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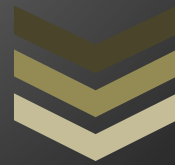
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***“ARISE AND WALK: FROM
DEPENDENCY TO AGENCY”***

Acts. 3:1-8

The Minutes



***43RD BMC ANNUAL
CONVOCATION 12th - 15th JULY
2018***

CAPE OF GOODHOPE

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VISION

Transformed MCSA that is resourceful, inclusive, and Christ-centred African Church.

MISSION STATEMENT

The BMC exists for the Transformation of the MCSA into a truly African Church (in character, doctrine, ethos, identity and practice) by challenging the Eurocentric, western power structures and models through equipping Black Methodists to contribute meaningfully, actively and intelligently in the MCSA given the African context.

KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE BMC

- 1) Strategically influence transformation agenda of the MCSA;
- 2) Organisational renewal for effectiveness;
- 3) Cutting edge capacity building & empowerment programmes *{targeted interventions e.g. Cultivating Culture of Accountability and Good Governance; Leadership Development and Investments; etc.}*;
- 4) Gender equity; and
- 5) Develop theoretical handles about being black and blackness in the 21st century.

BMC VALUES

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• African Theology• Black Consciousness• Black Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultative• Empowerment• Excellence• Fairness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusive• Influential• Integrity• Intellectual• Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proactive• Prophetic• Responsive• Strategic• Transformative• Truthfulness
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1. 43RD CONSULTATION OPENING & CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

The opening service liturgy and worship was led by **Rev Ralo**, after singing *Hymn 13 Tswana – Modimo oa Boikanyo*, the **Rev M. Seekoei** led the opening of the 43rd Annual BMC Convocation in prayer. Hymn 116 Xhosa – Lizalis'idinga laKho was sung. The Scripture Reading was taken from Acts 3:1-10 followed by Siyakudumisa.

The key message was premised on Acts 3. verse 6 of the text - "***In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk***".

The Bishop of the Cape of Good Hope District, **Rev Michel Hansrod** delivered the sermon. On a personal note he expressed being honoured to be part of the 43rd Annual BMC Convocation and related that he was introduced to the BMC at the age of 18 and it is in this movement that he ate from the pot of Black Theology. As he grew up, He believed in the Theology of ranks in life i.e. Whites, Coloured, and Indians however in the BMC he was just a human being which was a defining moment for his leadership.

He spoke on how the BMC is a transformative agent, a movement that uplifts every person's living conditions and that it has formed many who have served in the leadership of the church.

Key Highlights of the Message

He preached on Acts 3:1-8, based on the theme of the Consultation – "***Arise and walk, from dependency to agency***". He related the message to the "*Thuma Mina*" – Republic of South Africa, State of Nation Address (SOPA) it's a promise of a new dawn but nothing seems to change much. Acts 3:1-8 –The story in acts is a new story yet the same old story – which nothing has changed.

The BMC Consultation 2018 theme is wonderful news that suggests to expect the same old things but life is altered when Jesus becomes part of our lives. A story of any other day in the life of Peter and John going to the temple for prayer service. They might have encountered the lame beggar before ...

This story reminds us that nothing regarding brokenness is designed by the original Creator. This was a different day for the beggar, it was his divine appointment. The beggar did as he always does, beg however this time he expectantly as he was commanded gave attention to Peter. This time was different – it was not silver and or gold but healing. With his right-hand Peter helped the beggar up and he walked into the temple with them.

Bishop Hansrod challenged the BMC that as people we are quick to give hand-outs to support people in their conditions than introducing the people to Jesus. We create dependency so that we are able to hold people in our power. In most cases our policies have exclusions more than inclusions if we take people out of dependency, we fear that we will not be important.

The Sermon was followed by a **Sacrament of Holy Communion Service** which was then followed by a **Candle Light Service**; the candle light service was conducted for the Gender Equality further marking Thursday 12th July 2018 Special BMC Programme focusing on Gender Equity and LGTBQA.

2. WELCOME TO CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DISTRICT

The Bishop of the Cape of Good Hope District welcomed the consultation and **Rev M Molo** home as he presides over the 43rd Annual BMC Convocation.

On behalf of the Cape of Good Hope District, the BMC Chairperson **Mr Bathembu Lugulwana**, welcomed the consultation to the Cape of storms and thanked us for having brought rain to Cape Town since they have been experiencing drought leading to serious water shortages.

