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# March - April *Edition*

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*Rt Rev Lydia Neshangwe: Moderator Of General Assembly*

Friends,

As I have been travelling within our church and beyond, I have witnessed a common modern spiritual crisis that we as Christians are existing in. It is a two-fold crisis.

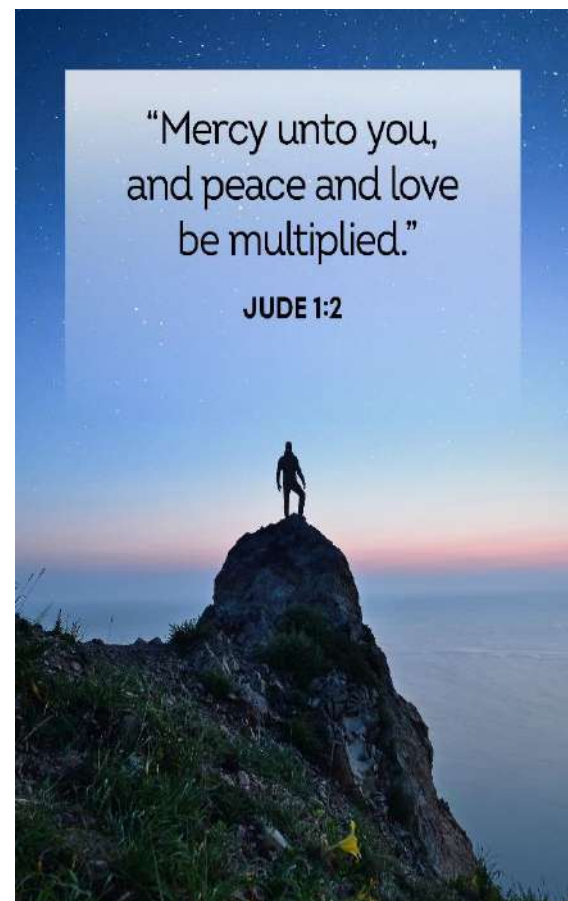
On the one hand it is the crisis of modern believers who are busy with creating and running a multitude of church programs and church campaigns, yet experiencing a declining church or a lifeless church. Many are therefore disillusioned with the church and know that Christianity is the way to go, but they have no idea what to do with their disillusionment, nor what to do with the decline which is both quantitative and qualitative.

On the other hand, it is the crisis of the non-believers who are seeking for meaning and spirituality in various paths, places and

positions. They know that they need a healthy spirituality in order to fill the gap inside them, and so they seek it but they still somehow find themselves disillusioned either by what they find among the Christians or by what they can't find.

This calls us to ask God for a spiritual revival – both for the renewal of the believers and for the non-believers to God as they see the revival of the Lord. As modern people we are skilled in multiple ways to produce multiple results, but the spiritual revival that we need can only come from God. And so I invite you on a journey to pray according to Psalm 85:6, “Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you.” In God’s time, in God’s way, it will come. Ours is to ask for it in prayer, in togetherness and in humility. We are stronger together for the revival for our time.

Yours in love,





**Benny Boshielo**  
**Convener: Communications Committee**

### Editorial

Once more we greet you all in the wonderful Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is our hope that this edition finds you in good health.

The Presbyterian Link Editorial team presents this March – April 2024 edition of newsletter with a deep sense happiness. Given that our Easter weekend this year was at the end of March, and during the period, there were plenty of activities in the Denomination, a decision was taken that the March edition be skipped, and it be combined with the April edition. This would have enabled the edition to fuse the activities towards and during Easter in one edition. This explains why you; our loyal readers did not see the publication at the end of March.

This edition does several things. Firstly, it will continue to speak to the activities that occurred in our Denomination in this period. Secondly, given the elections that will be taking place in South Africa during the month of May, we have an article that speaks to elections and what they mean to us as Christians. Thirdly as the denomination prepares to hold the Executive Commission this year, the Clerk of Assembly will inform the Denomination about the preparations

towards this important gathering of our church leaders. Part of it is to draw the attention of our members to pray for this important sitting. Our regular pieces which includes the message from the Moderator of General Assembly and the message from the General Secretary are also covered. Our series to reflect on the values of the UPCSA continues as we need to make our members understand this important ethos of our church. We are confident that you will enjoy this edition.

