



INKUTHAZO YOBUMBANO BESIZWE

“Buyisanani loNkulunkulu,” (2 Korinte 5:18-20)

Incwadi yobalusi yeAdvent yomnyaka ka 2020 yabaBishopi beZimbabwe (ZCBC) mayelana lokubuyisana loNkulunkulu, lokubuyisana labanye kanye lendalo yonke.

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“Lingesabi, ngoba ngililethele indaba ezinhle zokuthokoza okukhulu okuzakuba kibo bonke abantu” (Luke 2:10).
1. Bazalwane abathandekayo kuKristu, iAdvent yisikhathi sesithembiso esikhulu kithi. Yisikhathi sokuba lethembala. Njengokuloba kukaPhapha uFrancis encwadini yakhe ayilobe ensukwini ezimbawwa ezedluleyo ukuthi, “Nginxusa abantu bonke ukuthi babe lethembala elitsha, ngoba ithemba lisazisa lokho okugxile enhliziyeni yomunye lomunye ... Ngalokho-ke, asikhule ethembeni.” (*Fratelli Tutti*. N. 55)

Kungakhathalekile ukuthi impilo zethu zimi njani munye ngamunye, njengezimuli, njengomphakathi wonke, njengesizwe, lanjengomhlaba wonke jikelele, lesi yisikhathi sokulangathela izindaba ezinhle eziza lomusa weNkosi yethu. Njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu, silindele ukuzalwa kukaKristu. Ukulindela ngethemba ukuhlangana loKristu kuletha ukuzithoba. Lapho silindele ngokukhuleka ukuza kukaMesiya lokusindiswa kwethu kufanele sikhumbule ubuthakathaka bethu lezono zethu esizakusindiswa kuzo. Kufanele senze lokho okufanele sikwenze thina, sitshengisa ukubonga lokuthakazelela ukukhululwa okuzayo. Thina sifana labantwana bakoIsrayeli abaphakathi kohambo lokuya elizweni lesithembiso kanti njalo kufanele sichaphe uLwandle oluBomvu, okungaba yinto enzima kakhulu kithi. Ukulwela inkululeko lokuphathwa ngokufanayo kwabantu kungaba ngumsebenzi onzima kakhulu njalo ongasenza sesabe. Njengababhishopi benu eZimbabwe, siyalikhuthaza ukuba likhangelele ngokuthokoza, ukuza kombuso kaKristu, umbuso wokulunga, owokuthula, lokuhlonitshwa kwabantu bonke lendalo yonke. Usindiso lolu – ukulingana lokhu akuqondananga labakholwa kuKristu kuphela kodwa kungokwabantu bonke. Ekubikeni kwaso ukuza kokuqala kukaKristu, isithunywa samemezela kubelusi eBethlehema sathi: “Lingesabi, ngoba ngililethele indaba ezinhle zokuthokoza okukhulu okuzakuba kibo bonke abantu” (Luke 2:10).

2. Ibalu elithi *Advent* lidabuka kubala lesiLathini elithi *Advenio* elitsho ukuthi “khangela ngiyeza.” YiNkosi uJesu ezayo ukuzahlala phakathi kwethu ukuze isivuselele. Ukuza kweNkosi kuyikuza kwezinto ezintsha njalo, imibono emitsha, ithemba elivuselelwego kuyo iNkosi lakomunye lomunye lakulokho esingakwenza sindawonye uba sithemvana, sifinyelelana njalo sisebenza ndawonye singayinaki imingcele emisiwego ekuphilisaneni kwethu kwansuku zonke lakwezombusazwe. Siyamkhuthaza uHulumende ukuthi elule isandla esitsha esamukela wonke amabandla aphikisayo kwezombusazwe ukuze ilangabi lethembala leadvent lilunyathiswe kutsha empilweni zabantu bakithi abahluphekayo.

