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**Rt. Rev Dr. Amon Kasambala  
Moderator of General Assembly**

#### **PARTNERS IN MISSION: A MARATHON MARKED FOR US**

The best thing about running a marathon race is that you can decide at what pace you want to run. And so, it is not how fast or how hard you run, it is how you strategically pace yourself as you listen to your heart beat each time you change a step.

As soon as it was Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025, a day after the General Assembly in Mthatha, my marathon race kicked in. To say the least, since that day, it has been from one event and conference to the other. In all these, there have been some great moments of spiritual encounter, development of new relationships with different strategic Partners in Mission (PIM) of the UPCSA family, and also times to reflect on lessons learnt from each experience.

Starting the marathon race in July with the Fellowship of the Youth in Kimberley was such a huge opportunity to observe and participate in the vision crafting of the

emerging leadership of the UPCSA. Hope was created, vision was imparted, and a clear roadmap was navigated at that youth conference.



Then came the Fellowship of Women in August held in Johannesburg and hosted by the eGoli Presbytery. For those who were not there, it would be like just telling a story. The atmosphere of that conference was invigorating and inspiring, having hundreds of women gathered in one huge hall – praising the Lord amidst their busy scheduled, was captivating. The women have got it when it comes to organizing themselves. They stroke a code of excellency throughout their conference



At a time of writing this article, I have just returned from the Fellowship of Men conference which was hosted by the Limpopo Presbytery and held at Makwarela congregation. For those who have been

attending many conferences of the Fellowship of men, they will be able to testify that this conference, which has just ended, was unique. Amidst tight business schedule for the conference, the men made room for a deeper spiritual experience. They gave time to evangelism, biblical teachings and times for revival worship services. I was amazed to observe at a Sunday service how men sung and danced uninhibitedly – something we can only attribute to God presence among the men



In addition to attending conferences, the marathon race took me to dedicating a beautiful state of art multipurpose dining hall in Tutura, Easter Cape, within the bounds of Tiyo Soga Presbytery. What is amazing about this building is that it was built through the fundraising initiatives of the Fellowship of Women of Tutura congregation – and dedicating it during the Women's month of August was just like icing a piece of nice cake.



Returning to Limpopo, the marathon race took me up the hills of Venda land. I joined a crowd of Presbyterian men and women

who decided to pay courtesy at the Venda King's palace. Our visit was made very special as the King and his dear wife emerged dressed up in the UPCSA Fellowship of Men and Women uniforms respectively. The King's welcoming speech was spot on as he declared openly allegiance to the Lordship of Christ over his life and the Venda Kingdom. In simple words of invitation, he asked us to count on him and his wife as true Partners in Mission (PIM).



The theme "**Partners in Mission**" came alive when while in Limpopo as a huge crowd of UPCSA women, Youth, Young Women and Men accompanied each other in a long traffic convoy (*Traffic control officers had to lead the way because of this long convoy of cars and buses*) to go and hand over a beautiful house, built by the Fellowship of Men in Limpopo, to a vulnerable UPCSA widow and her grandchildren.

A lot of us shed a tear as we watched the keys of the newly built house being handed over to the new Owner. It was like watching the gospel we preach in words come alive for the first time in a long time. We were proud to be part of the Presbyterian family



Partners in Mission marathon race is encountered everywhere as we have seen above – in *conference centres*, *Zoom call meetings*, in *communities*, *Sunday services* and *business spaces*. At the time of writing this, my encounter with Partners in Mission happened in the corridors of academics – at the Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria, where I had the privilege of presenting a paper on Mission and Partnerships and also witnessing the launch of a book on *Missional Theology in Context* edited by our very own UPCSA senior lecturer at the University. The Dean of the Faculty highlighted the fact that the UPCSA is a strategic partner in mission for the University.



