



**THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA**  
**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN BOTSWANA, MALAWI, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE**

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The Church of the Province of Central Africa, which is the Anglican Church in Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, met in Synod in the City of Blantyre in the Diocese of Southern Malawi to deliberate on motions presented to the said Synod under the theme **Growing the Church in the Broken World**.

The Synod began on 31<sup>st</sup> October through to 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. More than 100 delegates – lay and ordained - and mission partners from United Society Partners in the Gospel, Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa, the Anglican Alliance and The Episcopal Church were in attendance. The delegates came from all the 15 dioceses of the Province namely: Botswana, Lake Malawi, Northern Malawi, Upper Shire, Central Zambia, Eastern Zambia, Luapula, Lusaka, Northern Zambia, Central Zimbabwe, Harare, Manicaland, Masvingo, and Matabeleland.

Archbishop Albert Chama presided over the solemn opening and closing Eucharistic services as well as on the agenda of Synod.

In the closing Eucharistic service the Archbishop promulgated the following resolutions that were approved following the debates in Synod. This was followed by planting trees in the precincts of St Paul's Cathedral in the Diocese of Southern Malawi.

1. Whereas a motion was moved on Women Ordination; ***the Provincial Synod approved that those Dioceses that are ready to ordain women should be allowed to go ahead.***
2. Whereas a motion was moved on the Subdivision of the Diocese of Lake Malawi; ***the Provincial Synod approved that the Diocese of Lake Malawi should be subdivided into three dioceses.***
3. Whereas a motion was moved on the Subdivision of the Diocese of Northern Malawi; ***the Provincial Synod approved that the Diocese of Northern Malawi should be subdivided into two dioceses.***
4. Whereas a motion was moved on Creation of National Provinces; ***the Provincial Synod approved the Creation of National Provinces for church growth.***

The Right Reverend William Mchombo  
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