



AMAZING GRACE

FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

Dear people of God, we thank the Almighty God for his mercies and favor upon us as the Diocese of Bondo for the year



that is gone. It is our prayer that we be at peace with one another as well as with nature. Love is the most complex and yet free gift that we must entrust with everyone within our scope of imagination for in it we are able to conquer the fiercest enemy.

Sharing from Luke 2:1-20 the passage brings forth clear Characters used by God to deliver unto us the message of the birth of Christ.

Angels: Sent to deliver the message to shepherds about the birth of Christ. They indeed instructed the shepherds clearly concerning the baby Jesus with sure signs and descriptions of the Messiah. As Christians we need to be messengers who deliver the message as sent by the Lord without adding our own thoughts to suit our situations.

Shepherds: They discussed amongst themselves and decided to go and confirm the good news that had been delivered by the Angels.

We need to confirm and ascertain the truth about every information we receive before we deliver and spread the news. We must learn to give true information with proof for we owe one another truth and evidence. Truth can't be compromised and must be said as it for rumors have cost us marriages, friendship and unity in the body of Christ.



Mary: She treasured the news of the birth of Christ in her heart. Before we share any information we need to know who we share it with. Confidential issues need to be handled with care.

There will be issues which we will be facing in the new year and not everything will go well as per our plans but there is still much to be grateful for and many blessings for which we should be thankful to God.

While we may have things to complain about some not quite right and could be better, when compared with many other people in various parts of this country friends we still have hope for a better tomorrow and brighter future

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord...



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

SYNOD PLAZA



The Plaza construction is at advanced stage with the walling on going. We intend to mobilize financial resources to ensure the building is completed. We intend to have a grand fundraiser in the course of the year to enable us complete the structure for occupation. We have also received requests from potential clients and still seek more for the remaining spaces.

(For more enquiries please do not hesitate to call our office)

EVENTS AHEAD PRAY FOR US

1. Maranda High School Centenary Celebrations: **5th –7th February 2020** Cel-
2. Diocesan new Year Thanksgiving: **Sunday 16th February ,2020**
3. Diocesan Education Day **Friday 22nd May,20**
4. Synod Plaza **Fundraising 14th June,2020**
5. Lambeth Conference and Visit to the Diocese of Sheffield **Friday 17th July –Friday 7th August,2020**

BISHOP'S LUNCHEON

The Bishop's Luncheon was held on 26th December, 2019 at Bishop's residence in Bwaja . The occasion was graced by the former Prime Minister the Rt. Hon Raila Amollo Odinga accompanied by Mama Ida Odinga and Ms. Rosemary Odinga among other leaders from the region including Hon. Ken Obura CAS East Africa, DG Dr. Okumbe and Hon. Gideon Ochanda. It was a day of Thanksgiving to the Almighty God for His mercies in the life of the Bishop in church ministry that was spanning to 30 years, personal reflection , self appraisal and gratitude to the family of Christians for their unwavering support.



The Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga Planting a tree



The Bishop's family with the Rt. Hon Raila Odinga's family



Ms. Rosemary Odinga Planting a tree on looking - Mama Ida Odinga and the Lord Bishop



Siaya County Deputy Governor H.E James Okumbe with The Rt. Johannes Angela (Rtd.)



Guests braced the chilly weather to attend the occasion



Cutting of the cake made it a real celebration

2019 ORDINATION

Ordinations were held on 29th December, 2019 with six candidates presented before the Bishop and congregation to be admitted to various offices. **To be made Deacons:** Mr. Godwins Odiwuor Amollo, Mrs. Emily Anyango Gowi, Ms. Risper Achieng' Odongo and Mr. Paul Okullu Ayoki. **To be ordained Priests:** The Rev'd Paul Onyango Ralwala and The Rev'd Jackson Okong'o Okoth.

The Bishop together with Mama Janepher Kodia took the candidates through the retreat held at Legacy Hotel, Bondo. The two day retreat covered areas of the Call and responsibility of Priest hood.

The Bishop in his sermon challenged Christians to embrace and support the clergy in their ministry for the betterment the Church. The Bishop further challenged the clergy to take up their role as shepherds assigned by God.

DEACONS



From L- R: Mr. Paul Okullu Ayoki, Ms. Risper Achieng' Odongo, Mrs. Emily Anyango Gowi, Mr. Godwins Odiwuor Amollo.



Ms. Risper Odongo making Declarations assisted by the Diocesan Chancellor

PRIESTS



The Rev'd Jackson Okoth and the Rev'd Paul Ralwala making declarations assisted by the Diocesan Chancellor Mr. Dan Ogola

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

A new year brings with it an opportunity to be more excited about Christ who calls us to be alive, moving and active; not just maintaining the past or sitting complacently in the present, but positively moving forward into the future. We are keen to be in the front line as "Missio Dei" (God's Mission) as our main agenda.

We thank God for the successes of that year gone and still trust Him for strength to go through this new year.



MISSION DESK EVENTS

1. Women's world day of Prayer: **Friday 6th March 2020**
2. **Departmental Sunday 8th March, 2020**
3. Mothering Sunday **22nd March, 2020**
4. Children Ministry week 13th-19th April, 2020
5. KAMA Sunday 7th July 2020
6. KAYO Week 3rd -9th August, 2020
7. Mother's Union Commissioning 22nd November, 2020



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