3. ROLL CALL, APOLOGIES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

3.1 ROLL CALL

The Roll Call was done by the Secretary General and all districts were represented

SYNODS/ DISTRICTS	#REG. 2018	#COMM 2018	#REG. 2017	#COMM. 2017	#REG. 2016	#COMM. 2016
Cape of Good Hope	15	15	11	11	8	10
Grahamstown	32	32	46	45	42	41
Queenstown	6	5	25	25	23	23
Kimberley Namibia & Bloemfontein	33	37	31	30	24	27

SYNODS/ DISTRICTS	#REG. 2018	#COMM 2018	#REG. 2017	#COMM. 2017	#REG. 2016	#COMM. 2016
Northern Free State & Lesotho	18	37	16	19	10	21
Natal Coastal	65	146	58	112	70	110
Natal West	22	22	23	23	29	29
Central	13	13	21	21	18	20
Highveld & Swaziland	7	12	11	17	14	18
Limpopo	40	31	47	45	41	41
Clarkebury	13	21	14	14	11	17
Connexional YWM	2	2	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	266	373	302	362	290	357

3.2 APOLOGIES TABLED AND RECORDED

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev Z. Siwa, MCSA Presiding Bishop • Rev C. Morgan, MCSA Gen Secretary • Mr J.M Nkosi, Lay President • Rev S. Mokgothu, Bishop-Elect Limpopo • Ms Lindeni Madlala, LMP • Rev Dr Sox Leleki, GHT • Mr. Joe Mavuso, Travelling to Angola, LMP • Dr Mgoqi – {<i>Mr Batembu Lugulwana, Repl</i>} • Ms Zodwa Fanele, LMP • Rev Mthunzi Nyembe, Central • Mrs Nombasa Malusi, QTN • Ms. Noqobo Bongoza, QTN • Ms Sondlela, QTN • Rev A. Nyobole, HISWA • Mrs Nombasa Hlathi, HISWA • Rev Lwazi Kondlo, LMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Thembani Piyose, HISWA • Rev Siphon Nyembezi, NCD • Rev S.K. Nkomonde, NCD • Rev O.T Dlamini, NCD • Mrs Zime Nyembezi, NCD • Ms Poppy Hlubi, NCD • Ms Laura Goba, NCD • Ms Zamafuze Ngcobo, NCD • Mrs Mirriam Cele, NCD • Ms Nomonde Sibisi, NCD • Ms Mpume Ndlovu, NCD • Ms Zandile Majozi, NCD • Ms July Mthembu, NCD • Mrs Thokozani Poswa, NCD • Ms Qhubekile Mkhize, NCD
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3.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

3.3.1 Rev Michel Hansrod, Bishop Cape of Good Hope District

3.3.2 Guests on the Programme 2019 JULY

- a. **Dr Nontando Hadebe** – UNISA, Key Note Speaker, Catholic theologian; strong gender activist
- b. **Rev Dr Libuseng Lebaka-Ketshabile** - MCSA, Women in Ministry
- c. **Prof. Kopano Ratele** – MRC, African Masculinity and Gender Based Violence;
- d. **Mr Mbuyiselo Botha** – Sonke Gender Justice, also served Commission for Gender Equality (CGE)
- e. **Mr Anele Siswana** – MCSA_DEWCOM/LP, “LGBTIQ” (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Questioning/ Queer] Activist
- f. **Mr. Mbulelo Bikwana** – Isiseko Family Institute, Church and Family ‘Men as Partners’

REGRET AND SADNESS “ANNOUNCED”

"love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation."

The meeting learnt with sadness about the death of the daughter of **Ms. Nolubabalo Ndaba** – Clarkebury District on Wednesday night. She had to go back home, leaving the 43rd Annual BMC Convocation starting in Cape Town, CPUT. After singing hymn 259 Xhosa – Ndinik’ amehlo ndikhangele, the Chairperson Rev M. Molo led in prayer on behalf of the BMC.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Secretary General tabled the program of the consultation.

