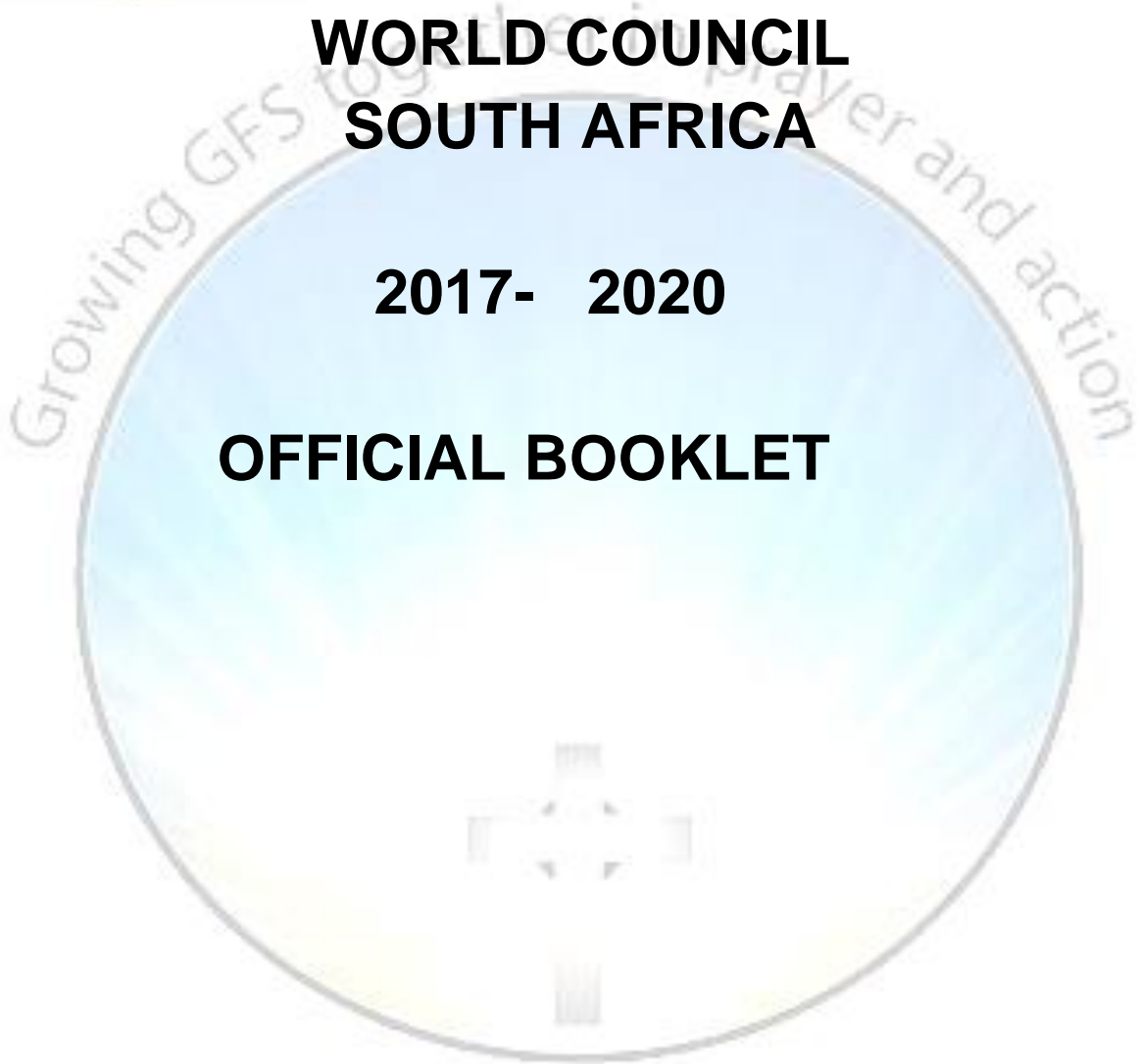




**GFS
WORLD COUNCIL
SOUTH AFRICA**

2017- 2020

OFFICIAL BOOKLET



COUNTRY REPORTS

COUNTRY : AUSTRALIA

Dioceses in which gfs is operating

**Brisbane, Ballarat, Central Queensland, Melbourne, North Queensland,
Newcastle, Perth, South Australia, Sydney and Tasmania**

NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRY 22

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	236	37
Members 12-17 years	Xx	
Children under 12 years	194 (combined for all children's ages)	

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Major highlights and joys:

•Delivery on 3 areas of focus from 2017-2020 term

1. Orange Day was taken up in various forms throughout the country,

- Raised community awareness by taking to the streets and offered oranges to be able to highlight the plight of those suffering domestic Violence
- Gatherings to share information and hear from those working in the field or those who personally have been assisted to escape Domestic Violence
- Collections of practical goods to support those escaping Domestic Violence
- Distributed to Homes for those made homeless due to Domestic Violence
- Supported construction and opening of a playground in the grounds of a home for those seeking a new start after Domestic Violence
- Workshop at National Council on Community Ministry -Family and Domestic Violence
- Contribution to the World Prayer book against Domestic Violence which has been used in a number of Diocese to lead prayer vigils.

2. Care of Creation to curb Climate Change

Everyone will be well aware of the many natural disasters our Country has continued to endure throughout the past three years, droughts, floods and bushfires.

Local community members have worked together to support those made refugees and orphans by these disasters.

Including local prayer vigils ranging from praying for rain to relieve drought, or to assist the fire- fighting effort to opening local halls as an evacuation centre.

On a wider level all are aware of the ongoing and increasing need to convert to energy saving measures and reducing our carbon footprint.
The National Exec has changed to holding a majority of its meetings via digital means which in turn reduces the number of plane trips that would have been made criss-crossing the large country.

3.Spiritual Growth:

We have as always offered a number of spiritual growth topics each time we have met as a national group including
Children's Spiritual Formation,
Prayer and Spirituality,
Pastoral Care

4.Development of members and Organisation. (Brief report on your local Projects)

We have seen local projects as diverse as our nation, including;
Fund raising events for the World Project in Sri Lanka.

State Meetings

Supporting Brisbane Diocesan Project "My Rainbow House in Zambia

Some GFS Diocese generously offering grants, bursaries, Parish Support Packages, and donations supporting, formation students, Children's, Youth, and Family ministries in parishes, children to attend diocesan events, University Ministry.

Continuing support to PNG and its growing GFS & BFS ministry

Continuing support to GFS Melanesia

Installing a stained glass window in St James Cathedral Townsville marking Children's Ministry

130th Anniversary of GFS in Perth WA.

Berowra 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Development of a Next Gen group for 16 – 30 yr olds inspired by Young Ambassadors USA

Ongoing Sydney Girl's Camp; "How to Stand" firm as Christians in this world.

5.Celebrations

The appointment and Episcopal Ordination of Sonia Roulston in Newcastle in 2018

World Day of Prayer Services celebrated in all dioceses around our nation.

The Celebration of the life and service of Lyn Vaak our Vice President

Along with a number of our other significant GFS Australians.