As we have alluded in the previous editions, in order to make our publication colorful and reader friendly, we have decided to tell the story of our Denomination in pictures. This makes it possible for us to share all the good stories with our members in a manner that is easy to understand and comprehend. The feedback that we continue to receive is that many people enjoy reading these stories in pictures. We will also continue to be educational and publish Bible Studies so that our members can be empowered as well. Most importantly Presbyterian Link will also remain a platform for engagement on topical issues.

The Presbyterian Link team, once more call upon members to contribute articles and pictures to this publication. There are many of us who find themselves in activities from which we all can derive best practices. Those must be shared with the Denomination. We need those pictures so we can share with the denomination. Tell us about the initiatives which are taken by our Sessions and Congregations with a view to grow the Church of Christ. Let them be the testimony of what our Lord can do. The more you feed us with the news and pictures the more we tell the story about our church and the good work that is being done.

Please enjoy the edition and give us feedback on the details reflected at the back of the publication.





Rev, Dr Lungile Mpetsheni – General Secretary

#### THE UPCSA WILL BE A RECONCILED CHURCH

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5: 18-20 NIV)

The 2012 General Assembly of the UPCSA adopted a vision, "To be a reconciled community of Christians exercising a prophetic witness to Christ". After the adoption of this vision, the UPCSA published a document called **THE UPCSA MISSION STRATEGY**, with a sub-title "Reflections on the biblical and theological background to the Vision and Mission Priorities of the UPCSA". I, hereby, take the privilege of sharing the exposition of the vision of the UPCSA that is given in that document, as shown below, lest we forget.

Our vision recognizes our diversity as a Christian community and sets out the

objective "to be a reconciled community of Christians." We seek to be a "reconciled community" bearing in mind what the Apostle points out in II Cor. 5:19 "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself". Reconciliation is a gift from God, and we have the responsibility to pass it on: "He has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation". We cannot pass on what we have not received and taken the responsibility for. This is further highlighted in John 17: 20-21 where Jesus prayed for the unity of believers. If reconciliation is not true for Christians, then they have no message to proclaim to others.

Our unity also strengthens and gives credibility to our Prophetic witness as we proclaim God's sovereignty over the world. There is so much of evil, sin and injustice in the world that we cannot afford to remain silent or complicit. As Christians we are called to be "Witnesses" (Acts 1:8) "You will be witnesses of me in Jerusalem....to the ends of the earth" and Acts 22:15 "Witnesses of what you have seen and heard." We cannot speak to others concerning things we do not know. Christ must be a living reality to us so that we can be a credible witness of what we have seen and heard.

In the process of drafting the Strategic Plan of the UPCSA, the planning team conducted a robust environmental scanning, which culminated in the proposition of the nine (9) strategic guidelines. One of those says: "The UPCSA will be a reconciled church". This was a response to the findings of the environmental scanning which had revealed, among others, that there are irreconcilable differences among the Presbyterians which could not be left unattended. No document may do justice in describing how the differences manifest among us. It is also not my intention to do so in this article, as we have repeatedly pointed to the issues of inequality, injustice, and others.



In this article, we want to encourage the Presbyterians to seek and work for reconciliation with selves, with others, and with God.

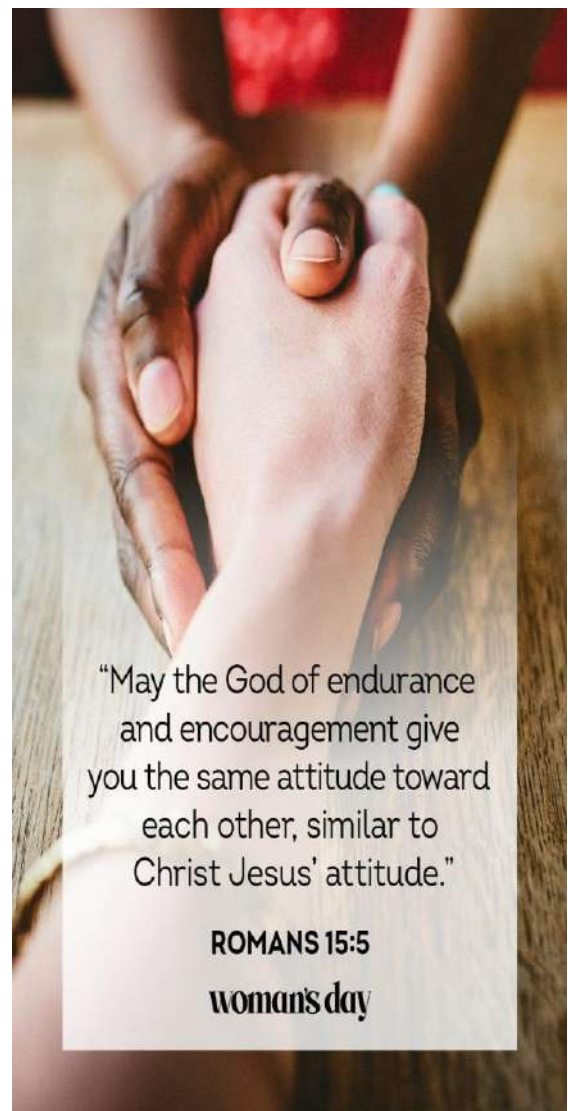
Many people have problems with themselves and cannot forgive themselves for what they have gone through, for what they have committed or omitted, said or not said. Megan O’Sullivan (2022: nd) identifies with this experience and promotes finding a “quiet place of private reconciliation”. Private reconciliation, according to Megan, is “a kind closeness one creates with themselves, a series of negotiations that has absolutely nothing to do with any bystander. It is deciding one can bear to become friends with the person inside, to spend time with themselves, to champion their own strengths, to comfort their faults (gently), and to commit to the growing pains”. Reconciling with self brings about relief and ability to reconcile with others.