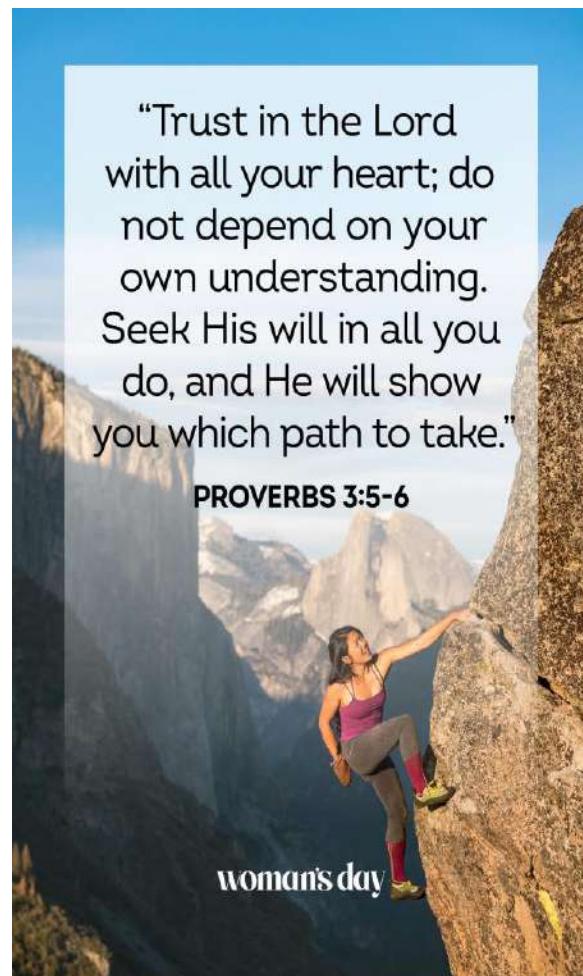
One does not need to say any more – when your strategic partners show you exactly where the marathon race lines are already

marked for you –all you need to do is, to continue running the race to discover more.

### **Celebration Month**

This is a special month for the UPCSA. We celebrate the grace of God and how far we have come as a denomination. We celebrate those that are making every effort to take the UPCSA forward. We celebrate the human resource, talents, skills that God has blessed the UPCSA with.

*“...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith...”*  
(Hebrews 12:1,2)



## The Prodigal Father

**Luke 15:20** “So he got and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him”

The **Month of October 2025** has been set aside in the entire UPCSA as a Missions Month. This means that in our worship services as a body Christ, in our family and personal devotions, and in our daily work schedules; we should think about our commitment to missions.

What is interesting about mission(s) is that it was first and foremost initiated by God himself, who since the fall of humanity has been reaching out to us in his grace and mercy. Humans by nature are fugitives of themselves – we try to run away from that which is meant to safeguard our lives just like we see in the prodigal son story. We want to be secure in ourselves without God just like the prodigal son did to his father. We do the same with God, we want to try and avoid him and “kick him out” of our priorities and programmes. However, just like the prodigal son’s father, God is patient enough to wait until we reach to the end of ourselves and realize we can only fill that vacuum in our lives by getting back to him the creator.

What we should realize is that as long as we as human are prodigals, God becomes a prodigal with us. He does not run away from us, but he becomes the prodigal father who patiently awaits our return.

And when we return, he shows us his compassion and mercy and welcomes us back to where we belong – the family of believers (the Church)

As UPCSA, we should always bear in mind that the God we serve is the God of missions and when we get involved in missions, we in fact partner with him in the missions of God (*Missio Dei*). If God, as a Prodigal God, has reached out to us, it is time to think about others outside our Church buildings and our comfort zones who also need to hear the good news. God counts on us to reach out with grace, compassion and acts of mercy to a world that is calling for our help. May you make this month a special month of Missions.

*Rt Rev Dr Amon Kasambala, Moderator of the General Assembly (UPCSA), hubby to Tiba and father to Eddie and Victor, and serving as a Minister at Glenwood Presbyterian Church, Durban*





**Elder Benny Boshelo**  
**Convener: Communications Committee**

## EDITORIAL

The UPCSA has in the past month become such an eventful Denomination. This is mainly due to the packed program of the Church Fellowships. As we stated elsewhere, the months of July – September are conference months in the Denomination. Starting with the Fellowship of Youth Conference in July, through to the Fellowship of Women Conference in August and the Men in September, the Fellowship of Young Women will be hosting theirs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 at Drakensberg Presbytery. Over and above these Denominational Conferences, we had several Presbyterial Conferences of all these Fellowships.

There is something positive emerging about these Fellowships conferences, which speaks to the Moderator's theme of 'Partners in Mission'. Unlike in the past where Fellowships Conferences were indoor affairs, we are beginning to see the church that seeks to reach out to the society. It was indeed humbling during

the Fellowship of Men conference, when the Fellowship handed over a fully furnished house to a destitute family in Hamutsha in Vhembe, Limpopo.

This initiative was a demonstration of a church that is not unattached from the society. As if that was not enough we also saw the Fellowship of Women in Limpopo building yet another house for a family, in a small village called Makurung, next to Lebowakgomo township. All these conferences had one common item which seeks to assist needy families, it being school uniform for kids, groceries for poor families, paying school fees for learners and many more initiatives. We carry some of these initiatives in this issue of the Presbyterian Link.

