

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MASVINGO, ZIMBABWE.

MOTHERS' UNION 140 YEARS & LADY DAY CELEBRATIONS.

From Friday 01 to Sunday 03 April 2016, the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Masvingo celebrated 140 years of service to families and communities. During the same celebration the Mothers' Union also observed belated Feast of The Annunciation To The Blessed Virgin Mary [Lady Day].

The Theme was 'Ebenezer' meaning 'stone of help' as a reminder of God's leading and guidance 'Thus far has the Lord helped us.' The Theme is based on 1 Samuel 7:3-12. The attendance was very good; all in all 1,000 members attended the celebration in Masvingo at the show ground.



The Mothers' Union pretend T/Shirts and material bearing the words: '140 years Celebrating Faith in Action-1876-2016'. Throughout the celebration some members put on this special regalia to bring out the 140th Anniversary Celebratory mood.



In her opening address in the evening on Friday 02 Friday, the Diocesan Mothers' Union President; Albertina Tawonezwi encouraged members to continue to reach out to families in the midst of many challenges that are prevalent in the day to day life of ordinary Zimbabweans.

On Saturday 03 April at 5.30 Am members of the Mothers' Union marched from Masvingo Show Ground to the City Center. [Masvingo Show Ground is 2 Kilometers from the City Center]. During the march the Mothers' Union members were under Police escort singing, dancing holding their Mothers' Union Banners and another Banner specially made for this occasion with the 140th Anniversary Logo. At designated places the M.U. Members would stop and Preach to curious onlookers. The atmosphere was lively and the Members were indeed in a Celebratory mood.



On Saturday 02 April, the Mothers' Union donated food stuffs, clothes, school fees, and blankets worth several



Ladies in blue and white outfits bearing 140 years logo took part in a colourful modeling on Saturday afternoon.



On Saturday 02 in the afternoon, the Eucharist Service was celebrated by Bishop Godfrey in the presence of all Diocesan Priests. The procession was very colourful with members of the Mothers' union holding banners. During the gradual hymn there was another colourful procession with one of the members holding the Holy Bible that was going to be used for the Gospel reading by one of the Deacons. Those in the procession were in their regalia marking the 140th Anniversary singing and dancing.





The Mothers Union kept vigil on Saturday night till morning of Sunday 03 April.