The following change was noted: Dr Mgoqi would not be joining the BMC as planned for the Gender Equity Focus however, he has sent through the paper on Women and Land which was to be tabled by Mr Batembu Lugulwana during the break-away sessions. ***The programme was adopted by consensus***

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rev. Philani Dlamini©• Ms. Thuli Nkomonde• Ms. Ayanda Mjali• Mr. Mandla Gwambe• Mr. B. Xulu	LISTENING: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Luvuyo Mali• Ms. Zandile Ngubo• Rev. Zola Zide©• Ms. Nokwethemba Mzelemu	SCRUTINEERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Thuthuka Gwenya• Mr. Oupa Thage• Mr. Sibusiso Maseko• Ms. Fikiswa Mapoma
TIME KEEPER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Louis Maseko• Mr. Sizwe Mvusi• Ms. N. Ngaleka	LETTER WRITER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Mteteli K. Caba• Ms. Zandi Makalima	CHAPLAINCY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rev. Kobuoe• Rev. Mlaba• Ms. Juliet Mana

PRECENTORS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lindelwa Shude • Mr/s Zola Makhisha • Mr/s Malete Motsewa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lolly Malete • Ms. Nomajama Benya • Mr. Xolani Jim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr/s Bawinile

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the 42nd Black Methodist Consultation that was convened on the 6th - 9th July 2017 at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Nelson Mandela Bay, Grahamstown District, under the theme: ***“Love thy neighbour: reimagining a society of love and justice”;...and who is my neighbour?”*** were taken as read and confirmed as a true reflection of the previous consultation.

There were no corrections to the minutes and the minutes were adopted by consensus.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION – RESOLUTIONS

7.1. MODERN FAMILIES

Preamble - Noting the reality of the emerging of the modern families, in particular, the children of the LGBTIQ+. Also noting that the DEWCOM document is silent on the reception of children from such families through baptism. And recognising the need for the Church to be proactive in this issue to avoid any conflict.

Resolve

- Healthy conversations must start amongst us to influence the work of DEWCOM around same-sex relations.
- Non-judgmental approach and conducive dialogues, preparatory programs especially to the children ministry practitioners must be designed.

Proposer: Ms. Zuzile Zungu

Seconded: Ms. Mamzola Moremi

Resolutions Committee Recommended: Acceptance with amendments and notes:

- While conversation is taking place on same sex relations, that conversation should include the reception of children from same sex relations into the Church through baptism.
- We note that there is a Children’s ministry practitioner training program already taking place through the Youth Unit/Children’s Desk and these preparatory programs can be done there.

CONSULTATION - AGREED

7.2. BLESSERS

Preamble - We, note the new despicable, deplorable and dehumanizing culture that has captured some of our young girls whose livelihood is defined by

amassing materialistic possessions by giving their lives to older immoral men who ought to protect them.

Resolve

- i. We openly bring this out by talking about it in all spheres of society.
- ii. As parents, we take keen interest in our daughters, sisters and nieces by actively engaging them on the unexplained and unsubstantiated flamboyant lifestyle.
- iii. We take full responsibility of speaking truth to power, to the powerful, sometimes political leaders in society to be accountable, responsible, honest and respectable citizens.
- iv. Hosting open dialogues with young women and men to address this dehumanizing culture.
- v. Opening up our Churches to be centres for rehabilitation of both the perpetrators and victims.
- vi. Call on the MCSA to expedite the implementation of one of the Mission Pillars on Human Empowerment and Economic Development to offer our young people alternative meaningful and dignified ways of living.

Proposer: Ms. Zuzile Zungu

Seconded: Rev. Sva Waqu

Resolutions Committee Recommend: Accepted with amendments and notes

- i. We note that blessers are not a phenomenon that only affects the girl-child, the boy-child can also be affected.
- ii. We also note that the language of victim and perpetrator used in line 5 may not be applicable to this issue as this issue may not be a crime in-and-of-itself except in cases where there is statutory rape.

CONSULTATION - AGREED

7.3. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE ORGANISATIONAL REPORT 2018

- **That**, the Connexional **Task Teams** be given freedom to proceed with work and implementation regardless of the lack of response from the districts.

Resolutions Committee: Be Approved

CONSULTATION - AGREED

- **That**, the request of the **Connexional Executive** to be given authority to intervene timeously, directly and decisively to the districts who either have collapsed and or are on the edge of complete dysfunctionality.

Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Be Approved

CONSULTATION - AGREED

8. LETTERS TO BE WRITTEN

8.1 Celebratory Letter

- a. **Rev Cyril Wilkinson**, former President of the Church on celebrating 100 years
- b. **Rev Dr Sox Leleki** – Vice Chair, Grahamstown

8.2 Condolences Letters

- a. **Somngesi Family** on the loss of their Mother
- b. **Nolubabalo Ndaba Family** on the loss of her Daughter

9. GENDER EQUITY FOCUS

9.1 The 12th July 2018 Thursday, Day 1 of the 43rd Annual July BMC Convocation was of critical and high importance marked by setting aside half of the business day to give special attention to issues of Gender Equality as a transformation imperative.

