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The UPCSA remembers and honours the Rev. Prof. Dr Hugo Mellon who was an outstanding Black Liberation Theologian of [illegible], who died unexpectedly the month of his seventieth birthday the day before he turned 70 years old in December 2016. In his words, he was "a pastor, theologian, ecumenical [illegible], researcher and teacher" (Mellon 2017: [illegible]).

Hugo Mellon studied at the Federal Theological Seminary of Southern Africa (FTSSA) where he had his first encounter with Black Theology of liberation under Dr Gail Nyakatsura Fordham (1932-2015), the functional equivalent of the University of Fort Hare, where he worked with Dr Fidelis Mokgoba and advanced BTh (Hons). Mellon moved to the University of Cape Town where he completed the Bthy degree. He obtained his PhD at the University of Pretoria, Department of Religious and Ethics.

On completion of ministerial training, Hugo Mellon served as a probationer at Grahamstown Coloured Presbytery and was ordained Presbyterian, where he was ordained and later served as a minister of word and sacraments (1982-1986). He took a break from the congregational ministry while studying at Fort Hare. Thereafter, he was transferred to the Presbytery of the Western Cape (1987-1991) where he took the charge of the Bonteheuwel Congregation in Bridgetown, Cottesbrook from 1988 to 2002 (Mellon 2017: [illegible]). His mission at the charge was a church, which the [illegible] was proud of and commented with. For insight, his mentorship enabled that charge (Mellon 2017: [illegible]) of African history, the agency of Black Africans, the capacity and moral consciousness (Mellon 2017: [illegible]). It was a source of sharpening resources for life and consciousness in an oppressive space (Mellon 2017: [illegible]). He was confronted with the situation he found himself in at this time in his ministry (Mellon 2017: [illegible]; 2017: [illegible]), a standing place just like the homes of his ministry. He founded the Lost Sheep Ministries in Pretoria Presbytery (Mellon 2017: [illegible]) where he served between 2002 and 2006. His last experience in a congregation was in Stellenbosch, where he served for a short time before his untimely departure.