6.New branch establishment

We give thanks for and are praying for a renewal of interest in setting up GFS in the Northern Territory. We give thanks for the willingness of Melbourne member Helen Petering to work with The Reverend Kate Beer of the Northern Territory to explore this again.

Major challenges

- Loss of many members due to age and illness / leaving holes in leadership
- Major Governance changes in the whole of Anglican Church in Australia and our eagerness to comply.

Major plans and challenges and prayer points for next three years

- Rising to meet the change in governance to bring new and younger members to National Level.
- Managing change to governance to ensure suitable rules and regulations to promote ongoing leadership.
- Rising at a National Level to meet our responsibilities in Response to our National Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse in Institutions.
- Reestablishment of GFS in the Northern Territory.

Report written by:



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

REPORT OF GFS DRC

Above all , we thank God for his grace , which is so laudable because he is the master of time and circumstance . Here is also the summary of our annual report (2019 -2020) of GFS ACTIVITIES OF DRC

1) STATISTIC : the general total for three dioceses are 1500 Members from three dioceses (katanga , kisangani and butembo)

2) Major highlights and joys

- The reception of the three volunteers coming from Gfs Zambia before for the official launch of Gfs in DRC
- The Eucharistic service celebrated by the bishop Bertin of katanga diocese for the official launch , the commissioning of the National president Mrs Ursule Tshama and the president of Gfs of the diocese of kisangani and admission of new members of Gfs by the world president Mrs. Thembeke Pama in the presence of the National president of Gfs Zambia Mrs Yambayamba
- The constitution of the Gfs committee
- Many workshops were organized
- The exchange of views between the pastors of the different archdeacons , the leaders of Gfs , mothers union and youth leaders
- Meetings with the members of committee and the coordination of youth were organized
- The celebration of the day of tree and of 08 Th march
- Extension of Gfs in the diocese of butembo and kisangani
- Preparation of the daughter for the future wedding
- the corona virus stopped to do some activities about lock down
- The loss of a few limbs, the killing and rapes of women and girls in the East of the country

3) Major challenges : the distance between the Gfs archdeacons , parishes and other dioceses because in some corners the roads are not passable , insecurity, means of transport , training manuals , functioning of office

4) Major plans for next three years :

- The extension of Gfs in all the archdeacons of katanga diocese and other dioceses of DRC
- The training of the leaders
- The celebration of the third anniversary of Gfs of Gfs congo
- The training of the girl's and mothers on entrepreneurship
- The workshop on global warming , electoral education , on abortion and pre scottish marriage
- Self financing project construction of cutting and sewing

5) Major challenges and prayer points for next three years : we ask yours prayers for our action plan , our country, we yous assistance for ours sisters of East of DRC for the eruption of volan ,



COUNTRY: England and Wales

REGIONS IN WHICH GFS IS OPERATING IN YOUR COUNTRY

North East, North West, Midlands, London and South East, Wales

NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRY 34

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	94	4
Members 12-17 years	0	0
Children under 12 years	450	0
Members over 18 years		

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STATISTICS:

185 volunteers

98 members

450 girls

NE RDC:

- AYCC
- Blyth
- Eldon
- Pittington
- Rothwell
- Chester-le-Street

NW

- Aigburth
- Appley Bridge
- Garston
- Layton
- Mill Hill
- Penny Lane
- Pilling
- Stanwix
- Swinton
- Wrea Green

London & South

- Albert Pye, Beccles
- Hackney
- Leytonstone
- Wimbledon
- Leagrave
- Looe
- Red Oak, Lowestoft

Wales

- Dunvant
- Felinfoel

Midlands

- Atherstone
- Bearwood
- Frodingham
- Gloucester
- Market Drayton
- Pheasey



- Wainfleet
- Worksop
- Banners Gate

Major highlights and joys:

- We have seen new groups start up and girls benefit from this
- We have been through a significant amount of change and managed to rationalise what we do for the long-term benefit of the charity
- We have developed two new services that we are rolling out during COVID so that the girls are supported

Major challenges

- Financial challenges
- The change in the way people volunteer making turnover more likely and recruitment and training a more time-consuming programme of work
- Ensuring all of the groups benefit from the forward-thinking programme work

Major plans for next three years:

- To build our organisation into one that is populated by one aligned team that demonstrates respect for each other at every level
- Develop a sustainable financial plan
- Achieve growth in the number of groups we run and the number of girls who benefit

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years

- COVID implications
- Reduced funding available
- Change management



GIRL FRIENDLY SOCIETY ESWATINI REPORT.

1. The working GFS committee was commissioned the 15th of February 2020. The reverend Thandekile Zulu chairs the committee.
2. The first meeting was held on 14/03/2020.
3. The committee was given a mandate to teach and empower children at a tender age.
4. The targeted children are Sunday school to junior youth.

PILOT PARISHES: Three parishes were identified for piloting before it is rolled out to the entire parish. That is Ezulwini parish, St Michaels and St Georges and James parish.

MEETINGS

The national lockdown was announced soon after our first physical meeting. There after all our monthly meetings were held virtually. On the 24th of June we held a local workshop, where MRS Mashwama took us other stages they went through when they were starting St Agnes in the Diocese. This was necessary for us as it opened our eyes to all the steps to follow and armed us to face opposition. In the meeting of 25/08/20, we started crafting local objectives which were later presented to the bishop. In December we started reaching out to the parishes. On the thirteenth Ezulwini parish was visited. The vision was shared with the council and the entire congregation and was accepted.

OBJECTIVES

1. To foster Christian principles and values in the lives of boys and girls.
2. To tackle issues of inequality and gender based violence our communities.
3. To build self-esteem and self-worth in boys and girls.
4. To enhance leadership qualities for continued growth.
5. To impart life skills for personal and community growth.
6. To foster active participation in church and community activities.

THE ABOVE WILL BE ARCHIEVED BY:

- Skills assessment and identifying and identifying the needs for development.
- Education and information workshops, seminars and talks.
- Resource mobilization.
- Identifying mentors and role models secure age members.
- Providing practical and diverse learning opportunities for the development of members.
- Advocating for the organization so that it gets to be known across the Diocese.

ENROLMENT STATISTICS

- Number of children enrolled=0
- National conferences=0

COMPILED BY

Rev. Thandekile Zulu



GFS WORLD COUNCIL

COUNTRY STATISTICS

This form to be sent to the World Secretary by 31 st of May 2020

COUNTRY: HONDURAS.....

