty have fallen in battle.”*

Bishop Nakwatumbah is part of St. Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild and has played a vital role in realizing the establishment of this prestigious Guild in the Diocese of Namibia. Bishop Nakwatumbah was investiture as a Guild member when he was a theological student at St. Bedes College in Umthatha by the then President Reverend Qabazi and Reverend Dumezweni from Cradock and has since pursued to uphold the doctrine of St. Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild. When Bishop Nakwatumbah was elected the Liaison Bishop of St. Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild in 2012 by the Synod of Bishops, the Guild at large was ecstatic for it knew that the Bishop has the best interest of the Guild at heart and that the Guild will learn a great deal from the “Isithwalandwe” of God's word.

It was in the 17th Triannual Conference of the Guild in Port Elizabeth, South Africa that Bishop Nakwatumbah taught us the importance of practicing love. The man of God was clear when he taught the Conference about the covenant that God never deviated from, the Guild has since learnt that loving one another is the simplest way of preaching the Gospel that our Liaison Bishop has preached for years. The time we have spent with the Bishop is treasured in our hearts, Steve Job once said, “*I would trade all of my technology for an afternoon with Socrates*” and that is exactly how the St. Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild members at large feel about our Liaison Bishop.

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Nakwatumbah family and relatives, we will forget what the Bishop has said to us, we will forget what the Bishop has done for us but we will never forget how the Bishop made us feel. He has served at the echelons of the Church and yet he remained a servant. The Guild has lost one of its pillars, it has lost a remarkable man in the person of Bishop Nakwatumbah.

In these few words, the St. Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild would like to pass its deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and relatives of Right Reverend Nathaniel Nakwatumbah, the Diocese of Namibia and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa at large.

May the Bishop's soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

On behalf of St. Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild

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