Isimemezelo sikaJohane uMbhaphathizi esithi “lungisani indlela yeNkosi, qondisani indlela zayo” kumele sizwakale kwezombusazwe, ezomnotho, levezinkolo empilweni yabantu. Kambe thina ngokwethu kanye lelizwe lethu singangena njani kumoya weAdvent, isikhathi semvuselelo? Lapha-ke sizaholwa okokuqala lugwalo lukaMtshumayeli 4:9-10 oluqinisa ukuthi asingeke sizimele sodwa, siyabadinga abanye, kanti njalo labo bayasidina: “Ababili bangcono kuloyedwa, ngoba bayazuza umvuzo omuhle ngokutshikatshika kwabo. Ngoba uba omunye esiwa umnakwabo uzamvusa; kodwa maye kulowo owayo eyedwa kungekho ongamvusa!”

3. UPhapha uFrancis kuncwadi yakhe entsha ethi *Fratelli Tutti*, ephendulelwego ngokuthi 'Singabazalwane Sonke' ugcizelela kakhulu ukuqakatheka 'kobuzalwane lobungane bezenhlalo', "ubudlelwano obungelamigoqo, obusikhuthaza ukunanzelela, ukwamukela, lokuthanda umuntu munye ngamunye lanxa ekhatshana lathi, njalo

singelani lokuthi wazalelwa ngaphi kumbe uhlala ngaphi” njalo singelani lokuthi usekela liphi ibandla lezombusazwe. Esebenzisa amazwi kaPatriarch Bartholomew oweOrthodox, uPhapha uFrancis uloba esithi: “UNkulunkulu udale abantu bonke belamalungelo alinganayo, imilandu elinganayo, kanye lesithunzi esilinganayo njalo ubabizele ukuba bahlale ndawonye njengabazalwane.” Isimemezele lesi sokuhlala ndawonye lokunenzelela isithunzi lamalungelo omunye lomunye singumbiko oqakathekileyo *weAdvent* njalo singumogodla wobumbano besizwe.

4. *I Advent* yalonyaka (2020) iza siphakathi kogubhane osoluhlukuluze umhlaba. ICOVID-19 isihlukuluzile kakhulu, ezimulini, kwezomkhonomi, kwezemfundo, kwezomoya, ekukhonzeni kwethu, lasemisebenzini yethu. Ugwalo lukaMtshumayeli esilubalileyo mandulo luqinisa ukuthi thina njengabantu, ngaphezu kwakho konke, singabantu abaphila ngobudlelwano, njalo ebudlelwani. Uthando oluqotho kumphakathi lokuzimisela ukusebenzela ukuthuthukisa uzulu kuzindlela zokutshengisa uthando olungapheleli kubudlelwano babantu ababili kuphela kodwa olusingatha ubudlelwano phakathi kwabantu abanengi – ukuphilisana emphakathini, kwezomnotho kanye lezombusazwe. UPhapha uFrancis uyasinxusa ukuthi sinanzelele “ukuthi bonke abantu bangabazalwane bethu lokuthi ukudinga imikhondo yobudlelwano obugoqela umuntu wonke...kuyisenzo esiqotho sothando” (180). Uqhubeka esithi, “Umqondo wokubekezelana okwamanga kumele uvelele idlela umqondo wokukhulumisana kwabantu abaqinisekileyo kulokho abakukholwayo benanzelela njalo ukuthi abanye labo balelungelo elifanayo. Ukuze sizwisise abanye abantu, kufanele singene enyaweni zabo khona sizanenzelela okuqotho kumbe izisusa lenjongo zabo lalokho abakukhathalelayo (FT 221).

Ukuze sinakakelana ngeqiniso kudinga ukuba siqale ngokuhluzisia ubudlelwano phakathi kwethu thina abantu. Ubudlelwano obuhle labantu yibo obuzala umqondo munye lomoya munye. Kungabanjalo, uhlonzi lwempilo yabantu bonke luyaqathekiswa. Ukuzwelana lokunakakelana okuqotho kubakhona uba sinanza abanye abantu njalo siphila ngokunenzelela ukuthi silekhaya linye uNkulunkulu alibeke ezandleni zethu. Umphakathi olobuntu ulamandla okudiliza umoya wokunganaki olethwa yikuqathekisa okwedlulisleyo imali lempahla lokusweleka kothando kwezombusazwe.

