



**JULY 2015 40<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION RESOLUTIONS AS PROCESSED ON THE 21 NOVEMBER 2015 BY EXTENDED EXECUTIVES AND RATIFIED AT THE 2016 FEBRUARY MEETING 2016, 27<sup>TH</sup> GRAHAMSTOWN, P.E NORTH CIR**

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<p><b>1. RESEACH TEAM</b></p> <p>The Connexional BMC seating at the University of Johannesburg from the 09th – 12th July 2015 notes with sadness the comments made by the Bishop Peter Witbooi in his opening address that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only Black Ministers are on the foot of the station;</li> <li>• Many circuits in the black churches are closing stations</li> </ul> <p>We therefore resolve to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Set aside a team to do research</u></b> and investigate the courses of this pattern</li> <li>Come with remedial actions</li> <li>Develop systems that promote accountability and effective financial management systems</li> </ol> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Rev. Sethunya Motlhodi  <b>Seconded:</b> Mr. Zandile M. Jakavula</p>	<p>1. Nil Amendments; Extended Executives on the 21 Nov 2015 Bloemfontein Meeting nominated the following Research Team in line with the Notice of Motion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr C Dali (Convener);</b></li> <li>• <b>Rev M Caba;</b></li> <li>• <b>Ms N Bongoza.</b></li> </ul>	<p>1. N/A</p>	<p><b>AGREED/ACCEPTED</b></p>	<p>Started; Research Proposal Expected/Conceptualisation Paper was presented at the FEB 2016 Meeting; <b>ACCEPTED</b></p> <p>To continue to implement research and give progress report JULY 2016</p>



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<p><b>2. EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN</b></p> <p>Having discussed the failure of the MCSA and the BMC in acknowledging the gift of women and the failure to demonstrate our commitment to women leadership, the BMC resolved to take a deliberate transformative action to promote gender equality by embarking on the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Appoints a search committee</u></b> that will find two or three women who would be presented as nominees for the position of the BMC Connexional Chairperson</li> <li>• When the next time of electing the Chairperson comes, the BMC exercises their right of electing one of them as the Chairperson</li> <li>• When this deliberate action is taken no male candidate shall be allowed to enter the election. (Substantive motion postpone “no male candidate” to elections after NEXT 2018)</li> <li>• The similar approach if accepted must be taken to the floors of Synods and conference to force</li> </ul>	<p>2. (Substantive motion postpone “no male candidate” to elections after NEXT 2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 To Read 2019</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Search Committee for BMC – Madam-Chair (Women Ordained Minister) for election in 2019 July for the term of office starting 2020/7; following nominated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Lulama Luti (Convener)</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr MK Caba;</b></li> <li>• <b>Ms N. Mhlubulwana;</b></li> <li>• <b>Ms Kholiswa Makalima;</b></li> </ul> <p>Given Powers to coopt...</p> <p><b><u>EXTENDED Mandate</u></b> to the above search committee;</p>	<p>Elections After Next, Understood as follows – Next Elections are in 2016, for 2017/7-2020/6 Term of office; <b>therefore</b> elections after next are in 2019 (not 2018) on year two (2) of the term 2017/7-2020/6 <i>electing for the term of office starting 2020/7.</i></p>	<p><b>AGREED/ACCEPTED</b></p>	<p>Terms of Reference/Conceptualisation to be circulated by the Team by 30 April 2016 to all District EXCO’s; then full report JULY 2016</p>



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<p>the church to stop the lip service on gender equality and take deliberate action to bring about the desired changes for the key church positions</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Zandile M. Jakavula <b>Seconded:</b> Thobeka Nkala Walaza.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To serve as Gender Task Team (Not Desk) as moved by the Gender Equity School on 10 July 2015;</li> <li>To advise the BMC on Women's Ordination 40<sup>th</sup> Celebrations in 2016.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>3. QUEST AND SEARCH FOR BLACK UNITY</b></p> <p>Noting and appreciating that the Methodist Church of Southern Africa is a diverse church in all respects. Further noting that the black section of the church is the majority of this diverse church and therefore an important catalyst for unity and transformation; Acknowledging the generally loudly, silent and sometimes very evident ethnic tensions within the black family of the church and its consequent impact in the transformation of the church.</p> <p>The Connexional Black Methodist Consultation meeting at the University of Johannesburg on 9-12 July 2015,</p>	<p>Black Unity Desk becomes Black Unity Task Team.</p> <p>The following were nominated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rev Sidwell R Mokgothu – Tswana - (Convener)</b></li> <li><b>Mr Takalani Ramabulana - Venda</b></li> <li><b>Ms Thuli Nkomonde - Zulu</b></li> <li><b>Rev Ayanda Nyobole - Xhosa</b></li> <li><b>Ms Lolly Maletle –</b></li> </ul>	<p>Desks are often permanent while Task Teams have a duration;</p> <p>Desks are also often independent and or autonomous while Task Teams are accountable to the body.</p>	<p><b>AGREED/ACCEPTED</b></p>	<p>Terms of Reference/Conceptualisation was presented by the Team at the FEB 2016 Meeting; 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Terms of Reference and Proposal Accepted; <i>expanded</i> to include:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Lobbying SMMS for the establishment of Academic Research Chair and naming thereof - <b>dedicated to the research, study and interpretation of Black thought and African history</b>”</li> </ul>