We also carry stories of the Moderator of General Assembly's engagement with our Presbyteries and Congregations. Since his induction in the last General Assembly, the Moderator, Rev, Dr Amon Kasambala has been travelling throughout the Denomination, from DRC – Zambia – Zimbabwe - South Africa, interacting with the structures and the membership of the UPCSA, including the Fellowships. He has in this regard, attended all the Conferences, and staying throughout the duration of the Conference. What is pleasing is that the Moderator is always with his team comprising the CFC Convener, Rev Thabani Masikane, General Secretary, Rev, Dr George Marchinkowsky and the Clerk of Assembly, Rev Vusi Mkhungo. Each interaction has been a learning curve and we commend the Central Office Team for this most wonderful job they are doing.

The UPCSA is indeed in good hands as excellent leadership is provided by this team. We are also

encouraged by the emerging trend that we see happening in the Denomination. This is the focus on revival services and outreach programs, which realize that the people will not necessarily come to the church, but that the church must also go to them. The initiative of the men to visit and work with the traditional leaders is one such example. In Zambia we have seen during the Moderator's visit that a successful revival service was held. It is these type of programs and activities which will see many people returning to the church of Christ. We are grateful to see that the 'Going for Growth' motto is being put into action. With the Moderator leading from the front.

This Edition of the Presbyterian Link will give you a glimpse of a church at work through pictures and interesting stories of the work done in the Denomination. Enjoy!!!



"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

**ISAIAH 41:10**



Revelations 2:2-3

I know your deeds, your hard work, and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER



## Rev Dr George Marchinkowski: General Secretary

### GOOD FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Following the Assembly, I attended the **Induction of the Rev Heidi Peterson as Chair of the South African Synod of the UCCSA**. This service was held as part of the biennial Synod meeting, and in Queensburgh, KZN. The UPCSA congratulates Rev. Peterson, who is well known in Presbyterian circles through her involvement in various committees (She serves a United congregation), the Church Unity Commission and the South African Council of Churches.

I attended a meeting of the **Church Unity Commission**, where we sit alongside representatives of the Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Dutch Reformed, United Reformed and Lutheran churches. The surprise was to discover – in the course of reporting back on our General Assembly – that our partner Churches have the same hot and emotive issues as we do and the mainline denominations also experience disagreement on the pressing issues of our time.

In **South African Council of Churches** forums, we are struggling with the **National Dialogue** in South Africa and to what extent churches participate. The feeling of a singular lack of freedom in terms of how we participate characterised our conversations. The Churches acknowledge that South Africa has huge social and financial problems and that something must be done at every level and in every sector of society but we resist being told how to contribute to possible solutions. The conversation is ongoing.

Here in the **Central Office**, we have completed most of the Post General Assembly tasks with the Proceedings of Assembly due for publication shortly. We have also held a Consultation of Standing Committee Conveners, orientating newly elected committees in their work and “getting the ball rolling” on a new year of Assembly work. Conveners were not only orientated but also briefed on expectations as we prepare for the **Executive Commission in June 2026**. The Assembly Business Committee has met, under its new Convener, the Rev MC Magagane. The Local Organising Committee for EC2026, under the Convenorship of Highveld Presbytery Moderator, Wayne van Heerden, has been constituted and started to look toward that gathering. We have completed our **Staff mid-year Performance Review** and our new Church Office and HR Committee Convener, the Rev A Nemaukwe, has visited the Central Office to greet the Staff.

As a response to the terrible devastation which happened prior to General Assembly in Mthatha and throughout the surrounding areas, we were able to distribute a total of **R280 000** thanks to the generosity of UPCSA congregations and Presbyteries as well as the Council for

World Mission. In addition, gifts in kind such as clothing were transported down to the affected areas.

The **Fellowship of Youth** and the **Fellowship of Women** both met during this time. Our Moderator attended and participated in both. I was able to attend the Fellowship of Women which took place in Mulders drift, in eGoli Presbytery. What a powerful conference it was and what innovative conversations took place! Congratulations to both the DEC and the Local organising committee for putting together such a well-run event.

