

Gwynne Lawlor

From: David Bannerman <bishophveld@iafrica.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2013 10:20 AM
To: 'Gwynne Lawlor'
Subject: RE: Re Appointment

Dear Gwynne,

22nd June is out for me as I will be in Piet Retief. 28th June I am in Pretoria for a confirmation at St. Mary's DSG. And then I am tied up for the rest of the day. The Clergy Day is on the 29th June. Are you around after that, or will you be going back to pack!

The last revision of the Prayer Book took 18 Years! They are hoping that this will take about 12! So we have time! I have spoken about the ministry of the Diaconate, and its affirmation at TEAR Board and there was a very positive response.

I have read through the Diocese of Kansas documents and there is food for discussion on it that we could pick up in our meetings. It makes sense for me to call Deacons, Deacons! And the others different, as Transitional.

Thinking of you on your final day of exams!

Yours,

+David

From: Gwynne Lawlor [mailto:gwynne@lawlor.co.za]
Sent: 01 June 2013 09:37
To: bishophveld@iafrica.com
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Hi there!

Re: Potential Meeting

Tried to reach you on Friday as promised. No record of any meeting in my diary with you, prior to the August meeting with all other distinctive deacons, but would like a meeting with you before I go to Germany if this is at all possible. I will be up in Benoni for P.O.T. training on 22nd June (usually a morning 9-12am), presumably with Fr Hubby Kekana.

I usually bring Fr Colin Anderson with me who sees some of my Teriary sisters OHP for spiritual direction. I note that there is also a quiet day for lay-ministers of the Diocese on that day, which runs until 3pm. If you are able to see me somewhere between 12h00 and 15h00 on that Saturday, that would be great ... I could then offer a lift to two of Daggakraal's layministers so that they can be "fed" spiritually. Otherwise I will pretty much fit in with your schedule. Here are some of the times that I would not be able to make it:

Exams end on Wednesday this coming week. I am free from then onwards, but have indicated to Fr George Mbombo that I would like to travel to the Eastern Cape from 10th to 15th June to see my sister, who has finally been discharged from 18 days in ICU following a very scary reaction to infection from who knows where. The infection rendered her liver unable to convert ammonia into urea, which caused cerebral oedema – it was touch and go! Our families are giving thanks for her remarkable recovery – prayer, prayer and more prayers of thanksgiving!

28th June I will also be in Benoni – I see that you have designated that day Clergy day, to allow non-stipendary clergy to be part of the meeting. I will be able to be there in the morning, but that afternoon I will have to excuse myself as Rupert and I have a longstanding arrangement with Debbie at Bulembu House to give a factual account of our

experiences on the Camino Francés (a fund-raiser for them). The Sunday night of that weekend I fly out to Germany.

Re : Distinctive Diaconate:

After the exams I shall be working on a short news-letter and power point presentation on the work of the distinctive deacons in the Diocese of the Highveld, so will be asking for the contact details of all I have not met from Margaret later this week, and will follow up with Phillip and Pieter.

I know I am bombarding you with, perhaps, unnecessary detail, but have attached another province's ideas on distinctive diaconate (Kansas) ... they have thought through practical aspects such as title and dress of the Deacon (grey clerical shirts!!!) - to distinguish them from priests, as well as the nature of the Deacon's ministry and liturgical role. Perhaps I am feeling a sense of urgency, because I do know that work is being done on a new Anglican Prayer Book - would it not be good if the Distinctive Deacon's liturgical role could be spelled out unambiguously – so that when this prayer book goes to print the information on the liturgical role of the Deacon is there (after all, who knows how long it will take before the next Prayer Book comes into being!).

Enjoy the break from studying and love to Joan (I will be phoning her after the exams ... every good thing seems to be happening after the exams!).

Gwynne

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