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Dear Colleague Ministers, GA Committee Convenors, Presbytery Clerks, Session Clerks, and Church Office Staff

ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY: SEPTEMBER 2024

I'm sure you are all aware by now that the Revd Dr George Marchinkowski has been appointed as our new General Secretary with effect from 1 October 2024. A hand-over process is already underway with Revd Dr Lungile Mpetsheni.

Because Dr Marchinkowski takes office only in October and Dr Mpetsheni finishes off at the end of August, we are left with no General Secretary for the month of September. Our Clerk of Assembly, the Revd Vusi Mkhungo, has agreed to serve as Acting General Secretary for the month of September, in addition to his usual responsibilities as Clerk. We trust this arrangement will allow for the ongoing efficient management and administration of our Church Office and the work of the denomination during this month of transition.

Please also note that Dr Marchinkowski will initially undertake his work in a hybrid capacity, working remotely from Cape Town but travelling to Gauteng and elsewhere for essential meetings and events until the end of the current year. He will then relocate to Kempton Park and will be based at Tiyo Soga House from the beginning of January 2025.

Please give Revd Mkhungo your full support as Acting General Secretary during the month of September and keep our outgoing and incoming General Secretaries in your prayers as they make the transition to their new places of work and responsibilities.

With warm regards to you all in Christ.

Rev Glynis Goyns
Convenor of the Church Office & HR Committee (COHRC)