#### **Living in a world on the verge of catastrophe**

In recent weeks, the events reported from around the world (Ukraine, Gaza, the USA especially) reminded me that we live in a volatile time. The advance of secularism threatens the traditional and mainline Church. For the first time in the Church's history (2000 years), we run the real risk of gradual extinction. In addition, powers have arisen in the West, the historical home of the Presbyterian tradition, which threaten our worldview and the values we hold dear. This includes the protection of the foreigner, the sojourner, the orphan and the widow. Africans in all four countries of the UPCSA are being nefariously treated as regards foreign travel and welcome. We stand at the brink of war on multiple fronts and those who pretend to have the moral high ground protect villains. In a recent address, the General Secretary of the Council for World Mission, Dr Joosup Keum, labelled our situation as "**a world on the edge of catastrophe.**"

This is a time for the Church to stand for justice and peace. Presbyterians cannot stand by while the marginalised, poor and suffering become the targets of those in

power. Remember the Proverb: "If you say, 'But we knew nothing about this,' does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who guards your life know it? Will He not repay everyone according to what they have done?" (24:12) We must speak out, and stand up, but we must never devalue the power of intercessory prayer. Henri Nouwen writes:

*To relearn what praying for the world means, we have to realize that the burden of the world has become a light burden because of Jesus. When God saw how humanity's sin made the world an unbearable burden – a burden of painful birth and hard labour, competition and rivalry, anger and resentment, violence and war, sickness and death – God showed us infinite mercy in sending Jesus, not to take our burden away but to transform it.*

*Jesus gathered up the human suffering of all times and places. He destroyed its fatal power by offering it to God through his voluntary death on the cross. Thus, Jesus made an unbearable burden bearable. We now have a companion who has tasted the agony of humanity more fully and deeply than any other person in history.*

Pray with me. Pray for our Church. Pray for our broken world – Afterall, it is the World Christ died to save.



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him."



# AMATHOLE PRESBYTERY

**The Amathole Presbytery successfully hosted three conferences in August and September 2025.**

1. 22 - 24 August the Fellowship of Young Women held their Annual Conference at Semple Memorial Congregation, under Reverend Magagane. The conference was constituted by the newly appointed Presbytery Moderator, Reverend B.Z. Mkentane, and centered around the APFOYW theme, "Breaking the Chains, Stepping Out with Jesus," based on Philippians 4:13. This event was a resounding success, with young women coming together in worship and praise. The conference concluded with a generous donation of a sewing machine to unemployed FOYW members, empowering them to start their own initiatives.
2. From September 12th to 14th, 2025, the Amathole Presbytery Fellowship of Youth (APFOY) held its 4th Annual Conference in Zwelitsha, graciously hosted by St. Phillips Congregation under the leadership of Reverend Sam. The conference was truly spirit-filled, centered around the theme, "After 40 years in the wilderness, NOW, a moment to contemplate on the Lord's Covenant is pivotal, it calls for a revival to our pilgrimage." Reverend Mkentane officially opened the conference and extended his best wishes for its success.

On the second day, members of the APFOY donned vibrant Kofifi attire, creating a festive atmosphere as they enjoyed an evening enriched by powerful speakers who delivered inspiring sermons. As the conference came to a close on the third day, three congregations were recognized for

their outstanding contributions in the fundraising competition. Auld Memorial Congregation claimed first place, earning not one but two trophies, while Burnshill Presbyterian Church secured second place, and EN Bono Congregation took home third place.

3. The Fellowship of Women concluded September with their 4th Annual Conference held in Queenstown. The Conference was hosted by JZS Ncevu Memorial Congregation, under Reverend Mbaru. This year's conference generated considerable excitement as attendees gathered to elect a new executive. The theme for the conference was "Transcendental Women of God, Cling onto the Cross," inspired by Hebrews 12:1-2. The elections took place smoothly on Saturday, followed by the induction ceremony on Sunday morning, conducted by former Moderator Reverend Nyoni, who offered words of encouragement, stating, "Leadership is not a POSITION but ACTION."









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## AMATHOLE PRESBYTERY

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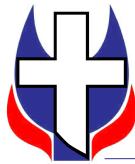
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# LEKOA PRESBYTERY

## Fellowship Of Youth

### Lekoa Presbytery Fellowship of Youth (FoY) Conference Recap

The Lekoa Presbytery Fellowship of Youth (FoY) held a transformative conference on September 13-14, 2025, hosted by St. Stephen's Congregation in Vanderbijlpark. Under the theme "He is the Ark of Bulrushes," inspired by Exodus 2:3, the conference was marked by powerful discussions and spiritual growth.

Rev. M.N. Ratsoma, the Moderator of the Presbytery, entrusted Rev. T. Mohlamonyane with the leadership of the conference, which was conducted with great diligence and care. The event saw strong support from cluster partners and local fellowships, who offered warm fraternal greetings, reinforcing the unity within our community. Notably, we received heartfelt greetings from the North Cluster Presbyteries, which include Limpopo, Trans-Xhariep, Highveld, Tshwane, and eGoli. Their support added to the spirit of fellowship and collaboration that characterized the conference.