Reconciling with others entails having the heart to forgive and commitment to move

forward. It is about letting go of the past and deal with the weight of resentment against any person who made you feel pain. In 1 John 4: 20 (NIV), it is written, “Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.”

We are guided on how we may reconcile with God. Reconciling with God is about the restoration of a relationship which was broken due to sin. The Greek word used for sin in Romans 3: 23 refers to sin as “missing the mark”. That verse also speaks of falling out of God’s grace. Paul advised Timothy in 1 Timothy 2:5 – 6, “For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.”

The UPCSA is called to the ministry of reconciliation, to help its member to work towards and master the three dimensions of reconciliation - with self, with others and with God. At some point, we espoused the four cardinal points, one of which was “mending the relationships”. We call on our ministers to champion this ministry from the pulpits and in pastoral engagements. Let us restore the broken relations and work to be a reconciled church.



## CHRISTIANS AND THE 2024 ELECTIONS BY BOBBY GODSELL.

The 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 election will be the country's most important election since 1994.

In 1994 close to 20 million South Africans stood in patient, joyful queues for several days to choose their new government. The April election followed several years of both violence and negotiation: hope and fear. Those 20 million citizens were voting in an election which by agreement with the contending political parties was going to elect a government of national unity. According to our interim constitution every party getting 5% of the vote would have a seat in parliament and each party gaining 20% would have a Deputy President.

Beyond these rules people queued together and voted together for a South Africa that would work together to create a better future for all. This was the promise of the rainbow nation.

What can Christians do to make 2024 our "second chance" election? To recapture the hope of unity, shared freedom and common destiny? Of people served by a government whose only purpose was to make a better life for all? To consolidate a national compact of non racialism, constitutional democracy, clean government and a growing and increasingly inclusive economy ?

What if individual Christians and most particularly groups of Christians took it upon themselves to get involved in recognising, embracing and supporting the people and

- institutions of our public service? Government at national, provincial and local level whose job it is to provide order and development. Politicians and political parties whose job it is to direct government. Could we, the citizens take centre stage in the

2024 elections in a spirit of joy and hope and not with cynicism, contempt, rage and despair?

Could the attitude of citizens in general and Christian citizens in particular centrally determine the success of this election?

Our first duty to Caesar is to register to vote. Our citizenship cannot be complete until it is reflected on the country's voter's roll. This is very easy to do. Registering online is as easy as registering for a covid vaccination. Every election since 1994 has seen a declining proportion of our adult population registering to vote. Can Christians be different? This is more than an individual act. Are our worship, family, workplace and friendship communities also registered?

Our second duty is to do the hard work now of using our vote intentionally and faithfully.

# We cannot vote for a party by default: simply because we always have, or our parents have, or because of our skin colour, or our social and financial "place" in our broader society.

Our faith has always connected power to justice. Both the Old and New Testaments command prophets and priest, disciples and apostles in their exercise of power. This is part of our religious tradition and covenant. What covenant will we impose on those who receive our vote?