5. UNkulunkulu wasinika amandla wokudala izimo ezenza ukuba sonke siphumelele. Lo ngumlandu womunye lomunye wethu. KumaKristu, lumlandu ungtasho ukuphatheka kwezombusazwe umKristu eholwa nguKristu asehlangane laye njalo egcwele uthando lesihawu sezombusazwe. “Umbusazwe omhle uyazidinda izindlela zokuthuthukisa abantu ezibangeni zempilo yabo yansuku zonke” (FT 03). UPhapha uFrancis uyaqhubeka esithi “Ngiyaphinda njalo ukulincenga ukuba lisingathe kutsha umbusazwe njengesibizelo esikhulu leyinye yezindlela eziphakemeyo yokudinga ukugcwalisimfuno yomuntu wonke.” (FT 180). Umbusazwe ongelalo uthando awungeke ulethe impilikahle kazulu. Idlela abaholi bezombusazwe abaphatha ngayo labo abangavumelani labo yiso isilinganiso sothando lwabo kusizwe sonke. “Ukwakhiwa kokuthula esizweni kakupheli; kungumsebenzi ohlala ukhona, umsebenzi ongapheliyo odinga ukuzimisela komuntu wonke, kanti njalo uyasiqhubezela ukuthi sisebenze gadalala ukuze sakhe ubunye besizwe. Ngaphandle kobunzima esihlangana labo ekufezeni lumsebenzi, ukutshiyana kwemibono ekuzameni kwethu ukuhlalisana ngokuthula, lumsebenzi usikhuthaza ukuthi siqinisele kuloluhambo lokukhulisa ‘isiko lobumbano lokuhlanganyela’. Lokhu-ke kudinga ukuthi phakathi kwakho konke ukuhahabela kwethu ezombusazwe, ezokuhlalisana, lezomkhonomi, umuntu, yena olesithunzi phezu kwakho konke, abe nguye oqakathekiswayo, kuhlonitshwe njalo impilikahle lemfuno yomuntu wonke”(FT 232).

6. *I Advent* leMvelo

Encwadini yakhe ethiwa u*Laudato Si*, uPhapha uFrancis uxoxisana labantu bonke mayelana lomuzi wethu sonke lo ongumhlaba. Ukhuluma kakhulu ngomonakalo osuwehlele umhlaba phansi lapha kanye lasemkhathini, umonakalo odinga ukuphenduka kwangaphakathi ebantwini bonke ukuze ulungisiswe. Ukonakala komkhathi lokhu kuyinto esiyaziyo njalo esiyikhangeleyo. Kuyinto ephilayo emhlabeni, kanti njalo kuvuthelwa yibuyanga abantu abaphila kibo, ukuhahabela kwabantu ezamabhizimus, lobuhwaba obungelamkhuwulo.

UPhapha uFrancis uyaloba njalo ukuthi “isimo sabantu lesimo semvelo konakala ndawonye; asingeke senelise ukulungisisa ngokwaneleyo ukonakala komkhathi uba singalungisisi isisusa salokhokonakala okugxile ebantwini lakukho konke abakwenzayo”(LS 48). Ngakho-ke isimemezele esikhona ngesokuthi impenduko iyadingeka ukuze sakhe ubudlelwano obuqinileyo phakathi kwabantu silondoloze umuzi wethu ndawonye. Lokhu kokubili kuyinto-nye. Inkolo zethu zilomsebenzi omkhulu okumele ziwenze ukusiphathisa kulumsebenzi. Impilo yokomoya ilakho ukusiqhubezela ukuthi sibe lesihawu sokuvikela umhlaba esiphila kiwo. Isikhathi seAdvent siyasinxusa ukuthi sizibuze ukuthi yiziphi izindlela ezingcono esingenqabela ngazo ukubhidlika kwaleligugu laseAfrica. Ithemba lokuba lekusasa enhle likhomba ukuthi lokhu kuyeneliseka impela.