A highlight of the conference was the presentation by guest speaker Bro. Sibusiso Wakhaba, who focused on leadership. He provided valuable insights into the qualities and characteristics desirable in committee leaders, empowering delegates to make informed



**Above All** taking up the  
**SHIELD**  
*Faith*  
with which you will be able to  
**Quench** all the  
**FIERY DARTS**  
of the Evil One  
EPHESIANS 6:16





# LEKOA PRESBYTERY

## Fellowship Of Choir And Musicians

### Lekoa Presbytery Fellowship of Choir and Musicians Music Festival Recap

The Lekoa Presbytery Fellowship of Choir and Musicians held a vibrant music festival on 27 to 28 September 2025, hosted by St. Anthony Congregation in Zone 10, Sebokeng. This captivating event was skillfully facilitated by our esteemed Rev. X. Dondashe, who ensured that the occasion was both memorable and inspiring for all participants.

The festival featured three branches: Cluster, St. Silas, and St. Paul, who performed the prescribed song from Difela TSA Sione No. 279, "Bokang Modimo, Morena." To enhance the experience, two judges were invited to evaluate the performances. Their feedback provided valuable coaching points that were well received by the choir members, fostering a spirit of growth and improvement.

The festival was further blessed by the presence of the denominational President of the Fellowship, Mr. T. Lehare, who attended alongside his wife, adding to the sense of community and support throughout the event.

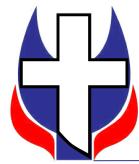
In addition to the musical performances, the festival served as an important opportunity for the Fellowship of Choir and Musicians to conduct committee elections for the next three years. This process was led by the Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. M.N. Ratsoma, ensuring a smooth and fair election.

The event concluded with a holy communion service that united various congregations of the Lekoa Presbytery, emphasizing our shared faith and commitment to worship. We thank the Lord for the success of this music festival and believe that it marks the beginning of a

significant movement within the church. We look forward to the continued growth and fellowship among our choirs and musicians in the years to come!







# LIMPOPO PRESBYTERY

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of The Fellowship of Women In Limpopo is loading, And Constituted by the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev Dikobe Molaba. We wish the women all the best







# LIMPOPO PRESBYTERY

## Fellowship Of Men

### Limpopo hosts a successful Conference of the Fellowship of Men

It was all excitement, revival, and evangelizing, as the Fellowship of Men held its 6<sup>th</sup> Denominational Conference in Limpopo Presbytery. For the first time, this Men's Denominational Conference was held within the Vhembe Cluster, at Makwarela Congregation. Attended by over a thousand men, this proved to be one of the most successful conferences of the Fellowship. After being Constituted by the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev Dr, Amon Kasambala, conference hosted the 'Thursday in Black' event, which is an awareness program against Gender-based violence.

The event was attended by the representative of the Provincial Commissioner, a former inmate and offender, who is now an Ambassador to bring awareness to society on GBV, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Deputy Minister of

Police, Dr Polly Boshelo. Also present were representative from the Department of Correctional Service. the intention was to engage on strategies on dealing with GBV and how the men can collaborate with state institutions to fight against this scourge. Valuable lessons were derived from these practical engagements with men committing themselves to fight against GBV.

The Conference also received a Bible study conducted by Rev Mautji Pataki on 'Ethical leadership' in all aspects of life. Rev Pataki took conference through very practical activities which constitute unethical leadership, and impressed upon men that as Christians we have an obligation to not only talk about ethical leadership, but to practice it as well.

Instead of having the traditional fraternal greetings, by sister Fellowships, the FoM took a different way of doing it. Instead the Fellowships engaged in discussions on the theme of the Moderator and the theme of conference. Each made a short presentation which was engaged by delegates. Again valuable and constructive ideas came out of the panel discussion which are really aimed at building and growing the church of Christ. All these were supplemented by the inputs from the Convener of the Fellowships Committee, Rev Thabani Masikane and the General Secretary, Rev, Dr George Marchinkowsky. This is where we saw the meeting of the minds were each and every speaker emphasized that as a church, and Fellowships we should be outward looking, and seek growth in our programs.

The highlights of the Conference was the Missional Evangelism program which started on the 01<sup>st</sup> of September 2025, before all other delegates arrived. Evangelists from all over the Denomination descended to Makwarela, were from Monday, they went from place to place spreading the Gospel. Each morning they started at the places of Traditional leaders, then proceeded to clinics, hospitals, police stations, prison, and taxi ranks. Vhembe was under siege as the Gospel of Jesus Christ took over.