*Rev. Douglas Bower*

### **The Value of Scripture: The Final Authority of Faith & Life**

The value of scripture is beyond measure. It is unimaginable to think of the Christian church without the Bible. Now, as theologians and ministers, we might have different theological perspectives. For some of us, we believe the Bible is inerrant, while others accept the Bible as a flawed text written by humans but inspired by God. Fortunately, we form part of a broad church, which allows differences. That being said, I share some thoughts on the value of scripture to me as a Christian, a minister, and a father hoping to encourage his children to follow God.

*Peter wrote that: "For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty...We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you*

*must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:16,19-21*

The great author CS Lewis devised what is commonly known as the Lewis Trifecta, which concerns the truth about Jesus as the Saviour of the world. He said that when we consider the claims of Jesus, we have three options. We either have to decide they are the claims of an attention-seeker, but why would he be willing to die for his lies? Or it is the claims of a madman, but then why are His words so powerful, so coherent, so true? Or we are faced with the inevitable truth that Jesus is our Lord and Saviour. Once we accept this truth, we want to learn more about Jesus, and the best place to do so is from the Word of God. Peter makes it clear that the Scriptures comes from God. That is wasn't simply stories made up by fallible and corruptible human beings, but by the Creator of the universe who has given us a way to draw closer to Him.

The Bible is the true and inerrant Word of God. This means 'incapable of being wrong'. To many, this seems illogical. How can a book written thousands of years ago still be relevant? What about outdated rules and requirements? What about inaccuracies, inconsistencies, or difficult to understand parts? What about the fact that all the books were written by fallible human beings? When we say we believe the Bible is true, it doesn't mean we blindly accept what is written in it. It means we accept it in faith. The Word of God was written to



common people, not to theological professors. The writers assumed that common people would read it, understand it, apply it and be led by the Holy Spirit who inspired it.

While many scoff at the inaccuracies in scripture, we can apply the same logic here: When we accept the claims in scripture, we also accept that human beings with their own idiosyncrasies wrote the words of Scripture. Yet at the same time, we accept that God caused the words he wanted to be written to be recorded. God does not lie and cannot tell a falsehood; it is not in his nature. Thus, if God inspired the human authors, then the words of Scripture must be without error. There will always be questions of interpretation, and there will always be debates about the specific application or meaning of a passage. When we hold to the truth of the Bible, when we recognise it as a divine book, bearing the imprint of God's utter truthfulness, we won't try to explain away some of the hard truths it contains. Rather, we will continue to trust the Bible, continue to read it, continue to grapple with the parts we struggle to understand and finally, share it with those around us.

*One of my favourite authors, Kevin DeYoung, in his book Taking God at His Word (2014) writes: "There is no more authoritative declaration than what we find in the Word of God, no firmer ground to stand on, no "more final" argument that can be spoken after Scripture has spoken... You can use the word of God to come to wrong conclusions, but you cannot find any wrong conclusions in the Word of God. You do not need another special revelation from God outside the Bible. You can listen to the voice of God every*

*day. Christ still speaks, because the Spirit has already spoken. If you want to hear from God, go to the book that records only what he has said. Immerse yourself in the Word of God you will not find anything more sure".*

As we circle back to the value of scripture, I can only say it is invaluable. As a Christian, it is my touchpoint, the first place to go when I have questions, an encouragement and a source of strength. As a minister, I firmly believe that we are called to open up a specific piece of text in our preaching and teaching. We are called not to add nor to subtract anything, but rather help elucidate and apply the text to people's lives. All scripture is valuable, all scripture can be used to teach, all scripture can inspire. As a father, it is a great joy to read scripture with my sons. In the hustle and bustle of our busy, connected world, slowing down to read the Bible with our families' nurtures connection, restores values and always opens up interesting questions or discussions. So whether we are digging into God's Word in a personal, ministerial or family capacity, the Holy Spirit is there to enlighten and guide us.





*Rev Vusi Mkhungo - Clerk Of Assembly*

## **EXECUTIVE COMMISSION 2024**

The last General Assembly resolved *“to have the 2024 Executive Commission hosted by the Central Office Team in Gauteng and sets the dates as Sunday 23 to Thursday 27 June 2024”*. Since then, the staff at Tiyo Soga House have been working hard to deliver on this resolution. They became the Local Organising Committee working very close with the Assembly Business Committee.

