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PARTNERS — IN MISSION —

Celebrating the Milestones of God's Faithfulness

PASTORAL LETTER 15TH JULY 2026

Dear Partners in Mission,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This month marks one full year since we launched the Partners in Mission theme in June 2025.

As I reflect on the journey we have travelled together over the past year, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for His unfailing faithfulness. Every step we have taken reminds us that the Lord has been walking before us, beside us, and behind us. It is therefore fitting that we pause for a moment to celebrate the milestones He has graciously enabled us to reach.

A milestone is more than simply the marking of time or the completion of a task. In the biblical sense, it is a sacred reminder of God's faithfulness and of His guiding hand throughout our journey. A milestone is not the destination itself; rather, it is a testimony that we are making progress towards the purpose God has prepared for us. It assures us that the Lord, who called us into His service, continues to lead us step by step.

In ancient times, milestones were placed along roads to help travellers measure how far they had come and how much further they still had to travel. Spiritually, these milestones invite us to pause, remember God's goodness, give thanks for His sustaining grace, and renew our commitment to continue walking faithfully with Him.

Like those driving from one city to another, we are encouraged each time we see a road sign indicating the remaining distance. Every sign reassures us that we are moving closer to our destination. We do not stop because we have reached one sign; rather, each one encourages us to continue.

As I write this pastoral letter, I am reminded of several milestones that deserve our thanksgiving as we continue running the marathon of 2026.

EVERY MILESTONE BEARS WITNESS TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

As we celebrate these milestones, together with many others that may not have been mentioned here, our hearts are drawn to the words of the Psalmist:

*"If the Lord had not been on our side—let Israel say—
if the Lord had not been on our side when people
attacked us... the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us."*

(Psalm 124:1–5)

These words remind us that our achievements are never the result of human strength alone. Every milestone is a testimony to God's sustaining grace. Had the Lord not walked with us, strengthened us, and provided for us, we would not be where we are today.

A MILESTONE OF FINANCIAL FAITHFULNESS

One of the great encouragements over the past year has been the positive response to our pastoral appeal for Presbyteries and congregations to strengthen the life, ministry, and mission of our denomination through financial contributions.

With gratitude to God, the Finance Committee of the General Assembly recently reported the lowest financial deficit since the Covid-19 pandemic, with the July 2025 to June 2026 financial year ending at approximately R435,000. This is indeed a milestone worthy of celebration.

This achievement has been made possible through the sacrificial ministry contributions of congregations and individuals who have continued to support God's mission through the UPCS. To each one of you, I express my heartfelt appreciation. May the Lord richly bless your faithfulness. At the same time, I warmly encourage those who have not yet joined this journey of giving to become partners in sustaining the ministry God has entrusted to us.

A MILESTONE OF SHARED MINISTRY – THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

We also give thanks to God for the successful meeting of the Executive Commission (13–17 June 2026) hosted by the Highveld Presbytery at Gateway Presbyterian Church.

We thank the Presbytery and Gateway congregation for their hospitality and willingness to shoulder part of the financial responsibility. They exceeded every expectation.

May the Lord bless the Presbytery and Gateway congregation for reminding us that ministry flourishes when God's people work together in unity and generosity.

A MILESTONE OF HOPE THROUGH OUR YOUTH

Another joyful milestone was the Youth Convocation (2–5 July 2026) held in Butterworth in the Eastern Cape. Witnessing such an inspiring gathering of young people filled our hearts with hope for the future of Christ's Church. We applaud the support the youths received from the Tiyo Soga Presbytery, its congregations, the ministers' spouses, and the Fellowship of Women.

Joining the youth during the Sunday worship service reminded us that God continues to raise a new generation of faithful disciples. We witnessed not only enthusiasm and energy, but also vision, commitment, and a genuine desire to serve Christ and His Church. It gave us confidence that the baton of ministry is being entrusted to capable hands as the Church prepares for the future God has ordained.

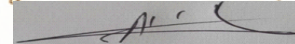
PRESSING FORWARD TOGETHER

While we rejoice in what God has already done, we also remember that the journey is not over. The race continues. Like the Apostle Paul, we press on towards the goal, trusting that the One who began this good work among us will remain faithful to complete it.

May we therefore continue to encourage one another, pray for one another, serve alongside one another, and remain steadfast as faithful Partners in Mission. May every milestone strengthen our confidence that the God who has brought us this far will surely lead us safely to the fulfilment of His purposes for His Church.

May the Lord continue to bless you, your families, your congregations, your presbyteries, your synods and every ministry entrusted to your care.

Your Partner in Mission (PIM)



Rt. Rev. Dr Amon Kasambala
Moderator of the General Assembly



Editorial



Grace, Peace and the Love of God to all the readers of Presbyterian Link

Exciting periods never cease to visit us in the UPCSA. We have just emerged from a very exciting Executive Commission in the month of June. The Executive Commission affords us an opportunity to evaluate and assess the work of the church arising from the decisions of the General Assembly. It also affords us an opportunity to examine some of the obstacles encountered in the implementation of this decision and collectively find ways to unlock them. This is exactly what the Executive Commission did as it met at the Gateway Presbyterian Church in Kempton Park, within the precincts of the Presbytery of Highveld.

The Executive Commission was constituted by the Moderator of General Assembly, The Right Rev, Dr Amon Kasambala, who gave a powerful, no barrel sermon, urging members of the UPCSA to go back to the basics in doing the work of the Lord. He called for honesty, commitment, and partnership in our work.

Several key moments were observed during the four days that the leaders of our church gathered in Kempton Park. Firstly, we saw the UPCSA responding with a powerful statement regarding the issues current, especially in South Africa, concerning immigration. This statement is a statement of the unity of the people of God, especially in the African continent. Secondly, the Executive Commission listened to our fellows' brothers and sisters from the Democratic Republic of Congo about the political situation in their country and how the citizens of these countries are affected, especially the women and children. Thirdly, we witnessed a moment of pride as our Denomination launched the 50th anniversary celebrations on the ordination of women in the UPCSA. Fourthly, this Executive Commission celebrated a moment of pride as we bid goodbye to the Clerk of Assembly, Rev Vusi Mkhungo, who has served our Denomination in this role for the past eleven years. Rev Mkhungo has arguably served the church with commitment and distinction, and as we bid him goodbye from this office, it was with heavy emotions and a big thank you. We will forever be indebted to him for his service to the UPCSA and the Lord. This was celebrated in a banquet hosted by the Moderator of General Assembly.

This edition of the Presbyterian Link shares exciting pictures from these exciting and proud moments.

