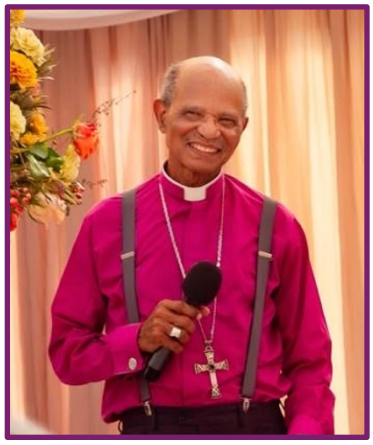
Advocate of Peace and Justice Incarcerated
An appeal from Bishop Jo Seoka
regarding the arrest of Bishop Trevor Mwamba



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Dear friends and colleagues of Bishop Trevor and the wider Church.
I write this brief public letter to appeal to all who cherish justice, human dignity, and the rule of law. At this critical moment, I urge us to lend our voices in calling upon the Zambian Government to secure the release of Bishop Mwamba, Mundumbile, and 16 other co-accused, who remain incarcerated despite not having been formally charged with any offence, but rather based on allegations. Our collective advocacy can help ensure that due process, fairness, and justice are upheld. Therefore, I urge you to demand justice and the release of the Bishop and his comrades.

Bishop Trevor, as I know him, is a man of faith and justice, whose life and leadership have been defined by conviction, compassion, and courage.

Throughout his ministry, as priest and Bishop, Trevor stood alongside the poorest of the poor, speaking boldly for justice and defending the dignity of every person. His move into politics after retiring from Church leadership reflects a consistent commitment to serving people beyond the church walls. This is what the Gospel of Jesus Christ who called him, required of him. People and their dignity mattered to Trevor because all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God.

At the heart of his message is *ubuntu*—the African understanding that our humanity is bound up with one another's. It is a philosophy grounded in compassion, mutual respect, solidarity, and human dignity.

During the election campaign, Bishop Trevor called for free and fair elections, tolerance, and respect for the rule of law. Nothing he said was a provocative demand, but a call for basic conditions for a peaceful, democratic society.

It is therefore ironic that a person calling for peace, justice, and respect for the law should be arrested for almost two months without being charged. If peace and justice do not form part of the essential ingredients of a healthy society, then democracy is replaced by dictatorship, which puts innocent people in prison. The bishop and his co-accused must be immediately released or charged – not incarcerated.

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For background information see:
https://anglicanism.org/bishop-trevor-mwamba-a-moral-voice-in-a-political-world