

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HYBRID 15TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HARARE, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE ZIMBABWE PRESBYTERY, FROM THE 24TH OF JUNE TO THE 29TH OF JUNE 2023

FIRST SESSION

At the City Presbyterian Church, Harare, within the bounds of Zimbabwe Presbytery, on Saturday 24th June 2023 at 11h00, the Ministers 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 Mkhungo, read the call worship: Psalm 66:1-3.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME:

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

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

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

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The Moderator, the Rev. Siphon Mtetwa, pronounced the Assurance of Grace.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND READING OF THE WORD

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

The Rev. Dr Bukelwa Hans read the Old Testament lection: Deuteronomy 6: 1-15.

The Rev. Heidi Petersen read the Gospel lection: Matthew 6:25-34.

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

The Retiring Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Siphon Mtetwa, 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. Siphon Mtetwa, led the General Assembly in prayer.

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