We also include in this edition our regular features like the Moderator's pastoral letter, and all the pictures and events which occurred in our Denomination during the months of May and June. No doubt, from these pictures of witness, the UPCSA is engraving its name as a Denomination of choice, responding to the spiritual needs of the people of God in South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the DRC. From the social projects implemented by our Church in Society Committee, the Mission work spearheaded by the Mission and Discipleship Committee, the empowering sessions implemented by the Ministry Committee and the Evangelical programs implemented by our Church Fellowships Committee, we can only conform that indeed 'we try harder'.

Presbyterian Link is there to share all these milestones, not to claim the glory from God, but to Glorify Him, who is the Creator of the Universe. We invite you to traverse this edition and enjoy with pride the beauty of being the workers of the Gospel.

The Peace of the Almighty God be with you always



Elder Benny Boshielo

Convener: Communication Committee



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If you don't go with us, don't send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with (us) unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth? (Exodus 33: 15-16)

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Recently, I had the privilege to hear the Samoan theologian, Brian Fiu Kolia, speak about discernment (strategic thinking) from a pacific perspective:

“When viewed at sea, the horizon might look like an ending. But in Samoa, every tautai (fisher) knows it is always a beginning. That is where we stand today — at the horizon of Jubilee. And I want to begin by asking you to hold two things at once: the beauty of the ocean (the moana), and its fury. The gift of it, and the threat of it. Because if we cannot hold both, we are not yet ready to speak honestly about hope.”

Hope is not a feeling. Hope is a decision — organised, embodied, and structurally expressed. ”

So taking our lead from such an understanding of hope – as a decision, an organised, embodied, and structurally expressed decision, we will be embarking on a process this year to re-evaluate and re-discern our Mission priorities as a denomination. The current Strategic Plan of the UPCSA expires in 2026. Having initially decided to allow the plan to continue for the time being, the Priorities and Resources Committee reconsidered this in the light of the announcement by the Council for World Mission that it was rolling out a new Mission Support Programme (MSP) to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of its founding in 2027. This MSP (5) will include a Grant of approximately R5 million for the UPCSA, paid over three phases as in the past. The process required for unlocking this resource involves the UPCSA reviewing its Mission Priorities. This process is being undertaken in the period between the Executive Commission 2026 and the General Assembly in 2027. As General Secretary, I will work collaboratively with the P&R in this endeavour as well as with the relevant committees who are still in the process of rolling out their MSP (4) projects over the next eighteen months.

The Priorities and Resources Committee has designed a simple questionnaire which we will be rolling out to all Presbyteries, seeking to engage a small group (20 people) in each Presbytery to hear what their discernment is about the future endeavours of the UPCSA.

We realise that we lack the capacity to analyse more than this small sample and hence we are asking for Presbyteries to make sure that the small sample group of 20 include a gender balance, a balance of clergy and laity and at least a third of the sample should be youth.

At the end of the process, the P&R committee will analyse the responses and prepare a report on findings for the 2027 General Assembly.

Whenever we think about the unfolding future, it helps to have our perspectives challenged. Hence, the Council for World Mission has challenged us to ask “Who is on the margins of our (UPCSA) world?” This is, of course in keeping with the ministry of Christ who ministered on the margins of his first century middle Eastern world. Again, Dr Kolia challenges my perspective on how the map of the world is perceived:

“Pasifika does not lie at the periphery of the world, if you hear our Pasifika stories, we are located at the centre of the world, and from this position we operate on a different way of knowing, being, and hoping.”

At the heart of this perspective lies a common word for the ocean that I'm sure you are all familiar with: moana. In the Samoan understanding of moana, it comes from the word moa which means “centre,” “middle,” but is also another word in the Samoan language for “heart.” The moana or ocean therefore does not constitute the edges of Pasifika existence, but the centre of our existence, and a bridgeway between lands. Imagined this way, Pasifika, through the moana, is one huge mass, for there is life in the moana, and the moana connects life.

This understanding of moana instigates an alternative way of thinking and reasoning, where the interconnectedness of life is extended beyond land and radically inclusive of all beings and modes of existence. As Epeli Hau'ofa had famously articulated, Pasifika is viewed not as islands in the far away sea, but as a sea of islands. At the same time, the ocean is in us! A water continent, if you will.”

(Brian Fiu Kolia)

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So let's start thinking about the future of the UPCSA in the months that are left in this year. And perhaps let's change our perspective (from land to sea?) so that we can dream new dreams for the UPCSA and see new visions.



Warm greetings to the family Presbyterian

Rev. Dr. George Marchinkowski
General Secretary



MALIBONGWE PRECAUTIOUS GWELE



Malibongwe Gwele is an elder of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa with over two decades of service in governance, administration, and systemic leadership both in Church and Civil Society.

His faith-based leadership journey spans secretarial and governance roles at every level of the UPCSA. He has served as Clerk of Presbytery of the Western Cape, Council Secretary at Stellenbosch United Church, and secretary for Assembly and Presbytery committees, including Stewardship committee and more recently as a member of the Business committee. These roles honed his expertise in coordinating church events, interpreting the Manual of Faith and Order, and ensuring procedural correctness with pastoral sensitivity.

At Stellenbosch United Church, he has been Council Deputy Secretary and Secretary since 2010, contributing in congregational governance and leadership with compassion and discernment.

His leadership extends to broader service as Chairperson of Persona Doll Training SA and Deputy Chairperson of DOCKDA Rural Development Agency boards.

Malibongwe's faith-based ministry is marked by a commitment to building bridges across communities, empowering grassroots initiatives, and contributing in denominational structures. He has coordinated transitions, overseen commissions, and contributed to the integrity of UPCSA decision-making processes. His administrative precision, project management experience, and ability to foster collaboration make him well-suited to oversee major UPCSA events and operational tasks transnationally.

Academically, Malibongwe holds a Master's in Social Sciences (Religion & Development) from the University of Cape Town. Professionally, he has served as Research Officer at the Children's Institute at UCT and as a M&E Officer and Researcher at the Early Learning Resource Unit, producing reports and publications that informed policy and practice.

He is fluent in English and IsiXhosa, highly computer literate, and adept at drafting minutes, reports, and publications that support governance and decision-making.

Malibongwe's blend of denominational insight, administrative skill, and pastoral sensitivity positions him to be a competent candidate to serve the UPCSA faithfully as Clerk of Assembly, ensuring that governance strengthens the church's mission across Southern Africa.