Much as this will be in hybrid we still had to identify a Presbytery around Gauteng for the venue where all the administration and facilitation will take place. We are thankful to the Presbytery of Tshwane for agreeing to provide this space. Arrangements are now at an advanced stage. The opening service will be held on Sunday 23 June at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Time: 09:00, Pretoria. Invitation to this service is to all Ministers and Congregations within the boundaries of Tshwane Presbytery as well as to every member of the Presbyterian family who might be around Pretoria at the time. Both St. Andrews and Pretoria Central Presbyterian Congregations are looking forward to hosting us for this great service.

Presbyteries have appointed their Commissioners and very soon we will be doing dry runs on the Zoom platform so that everyone is fully prepared to participate in the virtual format of a meeting. There will be at least three dry runs that will equip Commissioners to be able to connect, engage, and even be able to vote during the proceedings of the Executive Commission. All Commissioners are encouraged to avail themselves for these training sessions. Failure to do so will disadvantage that individual to perform that which they have been commissioned to do.

At the time of writing this article reports from Presbyteries and General Assembly Committees have been received and a quality assurance exercise has been performed on them. Discussions are underway with some Presbytery Clerks and Committee Conveners to clear some of the elements in their reports. This is not done in a spirit of policing but rather to maintain good standards as these reports will remain the Church's records for many years.

As soon as this has been completed a process of collating and putting together the actual 'PAPERS FOR THE 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMISSION' will be done. We are working very hard that the Commissioners will have the papers by the end of April. Our Standing Orders require us to make these available to Commissioners well in advance to allow them enough time to read and prepare themselves adequately.

We call upon all UPCSA Congregations to set aside some time during their Sunday services from now to pray for the 2024 Executive Commission, the Moderator who will be presiding over this, the support team as well as all the Commissioners as they prepare themselves to discern as to what God is saying to His Church at the time such as this.

**SHALOM!!!**



**Sister Ntombi Currie:(Ministry  
Administrative Assistant & Rev Zwai  
(Ministry Secretary)**

#### MINISTRY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Ministry Committee of the General Assembly has a mandate to oversee the academic and practical training and spiritual formation of candidates to the point of ordination through the office of the Ministry Secretary. The first Post Academic Training (PAT) conference was held within the bounds of Tshwane Presbytery from 04 – 15 March 2024.

The theme of the conference was: “Together going back to basics”, it was a hybrid conference with probationers on site, some facilitators joining online and others physically.

There were seven probationers in attendance coming from the following Presbyteries: Amathole, Central Cape,

Copperbelt, eGoli, Tiyo Soga, Western Cape and Zimbabwe. Each probationer before the conference had been given a passage to do an exegesis, present, and get feedback from the Ministry Secretary and other probationers.

The Conference started with a conversation with the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev Lydia Neshangwe on her Moderatorial Theme “Stronger together”. The topics covered for this PAT were as follows: Emotional Intelligence; Gender; Prioritising priorities; Ministers managing the financial affairs of the Congregation; Decolonising Ministry; Vision and Mission of the UPCSA; Administration; preparing a sermon do’s and don’ts; Pastoral Care; Power in Association; History of the UPCSA from the roots; Sacraments; Reflections on life in a Congregation; Sharing on Ministering in a Culturally different Congregation; Understanding the Missional Church; Going for growth; and Ethical Leadership.

Excursion/ visiting of different historical sites around the Presbytery of Tshwane was one of the highlights for PAT. The following sites were visited: The Freedom Park and Voortrekker Museum part of their training was to understand the history, context and politics of South Africa for them to be able to practice effective ministry in their communities.

On the first Sunday of PAT 10 March 2024, the Tshwane Presbytery hosted the probationers in different congregations, students were also exposed by attending the



appointment service/Induction of the Moderator the Revd Frikkie Botha at Centurion West Congregation.

The last day for the Post Academic Training was the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. The Conference was closed with a Holy Communion service by the Moderator of Tshwane Presbytery which was held at St Columbus Presbyterian Congregation Hatfield.

The Ministry Committee of the General Assembly is humbled by the cooperation and support that it receives from the Presbyteries of the UPCSA. Our heartfelt thank you goes to all in the family of the UPCSA. May we continue to work together in the training of the UPCSA ministers and in furthering the kingdom of God.



#### AMATHOLE PRESBYTRY

The Presbytery of Amathole held its Commissioners and Committee Convenors Orientation workshop on the 16 March 2024.

In her opening devotions, Elder Khenke read from Hosea 4: My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. The workshop was attended by more than 40 Commissioners, Alternates and Committee Members. It was a

fruitful workshop attendees gained much needed information.

It started on a very high note where attendees picked a word from a pool of words, which entailed various concepts used in Presbytery meetings. Commissioners had to explain the meaning of the concepts as per their knowledge.

