

## The Dean's Quarterly Report January – June 2013

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**General Overview:** I am pleased to report that our common life continues to exhibit signs of health and promise (in both financial and pastoral terms). The thinking going on around issues to do with how we maximize our fixed assets, enhance the worship experience, whilst growing spiritually and serviceably is beginning to bear fruit. Highlights of this period were the Lenten series of meditations, 'You are the Clay'; the acquisition, unveiling and erection of the Stations of the Cross; the donation, installation and dedication of our new Organ and its artistic setting; the renovation of our Car park with its built-in security post; the renovation of the female lavatory; and the donation and use of our wireless Public Address system! The Executive Committee has worked extremely well in directing these efforts, and I am grateful for the support and prayers of you all.

### **Congregational Statistics:**

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| 1. Baptisms 14                 | 6. 9am service (joint) ave attendance – 350 |
| 2. Weddings 5                  | 7. Weekly Noonday (ave) attendance 19       |
| 3. Funerals 8*                 | 8. Feasts of Holy Days (ave) attendance 6   |
| 4. 8am average attendance 185  | 9. Bible Study (ave) attendance 2           |
| 5. 10am average attendance 250 |   |

**Worship:** the *music* ministry continues to challenge our best efforts. We have appointed Bro. Rex Agoi as our Assistant Organist. He comes to us with a wealth of skill and experience from St Stephen's Church. We expect him to provide assistance to the Organist, the Choir, and Praise Team as adequately as possible. I have been able to meet with all guilds at work during worship in order to enhance coordination and improve how we minister to the congregation.

### **Buildings and Grounds:**

**Windows:** Our Windows project has three phases: art (images), glass smithing (staining glass), engineering(installing). It requires us to first acquire the artistic images we wish to mint into glass; secondly, have them minted into glass, and then lastly installed at Trinity. Completing the first phase is necessary in order to determine *cost* of windows. The first phase costs USD13,000. Unless we get the artwork done, we are unlikely to get quotations or estimates of cost per window.

**Lights:** we have begun exploring what will be required to set up the original lighting system of the Cathedral, according to the architectural design. We hope to report on progress at next meeting.

**Car Park:** By your generosity, and through God's grace, our car park is complete!

### **Administrative/Pastoral**

- ✓ We were grateful to Revd Anne Cooper for leading our Lenten meditations; and training sunday school teachers on the Godly Play materials. Thanks too, to those of us who agreed to speak on the Seven Words from the Cross on Good Friday.
- ✓ A Committee chaired by Bro Victor Whitfield organized a particularly successful festival this year, and we are grateful to him and his team. He will be separately reporting on these events. Many would have seen the news bulletin, **Trinity News**, Bro Michael Butscher is to be congratulated for a splendid job!
- ✓ Attached is a report from Fr Desmond Williams on St. Paul's, Bomi, for your prayers and support.
- ✓ The Cathedral has acquired its own customized fabric. Please feel free to use it as often and for as many occasions as possible. We were pleased to be able to wear it at our Patronal Feast on 26May 2013.
- ✓ Big 'Thank you' for giving of yourselves, your voices, resources and time at Church. Especially for our new service program at St Andrew's Chapel, sanctus bells, incense, wine, wafers, a repaired roof, and a refurbished clergy Office!

**The Challenges ahead:** are numerous, and I invite you to consider them with me as I lay them out over the next few weeks from my point of view.

\* Deceased: Sis MaryAnn Smith, Sis Jeanette Bernard, Bro. Dunstan Macauley, Bro. Wesley Johns, Bro. Harold Monger, Bro. Zangar Bright Sr., Bro. Edwin Williams, Bro. Otolorine Shepherd