



# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ANGLICAN BISHOP DIOCESE OF JOHANNESBURG



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Dear Saints

## **Subject: Bishop's correction of fake letter dated 16 February 2023**

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

It has come to my attention that there is a fake letter dated 16 February 2023 allegedly from me, which is circulating on social media stating that with effect from 1 March 2023,

1. Revd Xolani Dlwati will be the Bishop of the Province,
2. Revd Francis Kagiso Molefe will be the Dean and Vicar General of the Diocese of Johannesburg,
3. Revd Jabulani Miya will act as the Rector in charge of St James Anglican Church, and
4. Revd Hope Tshepo Makola will be appointed as Rector of Church of Resurrection in Meadowlands.

First, I am not the author of the letter.

Second, the Diocese does not circulate communication on social media platforms.

Third, other than the fact that Revd Oupaki Moruthane has recently been licensed as the Rector of St Monnica's in Midrand, the rest of the contents of the letter are false.

Lastly, I would like to make it clear that I am still the Bishop of the Diocese of Johannesburg. I have not and do not intend to fill the position of Dean of the Diocese of Johannesburg and Rector of the Cathedral.

The office of Dean of the Diocese of Johannesburg is a position a priest occupies, and not a lifelong title. The same applies to the positions of Archdeacon and Rector.

Revd Dlwathi no longer occupies the position of Dean of the Diocese of Johannesburg. He is also not the Bishop of the province - there is no such position in the structures of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa ("ACSA").

The province of ACSA does not have a Bishop; it has an Archbishop who is also a Metropolitan, and who is currently The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba.

Revd Dlwathi is yet to be placed at a suitable parish within the Diocese of Johannesburg.

Revd Francis Kagiso Molefe occupies the position of Rector of St James and St Stephen's, Diepkloof cluster, and he is also the Archdeacon of region 9.

Revd Jabulani Miya is the Priest-in-charge of the Randfontein and Toekomsrus cluster.

Revd Hope Tshepo Makola is the Rector of St Bartholomew and St Thomas Kagiso cluster.

I hope this communication clarifies all the issues relating to the contents of the fake letter.

Yours in Christ

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**+ Johannesburg**