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*Let's Journey Together (LJT) (3/2019)*

**TO ALL IN THE UPCSA**

Dear Fellow Presbyterians,

It is just less than a month before we assemble in Port Elizabeth, within the bounds of the Central Cape Presbytery from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019. We will hold the Executive Commission at Green Acres Presbyterian on 23 to 26 September. On Thursday afternoon, the 26<sup>th</sup> September, the Moderator will constitute the 8 Associations' Conferences jointly at Nangoza Jebe (Great Centenary) Hall. Thereafter the associations will meet in the respective places and conduct their businesses, which will end with the dissolutions of the 8 associations. On Friday morning, the Moderator will preside over the establishment of the 4 new fellowships. They will meet separately to conduct their business until lunch. After lunch, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary will commence with a lecture by the Rev Dr Allan A Boesak at Nangoza Jebe (Great Centenary) Hall. The main celebrations will take place on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> at Isaac Wolfson Stadium and followed by the revival service at Nangoza Jebe (Great Centenary) Hall. The events will be concluded by a service on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019. All the other activities will take place

We continue to receive messages of support from many in the UPCSA. We appreciate those words of encouragement and we look forward to celebrating with the Presbyterians. Writing about the celebrations in the report of the Priorities and Resources Committee to the 2019 Executive Commission, the Convener - the Rev Paul Neshangwe averred:

So our celebration is not about having reached the goal but we celebrate the journey of Faith. We walk by Faith and not by sight so we celebrate that by God's grace the UPCSA is a practical statement of faith. That practical statement of faith is not only in the coming together of 1999, it is not simply in the fact that we have stayed together when it seemed easier to separate and fragment but it is also in the fact that our celebrating is in itself a statement of intent to follow God further. We celebrate that God who has brought us this far will take us further inspire of our inherent contradictions that are noted. We are mindful of the fact that we are, as described in the bible, hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; troubled, but not destroyed (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). That is worth celebrating.

This is a call for all the Presbyterians to strive to manifest the UPCSA as "a practical statement of faith". We should work together to mend the relations, heal the memories, build a missional church and focus on leadership development.

The Convener of the Local Organising Committee has requested that all should be reminded and encouraged to submit the required information, which enable the LOC to do their best to ensure our convenience. She further requested that we forward the following information to all:

1. Golf shirts - golf shirts have been designed specifically for the 20 year celebration. The proposal is they will be worn at the stadium on Saturday with jeans or jean skirts. Those that do not have will wear uniform. This is so that the Presbyterians are identifiable, for security and as a denomination. These golf shirts are R300 each - COD and ordered through the LOC. Contact the Rev Dr B Hans at [stukie@iafrica.com](mailto:stukie@iafrica.com). The sizes are from extra small to triple X large. If you want to order in bulk, you may deposit the money direct to the company and the shirts will be made for you. If they so wish they can order through the LOC, as they can order and pay when the shirts are ready.

The bank account details: **Slatboyd Trust T/A Sedgards Sports Standard Bank Acc no: 032957203 Branch Code: 004305.**

The contact person: Mr Gailer Majola Cell: 0832127216

2. Stoles are available at Libizona in Butterworth. The pictures are shown below. They are reversible and colors red and white or red and purple. The price is R1300. The contact person is Lulama (Mama) 0827249004.

Banking details are: **Account holder: Libizona Training Centre; Bank: ABSA Account no: 9106038992**

Reference: Name of Minister and Congregation

Please deposit direct to them and send proof of deposit to: [libizonaembroidery@gmail.com](mailto:libizonaembroidery@gmail.com) and copy the Rev Dr B Hans at [stukie@iafrica.com](mailto:stukie@iafrica.com).



3. Presbyteries and even congregations are hereby reminded to send the numbers of people attending the celebrations to the LOC Convener - the Rev Dr B Hans at [stukie@iafrica.com](mailto:stukie@iafrica.com).

Let's Journey Together **"To be a reconciled community of Christians exercising a prophetic witness to Christ"**. We are building a community and we are A People's Church.

Yours in Christ.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lungile Mpetsheni'.

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**GENERAL SECRETARY**