

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HYBRID 13TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NABABE, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE ZIMBABWE PRESBYTERY, FROM THE 24TH OF JUNE TO THE 29TH OF JUNE 2022

FIRST SESSION

At the City Presbyterian Church, Nababe, within the bounds of Zimbabwe Presbytery, on Saturday 24th June 2022 at 11:00, the Members and Elders appointed to meet this day as Commissioners of the General Assembly convened, some physically, some virtually.

CONSTITUTING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev. Vusi Mkhungu, read the call worship: Psalm 66:1-5.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME:

The Moderator's Chaplain, the Rev. Thabane Nkomo, announced the list of all the Presbyteries of the UPUSA that were virtually connected to it.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:

The Moderator's Chaplain, the Rev. Thabane Nkomo, led the General Assembly in a Prayer of Praise and Adoration.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

The Moderator's Chaplain, the Rev. Thabane Nkomo, led the General Assembly in a Prayer of Confession of Sin.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The Moderator, the Rev. Sipho Mafwa, pronounced the Assurance of Grace.

The Rev. Thabane Nkomo invited the Music Choir to render a musical item, which it did.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND READING OF THE WORD

The Moderator's Chaplain, the Rev. Thabane Nkomo, led the General Assembly in a Prayer for Illumination. The following scriptures were read:

The Rev. Dr. Bulawina Hara read the Old Testament section: Deuteronomy 6: 1-15.

The Rev. Heidi Peterson read the Gospel section: Matthew 6: 25-34.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD: THE RETIRING MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

The Retiring Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Sipho Mafwa, delivered his Address on the Theme, "Getting back to basics: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

The Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Sipho Mafwa, led the General Assembly in prayer.

The Moderator welcomed the President of the UPUSA and the other Ecumenical delegates who had joined the service late.