9.2 The General Secretary gave a road map and the desired outcomes for the intervention as a response to the resolution taken in 2017 July at Port Elizabeth, NMMU; thereafter introduced the Programme Director for the Gender Equality Focus, Ms Mpume Mhlongo of Natal Coastal.

9.3. Contents Overview

- **Dr. Nontando Hadebe**, Key Note Speaker, (*full paper attached as Annexure. A.*) shared the following observations:
- **Gender is a social construction of sex** - we are born either female or male but our culture, society and religion socialize us into what the ideals of being a woman or man - the prescriptions, limitations, behaviours, social status, power and relationships.
- So, **everyone is gendered not only women**, men are gendered too and so are LGBTIQ.
- **Since gender is a social construction, it can be changed and has been changing over time.**
- **Dr. Hadebe** further focused on the following main points, *women status of the women in the bible that translates to the way women are treated in churches and society.*
 - a. Churches are divided **on the status of women and LGBTIQ+ and yet they claim that all human beings are created in the image of God;**
 - b. The second aspect was the concept of **'dangerous memories'/ 'poisonous memories'** as tools of change, transformation and new visions; ... **Biblical 'texts of terror' for Women;**
 - c. **Culture as a 'hiding place'** for those who refuse to honour the rights given by constitution.

9.4. In-depth discussions in Commissions followed on: -

- *Women in Ministry ‘Word, Sacrament and Service’* – Historic and Existential ‘Biblical Reflections and Lessons’ - **Rev Dr Libuseng Lebaka-Ketshabile**
- **“LGBTIQ+”** (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Questioning/ Queer] - **Anele Siswana**;
- *Lay Leadership and Women* - **Dr Zuzile Zungu & Ms Thuli Nkomonde**
- *Gender based Violence - Human Trafficking; Gender Equality; Rape* - **Mbuyiselo Botha**
- *African Masculinity and Gender Based Violence* - **Prof. Kopano Ratele**;
- *Church and Family ‘Men as Partners’* - **Mr. Mbulelo Bikwana**
- *Women and Land, One Women: One Hector* – **Dr Mgoqi** (Paper presented by Mr. B. Lungulwana on Commissions)

Listening Committee Members - Gender Equality	Ms Mpume Mhlongo, Mrs Noloyiso Mhlubulwana, Ms Rosey Sefathelo and Mrs Fikiswa Mapoma. Ria Sambo Rev Nomsa Nomqolo – to assist the committee
Salvation Army	Rea Sambo - To follow immediately after the Guest Speaker to give inputs on Human Trafficking
Three Parallel Sessions	Main Auditorium – Speakers will be Panellists as listed in the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Nothando Hadebe • Rev Dr Libuseng-Libaka Ketshabile • Mr Mbulelo Bikwana • Ms. Thuli Nkomonde Breakaway Room 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mgoqi (Paper presented by Mr Batembu Lugulwana) and issues on “Women and land” • Mr Mbuyiselo Botha • Dr Zuzile Zungu Breakaway Room 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Anele Siswana • Prof. Kopano Ratele
Opening Remarks	Guests were given a 10 – 12 Max Minutes to do opening remarks with regards to the particular focus area. To highlight anomalies and different challenges in particular for the church and society so that the consultation can deliberate from an informed position Also highlight key critical issues
	Main Auditorium Facilitator – Ms. Ria Sambo Breakaway Room 1 – Mrs Maselare

Facilitators of Parallel Sessions	Breakaway Room 2 – Mpume Tshabalala
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BMC through Gender Equality Focus intended to: -

- i. Isolate issues that would *shape the agenda and the programmes of the BMC with regards to Gender Equality*
- ii. Identify emerging issues *for discussion with the MCSA, MCO* as well as relevant Organisations, Mission Groups and or Manyano’s per targeted interventions

ANNEXURE B – “BMC Statement of Position on Gender Equity and LGBTIQA” as an Output of 12th July 2018 Thursday, Day 1 of the 43rd Annual July BMC Convocation

10. MEMORIAL SERVICE – REV NOMPITHIZELO SIBIDLA

In remembering BMC fallen hero’s and heroines, the **Rev NP. Sibidla** read Romans 14:8-9:

“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.”

