# Becoming A Province

**Annual Report 2019 - 2020 (June 2020)** 



EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA إقليم الأسكندرية للككيسة الأسقفية الإنجليكانية











#### Dear friends

Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are very grateful for your support and prayers during this last year. May the Lord bless and reward you. We are especially grateful to Bishop Bill Musk, who constantly send letters of encouragement to us. This means a lot to us.

Dear Friends,

It is a great joy to share with you what the Lord has done in our midst during the last twelve months. I also rejoice that my brother bishops participate in this report.

I am happy to inform you that we are now "The Province of Alexandria". This happened when his Grace Archbishop Justin Welby relinquished his metropolitan authority to the new Province last May. Please see his attached letter.

As you know, I was hoping to meet you face to face this month in London and say goodbye to every one of you. However, it became impossible because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the travel restriction. On the other hand, the Diocesan Executive board asked me to stay for one more year to help with the transitional period in the life of the new Province and to deal with some related legal matters.

Let me now share with you the highlights of the year:

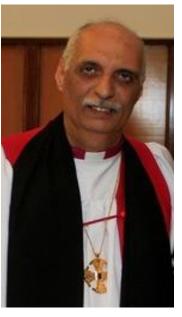
# • We welcomed Bishop Samy Fawzy

As our elected coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Egypt. We thank God, the election went very well. I am attaching more information about Bishop Samy. Please pray for Bishop Samy and Madeline to deal with his many responsibilities.

# • Bishop Rajan Resignation

Bishop Rajan submitted his resignation because of health crisis while he was in India. His doctors advised him that he should not travel overseas. Bishop Kuan is currently responsible for the whole Horn of Africa including Gambella

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# • The Diocese at a Glance

# **Egypt**



# The Horn of Africa



# **North of Africa**



# **Ordinations and licenses**





Rev. Dr. Steve Griffin
Priest (Egypt)

Rev. Dr. Gidey Seyoum

Received as Priest ( Ethiopia)



Rev. Mark Taky: Deacon (Egypt)

Licensing Six Lay Ministers EGYPT

# • The Ministry of Diocese during the Covid-19 Pandemic

 The diocese contributed to the disaster fund and to the Egyptian food bankwhich helped millions of poor families.

- We distributed assistance grants to all our congregations to help the poor in their areas.
- Our youth helped in the distribution of food cartons of the Egyptian Food Bank.
- Our community centers produced masks which we distributed freely.
- We supplied our 2 hospitals with personal protection supplies.
- Our schools continued online educational programs.
- Our Media Center produced short videos in Arabic and English to encourage our congregations.
- o We posted weekly online services.
- We joined all people in the world in prayers in response to the call for prayer by Pope Francis and Grand Imam of Al Azhar.

# Conferences and training retreats

I am grateful for **Archdeacon Emad Basillios** for his hard work in clergy and lay ministers training.

- 1) Clergy & wives conference, 2-5 September, Sharm El Sheikh.
- 2) Clergy Annual Retreat, 28-31 October, St Beshoy Monastery.
- 3) Clergy & Wives day training and fellowship, 22 February, St. Michael & All Angels, Heliopolis.
- 4) Clergy Training day, "Strategic Planning", Bishop Ghais Hall, Diocesan building, Cairo.
- 5) Discipleship conference 7-9 February, Wady el Natron
- 6) Gambella Clergy training, May following Diocesan Synod, Cairo.
- 7) Lay Ministers training, end of 2019.
- 8) Discipleship training for Sudanese congregations.
- 9) Hearing impaired lay training.

# The Global South Conference

We were happy to host the Global South Conference here in Cairo. The Theme of the conference was "Not conformed..but Transformed".