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<p>during the year of its 40th Anniversary resolves that:</p> <p>I. The Black Methodist Consultation makes Black Unity for the broader transformation of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa one of central programs going forward by,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a platform for open debate in its ranks about this question, looking at the underlying triggers and fears, managing and embracing the diversity. These platforms to take the form of lectures, schools and plenary discussions on the subject.</li> <li>• At Annual Consultation, Saturdays be set aside to celebrate this diversity through amongst other things members being encouraged to wear attire of different ethnic group than their own.</li> <li>• The Hosting District being encouraged to prepare meals of the various ethnic groups for the Saturday lunch.</li> <li>• The Connexional Executive through the elected lead singers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sotho.</b></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobbying SMMS to offer Black Theology as a Subject, even if its optional</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Progress Report JULY 2016</b></p>



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<p>ensure the singing of hymns and choruses of all languages (Tswana, Sotho, Zulu, Xhosa, Venda etc.) and that the use of the BMC Hymn Books be encouraged.</p> <p>II. <b>A 5 persons Black Unity Desk be established</b> to coordinate the work on this subject together with the Connexional Executive. The 5 persons be representative of the various ethnic groups.</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Mteteli Caba <b>Seconded:</b> Simphiwe Mthembu</p>				
<p><b>4. Leadership of the MCSA in the Central District</b></p> <p>Noting that leadership in the church as it is elsewhere is a contested terrain. Further noting that <i>to date</i> the Central District evidently has difficulty in electing an African Black Person to the office of District Bishop, despite many having been put forward before. Acknowledging the improbability that over the years, none of them were honestly capable to occupy that office. The Black Methodist Consultation meeting at the University of</p>	<p>“Acknowledging the improbability that over the years, none of them <u>were honestly capable</u> to occupy that office”</p> <p>Should read “<b>were honestly NOT capable ...</b>”</p>	<p><b>Improbable</b> implies - <i>not likely (unlikely)</i> to be true or to happen; doubtful/dubious/ debatable/ questionable/uncertain ... adding ‘<b>NOT</b>’ simply puts an emphasis making content fuller</p>	<p><b>AGREED</b> on condition that the tasks per Notice of Motion are added to Black Unity Task Team and not stand alone given elections are often lost due to lack of Black Unity (divided votes);</p> <p><b>Caution</b> – that BMC is not seen as reactionary given seating Chair was</p>	<p>As per “Quest and Search for Black Unity”</p>



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<p>Johannesburg on 9-12 July 2015 resolves that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A closer study on the causal effects for the rejections of the African Blacks and ways to remedy them</li> <li>• A 3 persons team be appointed to carry on this task and report to the 2016 Annual Consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Mteteli Caba <b>Seconded:</b> Simphiwe Mthembu</p>			<p>also a nominee in most recent Central District Bishops Elections; therefore there should be no isolation of Central District but rather engage Black Unity, solving that answers many questions.</p>	
<p><b>5. BMC Bursary Fund</b> Noting that the BMC contributes in the theological and academic development of the clergy through various means like support to Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary (SMMS) and the bursary fund. Acknowledging that the current bursary policy limits the funding to members of the BMC; Appreciating that this development and support given to our clergy is meant to benefit the MCSA mission strategy and implementation and not the BMC; Further noting that the BMC's life and witness is about the church.</p>	<p>Nil Amendments</p>	<p>Reject on the basis of opening the BMC Bursary to abuse; the Motion Contradicts current BMC ethos – that which drives any Methodist to be a member of the BMC. Moreover some black ministers not only are not BMC by choice but are opposed and antagonistic to what the BMC stands for ...</p>	<p><b>REJECTED</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>



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<p>It is resolved that the <b>Bursary Fund</b> policy be amended to the effect that <i>it be open to all black clergy</i>, of cause for field of study that the movement believes are critical necessity in the life and witness of the church</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Mteteli Caba  <b>Seconded:</b> Luxolo Rasimeni</p>				