The **Rev NP. Sibidla** challenged the consultation that it is not enough to know the Gospel – it needs to impact every aspect of our lives for the Christian goal is that **“whether we live or die we belong to God”**

Our goal as Christians is **to deny ourselves for Christ and follow Him** and we must never *live for ourselves but for the one who called us*. We are not in the business of pleasing ourselves but one that pleases God.

The following members were remembered:

Grahamstown	KN&B	Natal Coastal	Natal West
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hintsa Meke 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Barney Itebogeng 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Dennis Nkosi • Mrs Nonhlanhla Mbatha • Mrs Rose Majozi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Kheswa

A total of 6 members were remembered in 2018 during the 43rd Annual July BMC Convocation.

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 13TH JULY 2018

The Morning Devotions were led by **Mr. Sizwe Mvusi**; making reflections on St. Luke 8:40-50: **“Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman”**:

- Jesus said to Jairus, **“Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”**

- Jairus, the synagogue leader demonstrated faith; *fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying;*
- Jairus forgot about his status in society and at the synagogue – **he showed total dependency to Jesus** hence the response, **“Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”**
- The text demonstrates faith that heals when dependency is on Jesus; **“Arise and walk, from dependency to agency”;**
- Jesus delayed the agency for healing and transformation for Jairus daughter, she died but listen to Jesus response, **“Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”**
- Perhaps Funeral Services/Parlour were ready to receive the tender of a funeral for Jairus daughter but agency in Jesus arrived, **“Arise and walk, from dependency to agency”** ... funeral cancelled and or postponed.

11. CHAIRPERSONS ADDRESS

Rev M Molo delivered his address to the 43rd BMC Convocation address at the Bellville Campus - analysing the theme **“Arise and walk, from dependency to agency”** and charging into action all present. *“We who gather here are called by this noble and sacrificial history to spend all that we are in pursuit of the noble dreams of our forebears and the beautiful dreams of our people inspired by the Kingdom of God. We cannot be consumed by our vanity pursuits that is disconnected to that which is noble.*

*We meet under the Theme **Arise and Walk: From dependency to Agency** inspired by our history as a people that sought to move beyond victimhood to architects of the future, they wanted inspired by God's vision for his world.”*

- **Black people are facing the challenge of moving from dependency to agency**
- This **dependency manifests itself in the culture where black people are forever complaining without taking any responsibility.** This leads to further sense of powerlessness where we are forever waiting for a human saviour to sort out our problem
- **This culture finds serious expression in the political arena.** There is a paralysing notion of representative rather than a participatory democracy.
- In the **Church context, the BMC** is at the point at which it needs to demonstrate and model agency. We have the fundamental responsibility to live and act that which we believe in
 - We need to embody what Alice Walker called; We are the ones we have been waiting for
 - The tasks in which the BMC has failed and the battles that it has lost is simply because we are without agency

The full Chairpersons Address available as ANNEXURE C.

12. EXECUTIVE ORGANISATIONAL REPORT

The General Secretary, **Xhanti T. Mhlubulwana** presented the BMC Executive Organisational Report for the period July 2017 until June 2018. The report argued for the

BMC to **“Arise, Awake and Walk”** by refining leadership, management, administrative and governance capabilities bottom-up in order to respond effectively and remain relevant in the face of challenges like

- **‘Rapid Values Erosion;**
- **Collapse of Familiar Systems** etc.’ due to **rapid changes** in the world BMC exists in versus at its foundations.

BMC must lead the MCSA **to reform its leadership bottom-up**, the milestones and or fundamental shifts along the way must include reforms from: -

- **Compliance to results,**
- **Inefficiency to effectiveness,**
- **Responsibility to accountability, and**
- **Inputs to outputs.**

The Executive Organisational Report for the period July 2017 until June 2018 available as **ANNEXURE D.**

13. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Presented by **Ms Buhle A. Sigabi** audited Annual Financial Statements for the period 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018 year end. *Presented financial statements were part of the conference package; every member received a hard copy.*

Audited Financial Statement was adopted by consensus by the 43rd Annual Convocation.

The Treasurer presented the budget for the year 2018/6 – 2019/5. The budget was ratified by the 43rd Annual Convocation; previously tabled at the Extended Connexional General Executives February 2018 Meeting that was held at Natal West.