DIOCESES IN WHICH GFS IS OPERATING IN YOUR COUNTRY

..... HONDURAS

NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRY : 4

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	9	
Members 12-17 years	15	1
Children under 12 years	11	

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DIOCESE OF HONDURAS

REPORT TO GFS WORLD COUNCIL

STATISTICS:

(These will be entered by World President from the statistics form sent from your country)

NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRY : 4

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	9	
Members 12-17 years	14	
Children under 12 years	11	

Major highlights and joys:

- *In our country, cases of Covid 19 have increased a lot, and vaccines have been beginning to do so this June with people aged 60 and over.*
- *Neither the government nor the parents have authorized meetings with children and young people due to the severity of the pandemic. - We have not been able to meet to make a video clip due to these circumstances. I am so sorry*
- *At the end of 2020 they had 2 hurricanes that left many victims in shelters, pain, deaths, mourning, material loss, damaged or totally destroyed homes, mainly in the northern region, Copan and Yuscaran.*
- *We met with some adult GFS coordinators and three of our youth to prepare food and take them to the shelters.*
- *Collection of clothes, groceries, medicines to take to the shelters.*
- *I attach photos at our 2020 meeting in February.*
- *In the month of September 2020 we joined in the prayer service held by the GFS of the USA, only a few of our young women were able to participate since not all of them had a good reception on their phones.*
- *Through WhatsApp we send messages of hope, biblical reading and reflections to our GFS thus keeping us in contact.*

- *In the next month of August 2021 we will begin with an Alpha Biblical course where they will learn a greater knowledge about Jesus Christ, we believe that it is important to keep the flame burning in their hearts since none of them can attend their churches for the reasons indicated above.*

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years:

- *Meet again in person to carry out joint activities that help our girls and young people to grow spiritually.*
- *Help others by being better neighbors.*
- *Carry out activities that contribute to the care of creation and climate change.*
- *Continue promoting in other GFS congregations and be able to create other branch (es).*
- *We ask for your prayers for our diocese, our country, and our girls and young women.*

Both the hurricanes and the Covid 19 pandemic have led to job losses, we were confined from March to September 2020, even several companies are working with the teleworking modality, the above has impacted the most needy and vulnerable, including the majority of families. of our girls, that is why it is also difficult for us to reach all of them via zoom, each coordinator in one way or another tries to send them reflections that encourage them to always maintain their trust in God.

- *In the midst of this panorama that is not very encouraging, we are very grateful to our Lord because his mercy has saved us from all evil, from all pandemics, because his hand has always been caring for us and blessing us, as Corinthians 2 Corinthians 4: 8-9 says: "Thus, although full of problems, we are not without a way out; we have worries, but we do not despair. They persecute us, but we are not abandoned; they tear us down, but they do not destroy us."*

Our mighty and loving God is with us.

The Lord bless you abundantly.

With love,

Rev Canon Connie `Sanchez

COUNTRY: IRELAND

DIOCESES IN WHICH GFS IS OPERATING

Armagh, Cashel, Ferns & Ossory, Clogher, Connor, Down & Dromore, Derry & Raphoe, Dublin & Glendalough, Limerick & Killaloe, Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh, Meath & Kildare, Tuam, Killala & Achonry

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NUMBER OF BRANCHES : 66

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	458	
Members 12-17 years	350	
Children under 12 years	1089	
	1897	

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GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY - IRELAND

Greetings to our GFS family world-wide from GFS Ireland

Major highlights and joys:

- We had great joy in welcoming Mrs Thembeke Pama as she visited Ireland in May 2018 and addressed the Church of Ireland General Synod. This helped raised the profile of GFS within the wider church.
- The transition of our Central GFS presidency from Mrs Sylvia Quinn to Mrs Alison Jackson along with the other central office holders.
- Registration of GFS as a charity with Charities Regulator in Ireland
- GFS in Ireland completed many years of support for their GFS mission partners working in Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda and are now supporting the Urban Development Programme in Nairobi, Kenya.
- GFS was asked to participate in the celebration of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, the famous children's hymnwriter (All things bright and beautiful) and who was central to the development and establishment of GFS in Ireland.

Delivery on 3 areas of focus from 2017-2020 term

1. Orange day

GFS in Ireland continues to support the Orange Day on the 25th of each month, the purpose of the day was covered at a central level and also at the various Leader training days.

2. Care of Creation to curb Climate Change

GFS in Ireland have always encouraged its' membership to 'reduce, recycle, reuse, up-style' within our craft work. Specifically, we have used the 'Less Plastic for Lent' initiative circulated by GFS worldwide and each branch has been encouraged to use this programme within their parishes, schools and communities.

3. Spiritual Growth

GFS Ireland continues to develop and implement its Bible Study programme with a specific focus on giving our members and leaders the skills and knowledge to help them develop and grow in their faith. An increasing number of our members come from either no faith background or a very limited church background and we therefore see this aspect of our work as important now, as when GFS was founded.

4. Development of members and Organisation

GFS in Ireland operates within 2 jurisdictions, - Northern Ireland which is part of the United Kingdom and in the Republic of Ireland. While this can bring challenges to reporting in each of the jurisdictions, our ongoing strength is the unity of purpose for our leaders and members throughout the island of Ireland. We find that GFS faces many challenges as many leaders and helpers find life becoming ever busier and it is difficult for them to commit the time, skills and effort to operate, promote and develop GFS. Family life has changed for families, given both parents often work outside of the home and have long commutes and therefore are not home in time to bring their daughters to GFS etc. That said, we have an amazing group of girls (GFS

in Ireland membership begins from 3 years old) for whom it is our privilege to work with. Many branches continue to be an important witness in their local communities. We continue to develop the programmes offered to our leaders and senior members, through regional and Diocesan training days.

The members continue to challenge and upskill themselves through our annual craft programmes.

Friendships are created and developed through our bi-annual All Ireland camps.

5. Celebrations

GFS in Ireland celebrated its 140th anniversary in 2017. This was a wonderful year to celebrate the work and witness of GFS and look forward in faith and expectation to the future.

GFS had the honour of being invited to a Garden party hosted by the Irish President, Michael D Higgins at his official residence in Ireland.

6. New branch establishment

GFS continues to support Dioceses as they help local churches and communities develop their GFS ministry. We have seen a number of branches re-open after a break and the opening of other branches which is encouraging.

Major challenges

- To remain relevant to our membership in the 21st Century
- To help our members protect their mental health and well-being within a Christian context.
- Implementing the current Covid 19 regulations to facilitate our members, leaders and helpers meet while observing the advices from our respective Health Promotion Agencies.

We are mindful that GFS has already continued to operate through earlier world wide pandemics, develop best practice and guidelines given the age range of our membership (3 years old and over)

- Developing and adapting where possible our programmes to reflect changes within society where families are often 'blended' and it can be difficult for parents to commit given work and commuting constraints.
- To foster a sense of cohesion and sense of purpose for membership when they are not able to meet in person. Many branches operate in areas where the internet provision is poor. Where is it possible to 'connect' to ensure that on line safety is a core skill we can help our members develop and be aware of.
- GFS in Ireland has always operated within 2 jurisdictions – Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland but both were within the European Union and many of the governmental youth policy requirements were broadly similar. From 2021, Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom will be outside of the European Union and there is no clarity as to government policies may change and differ for us.

Major plans for next three years:

- Delivery and implementation of our web site as an interactive training and resource hub for our membership, church and local communities
- Develop our programmes to help and support our membership with their mental health and well-being
- Develop further multiagency approaches to our programmes, we are currently working with the Church of Ireland's youth department, Tear Fund and GFS as we develop our Social Justice Badge programme for our members.
- Address any changes that flow from the governmental changes to youth policy post 2021

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years

- To continue to support families as they cope with life in the 21st century and how GFS with its' breadth and variety of programmes is a valuable support for their daughters. Our faith is central to this ministry.
- We in Ireland, like GFS worldwide are responding to life with and post Covid 19, the challenge will be to maintain and develop the 'Fun, Friendship and Fellowship' that is core to all of our programmes.
- That the <18years members are encouraged and skilled to develop leadership roles within GFS at all levels.
- To be able to adequately resource our programmes and remain compliant to the jurisdictional government requirements.

