



St. Paul's United Church

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Vacancy for a Presbyterian Minister

St Paul's United Church (SPUC), Haenertsburg in Limpopo Province, is a united congregation governed by the Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches and consists of various denominations.

According to their constitution the previous incumbent, who was an Anglican Priest, needs to be followed by a Presbyterian Minister.

The church mission statement serves as a spiritual objective for the congregation:

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The successful candidate will be:

1. An ordained Presbyterian Minister, in good standing with the UPCSA;
2. Theological grounded and Spirit led;
3. In possession of strong communication skills both from the pulpit and in compassionate pastoral care;
4. Respectful and sensitive to Anglican and Methodist traditions;
5. An energetic self-starter with proven managerial and secretarial skills. Computer literacy is essential for the minister to be able to execute church and administrative roles and tasks.
6. Guided by the elected Church Council and the appointed Church Trustees, and answerable and accountable to the Congregation, for the guidance, planning, leadership, and execution of all the activities of the SPUC.

Location:

St Paul's United Church is located in the small rural village of Haenertsburg in the Magoebaskloof mountain region of Limpopo Province. The village has a population of approximately 300 mainly English-speaking residents. The church draws its congregation from the Magoebaskloof region which is a mix of farming and residential homes. It is also a dormitory village for people working in Polokwane (58km) and Tzaneen (38km).

Generally, the area tends to be occupied by people with a relatively high income, but borders on adjacent areas of rural population with low income and high unemployment. Haenertsburg village relies on tourism as their major income source with over 1600 beds available in the region. It is currently ranked as one of the most attractive small-town destinations in the country. Timber is giving way to sub-tropical fruit production as the mainstay of farming enterprises.

There is a small selection of schools on the mountain including the highly reputed independent high school, Stanford Lake College.

Tzaneen offers a wide range of educational facilities.