Kuncwadi yakhe njalo u*Laudato Si*, uPhapha uFrancis uthi inkangala zangaphandle ziyakhula ngenxa yokuthi inkangala zangaphakathi sezaqhela ngokwedlulisleyo (#217). Lezi zinkangala zangaphakathi zibangelwa yibugovu babantu. KumaKristu, lokhu-ke kutsho ukuthi ukuhlangana kwethu mathupha loKristu kuba sobala kubudlelwano bethu lomhlaba esiphila kiwo.

Ukuphila ngokomoya sikhululekile njalo sisazi kuyasikhulula. Kuyasisiza ukuba siphile impilo ngokugcweleyo. UPhawuli ongcwele uyasikhumbuza encwadini yakhe yesibili kwabaseKorinte ukuthi, ukunotha kwethu kusekuzimiseleni lasekweleniseni kwethu ukusiza abaswelayo (2 Cor. 8:1-15).

Umuntu wonke ulelungelo lokuphathwa ngesithunzi sakhe, lelungelo lenjabulo lokukholisa impilo. Kodwa-ke amalungelo la awangeke ananzelelwe uba abanye abantu benganakwa. Ukonakala lokusetshenziswa kubi komhlaba lomkhathi kulimaza impilo zabantu lamalungelo abo abawaphiwe nguNkulunkulu ukuthi basuthiswe yilokho okwadalelwa abantu bonke.

7. Isiphetho

Ukuthi uhambo lwethu lwalonyaka belunzima kuyinto engabuzwayo. Silahlekelwe yizihlobo labangane. Kufanele sifake imfuno zikazulu kumacebo ethu okuvuselela. Kumele sisizane. Ukuba lesihawu nje, kungenye yendlela yokwenza lokhu. Ukubuyela kwethu ekukhonzeni ndawonye kuyawuvuselela lumoya wobunye phakathi kwethu. iAdvent yisikhathi esihle sokuqala njalo ukuya ezinkonzweni zeMisa eNgcwele nxa besingakaqali. Asisebenziseni-ke isikhathi sethu ukukhuluma ngendlela eyakhayo, sikhulume kuhle njalo ngendlela elamandla mayelana lekusasa esilifisayo lesifiso sethu sokwakha iZimbabwe eSiyifunayo.

Thina ababbishopi benu sinanzelela ukuthi sithinte indaba ezinengi eziqakathekileyo kulincwadi yobalusi. Siyacela-ke ukuthi lapho elenelisa khona hlalani phansi liyibale ngokuzindla langokukhuleka lincwadi. Singajabula njalo nxa lingahlangana lingamaqenjana, ukuxoxisana ngendlela ezingcono esingazilandela ukuze sibe *ngamanxusa ethemba* ngendlela engcono ngalesikhathi sokulindela UKristu leseKhisimusi.

8. Silitshiyela imibuzo elandelayo ukuba liroxisane ngayo.

Kambe ngiyakunanzelela yini ukuthi ngiyabadinga abanye abantu empilweni na?

Ngiyananzelela yini ukuthi ngingumlondolozi wabanye abantu lomlondolozi wohlabu, ngenxa yokuba ngumuntu kwami na?

Nkosi Nkulunkulu, nginike umusa wakho ukuze nginanzelele ukuthi ngiyabadinga abanye abantu empilweni yami ukuze ngithuthuke. Vuselela kimi umoya wokuba ngumlondolozi. Ngisize ukuze ngihlanyele ukuthula lobungane lapho engihamba khona ukuze ngiphathise ekwakheni umhlaba ongcono ngobuqotho. Amen

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