14. **BURSARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Led by the convener **Ms. Nomsa Selai; highlighted: -**

- Struggle with **BMC Bursary Policy Reforms** on issues of compliance to academic progress submission;
- Defining recovery processes in case of not passing;
- Receipt of applications and approval at February Meeting versus academic year start and expectations to register as early;
- Semester bursary applications did not take off, practically;
- An application for bursary was received from a member who previously defaulted bursary terms and conditions; a special committee was nominated to advice and the application was declined.

15. **40TH PUBLIC LECTURES – JOURNEY TOWARDS PUBLICATION**

- **Rev. S. Motlodi** reported that, the project is underway, with delays and frustrations ... taking far longer than ever expected and or communicated
- Some parts yet to be edited and the book should be ready to be launched once all lectured are edited.

16. **BMC COMMISSIONS AND SCHOOLS AS EXTRA CLASSES**

The BMC, in its quest to be an educational movement that always seeks to empower the people held schools and Skills building workshop which were conducted on various topics affecting the MCSA and the BMC. The topics ranged from:

16.1 **BMC COMMISSIONS – LED BY THINK TANK INCUBATORS**

COMMISSION FOCUS	CONVENER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctrine, Ethics and Worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev S. Motlodi & Co.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Review Commission (focus on L&D) changes and or reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mteteli K. Caba & Co
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structures of the MCSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev M. Bosman & Co
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust and Property in the MCSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ricky Ngwenya & Co
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial Formation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev M. Seekoei

16.2 **EXTRA CLASSES - SCHOOLS**

AREA	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
BMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission & Vision – targets beginners yet open to all; It's a question of BMC – Strategy, Tactics and Relevance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev Mzwandile Molo
Current Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question of land and Expropriation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mgoqi's paper, Mr Batembu Lugulwana
MCSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circuit Stewardship – Administrative Centre of the Black Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Chris Dali & Mr Mabutho Sithole
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Ministries within the MCSA and essential requirements to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev M. Seekoei & Co
Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Igniting Mission and breaking barriers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Thuli Nkomonde
Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgy Design in Context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev Sva Waqu

17. ERNEST BAARTMAN FUND – FACILITATED BY: Mr. V. Senkhane and Ms. Z. Zungu

DISTRICTS	#2018	2018 (R)	2017 (R)	2016 (R)	2015 (R)
Umkhuzelo- Executive/ chair/ Rev	---	554,60	645,00	0,00	0,00
Umkhuzelo- General	---	834,00	1 040,00	1 977,00	1 567,00
COGH	11.	788,00	3 930,00	8 210,00	4 796,00
Central	2.	63 540,00	61 170,00	53 200,00	51 460,00
Clarkebury	5.	16 530,00	15 260,00	20 975,00	25 005,00
Grahamstown	6.	16 405,00	3 150,00	24 777,30	27 609,50
Highveld and Swaziland	9.	3 225,00	3 060,00	7 571,00	22 740,00
KNB	4.	19 901,00	21 750,00	12 020,00	12 850,00
Limpopo – The Champions#18	1.	71 635,00	42 990,00	18 796,00	30 129,00
Natal Coastal – Three Times #17	3.	51 684,00	14 461,00	12 703,40	14 755,00
Natal West	7.	12 157,00	8 273,00	6 445,00	5 778,50
NFLS	8.	11 265,00	11 000,00	8 556,00	7 834,00
Queenstown	10.	1 187,00	7 126,00	14 130,00	19 726,00
	---	269 705,60	193 876,00	189 361,00	224 293,00

- EBF 2018 reached *highest target ever attained since the beginning of “John Wesley Fund, Now – EBF”*
- 2018 EBF Increased by R75 829.60 (28% more) than the previous year
- **Congratulations to Limpopo, The Champions#18 EBF**
- The Rise of **NCD** three-fold increase in 2018 compared to 2017, *noted as very significant*

DAY 3 – SATURDAY 14TH JULY 2018

The Morning Devotions were led by **Rev. Thulani C. Dimaza**; making reflections on **Acts 3:1-8: “Peter Heals a Lame Beggar”**:

- Then Peter said, **“Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”**
- A miracle and a sermon: **the miracle wrought to make way for the sermon**, to confirm the doctrine that was to be preached;
- A miracle made way for the sermon into the minds of the people; **and then the sermon to explain the miracle**, and to sow the ground which by it was broken up.
- **The miracle was the healing of a man lame from birth, with a word (speaking)**
- **The name of Jesus was glorified**, and to comply with the Father’s design in glorifying him (v. 20-26).

