

## **DECISIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION 2022 AFFECTING DIFFERENT COUNCILS AND STRUCTURES OF THE UPCSA**

### **DECISIONS AFFECTING PRESBYTERIES – 2022**

1. The Executive Commission notes that the General Assembly 2023 will be hosted by the Presbytery of Zimbabwe in Harare and sets the dates as Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.
2. The Executive Commission instructs those Presbyteries and individuals who have not been attending the consultations to do so.
3. The Executive Commission resolves that all reports are to be submitted by the due date, and any report submitted after the due date will only be heard by the relevant Council if it agrees to do so.
4. The Executive Commission
  - a. gives thanks to God for sustaining the UPCSA during the difficult COVID-19 times;
  - b. commends the UPCSA ministers and leadership for their resilience in providing ministry to the UPCSA congregations and members; and
  - c. encourages the Presbytery moderators, in their pastor parorum capacity, to continue to arrange for the provision of psycho-social and spiritual support to the ministers.
5. The Executive Commission
  - a. adopts the statement from the women leadership consultation; and
  - b. approves the proposals that are raised in the statement as follows:
    - i. Noting the progress made at the 2021 General Assembly to address the unequal representation of women in the Councils of the UPCSA, the Executive Commission resolves to maintain the momentum in this important area.
    - ii. The Executive Commission encourages the mainstreaming of the promotion of women leadership at all the various levels and the structures of the church.
6. The Executive Commission
  - a. appreciates the efforts that are being made to implement the UPCSA strategic plan;
  - b. commends the Presbyteries that submitted their plans; and
  - c. instructs all the other Presbyteries to submit their plans by 31 August 2022.
7. The Executive Commission encourages the councils, congregations and fellowships to strive for denominational cohesion and reconciliation.
8. The Executive Commission reminds and instructs the Presbyteries to appoint