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STATEMENT ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN OUR LAND

From the BISHOP of the DIOCESE OF SALDANHA BAY meeting with the DIOCESAN CHAPTER on Tuesday 10th September 2019

We are deeply shocked and pained by the death, rape, violence and abuse experienced by so many in our land and especially by women and children. We share in the suffering and extend our deepest condolences to the families recently bereaved.

We are united in our commitment to rid our land and especially our church of gender-based violence and share in the challenge this presents.

We are committed to prayer, advocacy and action in fighting this scourge, this evil, these crimes against humanity.

We call on all Anglicans within our Diocese to become activists and agents for peace, justice and the transformation of our society – that it may reflect not only the values of the Gospel but accord to the values embedded in our Constitution.

We call on all men, male teenagers and boys in our Diocese to stand up as agents of gender-justice and transformation. To this end, we commend to each Parish in our Diocese the following **PLEDGE AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**.

~~Raphael Edouard Boy~~

R.B.V. HESS

M. F.

CLARENCE MARTIN

Denver Heugh

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DENVER HEUGH

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NINO JULIUS

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**THE DIOCESE OF SALDANHA BAY
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
A PLEDGE AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

WE, the men and boys of the Parish of: _____ **make the following PLEDGE:**

- We reject the patriarchy and the misery it has brought to women, girls, families and communities down the ages
- We reject gender-based violence; the abuse of children and especially of the girl-child; the mothers; sisters; grandmothers; aunts; cousins and all our beloved ones
- We reject the practice and culture of rape, of slander, of pornography, of vulgarity, of abuse in its many faces and guises - stereotyping, bullying, sexual harassment, inappropriate humour and demeaning language and snide comments
- We reject all forms of violence in our families and in our private relationships, including verbal, emotional, sexual, mental abuse AND
- We pledge to never commit nor support gender-based violence or abuse, in any form or type
- We pledge to actively speak out and work for gender justice, no longer a bystander seeing it as a women's issue
- We pledge to speak up against gender-based violence and abuse of all forms, against the patriarchy and sexism in all its forms
- We pledge to understand, learn and be taught about gender-based violence;
- We pledge to teach other men and boys how we can end gender-based violence so that it will be prevented

AND this is my solemn vow before God and this community!

SIGNED



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