18. BMC GENDER EQUITY TASK TEAM

- **Members of the Task Team:**
 - I. **Lulama Lulu Luti (Convenor) – Resigned October 2017**
 - II. Bathembu Lugulwana
 - III. Kholiswa Makalima – **Not actively engaging the task team work**
 - IV. Mteteli Caba – **requested to be recused in order to focus on Legal Review (L&D)/Revisions, BMC Think Tank Incubator**
 - V. Noloyiso Mhlobulwana

- The *two remaining members* of the task team, **Bathembu Lugulwana and Noloyiso Mhlubulwana** highlighted the following in their report: -
 - I. The need to re-elect the task team granted capacity at hand versus the deliverables and or expectations
 - II. The July 2015 Consultation Resolution limited itself to the process that would culminate in the election **of the first ever woman Chairperson of the Movement**,
 - III. The objective 1 was to, **identify 2-3 Women Leaders, Consult and nominate them for the next BMC Chairpersonship**
 - [Names to be submitted by All Districts]. **(Even though we only have to ensure a woman is elected in 2019 Natal West).**
 - **As at 2017 July, Grahamstown; Nominees were: -**
 - Rev Nomsa Nomqolo
 - Ms. Zuzile Zungu
 - Mrs Nobuntu Madwe
 - Ms Lindeni Madlala
 - Ms Zodwa Fanele
 - Ms Nombasa Hlathi
 - IV. February 2018 Extended Connexional General Executive Committee (**Ext.CGEC**) at Natal West did not process the names; the only member of the task team who was present, **Bathembu Lugulwana**, was given mandate to co-opt additional members of the task team ...; unsuccessful until July 2018 at Cape Town.
- The 43rd Annual Convocation resolved to appoint new committee for Gender Equity Task Team, mandated to: -
 - I. *process the nominees as per 2017July and invite additional names as might be deemed necessary and or as needed; the work was to be presented with recommendations at the 2019 Ext.CGEC to be held at KNB;*
 - II. *champion Gender Equality work connexionally using the “BMC Statement of Position on Gender Equity and LGBTIQA” as the point of departure given Thursday 12th July 2018 Content.*
- **The New Gender Equity Task Team 2018; 2019 and 2020: -**
 - I. Ms. Noloyiso Mhlubulwana - **Convener**;
 - II. Ms. Kholiswa Makalima;
 - III. Mr. Bathembu Lungulwana;
 - IV. Ms Ria Samboo
 - V. Ms. Mamzola Moremi

19. **BLACK HISTORY PROJECT:**

Public Lecture in honour of **Rev Abel Hendricks** was presented by Bishop Michel Hansrod (**replacing Rev. Ivan IM. Abrahams**) to be circulated on receipt.

20. **DISCERNMENT JOURNEY – MCSA GEN. SEC 2018 SEPT. & PB-2019 MAY**

- The Black Methodist Consultation (BMC) February Planning Meeting held in the Natal West District on 16-18 February 2018, among the items that the Connexional Executive presented was the MCSA Elections Calendar, thus to allow BMC to be proactive in approach.

- The office of the General Secretary of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa (MCSA) the current incumbent comes to an end at the year-end of 2019 by implications that meant the elections for that office would be conducted at the floor of 2018 MCSA Conference in September, Mozambique.
- The BMC only has the July Consultation to collectively apply its mind and take a position. To this end the Extended Connexional General Executive Committees at Natal West **appointed a BMC Discernment Task Team** 'to prepare, on the basis of input from the Districts, the report plus recommendation(s) to be presented for consideration at the July 2018 Consultation in Cape Town'
- *The meeting accepted the above recommendation and elected the following names to serve in the Discernment Task Team, the committee was further given powers to coopt as and when needing additional capacity:*
 - I. Mdu Dlamini (**Convenor**)
 - II. Rev Mbatu Bosman
 - III. Ms Mapholo Gwangwa
 - IV. Ms Zuzile Zungu
 - V. Ms Lungile Ngcobo
- The Extended Connexional General Executive Committees at Natal West further noted that per current retirement prescripts per Laws and Disciplines of the MCSA the office of the Presiding Bishop incumbent would be retiring in the year 2020, therefore by implication May 2019 Synods across the Connexion should elect new PB to start office in January 2021.
- The mandate of the above listed BMC Discernment Task Team 2018 was further extended to include the office of the Presiding Bishop for May 2019 elections, for finalisation of BMC recommendations and or position in July 2018 Cape Town.