The Evangelists also visited families of our members who might be having people who are sick or the Elderly who are no longer able to go to church, those who just had bereavements and those who just asked for prayers. One highlight of the program was when the whole conference was adjourned and visited the Tshivhase Royalty. This is where we saw mass evangelism and Thovhele Tshivhase was so grateful that he received such an honor.

The climax of the Conference was when the whole conference descended to a village called Hamutsha, to hand over a house to a destitute family, which was built by the Limpopo Presbytery FoM. The house was handed over to the family by the President of the FoM, Rev Nkululeko Nojoko and the Moderator of General Assembly, Rev, Dr Kasambala. We are indeed grateful to have seen God at work in Vhembe.

As part of the Men's campaign against climate change, ten trees were planted by our Ministers at Makwarela Congregation. Two more trees were planted at Hamutsha where a house was handed over, this being to bring awareness on climate change and to discourage our communities from destroying our God given natural resources. The Pan African Presbyterian Men Fellowships, to which the Fellowship of Men is an affiliate, has pledged to plant about a million houses within the next three to five years. This was in contribution to this campaign.

Congratulations to the Fellowship of Me for the wonderful Conference which they had.

## *Missional Evangelism*

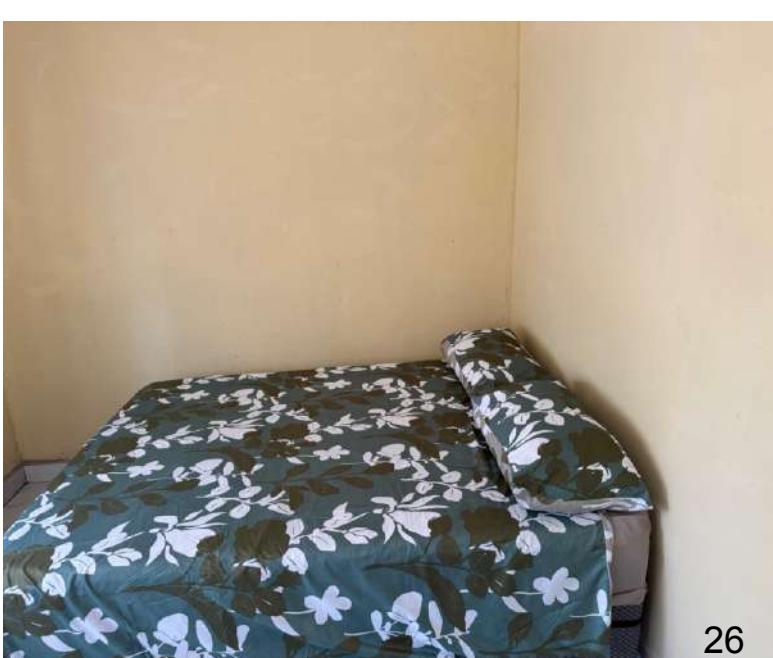
Missional Evangelism visited traditional leadership institutions, families, police stations and hospitals during the DoM Conference. And they were well received with appreciation



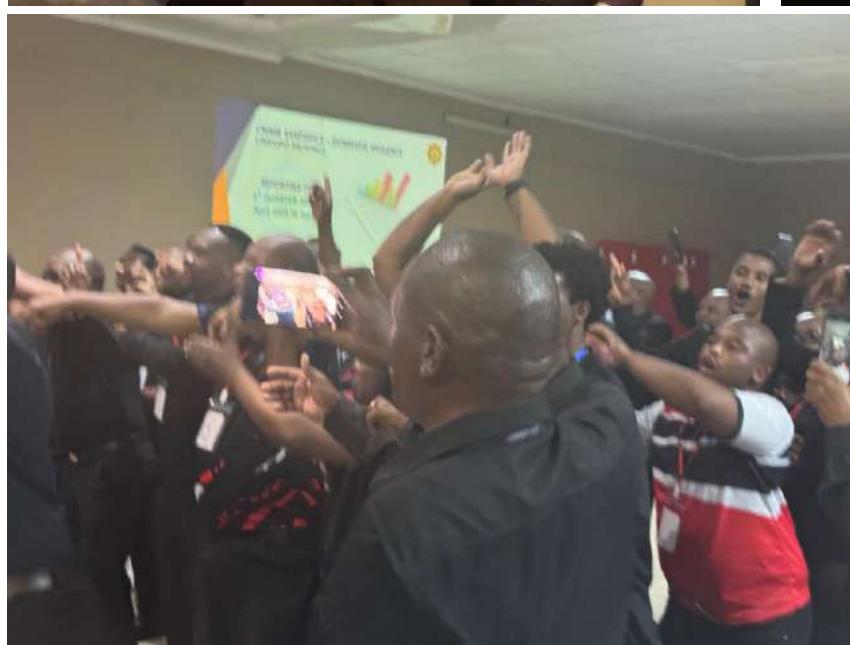




# *The interior of the house handed over to the family*



*The Deputy Minister, Dr Polly Boshielo and the SAPS and Correctional Services team seen sharing in the singing of a hymn during the Thursday in black event*