BUILDING BRIDGES
across communities

EMPOWERING
grassroots initiatives

UPHOLDING INTEGRITY
in denominational
structures

STRENGTHENING
the mission of the
UPCSA



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

– Colossians 3:23



They Served with dignity and honour

The retiring ministers were honoured during the Valedictory Service held on 17 June 2026 at Gateway Presbyterian Church, Kempton Park, as part of the Executive Commission 2026. The service was a meaningful occasion of thanksgiving and celebration, recognising their faithful service, steadfast leadership, and dedicated ministry within the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa.



*(Rev Dr Micah Nthali, Rev Fiona Benzon, Rev Tichaona Mutaaurwa
Rev Frikkie Botha & Rev Victor Ntshona)*





WOMEN IN MINISTRY CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING
50TH
Anniversary
OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY



50th Anniversary of Women in Ministry

CAKE CUTTING BY:

- From left
- Rev Farisi Sakala
- Rev Heidi Petersen
- Rt Rev Bishop Kgabe
- Rev Melanie Cook



The women ministers who attended the launch of the **celebrations**.



The guest speaker at the launch was
Rt Rev Dr Vicentia Kgabe,
Diocesan Bishop of Pretoria.



The FoW in Highveld presented gifts to the task team of the Women in Ministry who were present during the launch.



She spoke on the theme:

Women in Leadership and Ministry.



CELEBRATING OUR FATHERS

On the occasion of Father's Day in Stuartville, men were treated to a 'vintage style' celebration by the women, youth and young women. Above all that they were showered with gifts. To top it up, they received a talk from Elder Joyce Mphahlele, Convener of Health, and Wellness in the Congregation. It was indeed a memorable day for the men.





LIMPOPO PRESBYTERY

Stuartville Congregation

Stuartville Congregation under the leadership of Rev Lethabo Mabotja had a very busy Sunday on the 28th of June 2026. As the Congregation continue to see growth, new members were welcomed after going through a process to teach them about the UPCSA. The service also saw the confirmation of young people and baptismal of both adults and children. The growth of the church is a welcome development in the UPCSA.





A Servant Leader - Time to take Leave

Stuartville Congregation

It was all joy and emotional in Stuartville as Elder MJ Molaba was pronounced and afforded an Emeritus status. Elder Molaba served the Congregation with commitment and dedication. She was the Convener of Mamogoshudu Station and also served as the Session Clerk of Stuartville, serving with Rev Boitumelo Gaborone and Rev Lesego Mokeng. Elder Molaba also trained as a Lay Preacher and has been a member of the Fellowship of Women. A dedicated prayer warrior, we wish her well in her retirement. Re a go leboga Pheladi. Modimo a le lote gomme a le shegofatse.





STUARTVILLE CONGREGATION

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE, RECOGNITION OF ELDER EMERITUS, AND WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS



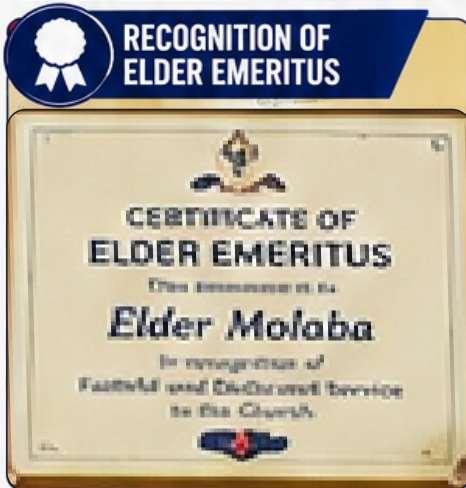
*A joyful occasion of worship, thanksgiving, fellowship
and celebration of the continued growth of the Church.*

The congregants at Stuartville Congregation participated in the Holy Communion service, during which **Elder Molaba** was honoured with a Certificate of Elder Emeritus in recognition of faithful and dedicated service to the Church. The service also included the welcoming of new members into the congregation.

“ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

– Hebrews 10:23

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WORSHIP

Together we worship
God with reverence
and thanksgiving.



RECOGNITION

Honouring faithfulness
and dedication in
service to the Church.



WELCOME

Receiving new members
with love and joy into
our Church family.



GROWTH

Celebrating the growth
and unity of Christ's
Church.



To God be the Glory!

Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness,
for calling us together, and for building
your Church.





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**Mt Horeb
Congregation**

*Growing Together in Faith,
Witness and Service*



COMRADES MARATHON ACHIEVEMENT

Mt Horeb Congregation celebrated the achievement of its Comrades Marathon runners, who successfully completed the race and returned home with bronze medals.

The congregation gave **thanks to God** for granting them strength, endurance, and safe completion of the marathon.

They congratulated them on this **commendable accomplishment**, which brought pride and inspiration.



**WELL DONE
CHAMPIONS!**

Your perseverance brings
honour to God and inspires us all.

**“I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.”**

Philippians 4:13



To God be the glory
for this achievement!



Proud of our
runners!



Proud of
Mt Horeb Congregation!



WINTER FAIR FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Together in Fellowship, Giving for a Greater Purpose



Mt Horeb Congregation
successfully hosted a
Winter Fair as a fundraising
initiative.



FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY

The event brought together
members of the congregation
and the wider community in a
spirit of fellowship and
cooperation.



FUNDRAISING FOR MINISTRY

Funds raised will go towards
supporting the congregation's
ministries and ongoing
activities.



UNITY & PARTICIPATION

The initiative strengthened
unity and encouraged active
participation among
members.



THANKFUL HEARTS

We thank God for the
success of this event and
for everyone who gave
their time, talents, and
resources.



Thank You! 

To everyone who supported, volunteered, donated,
shopped, and prayed – your contributions made
this Winter Fair a great success!



Many hands
made light work,
and together we
made a difference!



BUILDING FAITH

Strengthening our
community through
Christ.



SERVING TOGETHER

Using our gifts to
support God's work
and His people.



GROWING TOGETHER

In faith, love, and
purpose for the glory
of God.

*To God be
the Glory!*



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



Mt Horeb Congregation hosted a **Mother's Day Brunch** to honour and celebrate the mothers and women of the congregation.



The event provided an opportunity for **fellowship, appreciation, and encouragement** as mothers were recognised for their love, sacrifice, and invaluable contribution to their families, the Church, and the community.



THANK YOU
Mothers

You are the heart of our homes, the strength of our Church, and a blessing to our community.



LOVE

You love unconditionally.



STRENGTH

You are strong in every season.



SACRIFICE

Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed.



FAITH

Your faith builds our Church.

“ Her children arise and call her blessed...

Proverbs 31:28



To all the mothers and women of Mt Horeb Congregation,
Thank you for being a blessing!

