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**THE UPCSA MODERATOR'S STATEMENT ON THE PASSING ON OF ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS MPILO DESMND TUTU - 26 DECEMBER 2021**

We, the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA), salute a courageous and fearless leader of the *laos* of God in this South Africa, Africa, and the globe, the Archbishop Emeritus Mpilo Desmond Tutu. He fought fiercely and relentlessly against apartheid as though each day was his last on earth. He stood for just, peace and reconciliation for all of humanity in Africa and the whole world.

Archbishop Tutu epitomized this moral response to Prophet Micah's question: "What does the Lord, God, require of you oh Israel? But to do Justice, and to love Mercy, and to Walk humbly with your God". We celebrate his life of integrity and ethical leadership within the Anglican Church, within the ecumenical movement in South Africa and beyond, and within the international community of Christian leaders the world over.

We convey our deepest and sincerest condolences to his beloved wife, Mama Leah, and the entire Tutu Family and to the whole Anglican Communion.

May his soul go to eternal rest now and may Mama Leah and the family find peace and comfort in his morality and example. *Uwile umuth' omkhulu* - A great baobab tree has fallen

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