The significance of this exercise lies not only in establishing the participants' vocabulary on UPCSA governance matters but also to deepen their understanding of the Presbytery business.

Through the vibrancy of both the facilitators and the participants, the orientation session's objectives were attained as some participants could be heard saying: "After this workshop, the performance of Amathole Presbytery, including participation in the Presbytery Council meetings, WILL NEVER be the same."

The vibrant workshop equipped the participants on various elements, including: the UPCSA Governance; roles and responsibilities of Commissioners and Convenors; conducting Presbytery Business; managing Administrative matters; facilitating implementation of the Presbytery Strategic Plan for the development of the Congregations and their communities.

The Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev Allan Nyoni concluded the workshop he thanked Elder Nosipho Mdedetyane Convener of Training and Development, Elder Welekazi Sokutu Governance and Administration Cluster Convener and Elder Budaza for always willing to donate to the Church.

The Moderator further thanked the Commissioners who came from far and near

















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1 Corinthians 15:58:

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REV. ALLAN NYONI





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**REV. ALLAN NYONI**









## LIMPOPO FOW LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP

Limpopo Presbytery Fellowship of Women Leadership Training Workshop  
Organised by FOW Executive Committee on 23/3/2024

Participants were drawn from all the Congregations under the Presbytery of Limpopo. Women in leadership and those who are on trial or probation as potential members of the Fellowship of Women. The Presidents and Secretaries of Branches led their delegates.

Facilitation of the workshop was done by the Rev Mautji Pataki in his capacity as the Founding Member and Director of the Ethical Foundation for Leadership Excellence – an institution based in Polokwane.

The training was meant to improve the capacity of the FOW leadership. In many instances, leadership is unable to perform as expected due to ignorance and poor skills.

Training of this nature must become a regular item for future induction of women in leadership.

Key event highlights were:

Definition and Various Types of Leadership  
Ethics, Values and Character Qualities of Leadership;  
Discipline as a key concept of Leadership

“A leader does not walk the organisation into a crisis with eyes wide open” – Rev Mautji Pataki

“The workshop was an eye-opener because we have been doing most of the things without even referring to the rule book.” By one of the participants

The event concluded with  
Evaluation of the Training Programme

Prospective action arising from the event is the need for Improved leadership.









## *Snippets of Moderator visit at St David's Congregation within the bounds of Presbytery of Drakensberg*













## The Moderator met with the Minister Emeriti at Scottsville



## Moderator Sitting with Mrs Ngcobo, The Wife of the Late Rev SB Ngcobo and Mrs Chonco, The wife of Minister





*Highveld Moderator attendance at the Ecumenical Prayer Service for the upcoming elections this past Sunday. It was held at the St. Dunstan's Cathedral, 28 April 2024, Anglican Church. The three men seated in front are from the IEC and the man with the purple robe is the Bishop of the Diocese of the Anglican church*





Hearty congratulations to the Fellowship of Women and the Fellowship of Men in Mount Horeb and Ga-Kgapane Congregations in Limpopo, on the occasion of the robing of new members. The war cry is one, evangelize, evangelize, evangelize. This is yet another way in which to grow the Church of Christ.









# STUARTVILLE CONGREGATION

*Today, the 28th of May 2024 was a proud day in Stuartville as the Congregation finally robed members of the Fellowship of Young Women. The robing was conducted by MaMoruti Dr Mmameno Pataki, the Deputy President of the Fellowship of Women in Limpopo. Dr Pataki was accompanied by the president, Mamoruti Manaka. Also present were Presbyterial Executive of the Fellowship of Young Women and the FOM. Young Women and Women from the Methodist and Anglican churches were also in attendance. Also in the same service, the fellowship of Women robed MaMoruti Mabotja. Now Stuartville is complete with their own leadership in place*













19 - 21 APRIL 2024

*Fellowship of Church Choirs and Musicians Annual General Meeting held in Seshego, 19-21 April, Polokwane Congregation within the precinct of the Presbytery of Limpopo*

















*The Tiyo Soga Presbytery, conducting the Ordination service of Rev Qaqamba Xalisa on the 28th of April 2024 and her appointment at Njikelana Congregation*







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# FAITH CLINIC

**THEME**

*Faith in the Market Place*

*"Looking at the challenges  
christians face in secular  
worlds and how to stand firm  
in ones faith and values"*

