

Anglican Diocese of Harare (Church of the Province of Central Africa)

ANGLICANS TO GATHER IN MARONDERA FOR BERNARD MIZEKI COMMEMORATIONS 24- 26 JUNE 2011

Harare- It is that time of the year again, when thousands of Anglicans in the Anglican Church in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique and South Africa gather in memory of the late Martyr Bernard Mizeki (1861 – 18 June 1896) who died at the hands of Mangwende villagers in Murehwa who felt threatened by his Christian teachings.

This year, from Friday 24 June through to Sunday 26 June 2011, Anglicans, led by Archbishop Albert Chama of the Church of the Province of Central Africa (C.P.C.A) will celebrate the life of Bernard Mizeki at the Marondera Show grounds, in the Mashonaland East Province, about 75 kilometers east of Harare.

The gathering has traditionally been held in Marondera at the Bernard Mizeki Shrine. However, the rebel grouping led by Dr Nolbert Kunonga has virtually made it impossible to hold the commemorations there. This has deprived Anglicans from visiting the place where the late Martyr lived and subsequently died.

The venue has been secured and all other necessary preparations have been concluded. According to the Bernard Mizeki Organising Committee, water is available and there would be sufficient security to safeguard everyone who wishes to be at the venue of the commemorations.

This year's gathering is being held under the theme "MuKristu Usanete" taken from Romans 12 vs. 12 which urge Christians to be "joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer".

The programme for the pilgrimage will be released in due course. For any questions and comments relating to this information, please feel free to contact the undersigned or visit the CPCA Harare Diocesan Offices.

Thank you

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