WE APPRECIATE YOU.
WE CELEBRATE YOU.
WE THANK GOD FOR YOU.



FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



*The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him."*

— Proverbs 20:7

HONOURING OUR FATHERS

The congregants at **Mt Horeb Congregation** participated in the Father's Day celebration, during which the men of the congregation were treated to a fellowship breakfast.



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The men gathered together over a hearty breakfast, strengthening bonds of fellowship and unity.



INSPIRING MESSAGE

The programme featured a guest speaker who addressed challenges and issues faced by men in their everyday lives.



ENCOURAGEMENT

Practical guidance, spiritual inspiration, and words of encouragement were shared to build and empower men in their roles.



APPRECIATION & SUPPORT

The event promoted fellowship, appreciation, and the well-being of the men within the congregation.



THANK YOU, FATHERS!

Your love, leadership, and dedication make a lasting impact in our families, our Church, and our community.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9



STRONG IN FAITH
STRONG IN CHARACTER
STRONG IN PURPOSE



BUILDING MEN.
BUILDING FAMILIES.
BUILDING THE KINGDOM.



TO GOD BE THE GLORY
FOR A WONDERFUL
FATHER'S DAY!



INCOME-GENERATING INITIATIVE

WILLIAM MPAMBA MEMORIAL CONGREGATION

Fellowship of Young Women (FOW)



The Fellowship of Young Women (FOW) at William Mpamba Memorial Congregation engaged in the production and sale of reusable plastic bags and decorative crafts as a fundraising initiative.



CREATIVITY & SKILLS

Empowering young women to use their creativity and skills for a good cause.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Promoting the use of reusable materials and encouraging care for our environment.



FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

Generating funds to support the fellowship's programmes and activities within the congregation.



UNITY & FELLOWSHIP

Building unity, teamwork, and a spirit of service among the women of the church.



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

— Colossians 3:23

TOGETHER IN FAITH,

CREATING HOPE & MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Thank you for your support and prayers!



“Well done, good and faithful servants! Your initiative is making a difference. Keep shining for the glory of God.”

— Matthew 25:21



YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION & Fundraising

HONOURING YOUTH. BUILDING FAITH. SHAPING TOMORROW.

The Fellowship of Youth at Weirdale Congregation participated in a Youth Day celebration and Fundraising held on **28 June 2026**.

The event provided an opportunity for fellowship, spiritual growth, and the commemoration of the role and contribution of young people within the Church and the broader community.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



FELLOWSHIP

Building strong relationships and unity among our youth.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Encouraging one another through God's Word and prayer.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Recognising and affirming the value of young people.



FUNDRAISING

Raising funds to support youth programmes and ministry activities.



28 JUNE 2026



STUARTVILLE CONGREGATION HALL



RSVP: Elder J. Nkosi
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Empowered by Faith. Inspired to Serve.
OUR YOUTH, OUR FUTURE!



YOUTH MONTH

Service & FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

**CELEBRATING FAITH. EMPOWERING YOUTH.
BUILDING OUR FUTURE.**



Polokwane Congregation successfully hosted its first Youth Month service and fundraising initiative at the Semenya Outstation on **14 June 2026**.

The event brought together members in worship and fellowship while raising funds to support the congregation's youth ministry and related activities. It marked a significant milestone in strengthening ministry and outreach at the outstation during the Youth Month celebrations.



14 JUNE 2026



10:00

SERVICE STARTS

13:00

HOUSE VISITS



SEMENYA OUTSTATION



**ATTIRE: BLACK AND WHITE
SCHOOL UNIFORM INSPIRED
GA SEMENYA OUTSTATION**



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



WORSHIP IN UNITY

Coming together to honour God in worship and praise.



YOUTH IN ACTION

Young people actively participating in service and leadership.



TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP

Building relationships and strengthening the body of Christ.



FAITH IN EVERY GENERATION

Growing in faith and inspiring one another to live for Christ.



COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION

Dedicated to youth ministry and making a lasting impact in our community.



Thank you to everyone who supported and participated.



*Our Youth.
Our Future.
Our Church.*



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Southern Africa

FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE LATE

REV. MALEMELA CHARLES MAFOKOANE

A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF GOD.
A TRUE SHEPHERD. A LASTING LEGACY.



The former Moderator of General Assembly Rev Mukondi Ramulondi on the occasion of the burial of Rev Charles Mafokoane

REV. MUKONDI RAMULONDI



MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE VISITS

KAFUE GORGE PREACHING STATION

MUNALI PRESBYTERY



The Mission and Discipleship Committee of Munal Presbytery recently paid a pastoral and supervisory visit to Kafue Gorge Preaching Station. The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress being made on the construction of the church building and to encourage the congregation in its ongoing ministry and witness.

The Committee was pleased to witness the steady progress of the church construction project, which reflects the commitment, sacrifice, and faith of the members. They commended the congregation for their dedication and encouraged them to remain steadfast as they work towards completing a permanent place of worship.

A major highlight of the visit was the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism. More than 20 members publicly professed their faith and were baptized, marking a significant milestone in the spiritual growth of the congregation. The occasion was filled with joy and thanksgiving as family members, friends, and fellow believers celebrated God's work in the lives of the new members.



The sacrament was conducted by The Rev. Kennedy Mhone, marking a deeply meaningful moment in the life of the congregation as new members were received into the body of Christ.

The visit served as both an encouragement and a reaffirmation of Munal Presbytery's commitment to supporting the growth of preaching stations through discipleship, pastoral care, and mission. As Kafue Gorge Preaching Station continues to grow both spiritually and physically, we pray that God will bless the congregation with unity, strength, and abundant grace as they proclaim the Gospel and serve their community.



The Presbytery also expressed gratitude to the **MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** for the **R20,000 GRANT**, whose support continues to advance mission work and church development across the Presbytery.

**R20,000
GRANT**

THE VISITING DELEGATION INCLUDED:

- The Rev. Kennedy Mhone
- The Rev. Patricia Phiri
- Elder Kenneth Mtonga (Mission and Discipleship Convener)
- Evangelist Mr Zimba (stationed at Kafue Gorge Preaching Station)
- Evangelist Mrs Zimba (stationed at Kafue Gorge Preaching Station)
- Elder Tronie Nyirenda
- Elder Kenani Zimba
- Elder Peter Banda

Their presence served as both encouragement and affirmation of the Presbytery's commitment to strengthening preaching stations through mission, discipleship and pastoral care.



"To God be the glory for the wonderful things He continues to do through His Church."



MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE CONDUCTS ASSESSMENT VISIT TO KAFUE PREACHING STATION



As part of the preparations for the forthcoming Gospel Crusade scheduled for October 2026, the Mission and Discipleship Committee paid a working visit to Kafue Preaching Station to assess the proposed venue and evaluate the station's level of preparedness to host this important evangelistic event.



Kafue, which was previously a congregation, was later downgraded to a preaching station following economic challenges experienced in the town. These economic difficulties significantly affected church membership and the overall life of the congregation. It is against this background that the Presbytery is organising the October Gospel Crusade as part of its mission to proclaim the Gospel, strengthen the Church, encourage believers, and reach out to the wider Kafue community with the hope of spiritual renewal and growth.



The visit provided an opportunity for the committee to inspect the crusade venue, engage with the local leadership, and review the logistical arrangements required to ensure the successful hosting of the outreach. The visiting team included The Rev. Kennedy Mhone, The Rev. Patricia Phiri, Elder Kenneth Mtonga (Mission and Discipleship Convener), Evangelist Mr Blessings Phiri (stationed at Kafue Preaching Station), and Elder Steve Mumba.



The committee expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by Kafue Congregation towards hosting the Gospel Crusade and willingness to work diligently in partnership with the Presbytery to ensure that the event becomes a powerful instrument for evangelism, discipleship, and the advancement of God's Kingdom.

As preparations continue, the Mission and Discipleship Committee encourages all congregations within the Presbytery to uphold the October Gospel Crusade in prayer and to actively support the initiative through participation, resource mobilisation, and faithful service. It is our prayer that this outreach will not only bring many people to faith in Christ but also contribute to the revitalisation and growth of the Church's ministry in Kafue.

MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES RURAL CONGREGATIONS DURING PASTORAL VISIT TO SIAVONGA



The Mission and Discipleship Committee of Munali Presbytery recently undertook a pastoral and encouragement visit to Siavonga, reaffirming the Church's commitment to ensuring that every congregation, regardless of its location, remains an integral part of the wider body of Christ.

During the mission, the committee visited five preaching stations situated in rural communities. The visit provided an opportunity to fellowship with members, offer pastoral encouragement, and listen to the experiences and challenges faced by the congregations. The visiting team comprised of The Rev. Malachi Habasimbi, The Rev. Kennedy Mhone, The Rev. Patricia Phiri, Elder Kenneth Mtonga (Mission and Discipleship Convener), Elder Miracles (Session Clerk for Sianyolo), and Elder Steve Mumba. The committee emphasized that the rural preaching stations are valued members of the Church family and encouraged them to remain steadfast in their faith and ministry.

The visit also highlighted several pressing needs affecting the growth and effectiveness of ministry in these areas. Among the key needs identified were the construction of proper church buildings, the provision of adequate furniture for worship services, and improved mobility through the acquisition of motorcycles to enable ministers and church workers to reach the scattered preaching stations more efficiently.

The Mission and Discipleship Committee expressed gratitude for the warm reception received from the congregations and commended the members for their dedication and perseverance despite the challenges they face. The committee called upon the wider Church to continue supporting rural mission work through prayer, resource mobilization, and active participation, so that the Gospel may continue to reach every community.

This visit reflects the Presbytery's ongoing commitment to strengthening rural ministry and ensuring that no congregation is left behind in the mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.



MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE CONDUCTS ASSESSMENT VISIT TO KAFUE PREACHING STATION



As part of the preparations for the forthcoming Gospel Crusade scheduled for October 2026, the Mission and Discipleship Committee paid a working visit to Kafue Preaching Station to assess the proposed venue and evaluate the station's level of preparedness to host this important evangelistic event.



Kafue, which was previously a congregation, was later downgraded to a preaching station following economic challenges experienced in the town. These economic difficulties significantly affected church membership and the overall life of the congregation. It is against this background that the Presbytery is organising the October Gospel Crusade as part of its mission to proclaim the Gospel, strengthen the Church, encourage believers, and reach out to the wider Kafue community with the hope of spiritual renewal and growth.



The visit provided an opportunity for the committee to inspect the crusade venue, engage with the local leadership, and review the logistical arrangements required to ensure the successful hosting of the outreach. The visiting team included The Rev. Kennedy Mhone, The Rev. Patricia Phiri, Elder Kenneth Mtonga (Mission and Discipleship Convener), Evangelist Mr Blessings Phiri (stationed at Kafue Preaching Station), and Elder Steve Mumba.



The committee expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by Kafue Congregation towards hosting the Gospel Crusade and willingness to work diligently in partnership with the Presbytery to ensure that the event becomes a powerful instrument for evangelism, discipleship, and the advancement of God's Kingdom.

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MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE VISITS KAFUE GORGE PREACHING STATION



The Mission and Discipleship Committee of Munali Presbytery recently paid a pastoral and supervisory visit to Kafue Gorge Preaching Station. The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress being made on the construction of the church building and to encourage the congregation in its ongoing ministry and witness.

The Committee was pleased to witness the steady progress of the church construction project, which reflects the commitment, sacrifice, and faith of the members. They commended the congregation for their dedication and encouraged them to remain steadfast as they work towards completing a permanent place of worship.



A major highlight of the visit was the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism. More than 20 members publicly professed their faith and were baptized, marking a significant milestone in the spiritual growth of the congregation. The occasion was filled with joy and thanksgiving as family members, friends, and fellow believers celebrated God's work in the lives of the new members. The sacrament was conducted by The Rev. Kennedy Mhone, marking a deeply meaningful moment in the life of the congregation as new members were received into the body of Christ.



The visiting delegation included The Rev. Kennedy Mhone, The Rev. Patricia Phiri, Elder Kenneth Mtonga (Mission and Discipleship Convener), Evangelist Mr Zimba (stationed at Kafue Gorge Preaching Station), Evangelist Mrs Zimba (stationed at Kafue Gorge Preaching Station), Elder Tronie Nyirenda, Elder Kenani Zimba and Elder Peter Banda. Their presence served as both encouragement and affirmation of the Presbytery's commitment to strengthening preaching stations through mission, discipleship, and pastoral care.



The visit served as both an encouragement and a reaffirmation of Munali Presbytery's commitment to supporting the growth of preaching stations through discipleship, pastoral care, and mission. As Kafue Gorge Preaching Station continues to grow both spiritually and physically, we pray that God will bless the congregation with unity, strength, and abundant grace as they proclaim the Gospel and serve their community.

The Presbytery also expressed gratitude to the Mission and Discipleship Committee of the General Assembly for the R20,000 grant, whose support continues to advance mission work and church development across the Presbytery.