**SPEAKER**

DR. REV. AE KASAMBALA  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
MODERATOR DESIGNATE  
SOUTH AFRICA



**DATE**

04TH APRIL, 2024

TIME: 20:00HRS (CAT)

**HOST**

ELDER LAWRENCE MAKANI  
SYNOD MINUTE CLERK  
ZAMBIA

VENUE: ONLINE  
(GOOGLE MEETING)

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# FAITH CLINIC

**THEME**

*The Gift is for Everyone.*

**SPEAKER**

PASTOR. M LUKHELE  
ZAMBIA



**DATE**

28TH MARCH, 2024

TIME: 20:00HRS (CAT)

**HOST**

ELDER DR. GUMBO  
PRESIDENT FOM M'CHINGA

VENUE: ONLINE  
(GOOGLE MEETING)

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# FAITH CLINIC

**THEME**

*Stewardship*

**SPEAKER**

Rev Edward Chirwa  
Moderator  
Mchinga Presbytery  
With over 17 years in ministry



**DATE**

18TH APRIL, 2024

TIME: 20:00HRS (CAT)

**HOST**

BROTHER. SUNGA ZEMBA MKANDAWIRE  
ZAMBIA

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# FAITH CLINIC

**THEME**

*Focusing on True worship  
and remembering our call  
as God's children*

*(Isaiah 58)*

**SPEAKER**

REV. HENRY MBAMBO  
NEW ZEALAND



**DATE**

14TH MARCH, 2024

TIME: 20:00HRS (CAT)

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# YOUTH'S FAITH CLINIC

**THEME**

*Developing your Prophetic  
Anointing  
(John 15 vs 4 - 5)*

**SPEAKER**

BRO THOMAS ZGAMBO  
MALAWI



**DATE**

2TH MARCH, 2024

TIME: 20:00HRS (CAT)

**HOST**

BROTHER HILARY  
ZAMBIA

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# WOMEN'S DAY FAITH CLINIC

**THEME**

*THE ROLE OF THE WOMEN'S  
MINISTRY*

**SPEAKER**

MRS. WAICH NDHLOVU YAMBALA  
ZAMBIA



**DATE**

07TH MARCH, 2024

TIME: 20:00HRS (CAT)

VENUE: ONLINE  
(GOOGLE MEETING)

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# MEN'S REDEDICATION SERVICE

30 MARCH  
2024



THEME:

STRONGER **TOGETHER**

09:00  
AM

@ ST. COLUMBUS  
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Presbytery of Zimbabwe. Easter Conference gathering at Mission Enabling Commissions (3 Districts) which are Eastern Mission Enabling Commission, South-Central Mission Enabling Commission and Western Mission Enabling Commission







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Western Mission Enabling Commission

# Crushed *but not* Destroyed

Easter Conference

29 - 31 March

Mhangura UPCSA

Mhangura Mine Primary School



He was wounded because of our rebellious  
deeds, crushed because of our sins; he endured  
punishment that made us well; because of his  
wounds we have been healed.

*Isaiah 53:5*





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in Southern Africa

P R E S E N T S

2024

EASTER

CONFERENCE

Eastern District Mission  
Enabling Commission.



*Christ the servant King*  
*(Acts 4:10)*



Lekkerwater/ Lowlands UPCSA Marondera)

**17 DAYS TO GO!!!**





# In Loving Memory Of REV. MATHEMBA VICTOR TATI

DATE: 21 MARCH 2024.  
VENUE: MVUMELWANO LOCATION, QUMBU  
UKUFIKA KOMZIMBA EKHAYA: 07:00 EKUSENI.  
SERVICE: 09:00 EKUSENI



Celebrating  
memory of  
*Rev*  
*Mathemba Victor Tati*  
BORN: 19 OCTOBER 1952  
DIED: 24 MARCH 2024  
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*“Rest in peace nceku yeNkosi  
umndeni wonke ududuzeke  
nebandla lonke”*



THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS  
A MISSIONAL CHURCH



A Missional Church is a **SENT** Church, which understands its primary work as **WITNESSING** to Christ and **SERVING** God in the world.

A Missional Church is **SHAPE**D by God **for** the **COMMUNITY** into which God has placed it.

A Missional Church is **FOCUSED** on those **WHO DON'T YET KNOW JESUS**.