Archbishop Justin Welby sent and encouraging message read by Bishop Graham King. We also received greeting from out President and our Ministers of Foreign Affairs. You can read more about it here:

http://www.globalsouthanglican.org/blog/comments/the seventh trumpet communique



# Engaging with our society

# 1) Together we plant a tree of hope Project.

The aim of this project "together we plant a tree of hope" is to develop a culture of Peace and Harmony among Christian and Muslim school children. The project help the children understand the others and their beliefs and values. It also help them to develop the spirit of accepting diversity. The project is done in cooperation with Beit El Aila (the Egyptian House of the Family). It involves Church and Islamic Schools. **CMS Ireland financially supports the Project.** 

# 2) Together we develop Egypt.

This project encourages Christian and Muslim youth in different towns and villages to get involved in initiatives of their choice to develop their communities. Examples of these initiatives are literacy classes, renovating schools, health awareness helping elderly and needy. We are doing this project in cooperation with an Islamic NGO Misr El Khair. We received funding for this project from the Dutch Embassy.

# 3) Gusour (Bridges Cultural Center)

The vision of Gusour (Bridges Cultural Center) is a place where people from many backgrounds are given an opportunity to learn about each other through art, music, cultural, and educational activities

We believe that the mediums of 'knowledge' and 'experience' can effectively create, and sustain, bridges of understanding and peace between people of different backgrounds.



We have done 41 cultural activities from January 2019 till March 2020

# • Episcocare (The Good Samaritan arm of the Diocese)

Our Mission

Through Episcocare we work to support and empower poorest and marginalized groups to obtain their rights and achieve independency and community participation through qualified holistic development programs in cooperation with GOs, NGOs, and the private sector.

# Episcocare 2019-2020 Highlights

# **Supporting the Poor Communities**

- 2496 poor families were targeted by Episcoare different development programs.
- The Early Childhood program: 367 children attended in Episcpare nurseries.
- The Economic development Program: 467 microprojects were provided to improve the family's income, 203 women attended 4 economic awareness meetings, and 62 women attended 3 vocational training workshops.



The Education and Awareness Program: 138 younger girls(under 18 years) were supported to continue their formal education through my dear daughter program, 536 pupils were supported by the tuition classes, 138 adults were joined the illiteracy classes, and 13 awareness meetings were implemented for 465 mothers on uprising skills and education rights.



 The Healthcare Program: 322 children received medical analysis check-ups on anemia and intestinal infestations, 258 children received treatment for anemia and intestinal worms, 194children received weekly nutritional meals for anemia, and 296 women attended 21 awareness meetings on best health practice.

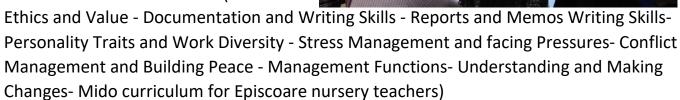
 The Community Participation Program: Episcocare were networking and supported the organizational capabilities of 8 NGOs to improve the social initiatives of serving people in

the target communities.

 The Volunteerism Program: 40 youth were involved and participating in implementing programs different activities in the community centers.

### **Staff Capacity Development**

 12 training workshops were implemented for 100 managerial, technical and admin staff on (Work



 26 training workshops were implemented for Episcoare development centers staff, volunteers, and parents in the target communities on (Episcoare Safeguard policy-Children Psychological Support - Volunteerism work- Self-examination, awareness, and development)

#### **Nursery Upgrading**

o Six nurseries in the poorest areas of the governorates in Cairo, Giza, Alexandria and El Suez

were renovated and refurbished the classrooms with new equipment

- The new equipment, teaching aids, and furniture will facilitate a more creative and interactive learning process making it more interesting for teachers and children alike.
- This will create a fresh environment conducive to learning.



# Refuge Egypt

Refuge Egypt continue to centered on human dignity and respect to rights and portray God's love to refugees and asylum seekers knocking at her doors. We provide basic quality primary health care and humanitarian assistance and personal development for self-reliance which is reflected in their communities.

