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**TO THE UPCSA FAMILY**

**ON EDUCATION – 2017 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The new academic year has commenced. We congratulate those that made it in the 2016 examinations and, at the same time, encourage those that did not make it to try again. We congratulate the educators, lecturers, parents, those in the administration and management, and all the other role players and stakeholders for the collaboration that yielded the positive results.

We pledge our support to those that will enrol this academic year. We encourage our ministers and congregations to deliberately support and promote education at all levels, considering the wise words of the late Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

The year 2016 ended on a bad note in some of the South African universities. We pray and hope that a lasting solution to stalemate will be found, so that the situation returns to normalcy. We encourage the involvement of the parents in the institutions of higher learning.

Yours in Christ.

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