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ARCHBISHOP OF BURUNDI ELECTED NEW CHAIR OF CAPA

The 11th Council meeting of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) elected the Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi as its next Chair on the 7th February 2012. Archbishop Bernard succeeds the Most Rev. Ian Ernest, Archbishop of the Province of Indian Ocean who has been Chair for the past four years.

The Province had the privilege of hosting the 11th Council meeting that was held in Bujumbura from 4-8th February and brought together Archbishops (or their representatives), clergy and lay people from the 12 Anglican Provinces of Africa and the Diocese of Egypt along with partners, observers, and guests who included the Most Rev. John Chew, Primate of S.E. Asia.

The theme "Harnessing our unity to unlock our potential and secure our future" gave focus to the discussions of the Council as it sought to implement the resolutions that came out of the All African Bishops' Conference held in Entebbe, in August 2010.

The Council opened with a service of Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Bujumbura. Participants were welcomed to the diocese of Bujumbura by the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Pie Ntukamazina.

A delegation had the honour of meeting with the President of Burundi, His Excellence Peter Nkurunziza.

The Province warmly congratulates Archbishop Bernard who, at the Commissioning Service for elected members requested their prayers for the challenging tasks ahead.

Full details and photos can be found on our Facebook page and on the Anglican Communion website

ACT Alliance Highly Commended Project

In the ACT Alliance Climate Award 2011 one of the Province's development projects concerning the rehabilitation and restoration of the environment was among three short listed for their "notable promising practice" and highly commended.

The project, supported by Christian Aid, focuses on community-driven reforestation and protection of agricultural land involving just over 9000 households.

FAITH CENTRE – visual update *Cyber Café*



WELCOMES

The Province has been happy to continue to welcome visitors over recent weeks.

Rev Canon Petero Sabune from the Episcopal Church, USA, is Partnership Officer for Africa.

Naomi Herbert from Mothers' Union, UK worked on strategic planning with MU workers from the dioceses.

Pat and Pam Brooks have returned for three months visiting Buye, Muyinga and Matana dioceses where Pat is teaching the book of Hebrews to Bible College students while Pam is visiting parishes.

Rev. William Challis, Director of Ordinands in Guildford Diocese, UK has also returned to do some teaching on the Old Testament and pastoral care at Matana Theological Institute.

CONSULTATION ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA

The Archbishop, the Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi, and Mr. Edmond Bayisabe attended the consultation organised by the WCC and AACC in Kigali, Rwanda, to review critical conflict situations in Africa and reflect on experiences of peace building.