



ANNUAL FEBRUARY CONNEXIONAL EXECUTIVES GENERAL COMMITTEE HELD 26 – 28 FEB 2016 AT ARTHUR WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH; PORT ELIZABETH NORTH CIRCUIT 218; GRAHAMSTOWN DISTRICT.

**KEY NOTES AND DECISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

AGENDA ITEM	TASK/ACTION/DECISION	RESPONSIBLE	TARGET DATE
1. Chairpersons Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rev M Molo</b> in his capacity as Connexional Chairperson addressed the BMC General Committees/ District Executives and Leaders under the theme “Theme: Leading with accountability and sacrifice: demand of the Kingdom” based on the text – Nehemiah 5: 14 – 19.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rev Molo in his address emphasized and challenged leadership to be accountable and make sacrifices in serving Gods people with humility rather than to be served;                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To restructure relationships and hold each other accountable;</li> <li>▪ To implement resolutions of the BMC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ALL – NOTED “Build into BMC fiber/DNA – forward’	Continuous
2. Organisational Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Organisational report</b> focused on <b>“OPTIMISING BMC EXISTENCE AND LIFE – BOTTOM UP”</b> by               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tabling full situational analysis of organizational challenges and possible solutions towards optimisation;</li> <li>○ Suggesting <b>minimum norms per district for functionality:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Year Plan (Calendar Year)</li> <li>▪ Solid District Data Base - Cleaned, up to date, active of all members;</li> <li>▪ Effective multipronged communication strategy that bridges digital divide;</li> <li>▪ Correct use of supportive technologies... social media</li> <li>▪ General Meetings target 4 per year (one per quarter)</li> <li>▪ Capacity Building Intervention X2min per year e.g. Circuit based workshop; Pre-Synod and Stewardship (Circuit &amp;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All District EXCO’s	Immediate & Ongoing

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	Society Stewards) Training “Stewards as Administrative Nerve Centre” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every district must have a district consultation X1 min per year</li> <li>○ <b>Implementation Matrix</b> that factored in “Lekgotla; July 2015 Commissions and Chairpersons address 2015” was also presented and approved for implementation <b>[Attached Annexure A]</b></li> </ul>	All District EXCO’s	Immediate & Ongoing
3. Treasury/ Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2016/2017 [1 June 2016 – 31 May 2017] Incremental Budget</b> was tabled and <b>approved</b>;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commitments Fees as from <b>2016/2017</b> at <b>R90.00</b> Per Member, effective July 2016 Consultation;</li> <li>○ Registration for July 2016 Consultation at <b>R730.00</b>;                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>10% increase per annum in line with previous resolutions</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Total Per Member <b>July 2016 = R820.00</b> [ 730rands and 90rands, that’s registration and commitments respectively]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>All districts encouraged to make a meaningful effort towards EBF</b></li> </ul>	All Members All Members All Members All Districts	July 2016 July 2016 July 2016 July 2016
4. Bursary Task Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bursary Committee tabled progress report for all funded previously</li> <li>• <u>New recommendations</u> for future assistance were:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Rev Luxolo Mantini</b>; Masters in Philosophy in Applied Ethics St at Augustine College;</li> <li>○ <b>Rev Merika Nkwana</b>; B Th. Hons (Dogmatics &amp; Christian Ethics) at University of Pretoria</li> <li>○ <b>Rev Lubabalo Quluba</b>; Post Graduate diploma in Theology (T1005) at University of Stellenbosch</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Not recommended</u> – <b>Mr Bheki Buthelezi</b> (Benoni Circuit). This was not recommended, reason: he is not a minister in the MCSA <i>per policy</i>.</li> </ul>	Noted Treasury Noted	Immediate
5. Research Proposal “foot of stations ministers”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr C Dali, Rev M Caba and Ms N Bongoza</b> tabled a proposal for the research in response and implementation of the July 2015 resolution on the subject;</li> <li>• Proposal approved; work given a go ahead ‘continue and do research’ progress in July 2016</li> </ul>	Noted Task Team	July 2016
6. July 2015 Notices of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-tabled here attached as <b>Annexure B</b></li> </ul>	All	July 2016

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7. Women Empowerment and Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms L Luti &amp; Team</b> to consult and consolidate the work for July 2016 reporting</li> <li>• In view of 2 members nominated who indicated unavailability, Task Team members were added.</li> </ul>	Noted	July 2016
8. MCSA – The next mission congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rev M Seekoei &amp; Team</b> as nominated presented its report and recommendations</li> <li>• The General Committee proposed engagements with MCSA Mission Unit on the subject for possible inputs to agenda setting for mission congress and timelines</li> </ul>	Noted ConnX EXCO	July 2016
9. In Quest for Black Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rev RS Mokgothu and Team</b> presented their preliminary report and thoughts on the subject</li> <li>• Proposed a facilitated in-depth discussion where Limpopo, HISWA &amp; Central could further engage before July 2016;</li> <li>• A school on Black Unity in July 2016 to refine and shape interventions on the subject</li> </ul>	Noted Task Team & Chairs Limp; HISWA & Contra ConneC EXCO	May/June 2016 July 2016
10. Discernment Committee PB Elections in 2016 for 2018 – 2022 Term of Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discernment Committee tabled its report as a continuation of July 2015 40<sup>th</sup> Convocation; efforts made to engage in person with candidates from August 2015 until Feb 2016 tabled, noted and received.</li> <li>• Discernment Committee recommended <b>Rev Rasebusi Sidwell Mokgothu</b>; with a conviction that he brings with him valuable gifts and talents in particular Corporate Governance Expertise underpinned by Culture of Good Governance and Accountability, fresh energy and ideas that would most likely take the MCSA to even greater heights, his point of departure being the solidification and expansion of the work that had been done by the current and former leaders of the MCSA;</li> <li>• The meeting agreed and adopted the recommendation of the Discernment Committee for implementation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Therefore BMC Candidate in the 2016 – PB Elections Office Term 2018 – 2022 is <u>Rev Rasebusi Sidwell Mokgothu</u></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• A team to coordinate the journey from nomination to elections was proposed, to also consult with both nominees in the BMC process of discernment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms L Madlala;</li> <li>○ Mr M Caba;</li> <li>○ Ms Z Zungu &amp;</li> <li>○ Dr C Dali.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Noted District EXCO's; Synods Delegates; All Church Leaders	Immediate