#### **Health Care:**

Antenatal Care total number seen 1318 of which 747 first visit

Sexual Violence Management and Psychosocial support

84 new TB cases and 96 new HIV tested and treatment

160 Under 5 years old malnutrition cases



Well Baby Well 289 new cases/ Well Child Clinic 236 cases and Developmental Assessment

# **Capacity Building and Livelihood**

Refuge Egypt has expanded her scope by partnering this year with UNCHR to help refugees to be self-reliance and helping them to have excess to employment. The department have trained and succeeded to employ 345 person plus 80 mothers who work at the homes to be with their small one. We continue in domestic train and soft skills and adult literacy classes in English and Arabic.

As Refuge Egypt expands in its wok capacity in livelihood, a basement room of 180 meter square is being renovated and refurbished .a project supported by UNHCR.

As a part of developing the capacity of the staff Dr . Iman Kamal was promoted to be the vice director of Refugee Egypt

#### **Humanitarian Assistance**

From June 2019 to June 2020, Refuge Egypt registered 1285 applicants plus 2559 dependents.

Among the main applicant were 589 single mothers. We provided 4 159 food parcels to 3020 beneficiaries, 1760 piece of clothingto 812 families and 280 pieces of sanitary soap and tools to 214 beneficiaries.

Financial cash assistance of 22,400 L.E was given 249 individuals and 35,000 L.E. to families who lost their jobs and unable to due to COVID-19.

Education is offered in preschool with 200 children under the age of 6 years and 210 primary and middle school children ages 7 years to 17 years.

In Youth ministry, about 123 youths were counselled, mainly girls constitutes 80% and boys about 20%, addition to peace making among gangs groups from different areas.

# New Projects

- o New Outpatient, Stage II, Harpur Memorial Hospital, Menouf.
- Episcopal School Menouf New Building extension
- o Minya Farm, this is a project to help the diocese to self-supporting.
- New Community Development center and AST branch, Minya
- Building extension Harpur Memorial Hospital, Sadat City



School building extension





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# The Diocesan Media Center

In The last year the Media Center produced "95" video, the most important of them are:

- o History of the Anglican church "10" Episodes
- o Documentary on Bishop Ghais
- o Documentary on Pope Shenouda
- O What is after corona?
- Documentary on together we develop Egypt project
- Documentary on the church of the epiphany Port Said the last 130 years
- We posted "36" online services
- We published "120" article on Orient and Occident magazine





# + Mouneer Egypt

# • A word from Bishop Kuan

Ministry in Ethiopia

We thank God for the continuing work in Ethiopia. One highlight of 2019 was a clergy retreat that was held in Babegayo in April. We were blessed to have a good retreat facilitator in the person of Rev Peter Chen from Singapore. The topic of the retreat was 'The Man God Uses.'

Three confirmation services were held in late 2019 (in St. Luke's, Gambela), and early 2020 - in Assosa and Wange Oppo community.' The total number of people confirmed was 246.

In Feb 2019, we also had the privilege of specialists from the International Design and Development (<a href="www.iddmena">www.iddmena</a>) who came and helped us drew up development plans for St Matthew's Addis Ababa and the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd Gambela.

In 27 June 2019, 4 students were graduated from St Frumentius Bible College, adding to the pool of trained manpower for ministry. We thank God for this development.

In Feb 2020, we had a training seminar for clergy working on the 'Rooted in Jesus' discipleship material developed by the Mathetes Trust. The training was led by Bishop Martin Breytenbach, retired Bishop of Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist. It was providential that we were able to conduct this vital training just weeks before the Covid-19 situation flared up globally. The 'Rooted in Jesus' Discipling material and focus will be an important spiritual direction for us in the years ahead.

Thank you very much. God bless you.



Mother's Union

In Messiah, Kuan Kim Seng



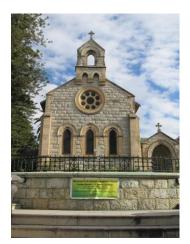
# • A word from Bishop Samy

Praise God for his many blessings 2019-2020, many opportunities and many challenges. From the very beginning of 2019 and ending with the pandemic December 2019 and the lockdown everywhere in the world March 2020.

