

DECISIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION 2022

SERVICE AND WITNESS CLUSTER

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

1. The Executive Commission encourages its ministers, congregations, and Presbyteries to belong to and support ecumenical engagements at their respective levels, including the Local Ecumenical Area Networks, where they exist.
2. The Executive Commission notes, regarding the WCC Assembly, that
 - a. the Assembly will be held at Karlsruhe, in Germany from 31 August to 8 September 2022;
 - b. the UPCSA will send a delegation; and
 - c. the UPCSA, working with the PCUSA will host a workshop on HIV/AIDS.
3. The Executive Commission encourages its ministers, members, and congregations to read, interpret and apply the tenets of the Accra and Belhar Confessions in their witness and mission.
4. The Executive Commission notes that the meeting of the CWM Board of Directors and CWM Annual Members' Meeting, respectively were held in the UK in June 2022.
5. The Executive Commission, regarding the activities of the AACC
 - a. notes that the first All Africa Youth Congress (AAYC), called "Accra 2022" will be held in Accra, Ghana from 20 October to 4 November 2022;
 - b. the UPCSA will send at least four delegates, one from each country; and
 - c. encourages Presbyteries to subsidise young people from their bounds to attend the Congress, as they may afford.
6. The Executive Commission notes that
 - a. the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will be held on 21-26 May 2022 and;
 - b. the Rev Lydia Neshangwe will represent the UPCSA at the Assembly.
7. The Executive Commission
 - a. commends the Presbytery of Zimbabwe for the excellent way in which it services the partnerships with the Presbytery of Denver and the Eastern Synod of the United Reformed Church; and
 - b. expresses gratitude to the Presbytery of Denver and the Eastern Synod of the United Reformed Church for their kind donations to the Presbytery of Zimbabwe.
8. The Executive Commission notes that
 - a. the SACC held a Triennial Conference on 20-21 October 2021; and