“To God be the glory for the wonderful things He continues to do through His Church.”



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Statement of the General Assembly Executive Commission of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa on Social Cohesion, Human Dignity, and a Day of Prayer

Issued at the Meeting of the General Assembly Executive Commission of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa held in Kempton Park, Johannesburg, South Africa, from 13–17 June 2026.

“For Christ himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.” — Ephesians 2:14

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We recognise that Southern Africa's migration challenges cannot be understood apart from the enduring legacies of colonialism, empire, and apartheid. Artificial borders, extractive economic systems, and patterns of labour migration established during these periods continue to shape our societies, contributing to persistent inequality, economic exclusion, and competition for limited opportunities.

For generations, people across our region have crossed borders in search of safety, work, education, and opportunity. Yet the structural inequalities inherited from the past remain deeply entrenched. We therefore affirm that current tensions surrounding migration are rooted not simply in the presence of foreign nationals, but in broader historical injustices and ongoing socio-economic failures.

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However, no social crisis can justify violence, intimidation, or the denial of human dignity. As a Church rooted in the Reformed tradition and guided by the lordship of Jesus Christ, we affirm that every person bears the image of God and possesses inherent worth and dignity, regardless of nationality, citizenship, ethnicity, economic status, or documentation.

The biblical narrative reminds us that the people of God have repeatedly experienced migration, displacement, exile, and the vulnerability of being strangers in foreign lands. Israel was called to remember its own history: "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt" (Leviticus 19:34).

The UPCSA rejects all forms of vigilantism, scapegoating, hate speech, and violence directed at migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and foreign nationals, irrespective of their legal status. Such actions undermine the Gospel of reconciliation and the vision of a society founded on justice, peace, and the common good.

We recognise the legitimate responsibility of the state to manage migration effectively, maintain secure borders, combat corruption within immigration systems, and uphold the rule of law with fairness, transparency, and compassion.

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At the same time, we call upon the Government of South Africa to strengthen diplomatic engagement and regional cooperation with governments whose citizens are affected by migration-related tensions and violence. The realities of migration in Southern Africa cannot be addressed by any one nation acting alone. We therefore encourage closer collaboration through regional bodies, including the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Union, to promote safe, orderly, and humane migration policies, address the root causes of displacement, and advance sustainable development across the region.

We call upon all spheres of government to address the structural causes of social unrest, including poverty, unemployment, inequality, corruption, and failures in public administration. We urge political leaders and public representatives to refrain from rhetoric that exploits fear and division for political gain. We call upon congregations of the UPCSA and all churches in Southern Africa to become communities of hospitality, dialogue, healing, and peacebuilding. The Church is called to stand alongside all who suffer while advocating for justice that embraces both citizens and migrants.

Our shared future as nations and as a region cannot be built upon exclusion and hostility. It must be founded upon the biblical vision of justice flowing like a river and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream (Amos 5:24).

Accordingly, the General Assembly Executive Commission hereby declares Friday, 26 June 2026, a Day of Prayer for Healing, Justice, Peace, and Social Cohesion throughout the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa across the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

We call upon all presbyteries, congregations, ministers, elders, fellowships, and members of the Church to set aside this day for prayer, fasting, reflection, and acts of reconciliation.

We invite the Church to pray:

- For peace and protection in communities experiencing unrest.
- For wisdom, integrity, and compassion among government leaders and public officials.
- For unemployed and struggling citizens.
- For migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and undocumented persons living in fear and uncertainty.
- For an end to exclusion, violence, and division.
- For economic justice, social transformation, and ethical governance.
- For healing and reconciliation throughout Southern Africa.

May our prayers lead us beyond words into faithful action. May the Holy Spirit empower us to build bridges where others erect walls and to embody the reconciling love of Christ in a wounded world. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." — Matthew 5:9

Issued by the General Assembly Executive Commission of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa, meeting in Kempton Park, Johannesburg, South Africa, from 13–17 June 2026. Signed: Rev Vusi Mkhungo – Clerk of Assembly Signed: Rt Rev Dr Amon Kasambala – Moderator of General Assembly Date: 17th June 2026



Hello

FELLOW ZAMBIANS

“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”
Jeremiah 29:7

As Zambia prepares for another season of national reflection and leadership choices, the Church has a prophetic responsibility to remind those seeking public office that leadership is not merely about winning elections; it is about serving people, protecting dignity, promoting justice, and building a nation where every citizen can flourish. The Bible teaches that “when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice” (Proverbs 29:2).

REV. CHALA HABASILA

M'chinga Presbytery Moderator

Therefore, presidential aspirants must present a vision that goes beyond political slogans and addresses the real struggles, hopes, and aspirations of ordinary Zambians. The following represents a vision of the Zambia we want — a Zambia built on justice, economic opportunity, accountability, peace, and responsible leadership.

PASTORAL LETTER



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The Zambia We Want: A Pastoral Reflection and Call to Presidential Aspirants

1. A Zambia of Economic Relief and Opportunity

We desire a Zambia where citizens are not overburdened by taxes and where economic policies encourage productivity, investment, and enterprise. A responsible government should consider:

- Reducing the tax burden on citizens, including reviewing Pay As You Earn (PAYE) so that workers retain more of their income.



- Reducing unnecessary duties on productive inputs, especially:
 - Agricultural equipment and inputs
 - Mining equipment
 - Energy-related investments
 - Vehicles that support economic activity.
 - Making access to affordable bank loans easier by reducing barriers and encouraging lower lending rates.
 - Creating an environment where Zambians can own and grow businesses.
- The goal must be an economy where citizens do not only survive but prosper.

2. Agriculture as the Foundation of National Development

We call for agriculture to become Priority Number One in national development.

A nation that feeds itself is a strong nation.

Government should:

- Invest heavily in farming, irrigation, extension services, storage facilities, and markets.
- Empower small-scale farmers to become commercial producers.
- Support youth participation in agriculture.
- Promote value addition so that Zambia exports finished products, not only raw materials.

After agriculture, attention should be given to:

1. Mining
2. Energy
3. Tourism and other productive sectors.

“The soil is God’s gift, and agriculture is humanity’s stewardship of that gift. When a nation honours the land and empowers those who cultivate it, it lays the foundation for prosperity and dignity.”



3. Responsible Management of Natural Resources

Zambia's mineral wealth is a God-given national asset and belongs to the people.