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District EXCO's are tasked to nominate similar teams as above at District Level "to coordinate the journey towards 2016 Synod elections";</b> <i>A detailed workplan will be shared with 'Executives Only' to inform orientation and induction for immediate delivery of the District Coordinating Teams.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>District EXCO's</b> <i>Submit names making the District Coordinating Teams to Secretariat Office by 23 April 2016.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• All District Executives and BMC Members are tasked to disseminate the position of the <b>BMC "BMC Candidate in the 2016 – PB Elections Office Term 2018 – 2022 is <i>Rev Rasebusi Sidwell Mokgothu</i>"</b> separate communiqué to ease the task will be made available by secretariat.</li> <li>• Dissemination of BMC position should be done observing rules of engagement and principles like 'Truth, Justice, Fairness, Integrity and Respect' – the names of persons being used in conversations must be treated with utmost respect and integrity; speak nothing else but the truth; be fair and just; let there be 'No Character Assassination'.</li> <li>• It was further noted that this nomination <i>is not at all</i> a reflection of performance assessment of the incumbent Presiding Bishop, who was <i>also proposed through the BMC Discernment Processes currently and numerously</i> in the past fifteen years; served the Church with dedication and total commitment to the call.</li> <li>• <b>The output of discernment process at hand reflected that it's time 'to turn over a new leaf' in terms of leadership in the life of the MCSA.</b></li> </ul>	District EXCO's	23 April 2016
11. District Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Reports X 11 Districts tabled, noted and well received</li> <li>• <b>NFSL; Queenstown; KNB &amp; Natal West - <i>to email to Secretariat presented reports by 30 April 2016 please</i></b> [Missing..., not on file]</li> </ul>	NFSL, Queenstown, KNB & Natal West EXCO's	30 April 2016
12. July 2016 Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme Overview given and noted</li> <li>• Dates confirmed as <b>14,15,16 and 17 July 2016;</b></li> <li>• <b>Natal Coastal District Hosting, at UKZN, EDGEWOOD COLLEGE,</b> in Ashley, Pinetown, KwaZulu Natal; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Cnr Richmond and Marriannahill Road; Pinetown</b></li> <li>○ +-20min drive from Durban.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Total dues Per Member <b>July 2016 = R820.00</b> [ 730rands and 90rands, that's registration and commitments respectively]</li> <li>• <b>Further Details to be released on or about 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016.</b></li> </ul>	District EXCO's and All Members	

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13. Update on the 40 <sup>th</sup> Public Lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rev S Motlodi &amp; Team</b> gave a full detailed presentation on all lectures from the plan to execution as well as lessons learned</li> <li>• Pending Lectures Overview/Plans tabled: 19 Mar at SMMS; 27 April at Mamelody and 7 May at Lamontville for Rev Dr HM Dandala; Rev IJ Prof Mosala, Rev S Madwe &amp; Collective Leadership Teams respectively.</li> <li>• Outputs of Publications also tabled</li> </ul>		
14. 40 <sup>th</sup> Public Lecture on Rev Dr Sox Leleki & Collective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Feb General Committee Meeting took time to recognize the contribution of Rev Dr Sox Leleki and collective in the life of the BMC, the Church and Society at large.</li> </ul>		
15. Spirituality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The February Meeting that took place from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Arthur Wellington Methodist in Grahamstown District also observed a deep sense of spirituality:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Rev Dix Sibeko</b>, Vice Chair on behalf of the Grahamstown Bishop's Office opened the meeting with a scripture <b>Ephesians 6: 10 -15</b>; "BMC to put full armour of God – in the fight against principalities and rulers of this dark world"</li> <li>○ <b>Rev M Bosman</b> for the evening devotions day 1, read <b>St Luke 13: 31-35</b>;</li> <li>○ <b>Rev Selby Madwe</b>, morning devotions day 2; read <b>Acts 10:17</b>;</li> <li>○ <b>Ms Nosiphiwo Mhlauli</b>, day 2 led the closing prayer;</li> <li>○ <b>Rev Rasebusi Sidwell Mokgothu</b>, led the final divine service on Sunday, day 3 – 28<sup>th</sup> Feb; he was on fire in delivering Gods message; one of the scriptures was <b>St John 11</b>; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Time of selfies illustration</b> ... used to challenge leadership to serve others with accountability and sacrifice as opposed to self - serving; Gods will and mission being central in the life of the Church;</li> <li>▪ <b>Spirituality</b> likened to 'Trampis of Circus' – contrasted with Discipleship Spirituality that declares "let's go and die with him"</li> <li>▪ <b>Together A Transforming Discipleship Movement</b> engaged using Thomas declaration "let's go and die with him" ... his courage to change the itinerary in serving and following the Lord, Master and King ....</li> <li>▪ <b>No time for Public Relations (PR)</b> for those who are called to be disciples; nil time for selfies and tagging others .... <b>AMEN</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		