



**ALMA: Dynamic Diocesan Companion link connecting
the Anglican Church in Angola, London &
Mozambique**

Partnership in the Gospel
#Learning with and from each other

**Rejoicing that our partners are now the
42nd Province of the Anglican Communion: IAMA**

**Praying for the appointment of Bishops for the
EIGHT new IAMA Dioceses**



We marvel at the pace of IAMA life!

- A severe Cylone, Cylone Gombe, in March followed tropical storm Ana in February - another reminder of the reality of global warming and #climatecrisis. Gombe knocked out North/South Communications in Nicuadala, Quelimane in Zambezia Diocese and affected 740,000 people. Read more at: <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/mozambique/document/mozambique-protection-cluster-cyclone-gombe-report-2-nampula-march>
- It was encouraging to read that the UK is providing £1.8 million, around 152 million meticiais, of emergency UK aid to people affected by the cyclone season including those impacted by devastating Cyclone Gombe & Tropical Storm Ana this year



In March IAMA's office, based on the first floor of the Libombos Diocesan Centre in Maputo was officially opened -so now the IAMA team have a home.

Bishop Carlos, as Interim Presiding Bishop of IAMA, attended the **Anglican Primates Meeting** at Lambeth Palace. Read the full communique here:

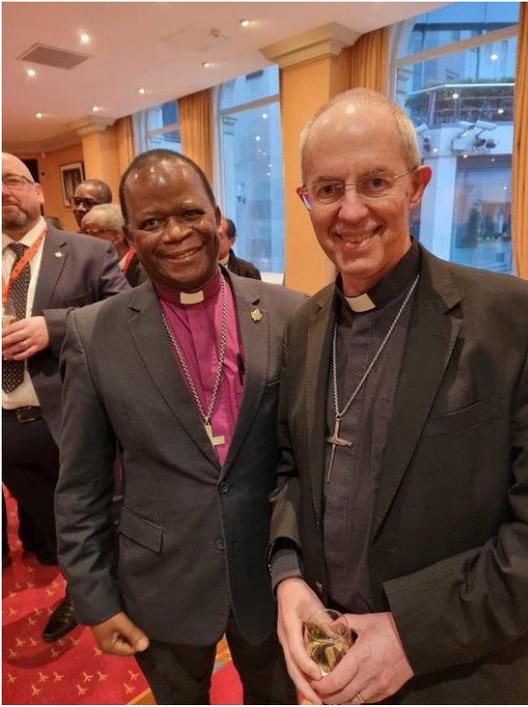
<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/communique-march-2022-primates-meeting>

Paragraph 11 was particularly important to us and all Green Anglicans:

'We are also aware of the worsening disaster of climate change and its effects on millions of people around the world – not least the thousands of people in Madagascar and Mozambique, where four cyclones in two months have resulted in thousands of people being made homeless, and infrastructures and crops destroyed. Environmental damage affects the most vulnerable people in the world, including indigenous peoples who are affected by the exploitation of forests and others natural resources. We urge an end to the destruction of the Amazon from mining and logging'.

It was special that Bishop Carlos could spend a short period of time with Bishop Rob, after the Primates Meeting, visiting a number of Edmonton area churches before he flew home .





In a normal ALMA year we would share photos of Easter services around the ALMA partnership in this newsletter, but in this extraordinary year please will you look at our social media for these: we post regular updates on:

Facebook: ALMA London is our page.

Twitter: @ALMALondonD

There is also a live twitter feed on the home page of the ALMA website <https://almalink.org> that those without twitter accounts can read

Your are also warmly invites to join us each week for:

Wednesday online #ALMAMorningPrayer to coincide with the day that ALMA partners are prayed for in the Diocese of London Cycle of Prayer. This can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/ALMA-Partnership> and on the ALMA YouTube Channel

Eastertide 2022: Bishops for the 8 new IAMA Dioceses



In just one week we have gone from having four ALMA partner Bishops (Bishop Andre, Carlos, Manuel and Vicente) to seven partner Bishops! Each election has been supervised by 2 current Bishops with Bishop Vicente making his first visit to Angola - many photos of this are shared on Facebook and Twitter.

We warmly congratulate our new partners:

- **Ven Augusto Domingos** on his appointment as Bishop Elect of **Cristo Rei** in Angola - the Diocese centred in Uige (top photo above)
- **Revd Agostinho Buque** on his appointment as Bishop elect of **Maciene** - in Gaza Province Mozambique. (many in London have visited Maciene Cathedral) Lower left Photo above.
- **Ven Emmanuel Capeta** on his appointment as Bishop elect of **Inhambane**, further North than Maciene. Lower right photo above.

Please will you pray for our Bishops elect as they prepare for their new roles and responsibilities and also for discernment for the posts still to be filled:

- **Pungue** 29-30 April (Moz)
- **Niassa** 06-07 May (Moz)
- The College of Bishops will elect the Missionary Bishops on 14-15 May for
- **Divina Esperança** (Ang)
- **Centro e Sul de Angola**
- **Tete** (Moz)

We will share news of the next five new partner Bishops Elect as they are appointed. Look out on our Facebook Page and Twitter Feeds.

Other key Dates:.

Consecrations of New Bishops:

19 June in Maputo

26 June in Luanda

03 July in Niassa

It is hoped that many of the new Bishops will be able to travel to the UK for the Lambeth Conference at the end of July. Despite the changes to the Lambeth Conference arrangements (see last newsletter for details <https://mailehi.mp/london.anglican.org/news-from-around-the-alma-partnership-spring-2022>) we will celebrate this amazing year for our partnership in our Cathedral with a special service for

ALMA Sunday

24 July at St Paul's Cathedral at 5.30 pm

with afternoon tea before hand at St Vedast close to the Cathedral 3.30 - 5.00 pm. More information will follow on this. Please will you put this date in your diary now? It would be so good to have a real celebration together after 2 Covid dominated years.

I am pleased to let you know that Helen is now home from Australia and recovered from her accident, but I also have to share that I will be taking some time off to be treated for breast cancer.

The ALMA London Team will aim to respond as quickly as they can to queries but please remember all ALMA Officers are volunteers and are juggling other responsibilities and roles too.

Thank you for all you do to keep our partnership alive in your parishes - please hold the Bishops elect, and all who offered themselves for these positions, in your prayers. If you could offer to lead a Wednesday pre-recorded #ALMAMorningPrayer that would be incredibly helpful.

Do contact martin.how@london.anglican.org on this.

With my thanks, and prayers for you as ever,

Sheenagh

ALMA is the Companion Link Partnership between the Anglican churches in Angola London and Mozambique. Our deep 'soul' friendship in the Gospel is under-girded by prayer and the desire to learn with and from each other as we share our ministry and mission, worship and witness.

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The Helen referred to in the last part of the message is the ALMA Communications Officer who has written to thank us in the past for our donations to ALMA. I'm sorry to hear in the same paragraph that Sheenagh has cancer and I'll write to her on our behalf.

Margaret Davies (ALMA Link for St Mary's, Kenton)