

Rooted in Jesus Conferences, Diocese of Zululand, Feb-March 2012

1. **Friday 3rd to Sat 4th Feb at kwaNzimela** : 66 people trained, from the archdeaconries of Nongoma and Lobamba.
2. **Friday 10 to Sat 11th Feb at Nselini** : 65 people trained, from the archdeaconries of Kwambonambi and Empangeni
3. **Friday 2nd to Sat 3rd March at Isandlwana** : 74 people trained, from the archdeaconries of Vryheid and Nquthu.
4. **Friday 9th to Sat 10 March at Mandeni** : 43 people trained, from the archdeaconries of Uthukela and Eshowe in the south of the diocese.
5. **Tuesday 20-Wed 21 March at Manguzi** : 19 people trained, from the archdeaconry of Ingwavuma

Teams: Fr Mund Cargill-Thompson, Fr Sbu Ngema, Zodumo Ndwande, Fr Trevor Pearce, Lauren Wicks, Thuthukani Nkomo, Jabulani Xaba, Dudu Byela, Fr Robert Mthembu, Rudolf Blose.

From the Team Leader, Fr Edmund Cargill-Thompson

I would like to express a big THANKS to Bishop Dino for being there at all but one of the conferences. Your support of *Rooted in Jesus* clearly shows to the diocese, and I believe that support will lead to results. I would like to thank all my team for their commitment and for the different gifts they have brought to the table. All have been very good teachers, and I have received positive comments about each of their talks. Fr Sbu has been particularly good at talent spotting and at motivating and encouraging other leaders. Jabulani has brought an amazing musical gift to the table. Zodumo has been such an efficient administrator and organiser and time keeper, Lauren has brought the perspective of those who helped write the course. Trevor came with great experience of having taught on *Rooted in Jesus* Conferences in so many parts of Africa. Thank you also to Thuthukani, Blose, and Fr Robert for all you brought to the teaching. My prayers remain with all the home team as you take this forward over the next few months. Thank you again.

Feedback from those already leading groups

Are you already running a RinJ Group? If so what have you found helpful about it? Where have you seen God's work in it? Has there been anything that has been difficult?

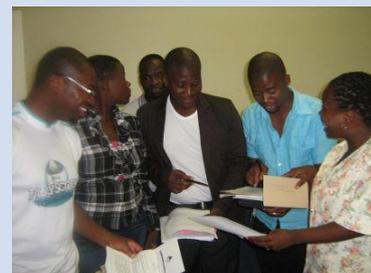
- "The Spirit enables people who do not normally speak in meetings to become free to talk about their faith – they felt secure in their groups." Fr Brian Luff (rector of English speaking parish)
- "Yes I am and just thanking God for being there while I'm leading my small group and I still hope he still going to help me more" Mngun Thandeta
- "Yes. I learn to love one another and tell everyone about Jesus. After I realised that Jesus is my life saviour" Noncebo Mkhwahazi
- "Yes – we have found some difficulties. We did not have guidelines on how to lead and run. Thank you very much, God bless you while spreading this Rooted in Jesus" Welile Xaba

Comments from first time participants

What has been the best thing about this conference? What have you found helpful? Are there any stories of how God has blessed you over these two days?

The Holy Spirit...

- "Learning about the Holy Spirit" Ndulunkulu Gwabini
- "I received the Holy Spirit" Zondo Phumizilem
- "The best part was that our facilitators were doing so many practical examples



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when they talked about the Holy Spirit” Slindile Nxumalo

- “God has blessed me with his Holy Spirit. This conference has helped me to know that God is love and therefore we must spread love to our fellow group members and the church and the community as well” Thandiwe Zwane

Personal growth...

- “I was blessed to get to know memory verses. Most of these verses revived me” Nompumelo Nzuzi
- “I was taken by the testimony of faith by Lauren. She prayed for someone who had a leg problem. That person was healed” Fr Z. Myeni
- “When I came here I had anger within myself, but with this workshop it helped me settle down and have peace within myself because I am forgiven” Misiwe Mhlaba
- “Shyness disappeared” Mrs Matilda Afrikanda
- “Developed self confidence about our faith. Find that if I pray God listen to my prayers and answer them immediately. Unlike long time ago where it said he listen and take long time to answer” Dlamini Veli

Ministry skills...

- “We gained a lot in terms of discipling. I have learned the skill of facilitating” Qeda Mkhwanazi
- “To be equipped for the ministry of multiplying” Ntokos Mpungosi”
- “Knowing that I have a role to play in my community to bring about people those that are active and not active to know and to mentor about Jesus so that in turn they can do the same thing in growing the Kingdom of God. How to start it, how to go about doing it, what to do when I get stuck” Rosemary Nzuzi
- “I learnt leadership skills – to let others feel a part of the group – let everyone share. I am a facilitator not a dictator or boss” Fr Emilio Kasaba
- “I have gained a lot in Rooted in Jesus as I have already started with home cells ... Now I am knowledgeable and I have a tool. God blessed me by giving us this workshop which is fruitful and rich. The Anglican Church is really well organised” Simangele Biyela

Practical demonstrations...

- “Demonstration lessons: match-sticks, balloon, water representing the Holy Spirit. Material excellent. Facilitators did excellent work. Thanks to the Bishop for promoting this programme” - Venerable Ignatius Zwane
- “Practice sessions, workshops, openness of the proceedings to allow others to participate; testimonies and demonstrations by the facilitators” Ven Isaiah Manqele
- “It encourages us to work for Jesus. These books are helpful” Joyce Ntombela
- “The teachings were illustrated or emphasised by demonstrations; It was helpful to have priests within the groups, sharing best experiences was motivating; facilitators were very helpful and they are full of the Holy Spirit; teaching and presentation to me on the Holy Spirit was the eye opener” Sibongile

Do you have any suggestions for how we can improve the conference?

- “I feel there is no need to fix something that is not broken” Thulasizwe Dlodla
- “The conference was conducted very well. No need for improvement. I enjoyed everything” Mbali Jiyane
- “So far I am not sure this conference needs improvement, I think it is perfect at the moment” Mirriet Khumalo
- “It is too short – maybe it should be 2 ½ days” Sanelli Ntuli
- “This conference would be much better if we spend at least four days so that we must have enough time for learning” Thembile Zikali
- “A session covering the skills on how to create a group must be included in the workshops. More young people must be involved in the conferences so that it will be easy for young people to get involved and have their cell groups” Jabulani Xaba
- “Make people who attend this conference increase” Nzimande Sfiso
- “If it may happen, I would have loved it if we could have this conference 3 times in a year because it is so helpful it changes people's mind life” Mnguni Thondeka
- “Perhaps people could do some self preparation in advance of the course – some important questions could be circulated like : What is needed in your community to help it grow? How has God led you in your life?” Fr Brian Luff
- “It was good and maybe the recap will be needed after 6 months / 12 months or so so that we see how God has blessed us with this work” Nombuso Mahlangu
- “It must have follow up to see how people are getting on by helping each other” Nliteleng Motloug
- “I think we still need more workshops like this so that we can grow further” N Z Mthethwa
- “It can be appreciated if group leaders can be grouped and share their experiences and challenges they may meet while leading their group and share on how to overcome them” Dlalisa Mtoto