The reception was a cultural affair. A real tossed salad of cultures fused into a Presbyterian family. The brothers from Zimbabwe were also there to give us a toast of their genre. Indeed, the FoM had a lovely reception enjoyed by all





The members of the Court of Assembly attended an induction workshop to familiarise themselves with the the prescripts of their work. After being addressed by the Convener, Rev Ramulondi, the General Secretary and the Clerk of Assembly, members asked questions and engaged. Thereafter all members took an oath of office. The oath was administered by the previous Convener Rev Peter Langerman on behalf of the Moderator. The Court is now ready to go.





Then we had our Clergy planting trees, led by the Moderator and the President as part of the climate change campaign.





# LIMPOPO PRESBYTERY

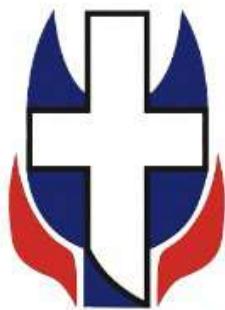
## Fellowship Of Women

The Fellowship of Women in Limpopo holds a successful 3rd AGM - The Fellowship of Women in Limpopo held a successful 3rd AGM on the 26th to the 28th September 2025 in Lebowakgomo. After constitution by the Moderator of the Presbytery, the women got onto serious business. The keynote address was given by Rev Mautji Pataki who spoke about Ethical leadership. The highlight of the Conference was when delegates visited the site where the Fellowship is constructing a house for a family which had no shelter. The house is almost complete and will soon be handed over to the family in the next few weeks. Conference also elected a new Executive Committee with MaMoruti Ramulondi as President and MaMoruti Pataki as Secretary. We commend the FoW for a job well done.









# Environmental Justice Desk

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT



PEACE  
WITH CREATION  
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

2025

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## SEASON OF CREATION

### What is season of creation

A time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.



### Hope

Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth

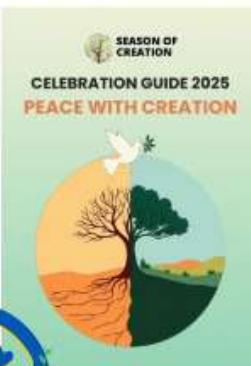
### 2025 Theme

Peace with Creation



### Did you know?

The symbol of 2025 is the Garden of Peace



### Scripture

Isaiah 32:14-18

The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field. The fruit of that righteousness will be peace: its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places in secure homes in undisturbed places of rest.



### Why should we celebrate

#### Affirms God as Creator

- The Bible begins with the story of creation (Genesis 1–2), showing that all of nature is God's good work.

#### Emphasizes Stewardship and Responsibility

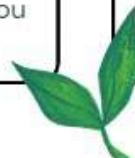
- Humanity is given the role of caretakers or stewards of creation (Genesis 2:15).

#### Connects Environmental Care with Justice

- Creation care is linked to social justice: caring for creation is also caring for our neighbors.
- "Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

### How To Celebrate

- Practice Stewardship:** Encourage your church or household to adopt eco-friendly habits, planting services
- Reflect on Scripture:** Genesis 1–2 (Creation), Psalm 104 (Praise for Creation), Romans 8:19–23 (Creation's groaning and hope)
- Worship and Prayer:** Hold special services (outdoor worship) focused on creation, using Scripture, songs, and prayers that honor God as Creator.



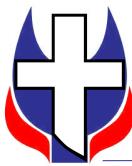


# TIYO SOGA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERY

## Irvin Njoloza Memorial Congregation

Tiyo Soga Memorial Presbytery - Miss Lerato Mfunda's Licensing Service, held at Irvin Njoloza Memorial Congregation, on the 17th of August 2025. Irvin Njoloza Memorial Congregation Interim Moderator is the Rev M.H Njobe.





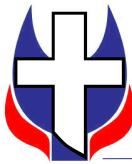
# TIYO SOGA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERY

## *Tutura Congregation*

Tutura Congregation. The Moderator of General Assembly officiated in the consecration of their dininghall. Tutura Mission is led by the Rev M.H Njobe.