#### **Tunis:**

The vision of indigenization is at the heart of the ministry of North Africa. St Cyprian is the tool

in achieving this vision by equipping and training leaders who will be leading the mission of the church in North Africa. The year 2019 started with a module in January 2019 taught by Bishop Bill on Early Church and Eng. Shady on Systematic theology. After many years of ministry at St. George's Reverend Peter and Christine Knight's farewell service was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. Praise God for their ministry and the time they spent in leading and pastoring the congregations at St. George's. I visited Tunis last July 2020 to teach a module on Reformation history. I was very encouraged by the ministry of Rev. David and Basma. I confirmed 3 new members from the Tunisian



congregation and met with the Church Council to amend the profile of the Church and the Job description of the new Rector. Please pray for Rev. Peter and Helen Benge as they make plans

to pastor the congregation in North Africa. Peter and Helen are from New Zealand and it is a blessing that they will be able to join the ministry team in North Africa after the lifting of the restrictions on international flight. The last module for St Cyprian is postponed as it is not possible for lecturer or Algerians to travel to Tunis. Please pray that there will be a graduation celebration for the first cohort of graduates with diploma in theology before the end of this year 2020.



### Libya:

During the meeting of the Anglican Communion forum of dialogue November 2019. Bishop Mouneer ordained one of the lay leaders from Christ the King Tripoli as a deacon. Crimson Jeba was a lay leader in Eritrea before and a professor in the university in Tripoli. He maintains his work as he ministers to the congregation in Libya. The Lord is using him in pastoring the congregation with the assistant of Dr. David as an administrator. Pray for their protection at this challenging time of war in Tripoli.



Christ the King, Tripoli, Libya

### Algeria:

Holy Trinity in Algiers after 20 years of struggle received the building and considerable compensation from the ministry of foreign affairs. Canon Huw is leading and supervising the maintenance of the building. Italian school will rent the building from September 2020. The images of the building is very encouraging. It will serve as an asset to the ministry of

the church for many years to come. When I visited the Church January 2019, I was encouraged by the different ministries and confirmed 10 new members. I was able to meet with the Catholic Archbishop and deputy of the minister of religious affairs. I am looking forward to the celebration 2021 of 150 years anniversary of the beginning of the Episcopal Anglican church in Algeria.





#### **Diocese of North Africa:**

The ministry in North Africa is not limited to Libya, Tunisia and Algeria. It extends beyond these countries to Islamic Arabic speaking countries (Mauritania and Chad). Dr. Michel Roushdy is a medical doctor is living in Mauritania and his dream is to build a hospital to serve Mauritanians, also we sent a couple who are graduates of AST to live and serve in Mauritania. A medical mission from Our Harpur Memorial hospital in Menouf visited Chad. There are many opportunities for the Diocese of North Africa as a missionary diocese in our new province of Alexandria and the Anglican Communion.

#### **Coadjutor Bishop:**

Praise God for giving me the opportunity to serve Him in the capacity of an area Bishop of North Africa. It was a wonderful time of learning and assisting in building God's kingdom in North Africa. The elections in April this year is a new phase of my ministry as coadjutor Bishop in the Diocese of Egypt. I served the Lord under the leadership of Bishop Mouneer 20 years and it was a wonderful opportunity of learning and growing. Bishop Mouneer delegated many of his responsibilities to me as a dean of St Mark' Cathedral, Principal of AST, and Area Bishop of North Africa. I am very grateful to him for his leadership model and for accepting to stay for a year to assist in the inauguration of the new Province and consecrating Bishops for the new Dioceses. It is a time to create a new structure which will allow the church to grow as we move from a diocese into a Province. We have many challenges in the court cases with the Presbyterian Church. Please pray for the inauguration of the New Province and to be recognized by authorities to continue to be salt and light in Egypt, North Africa, and the Horn of Africa.

#### +Samy Fawzy