

## Reporting from Lesotho – Joseph Morenammele ( executive officer) shares some encouraging highlights from the LINK.

**Discipleship Training Course 1 - Closing Workshop** - After roughly 2 years now instead of one we have concluded our sessions with this team of young adults that we were training on Discipleship for the sake of our Diocese. It was a beautiful workshop with both participants and mentors giving their honest 2 years journey experiences. It was really heart warming and humbling as well to listen to how the participants appreciated the course, even far more than we thought we had done. We gave them the last punch, prayed for them and commissioned them to go and make more disciples, ourselves included of course as mentors. We



too are disciples who are called to make disciples, even as it is a call of the Anglican Communion (The decade of Disciple Intentional Disciple Making). This vision was birthed together some 2 or 3 years ago and we are only beginning to see its fruits. We hope that more fruits are coming. Many thanks to the people of Durham without whose financial support these workshops would not have taken place.

**Training begins in Mohatlane** - In spite challenges here at the moment, we have started implementing our training plans in the Mohatlane communities. We have had our initial meetings and workshops with chiefs. The first community training on FIRST AID has been conducted in one of the villages as planned and it went well, 19 out 25 people attending and being trained for 2 days. Praise God!

**Langham Consultation** - I went with 2 members of Langham Committee Lesotho to the Langham consultation in Johannesburg. Langham International paid for all expenses including transport. We learned a lot and hope to equip our own people. It is never a waste of money or time to attend these gatherings of course provided they benefit LDL and the church in Lesotho, which they do. So, the partnership in Southern Africa about Langham is growing strong too and beneficial.

**A Theme for Work** - Lesotho Durham LINK has a theme each year and for 2019 it is 2 Tim 2:2. “ the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” It is deliberate, now that more and more we are emerging as a Training Institute, a Resource Christian Leadership Development Centre. Our aim is to train and send out for more training. To train and equip trainers. To be enablers.

## Lesotho LINK represented at the Special Olympics

In March Martin Habaka ( a member of the LINK's senior management team and manager of the Outdoor Skills and Activities department) attended the Special Olympic Games in Abu Dhabi and Dubai with a team from Lesotho. The LINK in Lesotho gave him permission to attend as Sports Director of the programme, as they gain a lot from the organisation, which has helped to train him in many ways for some aspects of his work. Special Olympics paid all the expenses and it was an honour for Martin to be chosen. Special Olympics Lesotho nominated him to be the Head of Delegation for the Abu Dhabi games. It was a very memorable and positive experience, with some useful insights gained. The team from Lesotho were met with friendliness wherever they



Lesotho team

went, and Martin commented that he enjoyed every day that he was out there. Concern was expressed that the process of allocating athletes according to their abilities did not seem to be done properly in most of the track events. However, we are delighted to be able report that to crown it all, Lesotho came back with two medals; Tsepiso Kokotela won silver and Lefu Kolomane won gold in the 100m run. Congratulations to them and to Team Lesotho!

### PLEASE PRAY – requests from Joseph

1. Tseli has resigned from Lesotho Durham LINK as my PA and is joining Bible Society Lesotho as a Project Coordinator. She has been a very useful and resourceful PA. **PRAY** with us that I should find a suitable PA within this month.
2. **PRAY** for a smooth relationship between the Diocesan Leadership and the Link Office here.
3. We have started the second year of our 5-Year Strategy, **PRAY** that we will know God's guidance all the way.
4. **PRAY** for God's Spirit to bring humility, respect, understanding and unity among the Management Board members as they deliberate the budget and other related issues.

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