

Date: 16 March 2026

The Presbytery Clerk
AMATHOLE PRESBYTERY
UPCSA

Call for Applications: Minister of Word and Sacrament

The Lovedale Congregation invites applications from suitably qualified and ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the UPCSA for an initial period of three years. The Congregation has been without a Minister since February 2025 and now seeks to fill this position.

The Congregation

The Lovedale Congregation is situated in Alice, in the historic Lovedale area. Lovedale Church enjoys worldwide recognition due to its rich heritage and continues to hold a respected place within the Alice community and surrounding areas.

The church is located on Chris Hani Road, directly opposite Lovedale TVET College and a few kilometres from Victoria Hospital. The Congregation regularly welcomes students from the University of Fort Hare and Lovedale TVET College, as well as staff from Victoria Hospital, and maintains good working relationships with these institutions.

Lovedale Congregation comprises seven (7) outstations, with Lovedale as the main station. Current membership stands at 219, the majority being women over the age of 50. There is a pressing need to attract and nurture young adults.

Expectations

The successful candidate should be:

- A vibrant and visionary leader, able to work with both young and old.
- An ordained Minister with at least three years' experience in ministry.
- A mature individual with a passion for holistic church development, fluent in isiXhosa.
- Capable of uniting members, leadership, and fellowships, while encouraging leaders to fulfil their roles responsibly.
- Skilled in administration, stewardship, and able to work effectively with predominantly Xhosa-speaking groups.

Applicants must submit a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae.

Terms

- Closing date for applications: 15 April 2026.
- Remuneration and benefits will be negotiated with the candidate in line with the Presbytery and General Assembly determined remuneration packages.