Report written by: Alison Jackson

GFS All Ireland President

COUNTRY: JAPAN

DIOCESES IN WHICH GFS IS OPERATING IN YOUR COUNTRY

Hokkaido, Tohoku, Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Kyusyu, Okinawa...

NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRYtwenty.....

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	157	1
Members 12-17 years	50	10
Children under 12 years		
	207	11

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GFS JAPAN

Major highlights and joys:

1. Orange Day:

Although GFS Japan by itself has not done anything particularly about Orange Day, we are widely sending our message that we are against abuse of women with other women's group of Nippon Seiko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan). On 1st Dec. 2019 we got together to have a worship service at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Tokyo. We prayed to stop the violence against women.

2. Care of creation to curb climate change:

We know how important to care of creation to curb the climate change. So, we make a lot of efforts in daily life, for instance we sort out the garbage, recycle them and not to use plastic bags and when we travel domestically, we choose getting on the car or train rather than airplane.

3. Spiritual Growth:

Every year GFS Japan get together to study and work for our spiritual growth.

*In August 2017 we studied about Ainu (indigenous people) in Hokkaido. We learned they had lived there peacefully for a long time, but after new settlers came there from main island of Japan, they lost their land and their culture was jeopardized.

*In July 2018 we studied about Christian persecution in Edo period (about from the 17th to mid of 19th century) in Tokyo. While they were forbidden to be Christian, they did not abandon to believe in Christ although they had to hide their belief in many ways.

*In October 2019 we studied about the discrimination of lepers and of so-called 'buraku' people in Kagoshima. They are still under prejudice and invisible discrimination because they have leprosy or because their ancestors were forced to live in the designated area and to do particular jobs.

4. Development of members and organization :

We had a national meeting at Kyoto in February 2019. Nami Matsuzaki was elected as the president of GFS Japan. Because the members are becoming older and the numbers of the leaders decreased, they cannot operate by one local GFS. So, Kyoto, Osaka and Kobe GFS began to operate the center office together.

5. Celebrations

We published the 100th anniversary magazine in 2018. They have worked for 10 years to issue it. It will be the valuable historical material for GFS Japan.

6. New branch establishment

It seems that Chubu GFS which was very active historically but recently down has a sign of reuniting again. We hope they will be back, and it will be our joy.

Major Challenges:

We have continued to work for the children suffering from the damage of the Great East Japan Earthquake 2011.

*In August 2017 we helped the refreshing camp for the children in Ishinomaki.

*From 2017 to 2020 we have helped the NPO named "Foster Infant Children and Adolescents" which has worked for the health of the children in Fukushima. They worked for thyroid examination which could be influenced by the 2011 nuclear accident to the children who lived in the nursing home in Fukushima.

*In May 2018 we went to Fukushima to see how they live in Fukushima after the accident. After the accident they moved from Fukushima because they were afraid of the effects of radiation. A few people came back to their hometown.

Major plans for next three years:

Since the Great East Japan Earthquake happened, 9 years have passed. Still now we are working and will continue to work especially for the children's health in Fukushima. We are grateful to GFS World for your big support.

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years:

*Most of the leaders of GFS Japan are getting old and the number of the members is decreasing. Now the board members are very young who work for GFS taking their babies or having a hard work. We hope they are developing GFS Japan with their young power though they are very busy.

*May empower our leaders of GFS Japan to develop GFS.

*May the children suffering from the nuclear accident in Fukushima gain and maintain a good health.

Written by Akiko Motohata

KOREA

Major highlights and joys:

•U- Mul-Ga Project

The U-Mul-Ga project started as World Project in 2008 with aims of building self-support for the female North Korean defectors. U-Mul-Ga foundation opened Café Grace in two branches: Seoul Anglican Cathedral of Sts.Mary and Nicolas and Dongseo oriental traditional Hospital, opened March of 2008 and November 16th, 2015 respectively. Café Grace hires full time workers of North Korean defectors, providing experience and support needed for self-sufficiency, while providing a healthy community through events such as picnics and volunteer works. Also, U-Mul-Ga is continuing with ongoing projects such as Pro bono – providing free legal advice for North Korean female defectors; Scholarship Programmes – supporting children of North Korean Defectors; Fund raising – through annual bazaar. U-Mul-Ga as enjoys occasional special events such as “Barista Archbishop Rt.Rev Paul Kim” on Christmas eve of 2016 and sponsoring other Anglican communities in Korea.

1.Celebrating 10 Year Anniversary of U-mul-ga Project in 2020, with celebration scheduled for March 12th, 2020.

2.Café Grace went through renovation after the completion of public park building in front of ---

3.Raising awareness of the statistics and realities of North Korean Defectors, especially women. On September 26th 2019, GFS members gathered for a documentary-movie showing of “Why I Left Both Koreas (2017) director: Choi, Joong-ho”, dealing with the realities of North Korean defectors followed with an honest discussion with the director. On Feb 12th this year, seminar titled “North Korean Refugees, our neighbour” was held with special lecture from Prof. Hwa-soon Kim from Hansin university.

•Orange Day and Women’s’ Missionary Centre

1.On November 25th, 2019, we celebrated Day-1 with a workshop on “Gender Equal Anglican Church” with special lecturer Sun-hee, Yang from Seoul YWCA.

2.From the Day-1, we continued with 14 days of Prayer following up to World Human Rights Day on December 10th.

3.Anglican Women’s’ Society of Korea (including GFS and MU) elected Yoosun, Seok (formal president of GFS Seoul Diocese) as president – and will be focusing on increasing cooperation for Gender Equality and for the roles and spirituality as Christians.

4.In 2019, Anglican Women’s Society held forum with 61 members on June 6th titled: “Towards 130 years of Church Community: The Future of education and spirituality in women in their 50s and 60s.”

5.In 2020, Anglican Women’s Society will hold a forum and discuss “Safe Church Environment” and creating Safety Guard to prevent sexual assault and provide safety net as recommended by ACC.

•Organizational Changes in GFS Korea

1.New Branch Establishment – Onsuri Church, September 2nd, 2019 and 9 new members joined GFS Korea. Formal GFS Korea president Cha, Sun-ok Agatha was

essential in the process, and Bae Young Hee Maria will be representing GFS Onsuri Church branch at the World Council 2020.

2. We are welcoming our new chaplain of GFS Korea, Rev Esther Bbun-ea Lee (Wonju Church in Daejeon Diocese), as Rev Kiri Kim has been appointed to New York Trinity church, USA.

• Celebrations

1. 2021 is the year we celebrate the 130th Anniversary of Anglican Church of Korea. GFS is also in preparation to celebrate the joyous event.

2. We have celebrated 5th Anniversary of Womens' Mission Centre with a Music Concert at Seoul Cathedral (2019.10.10 19:00), inviting artists and choirs of the church and the community.