Government must move beyond the role of merely collecting royalties and taxes by taking strategic participation in the ownership and operation of key mining ventures, especially in areas such as:

- Gold
- Rare earth minerals
- Other strategic resources

Where appropriate, the State should establish or partner in mining enterprises to ensure that a greater share of mineral wealth remains in Zambia. Mining should not only generate revenue for investors and the treasury but should create lasting wealth for communities and future generations.

This requires:

- Transparency and accountability in mining agreements;
- Environmental protection and responsible extraction;
- Local participation and value addition;
- Fair sharing of mineral benefits with the Zambian people.

Natural resources should be a foundation for national prosperity, not merely a source of taxes and royalties.

4. A Zambia of Secure Land Ownership

Land is a source of livelihood and dignity.

We call for traditional land to receive stronger recognition and security through cooperation between:

- Traditional leaders • Local councils • Ministry of Lands.

Even where traditional land is not yet titled, citizens should have confidence that their investments, farms, and homes are protected.



5. Decentralised Development: Moving Beyond Lusaka

Zambia's development should not be concentrated only in Lusaka.

We call for:

- Upgrading smaller towns into modern urban centres.
- Developing new towns.
- Improving town planning.
- Opening more land for residential, agricultural, and commercial development.
- Investing in affordable housing.

Councils should be empowered and encouraged to become engines of local development.

6. A Zambia of Transparent and Accountable Governance

Public resources belong to the people.

We call for:

- CDF management to be fully transparent and digitally trackable.
- CDF Online systems showing:
 - Approved projects
 - Beneficiaries
 - Funds allocated
 - Progress reports.
- All toll gates should be managed transparently under the Road Development Agency to ensure accountability and proper use of resources.
- The three arms of government — Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary — We must respect their constitutional independence.



7. A Zambia of Responsible Leadership

Leadership must be about service, not privilege. Public office is a sacred trust that should be exercised with integrity, accountability, and dedication to the people.

We call for a review of the current system so that Members of Parliament should not simultaneously serve as Cabinet Ministers. Holding both offices places competing demands on their time and often results in the neglect of constituency responsibilities.

Members of Parliament should be free to devote their full attention to:

- Representing the people who elected them.
- Providing effective oversight of the Executive.
- Driving development in their constituencies.
- Engaging regularly with their communities and addressing local challenges.

Cabinet Ministers, on the other hand, should be appointed based on competence and should focus exclusively on managing their ministries and implementing national government policy.

Separating these roles would strengthen accountability, improve constituency representation, and enhance the effectiveness of both Parliament and the Executive.

Public office must always be treated as a trust from God and the people, exercised with humility, diligence, and a commitment to the common good.

8. A Zambia of Quality Education and Discipline

Education must produce solutions for Zambia's own challenges.

We call for:

- A home-grown education system that develops creativity, innovation, and practical skills.
- Greater emphasis on entrepreneurship and technical training.
- Introduction of Zambia National Service (ZNS)-style programmes in schools, particularly around senior secondary level, to promote discipline, patriotism, and responsibility.
- Introduce transport solutions for school children in the rural, including ensuring schools are closer to communities.



9. A Zambia of Social Justice and Inclusion

A caring nation must protect the vulnerable.

We call for:

- A meaningful minimum wage of K,7000 for civil servants to reflect the cost of living.
- A strengthened National Health Insurance system without age limit of 18 years on children, at the same time ensuring contributions are fair and the service accessible.
- We need policies that protect the family unit.

10. A Zambia of Responsible Media and Freedom

Freedom of expression is important in a democracy.

However, freedom must be accompanied by responsibility.

We call for:

- Protection of press freedom.
- Promotion of ethical journalism.
- Responsible use of social media that contributes to national unity rather than division.

11. A Zambia Rooted in Values and National Identity

As a Christian nation, Zambia must continually reflect on what this declaration means in practice. Sometimes we have seen reproach and profane contrary to our profession.

The declaration calls us to uphold christian virtues that is to promote:

- Integrity • Justice • Compassion • Peace
- Respect for human dignity among other virtues.

Need for a neutral counsel of Elders

○ There has been national incidents that have required wise counsel to be given to the presidents of our country. The nation should establish a neutral council of respected Elders who can provide wise counsel to the President on matters affecting national unity and direction. No one knows everything; there are moments when our presidents needs non-partisan counsel for the nation's wellbeing.

ONE ZAMBIA, ONE NATION

One People • One Destiny • One Future



ZMP | MEE | LDP | UPND | CF | IND | ZAWAPA | SP | NRPUP | OPP | DU | CDP | NFP | LM

PEACE • UNITY • LOVE • DEVELOPMENT

12. A Zambia of Peaceful Politics

Politics must never destroy our brotherhood or our sisterhood.

We call for:

- An end to political hostility.
- Respect among political opponents.
- Civil and issue-based political engagement.

Elections should not divide families, churches, communities, and the nation.

A Pastoral Appeal to Presidential Aspirants

To all who seek the presidency:

Remember that leadership is a sacred responsibility.

The President is not called merely to rule, but to serve. Jesus said:

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”

(Mark 10:43)

The Zambia we want is not built by one person, one party, or one election. It is built by leaders who listen, citizens who participate, and institutions that serve justice.

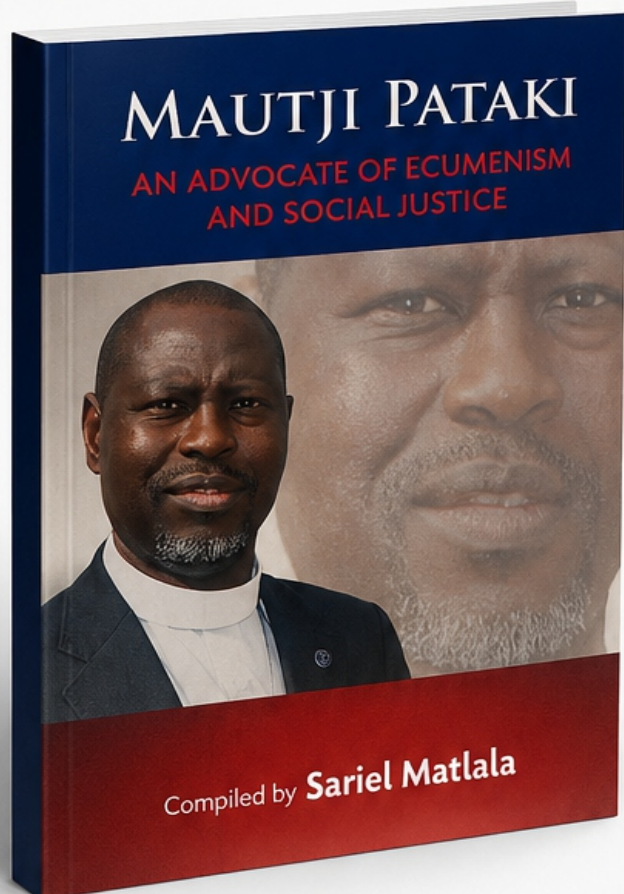
May those who aspire to lead Zambia present not only promises for votes, but a vision for generations.

