

# **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

- b. the presidium was elected as follows:
    - i. President: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba
    - ii. First Vice President: Ms Nomasonto Magwaza
    - iii. Second Vice President: Rev Ian Booth.
9. The Executive Commission notes that the following members of the UPCSA serve in the ZCC as indicated:
    - a. Mrs. Maria Phiri – Education Commission
    - b. Rev Farisi Sakala – Church and Environment and
    - c. Mr. Takesure Mupfurutsa – Church and Health.
  10. The Executive Commission notes that the following members of the UPCSA serve in the Christian Care Harare Region Councillors, as indicated:
    - a. Rev Susan Mumba - Health and Wellness (HIV/Aids) Committee.
    - b. Ms Faith Singano - Youth Committee.
  11. The Executive Commission notes the following new appointments and congratulates the appointees accordingly:
    - a. The Rev Dr Prof Jerry Pillay as the General Secretary of the WCC.
    - b. The Rev Dirk Gevers as the Secretary-General of United Bible Societies.
    - c. The Rev. Dr Kuzipa Nalwamba as WCC programme director for Unity and Mission.
    - d. The Rev. Dr Kenneth Mtata as the WCC programme director for Public Witness and Diakonia.
    - e. The Rev. Dr Peter Cruchley as the director of the WCC Commission on World Mission and Evangelism.
  12. The Executive Commission
    - a. requests the Presbytery of Highveld to arrange a sending off service in honour of Rev Dr Prof Pillay and invite the Moderator and the officials of the General Assembly; and
    - b. requests the Presbytery of the Western Cape to arrange a sending off service in honour of Rev Dirk Gevers and invite the Moderator and the officials of the General Assembly.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION 2 ON THE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY MINISTRY**

**This fell away as its craving was covered in proposal 3 of the Church in Society.**

## **CHURCH IN SOCIETY**

1. The Executive Commission adopts the following as the UPCSA's approach to the Israel

and Palestine conflict: The UPCSA

- a. Approaches the Israel/Palestine conflict from the perspective of justice.
  - b. Recognises the humanity of both the Israelis and Palestinians and that all are
  - c. created in the image of God.
  - d. Condemns the use of violence by both parties in finding a solution to the long standing problem.
  - e. Condemns the continued occupation of Palestinian territories by Israeli forces.
  - f. Condemns the inhuman treatment of the Palestinians by the Israeli authorities.
  - g. Supports advocacy for the liberation of the Palestinians from all forms of oppression.
  - h. Supports advocacy for workable solution(s) to be found.
2. The Executive Commission
    - a. notes the Priorities and Resources Committee, and Church in Society Committees are still pursuing the study on the issue of same sex unions, which came through a petition from eGoli Presbytery; and
    - b. grants the Committees more time to receive the opinions, process them and present the findings and proposals to the 2023 General Assembly.
  3. The Executive Commission
    - a. notes that the Priorities and Resources Committee, and Church in Society Committees worked on the details of the notice of motion that was submitted by Mr Jonathan Langerman to the 2021 General Assembly on the People with Disabilities ministry;
    - b. notes that the Church in Society Committee has been unable to pay attention to the demands of the ministry;
    - c. agrees to have a standing committee for people with disabilities;
    - d. instructs the Nominations committee to appoint the committee;
    - e. instructs the Priorities and Resources in consultation with the Committee for people with Disabilities to create the terms of reference; and
    - f. requests the Finance Committee to provide funding for this committee
  1. The Executive Commission encourages Presbyteries to attend to the matters of Church in Society in their areas of jurisdiction and report to the General Assembly CIS Committee on their involvement in those matters.

## **CHURCH FELLOWSHIPS**

1. The Executive Commission notes the Leadership of respective Fellowships.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORKING GROUP ON ASSOCIATIONS (GAWGA)**

1. The Executive Commission notes with sadness that the GAWGA lost one of its members, the Rev Siphon Ncapayi.
2. The Executive Commission notes that the eGoli Presbytery launched the new Fellowships on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.
3. The Executive Commission notes that the FOM held its Conference on 26-28 November 2021 and elected the following to leadership:
  - a. President: Rev Nkululeko Nojoko
  - b. Vice President: Rev Sisanda Mpafi
  - c. Secretary: Mr Nathi Ndlovu
  - d. Assistant Secretary: Mr Vuyani Maguga
  - e. Treasurer: Mr Chris Mokeng
4. The Executive Commission notes that the FOYW held its Conference on 1-3 April 2022 and elected the following to leadership:
  - a. President: Mrs Luthuli
  - b. Vice President: Ms Xoliswa Qendwana
  - c. Secretary: Ms Zenkosi Mrwetyana
  - d. Assistant Secretary: Ms Ntomboxolo Kota
  - e. Treasurer: Ms Biziwe Siba
  - f. Spiritual Coordinator: Ms Ntombekhaya Giyama
  - g. Church in Society Coordinator: Ms Kelobogile Milanzi
5. The Executive Commission notes that
  - a. the AGM of the Fellowship of Women was held on 22-24 April 2022;
  - b. the AGM was not ready to receive the bylaws that would, among others, regulate the conduct of the elections; and
  - c. at the intervention of the Moderator and his team, the election process will be completed by August 2022.
6. The Executive Commission notes that the GAWGA has not yet accomplished its task, due to the electoral processes that have not yet been completed with the FOW and FOY.
7. The Executive Commission allows GAWGA to continue with the work and present the final report at the 2023 General Assembly.