Major challenges:

- Hardships in Member Growth
 - No increase in youth participation, while the elders are no longer taking acting roles in GFS.
 - In other churches, Korean Anglican church have a unique custom, categorizing women by age and encouraging to move from GFS to Mothers' Union at around the age of 55. Also, this is promoted by lack of understanding in the community and the clergy.
 - Highly competitive society – people just do not have time to engage in church communities. Adolescents are busy studying for higher education; and then young adults are under pressure of job securities.
- Defining the Role of GFS in Korean Anglican Community
- Increased work burden leads to less participation, and it's a vicious cycle!

Major plans for next three years:

- Connecting to world GFS and other international Anglican Organizations
- Increasing Participation and awareness of GFS members in Policies towards Gender. Also, increasing participation in Anglican Womens' Society of Korea.
- Hopefully, increasing GFS members and branches! Including active junior and senior members.

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years:

- Pray that our plans may be fit to God's will.
- Pray that our major goals for next three years will bring positive outcomes
- Pray for health and growth in spirituality of each and every member of GFS, so that we will trust God ask for guidance
- Pray for Peace in Korean Peninsula and the world

Report written by: Hilda Jinhye Min

LIBERIA

Statistics as of 2017 to December, 2020

Members over	18 years	400
Members	12-17 years	450
Children under	12 years	210
Total		1,060

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GFS – LIBERIA

DECEMBER 2017 TO FEBRUARY, 2020 REPORT TO GFS WORLD COUNCIL

I am pleased to submit our stewardship for the period stated above. It was a pleasure leading the team to where we are.

Major highlights and joys:

- Increment in membership by 42.9% (2004-2008=426, 2009-2016=742, 2017-2020 Feb. 1,060) The increment emanated from several activities that were carried out that aroused interest of our members some of which are as follows: debate, spelling bee competition, Bible quizzing, praise dance, lecture Series, display of talent, Parade, travelling to other counties, GFS branches and other places. The visitation resulted into Admission services.
- Held our annual convention that elected and installed new corps of Diocesan Officers
- There was enormous enthusiasm of the girls, young women and Sponsors/Advisers in the mission and activities of the GFS. This enable us to explore new avenue and ideas.
- Continuous observance of the World Day of Prayer
- Participation in Diocesan programs of the Episcopal Church of Liberia especially having the girls serve as pages at our Church's Diocesan Convention
- Creating the awareness of the importance of the existence and functioning of GFS in Liberia, thereby, generating some funding and moral contributions from our Diocese, Sponsors / Advisers and some of our parents.
- Amended our (GFS-Liberia) Constitution
- We celebrated 65 year of existence in August of 2018 in grand style under the theme "GFS @ 65 Be the light for all to see."
- Visitation from a member of the Mother's Union in Guinea to our 65 year of existence with the hope that she would go back and help establish the GFS organization in her country. Thanks to our Archbishop, Jonathan B.B. Hart and the Bishop of Guinea who coordinated the process of the visit of Sister Sara Abeioseh.
- GFS Liberia attended the 2nd African Council Conference held in Kigali. A total of 10 individuals were in attendance and the delegation consisted of the President, Vice president, Chaplain one coordinator, one sponsor, and 5 girls from various Parishes and congregations both within and outside the capital city.
- Re-awakening of 2 dormant branches
- Weakly activities of the girls including handiwork and Bible study among others
- Two of our active young women got married and we were in full attendance at their weddings. Several of them graduated from grade school and Universities.
- On a sad note, we buried our past Diocesan President, Esther H. Page, a Sponsor, Elain T. Dunn and one of our girls (Crystal Dennis). Peace be to their ashes. We appreciated tribute sent on behalf of World Council through our world President, Thembeke Pama.

• We highly appreciate the budgetary allotment given the GFS-Liberia by our Diocese last year (2019). It enabled us to meet some of the needs of our programs.

Major challenges

- Not sufficient financial support
- Furnishing of our Office space to store our documents, to host meetings and carry on counselling
- Getting volunteers to teach the girls and young women
- Not much is done to create awareness in the entire country because of the lack of finance
- The establishment of Boys' Friendly Society (BFS). At our Church's Diocesan Convention this year, the idea was met with stiff resistance from the youths especially the male component

• We could not attend World Council in 2017 due to visa problem

Major plans and prayer points for next three years:

- To develop a more committed and passionate leadership from branch to Diocesan levels
- To conduct an Annual Diocesan vacation enrichment program for the young women
- Work towards the sustainability of the local and Diocesan Organization through the implementation of major fund raising activities and engaging in income generation activities
- To have committed volunteers to work with the girls and young women
- Have a Diocesan debate team with focus on increasing the girls public speaking and self-realization
- Creating awareness at the Diocesan level

Strengthening the existing branches and establishing 4 new ones

- Adding to our uniform style but maintaining the navy blue and white colours
- To create more unity and bond between and among our members and the world-wide GFS
- Improve the activities of the young women by organizing a spirit-filled Praise and worship Dance Team at various branch level that will eventually result into forming a Diocesan Dance Team as it has started to add flavour to our worship
- The effective wearing of Orange on the 25th of every month and the effective implementation of the Echo project
- That the Diocese continue to provide support to the GFS
- That dialogue towards the establishment of the Boy's Friendly Society (BFS) begins next year

Report written by: Quinnetta B. Clement / SRECRETARY-GFS LIBERIA

Approved by : Thelma E. Duncan Sawyer / PRESIDENT-GFS LIBERIA



COUNTRY STATISTICS

This form to be sent to the World Secretary by 31 st of May 2020

COUNTRY: MELANESIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

DIOCESES IN WHICH GFS IS OPERATING IN YOUR COUNTRY

DOCM, DOH, DoG, DOM, DOY, DOT, DOVNC.

NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRY 20

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	1017	0
Members 12-17 years	300	16
Children under 12 years	26	0

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Name of Country Chaplain: No chaplain

**SOLOMON ISLANDS
REPORT TO GFS WORLD COUNCIL**

STATISTICS:

(These will be entered by Country President from the statistics form sent from your country)

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Format for report:

Major highlights and joys:

- 2017 - September, Domestic violence and anticorruption rally activities
 - October, Awareness and teaching on GFS at Gwaiora Parish in Diocese of Guadalcanal

- 2018 – Retreat at TNK (Sister of the Church)
 - GFS Awareness and teaching at Tasiboko Ilonga Parish Diocese of Guadalcanal
 - Sewing lessons for GFS Girls
 - Liveskills, making floor rugs from fabric off cuts
 - 25th August celebrating Orange Day at Vura Parish, Diocese of Central Melanesia, major highlight of the day was based on Breast cancer teaching & awareness
 - September to October – GFS Training of trainers held at St Barnabas Cathedral area in the Diocese of Central Melanesia

- 2019 – National General Election involvement, members travelling to various constituencies to cast votes
 - GFS helping out on Preparation for MU Centenary, printing of MU t/shirts and decorating the Provincial Cathedral area to host the event in
 - October, Mothers Union Centenary (100yrs) celebrations
 - December visit to Christian Care Centre, praying and feeding the victims of domestic violence and presenting of gifts.

