



Bishop's Post

October & November 2019

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.” Romans 12, 11

We are moving towards eQuip 2020, this time from 1-5 January 2020 in Hermannsburg, KZN. The theme of synod is continued: “Go - with purpose.” But we added “20/20 vision” - a nice word play with the year 2020. In order to go with purpose, you need a good vision of the road and the goal that you are moving towards purposefully - otherwise you might go in circles, or even go, but nowhere.

Then I came across this picture of a blind runner. For most people losing eye sight would be the ultimate and final end to the dream of running a marathon. You could still practise on a treadmill - but a marathon is out of the question.



Well, as this picture shows, a blind person can have the vision to run a marathon - but then needs a person with vision to run with him.

Go - with purpose. All too often we have no clear vision of the road ahead. We dream of a future, but are not sure how to get there. We wish for a meaningful life, but don't know where to find it.

We might find a friend, someone who is willing to listen to our hopes, our fears, our shortcomings, and then help us to go, even though we cannot quite see.

For me as Christian, the Holy Spirit is the ultimate guide in my blindness. As bishop I regularly am asked for advice, for direction - but often am as blind as a bat. Then I have to trust that the Spirit will guide me, and will guide those who ask. The Spirit does this gently - not with a chain tied to my neck, not with a rope that pulls me along - but gently, “running next to me”, comforting me, directing me.

May we find courage to run the race, knowing that even in our blindness the Holy Spirit is there, gently talking to us and encouraging us.

Yours in Christ

Host Müller

News from the Church

The New Germany Congregation elected **Pator Martin Büttner** as their full time pastor on 25 August 2019. With that his time as Pastor-coll is ended. We are glad that congregation and the Büttner family bonded well, and that the family feels at home in New Germany. May God bless the journey that lies ahead - as they together Go- with Purpose!

Please pray for **Synod 10 -13 October 2019 in Bonaero Park**. You also still have till 1 October to submit your thoughts on were you see the our Church 10 years from now. (10 Year Challenge)

All Synod Documents can be downloaded from our webpage www.elcsant.org.za.

You are heartily invited to **eQuip 2020 from 1-5 January** in Hermannsburg, KZN. It is open for all languages and age groups, and also to non-members of our church. More information can be found on the webpage of our church.