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Dear Friends,

Friends of SOMA

It is a time for us to step out in faith knowing of God's faithfulness and of His activity among us. We are aware that we face times of crisis in our nation, church and families, but these are also times of opportunity.

The impact and encouragement of the 2012 Anglicans Ablaze Conference spurs us on to be more deeply committed to God's mission in line with our Provincial vision **ACT** (**A**nchored in the love of Christ, **C**ommitted to God's mission, **T**ransformed by the Holy Spirit). In the words of Archbishop Thabo after the AA Conference "Now we are challenged to go on being 'Transformed by the Holy Spirit' in whatever ways He calls us—both as individuals as well as together as the Anglican Church of Southern Africa."

The SOMA SA Council has agreed to Revd Chris Viljoen continuing as National Director, serving 50% of his time with SOMA as from August 2013. His parish has released him for this while he continues to serve as their Rector, with the assistance of Rev Tony Farrell.

SOMA is inviting you to be a **Friend of SOMA: ACTing** together, in growing mission awareness, being involved in mission and in going out on mission, to be agents of transformation by the Holy Spirit. You can do this by stepping out in faith with us as an individual, a parish or a diocese in the following ways:

- Through **regular prayer**
- By making **financial contributions**, and
- By **joining a mission team** yourself.

There is no shortage of work for SOMA, as we prepare to increase the number of missions after the July 2014 AA Conference and prepare leaders, teams and venues for mission – starting now. SOMA continues with its international ministry and in 2014 celebrates 20 years since it revived its mission work by joining an Australian team in 1994 to Uganda.

For more details please see the attached documents.

The Lord bless you as we fulfil His call to mission.

*+ Martin: St Mark
the Evangelist*

The Right Revd Martin Breytenbach
Chairman of SOMA SA

National Director: Revd Christian Viljoen; *Chairperson:* The Right Revd Martin Breytenbach
SOMA SA is a mission agency in the Anglican Communion called to the transformation
of individuals, churches and communities in the Holy Spirit throughout the world