Major challenges

- *Financial freedom to carry out GFS work in Melanesia remains a major challenge as GFS does not have an annual budget under MU Melanesia or the Anglican Church*

- *Autonomy for GFS Melanesia should be given serious consideration by MU Melanesia and ACOM*
- *GFS World Council to help with setting up GFS Melanesia Office and organisation in terms of project should GFS Melanesia be granted independence from MU Melanesia*

Major plans for next three years:

- *Independence for GFS Melanesia from MU Melanesia, rather than remain a program under the MU Melanesia*
- *GFS to be given direct link to the Anglican Church of Melanesia like the Mothers Union*
- *GFS Melanesia to have direct link to GFS World Organisation via Australia*
- *GFS Melanesia to have its own office and officers to carry out its work independently*
- *A Draft Constitution has been drawn up for the Mothers Melanesia to deliberate on it*

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years

- *GFS requests prayer support from GFS Worldwide as we work towards getting independence for GFS Melanesia*
- *GFS Melanesia requests prayer support for Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) to recognize GFS Melanesia as a World Organization.*

Report written by: Betty Kesaka, Coordinator, GFS Melanesia

New Zealand

Format for report:

Major highlights and joys:

- Our GFS Council (led by Helen Allen, NZ President) has 10 members, all women who bring a range of skills to GFS. Our focus is still providing Scholarships to young women who for several reasons would not be able to attend a tertiary Institution without the help of a GFS Scholarship. We have also supported young women in their final years at school to attend leadership courses held at Outward Bound an outdoor education facility. The Outward Bound facility teaches leadership skills as well as boosting confidence and working as a team.
- We welcomed new Committee member Christine Mutch, during 2019. Christine is a secondary school teacher and has a range of skills including mentoring. It is hoped that, if needed, she will be able to mentor our young girls in transitioning from school to a Tertiary Institution.
- For the three years up until the end of 2019 we successfully supported sixteen young women with their tertiary education. Our support involves funding for three years of tertiary study at an approved University or similar institution and regular one on one contact with the student throughout each year. Some of our young women have maintained contact long after they have completed their University studies.
- We supported eight young women at Outward Bound Courses teaching leadership skills, self-confidence and working within a team environment. The girls who attend these courses are chosen by their schools and GFS Council meet the girls once the course is completed. GFS continue to receive regular while the girls are at school.

Major challenges

- Looking ahead our major challenges include maintaining and fostering current and new relationships with the schools and tertiary institutions within our local area.

Major plans for next three years:

- There are a number of Scholarships available in the wider community and during the past two years GFS NZ have increased the value of current and new scholarships and it is hoped that we will be able to increase these further over the next three years. GFS NZ are always on the lookout for opportunities to fund young women.

Helen Allen, President, GFS New Zealand



GFS WORLD COUNCIL

COUNTRY STATISTICS

This form to be sent to the World Secretary by 31 st of May 2020

COUNTRY: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

DIOCESES IN WHICH GFS IS OPERATING IN YOUR COUNTRY

POPONDOTA

PORT MORESBY

NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRY 20

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	350	30
Members 12-17 years	150	
Children under 12 years	40	

Name of Country Leader: Two dioceses work separately.

Popondota – MS VIVIAN JERIGA, Diocesan President

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA
REPORT TO GFS WORLD COUNCIL
Report to 31.12.19**

STATISTICS:

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GFS operates in two dioceses in PNG – Port Moresby and Popondota. At this stage there is no provincial constitution or structure. Mary Bagu from Popondota diocese was appointment by GFS Australia in discussion with the Archbishop of PNG, as Provincial Coordinator for two years and her contract was completed on 31.12.19. There are no plans to appoint a new coordinator at this time. The major challenge for such an appointment is the cost of travel for a Coordinator to visit other dioceses and no funds available within GFS in PNG.

Major highlights and joys:

GFS Australia continue to support GFS in PNG with annual visits to both dioceses. The training team of Canon Val Gribble, The Revd Canon Cheryl Selvage and The Revd Sue Wilson provide workshops, usually visit at the time of World Day of Prayer, and train Children’s Ministry workers to use the PNG World Project sponsored Sunday School program. These visits are highly valued both by GFS and by the Anglican church in both dioceses.

- Girika Sanata from Port Moresby represented PNG at the World Council in Perth, Australia. Because of World Council there was no visit by Australian leaders in 2017.
- A new executive was elected in Popondota in 2017 with Vivian Jirega taking over the Presidency from Mary Bagu. Vivian began a concentrated visit to remote parishes to introduce GFS (all by foot walking) This has resulted in a large increase in members. GFS Australia has worked with executive members and parish leaders to identify the many

challenges and how to look to future. MU and GFS work well together in Popondota diocese and often do promotion walks to villages together.

Both groups visited the local jail, together, for worship and fellowship

- Port Moresby introduced Orange day. Held a Walkathon with GFS feeding volunteers and GFS members escorted by Police with theme “Zero Down Hunger and Thirst, Zero Down Poverty and Giver hope to the Hopeless”. Encouraged the use of Bilum (cultural string bag) in place of plastic bags.

GFS Australia provided four sewing machines and classes were introduced. Provided workshops on CV preparation and training on self esteem and goal setting.

2018 – 33 Commissioned members with an Executive and Girika Sanata as Diocesan Coordinator of GFS.

Establishment of GFS Feeding Ministry which has attracted a number of male volunteers who have become members.

Girika Sanata visited Popondota diocese with the Australian team in 2019 to encourage working together.

Major challenges

- POPONDOTA – Few members pay fees and therefore the financial situation, including maintenance on GFS Haus is in a bad situation.
- The remoteness of parishes (and their branches) and the cost of bus travel is a constant challenge to gather members together. The President’s health has been affected by the long walks (often over days) to visit branches.
Lack of training facilities or resources for branches.
Financial situation of Anglican Diocese of Popondota affects all organisations in the diocese.
Maintaining GFS Haus which is now 16 years old and needs much maintenance.

PORT MORESBY

Unsafe for girls to move around freely, therefore need to encourage male members.

GFS program roll out to parishes not effective due to differences (Anglican church/MU/other denominations).

High venue fees charged is a hindrance to rolling out its programs in the city and the community.

Upskilling of executive in terms of technology and office administration.

Majority of members are unemployed

Major plans for next three years:

POPONDOTA

- Encourage the payment of fees by all members
- Attempt to maintain GFS Haus.
- Continue to promote GFS in other parishes
- Attempt to foster a willingness of team work amongst executive members.

PORT MORESBY

- Establish a GFS office and a conference facility
- Encourage more life skill training for its unemployed members for job opportunities
- Sewing project to be an income generating business to support its programs.

- Provide awareness programs of GFS to parishes and communities including schools.

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years

POPONDOTA AND PORT MORESBY

- Pray for stability in the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- Pray for stability in the Government of Papua New Guinea
- Pray for the establishment of new branches
- In Port Moresby pray for the Feeding Ministry and its intention to establish a foundation to support its program.
- Pray for good working relationships between GFS, MU and other Christians.