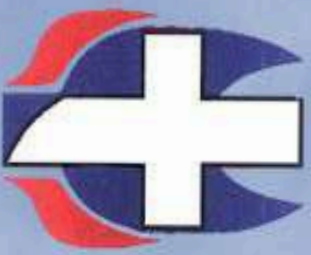
A Missional Church, **EMPOWERED** by the **Holy Spirit**, is **focused** on **WORKING WITH** God in bringing fullness of life (involving justice, healing, wholeness and reconciliation) to **ALL THE PEOPLE** of the world.

**#1**



**#2**

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
WILL HAVE  
MISSION ORIENTATED AND  
HOLISTICALLY DEVELOPED  
MINISTRY





#3

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
WILL PROMOTE  
THE EQUALITY OF ALL ITS  
MEMBERS AND  
CONGREGATIONS





#4

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
WILL BE

WELCOMING (RADICALLY  
INCLUSIVE) TO ALL,  
ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH





**#5**

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
WILL

REFLECT THE  
DEMOGRAPHICS OF ITS  
MEMBERSHIP AT ALL  
DECISION MAKING LEVELS  
AND FORUMS





**#6**

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
WILL HAVE

COHESIVE, EFFICIENT AND  
EFFECTIVE  
ADMINISTRATION





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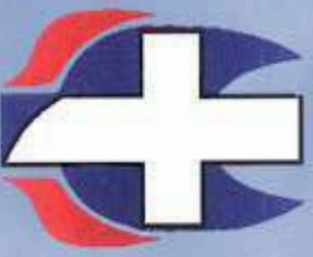
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CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
WILL BE  
FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE





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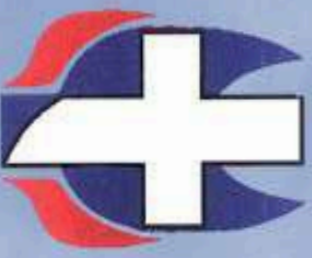
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CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
WILL PROMOTE  
A POSITIVE IMAGE AND  
RAISE ITS PROFILE





#9

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
WILL BE  
A RECONCILED CHURCH





THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

# MISSION

We will proclaim our Triune God in Southern Africa through:

- BEARING WITNESS TO THE SAVING LOVE OF JESUS
- BUILDING VITAL, REFORMING CONGREGATIONS FOR WORSHIP, MINISTRY AND DISCIPLESHIP
- VISIBLY PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH UNITY, JUSTICE, PEACE AND LOVE.







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## News Story Form

### Pre-event

#### 1. Title

- Event name FYW Polokwane Congregation Rededication

#### 2. Who, When, Where:

- CWM Programme team/event organiser Click or tap here to enter text.
- Event start date: 3/3/2024
- Event end date: 3/3/2024
- Event location: UPCSA Mbali Memorial Station, Seshego Zone 2
- Number of participants: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Who and where the participants (the churches and ecumenical organisations) are from?

These are the members of the Fellowship of Young Women coming from three outstations, namely Mbali Memorial, Semenya and Kgohloane

- If there are special guests, partners, or resource persons, please include their names and titles/job designations.

Reverend LDL Molaba & Mrs S Molaba

- Please provide a soft copy of the event programme and documents. (Email: [gensec@unitingpresbyterian.org](mailto:gensec@unitingpresbyterian.org))





## During event

### 3. WHAT, WHY:

- How is the event significant?  
Rededicating of young women it is to fortify their membership and vows and to reignite the light of purpose in the members lives.  

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- Any important decision made?  
The most important decision made is to remember the values and aims and objectives of the Fellowship and align with them.  

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- Key event highlights  
The members of the FYW recited the preamble and receiving words of encouragement from Reverend LDL Molaba  

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### 4. Quotes

- A quote from event leadership (or Moderator, General Secretary, or Clerk of Assembly) if they are present at the event, where appropriate  
“Esther was a commoner whom won favour in the eye of the king. Today you are called queens and have won favour in the eye of God” – Rev LDL Molaba  

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- A quote from event participants about their key takeaways or any visits that left a deep impression.  
“It was well organized and attractive and well marketed. The sisterhood was more radiant. The sermon was refreshing and the service was well put together” – Str Katlego Choma  

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### 5. Conclusion

- The event concluded with  
FYW members gifting Reverend Molaba and Mrs Molaba and Mother of the FYW Mrs N Molokomme.  

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- Any prospective action arising from the event:  

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➤ **Event images: Landscape format for group photos and activities. (Email: gensec@unitingpresbyterian.org)**



to attend the workshop. Rev Sam prayed and rendered benediction.

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