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Bishop's Message of Hope

Bishop Levee Kadenge's recent visit to West Epping Uniting Church on 6 June not only opened our eyes to the plight of people in Zimbabwe but opened our hearts to embracing our authority from God to go out and do the good works that are right in front of us. We were reminded that we are all called to be bearers of good news, particularly to our brothers and sisters who are very poor.

Despite the hardships experience by Zimbabwean's, and indeed, Bishop Kadenge himself, the Bishops message was one of hope – of fighting injustice with love rather than guns!

The Reverend Dr. Bishop Levee Kadenge is currently Chairperson of Christian Alliance (Leaders of the various Christian Churches). This organisation came into being because of the extraordinarily difficult social and political situation in Zimbabwe. They felt the Christian community had been very quiet while the ordinary people's democratic space was shrinking by the day. Christian Alliance offered to speak on behalf of the silent majority against the social ills of the time, and Bishop Kadenge was chosen as its Convenor.

Bishop Kadenge had prophetic ministry outside the church during the height of the political crisis in Zimbabwe speaking out against the Zimbabwean Government's cruel oppression of its people. But by being critical of the President, he ended up in custody a number of times.

In mid 2009 Bishop Kadenge resumed full ministry in the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe as a lecturer at the theological college. He was invited to pioneer a subject, Religion and Current Social Issues (RCSI), to share his experiences with Christian Alliance, and the imperative for the church to engage with contemporary social issues.

The Bishop's visit is part of a three month sabbatical sponsored by key Uniting Church supporters. He is currently continuing his tour of Australia delivering his inspiring message of the hope that is to be found in Jesus Christ.