Report written by Canon Val Gribble, with input from Presidents of GFS in both dioceses.



COUNTRY: RWANDA

DIOCESSES IN WHICH GFS IS OPERATING IN YOUR COUNTRY

**KIGALI DIOCESE and BYUMBA DIOCESE
NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRY :10
STATISTICS:**

KIGALI DIOCESE	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	400	
Members 12-17 years	0	
Children under 12 years	0	
BYUMBA DIOCESE		
Members over 18 years	296	
Members 12-17 years	12	
Children under 12 years	0	
Total	708	

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(RWANDA)
REPORT TO GFS WORLD COUNCIL

STATISTICS:

(These will be entered by Country President from the statistics form sent from your country)

The information provided separately

Major highlights and joys:

- GFS Rwanda attended the World Council meeting in Australia 2017 for the first time represented by the then Chaplain Rev. Winnie MUVUNYI
- GFS Rwanda visited Mombasa Diocese in March 2018 on the invitation of GFS Mombasa who had offered to support us in the organization of the GFS African Conference
- GFS Rwanda hosted a historical event **GFS African conference** from 6th to 9th December 2018 hosting 12 countries. In this conference, the GFS world president together with the Bishop of Kigali Diocese commissioned a new Gfs Rwandan National President Ruth Mukabaranga and two Diocesan presidents: Diana Uwera –Kigali Diocese and Jean D` Arc Mukarugwiro Byumba Diocese.
- Have been organising annual conferences during long vacations
- GFS Leadership has visited several branches and had fellowship with girls and Parish leadership as well as MU who are their mentors
- We visited Byumba Diocese during the inauguration of 40 new GFS members

- Kigali Diocese specifically St. Etienne cathedral, started over night prayers for GFS every Friday of the month led by GFS leadership of the Diocese. This is in line with our Worldwide theme of **“Growing together in Prayer and Action”**. They learnt more about GFS, its goals and objectives; later on they came up with an annual action plan and carried out some economic programs like cooking.
- The Action Plan included days of fellowship of outreach where they have visited Hospitals and orphanages, visiting survivors of the genocide – working with widows and mothers who survived as well as children born as a result of the massive rapes, donating what they have so as to bear one another’s burden and fulfil the law of Christ
- Regarding economic activities, GFS in Byumba Diocese, have been engaged in crafts, canteen and livestock
- GFS Kigali Diocese, had been lent a garden that was used for rent to private events like weddings, and other types of meetings. However, this is no longer functioning due to COVID 19 and will no longer in in the hands of GFS.
- Rwanda was nominated to prepare the format for the International day of prayer to guide gfs worldwide on the celebration of St. Michael and all angles for 2019.
- GFS conducted an outreach fellowship with one of the university in Kigali. **The theme** was “A Christian girl in today’s world “Verse: Proverbs 31:25,30

Major challenges

While we thank God for all the achievements during these 3 years (2017-2019), there is a number of huddles that we are still facing as put forward;

- There is lack of commitment of members. Awareness is minimal.
- GFS is still in 2 Diocese out of 11. This is a very big challenge
- Financial constraint. GFS is still operating under the support of MU and it is therefore quite hard to reach out in a streamlined and well-structured manner.
- Kigali Diocese as the pilot Diocese that started GFS in Rwanda, still hosts the National office which does not have the capacity to carry out its roles as commissioned. The responsibility of reaching out in other Diocese still lies under the host Diocese.

- Economically, GFS is lacking sustainable income generating activities to enable smooth functioning.

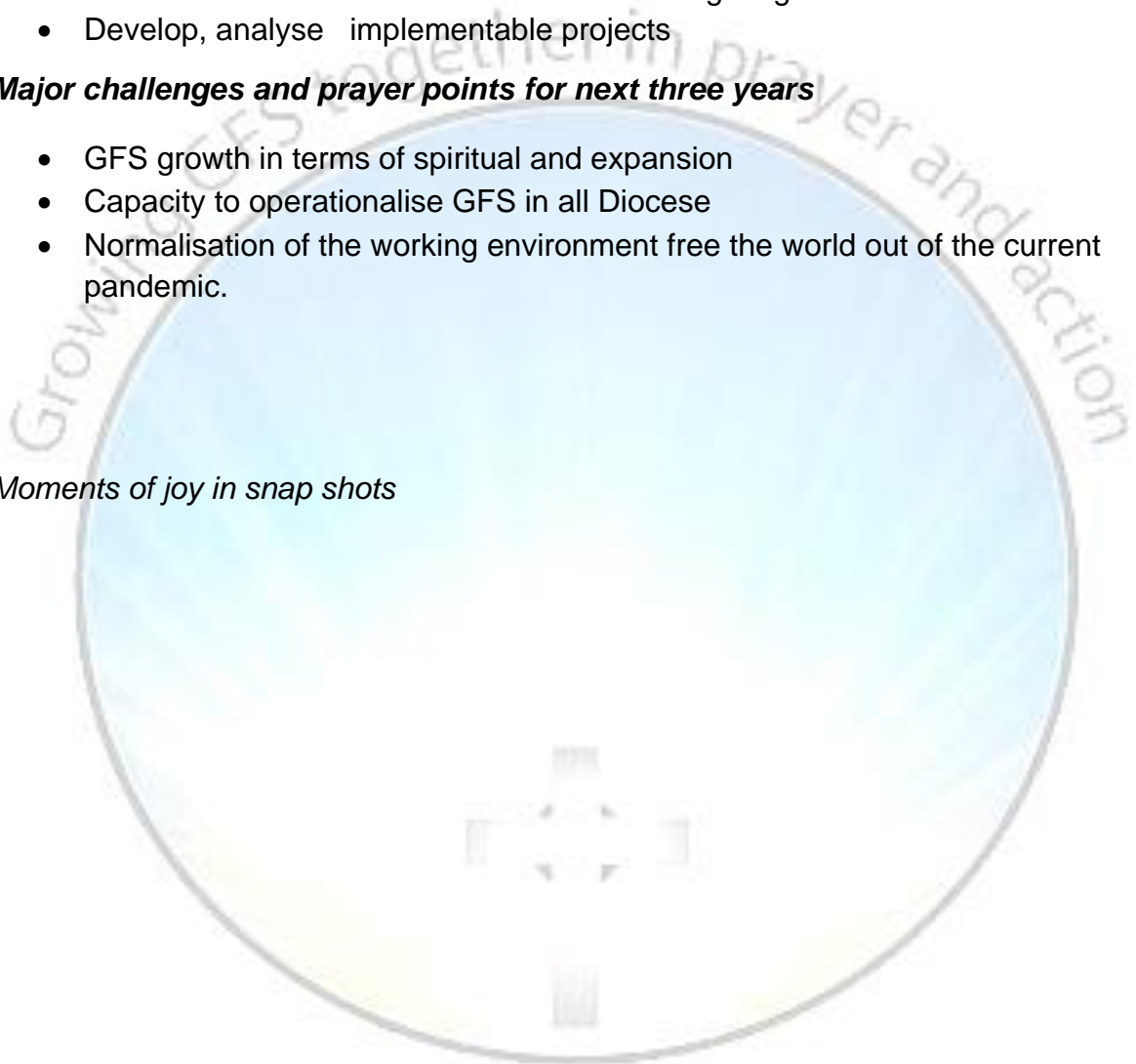
Major plans for next three years:

- GFS Visibility in the rest of the Dioceses
- Awareness programs Seminar/workshop: on GFS, What, who, why
- Continue with annual GFS conferences during long vocations
- Develop, analyse implementable projects

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years

- GFS growth in terms of spiritual and expansion
- Capacity to operationalise GFS in all Diocese
- Normalisation of the working environment free the world out of the current pandemic.