The service was held on the Sunday the 24th of August 2025.





# TIYO SOGA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERY

## *Cunningham Congregation*

Fellowship of Women, elective conference, held from the 29th to 31st of August, the last picture is the New FOW Executive committee.

The conference was held at Cunningham Congregation under stewardship of Rev Z. Maqoko.





# SYNOD OF ZAMBIA

## Church In Society



We had an awesome time during hospital visitation at KANYAMA Level One Hospital. As it brought emotions of SADNESS after seeing our brothers and sisters who are very much unwell, and the JOY of having some receive CHRIST.

But the story that was encouraging about yesterday, was meeting a pastor who has been unwell for a long time but still holding on tight to his FAITH IN GOD, who shared his testimony and encouraged us that indeed our God is Great. Under the Leadership of: Rev Judith Chirwa Mkandawire





# SYNOD OF ZAMBIA

## *Please join me in giving thanks to God*

1. For safe journeys he provided for Tiba, Michelle and myself on the visit to the Synod of Zambia in Lusaka. It was exciting to meet our Zambian UPCSA brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. For his presence and blessings on all the assignments that were lined up for us in Zambia. We had two great Sunday Services - the first service was at 9am, held at St Columba's Presbyterian Church while the second one was a revival Service at 2pm held at Kabwata Presbyterian Church. We felt God's presence in both services, and have been indebted with positive feedback from those who attended. It was great to see Presbyterians worshipping God in an atmosphere of God's presence.
3. For all the different groups of people we were able to meet on this visit - The Synod as a Council, leaders of Fellowship of Women, Students of Ministry, Ministers widows and individual Christians who had special needs for prayer and private discussion.
4. For the safe journeys home. The Marathon race has rested for now - and will be taking off soon on just another assignment. Will keep you posted. Your Partner in Mission (PIM)



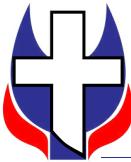
*Caring for the elderly, the Emeriti elders of our Church*



*Mr Kumwenda in the picture is a long time serving elder at St Columba's. He went blind to a rare disease that affected his eyes and now he cannot see. An Emeritus elder of good standing lost his dear wife - a passionate Presbyterian Christian about two years. It was a privilege to serve him communion. The lady is another Emeritus elder of St Columba's Mrs Moyo.*

# SYNOD OF ZAMBIA

## Series Bible Study



It's all happening in the UPCSA. Series of Bible study sessions and revival services in the Synod of Zambia. This is how the UPCSA continue to engrave the word of the Lord in our members and beyond.

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**SYNOD OF ZAMBIA**

**PARTNER IN MISSION**

**FAITH CLINIC**



Date:

25th Sep, 2025

Time: 20:00 hours



Minister: Pastor Amos Nyirenda  
Chelston Presbyterian Church

Student Minister  
Matthew Muwono  
UCZ University  
Host

Theme

Google Meet

**LEADING WITH LOVE BEGINS WITH  
HEALING HISTORICAL WOUNDS** **GEN 27:41-44**

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# FAITH CLINIC

## TOPIC

**Partners in Mission: Leadership that Multiplies : Leading with Integrity**

**1 Timothy 3:1-7 : Mathew 1**  
*"Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to much wine, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome."*

**DATE**  
**11TH, SEPTEMBER 2025**

**TIME:** 20 : 00HRS (CAT)  
**VENUE:** ONLINE (GOOGLE /ZOOM MEETING)  
**HOST**  
**STUDENT MINISTER**  
**MATTHEWS MUWONO**

**SPEAKER**  
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**FAITH**  
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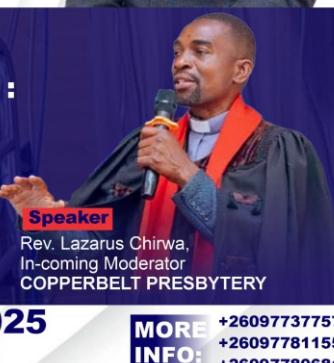
**TOPIC:**  
**PARTNERS IN MISSION :  
 PARTNERING WITH  
 THE HOLY SPIRIT IN  
 DOING GOD'S MISSION**

**Acts 1:8; Acts 13:1-3**

**THUR. 31 AUG. 2025**

20:00HRS (CAT)

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**Speaker**  
**Rev. Lazarus Chirwa,  
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# FAITH CLINIC

## TOPIC

**Partners in Mission: The Servant Leader**

*"The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him."*  
**John13:1-7**

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