CHURCH LADS AND CHURCH GIRLS BRIGADE – DIOCESE OF SALDANHA BAY
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The year 2026 was one of growth, commitment, and continued service within the Brigade. Throughout the year, our Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and members worked diligently to uphold the values of discipline, Christian fellowship, leadership, and service to the Church and community.

All our Companies participated in the Brigade programme, including drills, parades, training activities, church services, youth development initiatives, and community engagements. These activities provided opportunities for members to develop spiritually, physically, and socially while strengthening relationships across the Regiment.

We also successfully hosted our Annual Athletics Day in April, which encouraged healthy competition, teamwork, and fellowship among members. Participation across various age groups demonstrated the enthusiasm and talent of our young people.

A significant spiritual highlight was the Annual Thanksgiving Service in September, attended by the Vicar General, The Venerable Rus Blassoples, The Archdeacon Venerable Claire Todd, together with our Company Chaplains, families, and supporters of our members. The service provided an opportunity to reflect on God's blessings and to give thanks for His guidance throughout the year.

One of the highlights and biggest event on our year calendar was the Annual Band and Drill Competition on the 31st October. The event was well supported and reflected the high standard of preparation and commitment within our Companies. Months of preparation, practice, and commitment were evident in the high standard of performances displayed on the field. Members demonstrated excellence in marching, drill movements, musical presentation, teamwork, and leadership, reflecting the hard work invested by our members throughout the year. Beyond the competitive aspect, the event provided an important platform for members to build confidence, strengthen friendships, exchange experiences, and foster unity within our organization. The competition once again highlighted the talent, potential, and dedication of our young people and reinforced the values of discipline, respect, and pride that remain central to the Brigade's mission.

While Membership remained stable during the year, several challenges remain. Limited access to uniforms, increasing transport costs, and financial constraints continue to affect participation in activities and events. Despite these obstacles, Companies have shown resilience and commitment, and efforts are ongoing to seek practical solutions and support to ensure that all our members can participate fully in Brigade programmes.

Our key focus and vision remains clear: to strengthen existing Companies, revive inactive Companies, establish new Companies, increase membership, and continue developing disciplined, faith-filled young people who will serve both the Church and our communities. As part of extending God's Kingdom and expanding the Brigade's ministry, we have accepted an invitation to participate in the annual bazaar of the Church of the Ascension on 14 November 2026. It is our prayer and hope that this involvement may lead to the establishment of a new Company within the parish.

We as the Executive Committee extends our sincere appreciation to all our Company Chaplains, Our Officers, our parents, supporters and most of all our members who contributed to the success of our organization during 2026. Their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our young people.

A sincere word of appreciation is extended to the Regimental Headquarters staff for their unwavering dedication, commitment, and service throughout the year. Although the Headquarters has not yet been staffed to its full complement, the existing team has continued to carry out their responsibilities with professionalism, passion, and a deep commitment to our organizations mission. Their willingness to go above and beyond, often taking on additional duties and responsibilities, has ensured the successful planning and execution of programmes, events, and administrative functions. We are deeply grateful for their sacrifice, teamwork, and steadfast support, which continue to contribute significantly to the growth and success of the Brigade.

Through God's grace and guidance, we remain confident that the Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Submitted with gratitude and appreciation.

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Regimental Commander
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