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Bishop Lordwell Siame
Lusaka Presbytery
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Sent by email to: lovesiame@gmail.com

Dear Bishop Lordwell

Greetings from the Southampton District of the Methodist Church in Britain and many congratulations as you take up your new role as Bishop of the Lusaka Presbytery. We wish you well for your Induction in January 2021. Our new Chair of District, Rev'd Andrew de Ville, looks forward to continuing the friendship and links between our two Churches, together with the Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church.

This year has been such a challenge for the whole world with the Coronavirus Pandemic. We hope and pray that the Zambian people will have access to the vaccine too and that 2021 brings hope for us all. Of course, everybody and every Church has been affected in different ways and here in the UK we are trying to focus on new opportunities that have presented rather than just on the negative. Most of our people are missing the close contact of friends and family and the ability to meet for worship and mission in our communities. We recognise that we are very blessed with excellent internet facilities which have enabled us to find new ways of meeting and being a different sort of 'church'. We hope that you too have found some positives and most of all that your people keep well and safe.

We wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and God's blessing for this new chapter in your ministry.

Very best wishes

Sandy Coates, Synod Secretary

On behalf of Rev'd Andrew de Ville and all the members of the Southampton District