Moments of joy in snap shots



**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY
SIERRA LEONE**

REPORT TO 2020 GFS WORLD COUNCIL

Reporting to 31.12.20

STATISTICS:

(These will be entered by World President from the statistics form sent from your country)

Major highlights and joys:

- Bible Studies, thanksgivings at Branch levels held. Diocesan Seminar, World Day of Prayer, a new branch was opened at St. Matthias Church, Lunsar in the Northern region of Sierra Leone
- GFS Sierra Leone launched 55 years anniversary.
- Diocesan Council was held in November 2020 at which reports from the President, Organising Secretary and Treasurer were presented even in the midst of the Corona virus.
- We thank God for restoring two dormant branches. They are again active in the Diocesan GFS activities.

Major challenges

- Permanent space for GFS activities.
- Insufficient financial and material resources to sustain the organisation and to provide the facilities needed to stimulate growth in the girl child in line with the objectives of the GFS.
- Outreach, expansion and support to the growth of new branches are pose difficulty due to mobility problems and weak capacity.
- The national economy declined as we are still struggling to end the Corona virus which is posing heavy threats on domestic budgets. The Diocesan Executive and Branch Leaders continue to strive to keep branches alive.

Major plans for next three years:

- Constant learning programmes and social activities will continue in line with the COVID-19 regulations. A 4-day holiday session is being planned to take place from 25-28 August 2020.
- Will hopefully revive GFS in the Diocese of Bo in the Southern Province of Sierra Leone.
- Fundraising activities will be embarked upon to start the initial stage of the GFS Building project.
- Great Thanksgiving Service to mark the 55 years of existence of the GFS in the Diocese on November 28, 2021.

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years

We thank God for sparing mercies and divine favours upon GFS from establishment to the present, and particularly for sparing our members from the Corona virus in Sierra Leone. We pray for:

- God's blessing, direction and protection for our Bishop, Rt Rev Thomas A I Wilson, and Chaplain, Rev Robertson Curtis, Clergy and parishioners of the Anglican Diocese of Freetown
- For the GFS World Leadership of all member countries
- World peace and revival in the Christian faith
- Spiritual growth of the GFS worldwide; and that the purpose and motto remain everlasting according to the vision of Mary Elizabeth Townsend and founding members
- God's blessing upon GFS-Sierra Leone, and for provision for our project dream to become reality, and to be able to create impact on the development of the girl child.
- The sick and aged, and members in difficult circumstances worldwide
- All institutions, Well-wishers, Townsend Fellowship members (past and present) through whose contributions members strive to keep GFS alive.
- All deceased GFS members worldwide

Report written by: Hannah I. Broderick

(South Africa) 2017 TO FEBRUARY 2020 REPORT

REPORT TO GFS WORLD COUNCIL

Format for report:

Major highlights and joys:

Progress in the newly established GFS branches now GBFS exists in 11 Diocese.

South Africa was privileged to be part of Africa GFS Conference in 2018.

Provincial Conference held in 2019, graced by the presence of World President Mrs Tembeka Pama, the Provincial Youth Liaison Bishop Dintoe Letloenyane and GFS National President of Ireland Ms Alison Jackson was a success.

Launch of the Orange Day was a success!

Leaders and members (Nationally) received training on Curbing of Climate change.

Skills development projects are progressing well.

During this term many of GFS members have been ordained, others got married, others graduated in different disciplines.

During lockdown, Computer use, and technology skills improved for the young and old.

Outreach program delivered and reached out to the poor and all those affected and infected by Covid 19

Formed prayer groups that involved all dioceses where gfs exist.

Major challenges

- High prevalence in cases of substance abuse, teenage pregnancy and school dropouts in some Dioceses among members, especially in urban areas.

- Unemployment has a negative impact towards youth of South Africa.
- GFS members tend to outgrow the guild when they reach tertiary education.
- Lack of support from the clergy in many Dioceses discourages both GFS leadership and membership.
- During this covid 19 period, about 17 leaders including 2 chaplains and one Diocesan GFS President succumbed to COVID 19 related illnesses.
- Funds are exhausted since gatherings like diocesan, national and provincial conferences are prohibited.
- We have stopped advocacies on GBV, awareness on substance abuse and teenage pregnancy.
- There are no more retreats, no more physical fundraising activities, no more youth games due to covid 19 regulations, although we have accepted the situation since it is for our safety's sake, members are demotivated.

Major plans for next three years:

We plan and pray to

- Focus more on spiritual growth of both members and leaders.
- Revive GBFS in the Dioceses where it exists.
- Establish it where it is not available.
- Enhance strategies of fundraising, skills development., life skills programmes and career guidance.

Major challenges and prayer points for next three years

Major challenge:

Covid 19 pandemic

To pray that we:

Adhere to the regulations and carry out the AYSA (Anglican Youth of South Africa) Mission statement , that of proclaiming the message of God's redemptive hope and healing for people and creation.

Major challenge

The structure (gfs) is not functional as expected in some branches

To pray for

The revival and strengthening of gfs Nationally.

In some branches there is lack of Curriculum, programme, Spiritual development.

To pray that we:

Put more emphasis on holistic development of members, involve members and leaders in church programs and projects

Major challenge

Where members may not be fully engaged in church activities

To pray that

members fully participate in and commit to HONOUR GOD IN WORSHIP.

Report Written by: Mrs Zanele Ntenetyana

President GFS&BFS SOUTH AFRICA



GFS WORLD COUNCIL

COUNTRY STATISTICS

COUNTRY: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN.

DIOCESES IN WHICH GFS IS OPERATING IN YOUR COUNTRY

YAMBIO AND NZARA DIOCESES.

NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN YOUR COUNTRY. (4BRANCHES).

STATISTICS:

	Female	Male
Members over 18 years	95	7
Members 12-17 years	150	
Children under 12 years	75	

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Christian greetings.

Zambia has not done much with this pandemic around the world but have managed to open two branches in Luapula Diocese. We were scheduled to have a national conference in April 2021 and because of the pandemic all gathering are not allowed as you may be aware.

Our plans are to visit one Diocese were there in no GFS. This Diocese is eastern Diocese one of the five dioceses in Zambia. I also wish to report that we have tremendous support from our chaplain and our Bishops. The only challenge we face as leaders who need to travel long distance is transport as our dioceses is in different parts of the country but with God's help somehow, we manage. This is all I had to report for now.

Ms Phyllis Yamba Yamba

