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REPORT TO PROVINCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE

1. INTRODUCTION

St. Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild affiliates to more than 22 Dioceses throughout the Southern Africa, including Namibia, Lesotho and Angola. The motto of the Guild from Psalm 119:9 gives a clear indication of what the Men's Guild is all about and what it seeks to achieve.

2. GUILDS CORE BUSINESS

The core business of the guild is deepening Spirituality, and the Guild has identified a number of goals which are expanding and giving more meaningful reasons to the existence of the Men's Guild. These goals include amongst others, Social Responsibility projects, Income generation projects for purposes of Education and Social Relief Fund. The Guild has undertaken to make a special effort to support the COTT and make it its business to see to it that such an assertion is realized. The Guild monitors and evaluates its performance against its goals in four meetings per annum, two Executive meetings and two Provincial Council meetings.

3. STRATEGIC FOCUS OF THE GUILD DURING THIS TERM

The 17th Triennial Conference of the Guild which was hosted by the Diocese of Port Elizabeth in 2014 declared the current term a Social Responsibility term. The Social Responsibility vision has also been endorsed by Diocesan Guilds throughout ACSA, targeting the poor, elderly and those that are marginalised due to various circumstances.

The Guild has chosen this strategic goal having zoomed in the harsh realities that the South Africans are facing which will include amongst others but not limited to stubbornly escalating unemployment, inequality, poverty, HIV/AIDS quagmire, TB and other deadly deceases, etc.

4. CONCLUSION

The Guild will be hosting its 18th Triennial Elective Conference in the Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman, in Kimberly to be specific as of the 27th September to 01st October 2017. The Conference theme is, "**Journeying with Christ in Challenging Times.**" The said Conference is hosted during a year that the Country is facing many challenges that will include but not limited to, downgraded to a junk status, declining economic stability, increasing calls for the Country's President to step down, the rife killings of women and children by men. All these challenges we are faced with are negatively impacting the country but more in particular the poor of poorest.

It is in that spirit that the Guild is requesting from the Provincial Standing Committee to pray for our Conference and the life of the men.

President: Rev E Masoka; **Chairman:** Bro M Tsika; **Sec:** Bro F Maki; **Dep Sec:** Bro MP Genu; **Treasurer:** Bro L Batwa; **Chaplain:** Rev L Tyali; **Com Officer:** Bro F Maki; **Social Dev:** Rev S Myeko; **TDO:** Bro K Dube; **Legal Adv:** Bro S Pule