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- The meeting agreed that the BMC **would not have a name** for the position of the **MCSA General Secretary** of Conference – BMC members at Conference 2018 free to vote guided by their consciousness;
- The Presiding Bishop position for May 2019 elections, ***conversations to continue for finalisation by the BMC Extended Connexional General Executive Committees at KNB, February 2019.***

21. RESEARCH PROGRESS – BLACK MINISTERS FOOT OF STATIONS

- **Rev. M. Caba** on behalf of the committee committed to pursue the task for reporting at the BMC Extended Connexional General Executive Committees at KNB, February 2019; then final report July 2019.

22. BLACK UNITY PROJECT

- **Rev Sotu**, on behalf of the committee presented a report that was also integrated and printed in the conference pack **July 2018 (Re-Attached as ANNEXURE – E)**
- The action plans focused on the **MCO/MCSA and or CE** including stationing committees at various levels;
 - **Task Team Convener and or BMC Connexional Executive were to raise relevant issues with PB, Gen. Sec, CE and relevant MCSA structures**

- The role of the ***BMC in pursuit Black Unity*** needed a review by the task team, answering the question, **what can the BMC do (*high level activities*)** to promote Black Unity as a critical success factor towards strategic influence of the MCSA for transformation?

23. LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

- Progress made in join plenary with All Other MCSA Org's was presented; also integrated in July 2018 Conference Packs;
- The ***Inaugural Leadership Development and Investment Symposium*** was announced to take place at ***SMMS, 18-21 October 2018***;
- ***BMC Districts were to send a maximum of four (04) Members per District***, incur costs for travelling and minimal registration towards conferencing, while ***the Connexional BMC would further subsidize: conferencing cost, accommodation and catering.***

24. RESOLUTIONS

- **See Point 7 of the Minutes, from Page 10.**

25. EPILOGUE

- Evening devotions were led by ***Ms. Mmapholo Gwangwa***, marking the end of BMC business that started from the 12th to the 14th July 2018; starting Reception and Awards Ceremony.

26. RECEPTION AND AWARDS

26.1 SETH MOKITIMI AWARD

Methodist and Non-Methodists for outstanding service and loyalty to society in general and the black church in particular

- a. ***Rev Sethunya Motlhodi*** – Highveld and Swaziland District

26.2 DAPHNE TASHE MEMORIAL

To districts that has shown commitment, dedication and drive towards the eradication of the social ills prevalent in our daily life

- ***NIL Nominations***

26.3 AMOS GADI SHIELD

To Districts with more recruitment, committed and sustained membership

- ***Natal Coastal District***

26.4 ERNEST BAARTMAN FUND CHAMPIONS AWARDS

To District that has outperforming previous standards and all other districts in the EBF efforts

DAY 4 – SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2018

27. DIVINE SERVICE AND CLOSURE

- The service was held at **False Bay Circuit** in the **Andrew Losaba** society, conducted by the **Rev Sethulego Mosiako**.
- The scripture reading was taken from **John 5: 1-18** “**Get up, pick up your mat and walk**”
- Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be saved, he did not answer but told Jesus that he has no one to take him to the river.
- The man was depending on other people for healing but Jesus changed all that.
- The consultation was reminded not to depend on hand-outs, some of us are depending on things that has no value but this is the time to get up take mat and walk.
- The consultation was told that not everyone will be happy when we move from dependency to agency, because they lose power over us.
- The consultation was urged to come out from the comfort zone and be uncomfortable with God.

ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE A – DR. NONTANDO HADEBE, KEY NOTE ADDRESS 12.07.2018

ANNEXURE B – “BMC STATEMENT OF POSITION ON GENDER EQUITY AND LGBTIQA”

ANNEXURE C – CHAIRPERSON’S ADDRESS, REV. MW. MOLO

ANNEXURE D – EXECUTIVE ORGANISATIONAL REPORT, XHANTI T. MHLUBULWANA

ANNEXURE E – BLACK UNITY PROJECT

ANNEXURE F– CENTRE FOR BLACK THOUGHT AND AFRICAN

ANNEXURE H – RESOLUTION ON THE WORK OF GOD (*LISTENING COMMITTEE STATEMENT 2018*)