This is the Zambia we pray for. This is the Zambia we must work for.

***"God bless Zambia, guard her people,
guide her leaders, and give her peace." Amen***



BOOK REVIEW



In this edition of Presbyterian Link, we present a book written about one of our own Ministers, Rev Mautji Pataki.

A dear friend of mine, with whom I shared a room for four years at the University of Limpopo (formerly University of the North) and a born theologian, Rev Pataki has always demonstrated a commitment to ecumenism and social justice, even in his early years from our time as secondary school students in Lebowakgomo Township.

Titled '**MAUTJI PATAKI – An Advocate of Ecumenism and Social Justice**', the book covers several themes ranging from Rev Pataki's early life, his educational evolution, influence within the ecumenical environment, his role within and outside the Presbyterian Church, his public articles on a variety of social and political issues, his role within the ecumenical movement, including his stint as the General Secretary of the SACC and concluding with several articles/witnesses about his life.

This book is a must read for both young and old, especially those people who wish to develop a deeper understanding of the ecumenical environment.

The book can be obtained from UPCSA Central Office or ordered from Rev Mautji Pataki himself.

PRICE

R300



Secure your copy today and be inspired by a life dedicated to faith, justice and service.



We thank Rev Pataki for providing this resource which will be useful for those who enter the field of Ministry.

Reviewed by
Elder Benny Boshielo,
Communications Committee

BE HONEST ALWAYS!

A Good Name Is Better Than Riches

1 A WOMAN WALKS INTO A BUTCHERY JUST BEFORE CLOSING AND ASKS,



Do you still have chicken?

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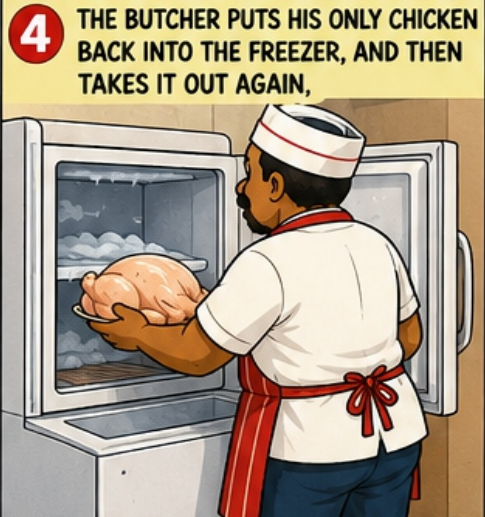


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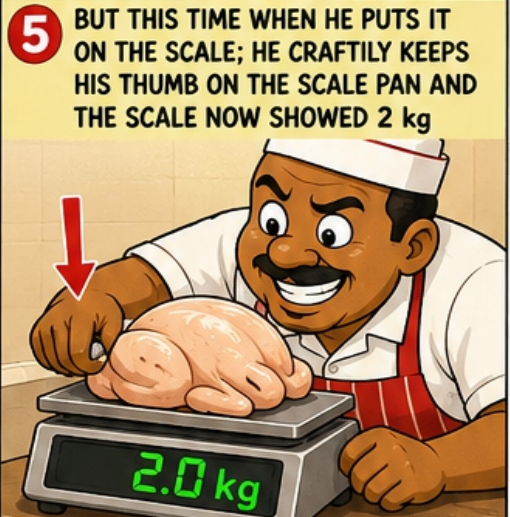


Do you have one that's a bit bigger than this one?

4 THE BUTCHER PUTS HIS ONLY CHICKEN BACK INTO THE FREEZER, AND THEN TAKES IT OUT AGAIN,



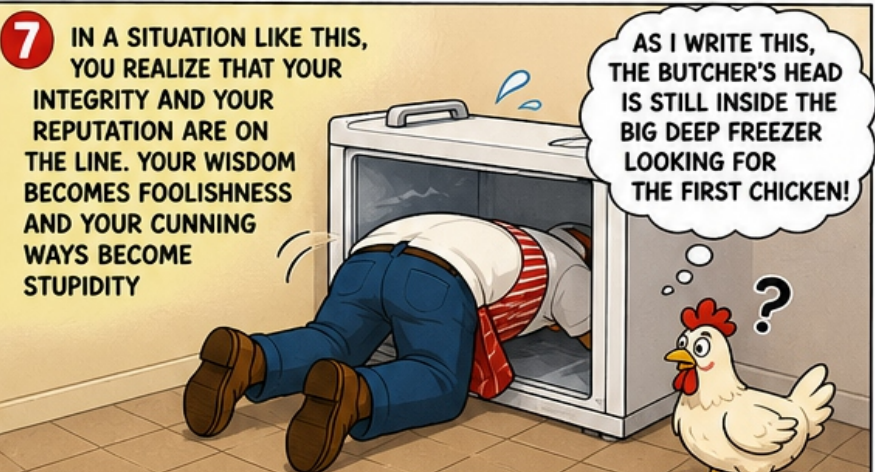
5 BUT THIS TIME WHEN HE PUTS IT ON THE SCALE; HE CRAFTILY KEEPS HIS THUMB ON THE SCALE PAN AND THE SCALE NOW SHOWED 2 kg



6 "THAT'S WONDERFUL," SAID THE WOMAN. "I'LL TAKE BOTH CHICKENS, PLEASE!"



7 IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR INTEGRITY AND YOUR REPUTATION ARE ON THE LINE. YOUR WISDOM BECOMES FOOLISHNESS AND YOUR CUNNING WAYS BECOME STUPIDITY



AS I WRITE THIS, THE BUTCHER'S HEAD IS STILL INSIDE THE BIG DEEP FREEZER LOOKING FOR THE FIRST CHICKEN!

REMEMBER:

✓ ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH AND YOU WILL BE FREE!



★ A GOOD NAME IS BETTER THAN RICHES!



♥ LIVE TO EXPRESS YOURSELF TRUTHFULLY AND NOT TO IMPRESS OTHERS!



LIVE AN HONEST LIFE.. STAY SAFE.



HONESTY MAY NOT GET YOU EVERYTHING, BUT IT WILL ALWAYS GET YOU PEACE.

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