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CIRCULAR 005 – 28/08/2015 BMC BEYOND 40th CONVOCATION

BMC District Executives, Connexional Task Teams, Ex-Officio's, Elders and All Dearest Methodists!

Re: BMC Beyond 40th Convocation – The Next Steps

Warm greetings to you all dearest BMC Members; it has been six (6) weeks plus 4 days since we gathered at the BMC 40th Convocation at Central District. This circular seeks to provide some feedback and guidance on few critical issues emanating from our last recent convocation as well as the expectations going forward.

1. RESPONSE TO THE 40TH CONVOCATIONS

We hereby express our deepest gratitude to all members, MCSA leaders, partners, guests, the hosts and other organisational leaders for responding positively to the call to meet at Central District over the weekend of the 09th to the 12th of July.

The numbers in attendance were far higher than at least trends of the last five to six years, bit overwhelming response that had repercussions to some of the logistics including: registration packages in particular conference bags that were *not received by all*; delays at registration house given new individual based registration system as opposed to group district registrations that had own glitches and breaches 2014 in particular, etc.

The registration systems of the BMC will be fully engaged so as to ensure continuous improvement. The role of district executives seems fundamental in ensuring integrity of the registration processes therefore going forward for July Consultations Wednesday registrations are encouraged and District Treasurers and or Secretary should arrive on Wednesdays to be fully hands-on deck at registration and or at help desk for all vetting of pre-registrations, change of names/substitutes and to lessen time spent on registration.

2. CONFERENCE BAGS

Curtesy of Central District for the sake of memorabilia – *all those who had indicated not having received conference bags at the Help Desk on the 10th and 11th July*, their bags have been ordered. Further note that the conference bags were ordered from China as an import. It was therefore not possible to immediately make the bags available. It is for the same reason that *no new names will be accepted as having not received conference bags – for obvious reasons.*

3. CONFERENCING EVALUATION 9-12 JULY 2015

As many members as possible are here encouraged to complete the attached evaluation form, scan and email back to Secretariat, only 25 evaluations were received back the sample too small and not representative for analysis. If we are to pursue excellence through continuous improvement as the BMC then Evaluation is an integral part of that process. District Executives kindly drive the completion and where possible use your District General Meetings for completion, the evaluations are for individual responses and *can only* be grouped in dispatch to Secretariat and not in completion.

4. BMC INSIGNIA/MEMORABILIA FOR SALE

As attached

5. LOST AND FOUND

As attached

6. THE MINUTES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

These will be made available to all committed members using supplied data base per district, should be completed soon – being edited; dispatch envisaged mid-September to early-October 2015.

7. PROCESSING UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE 40TH CONVOCATION

The Executive here proposes the processing of unfinished business in **November 2015** including – Resolutions; Implementation Matrix and Measurements per Key Performance Areas that includes Chairpersons Address, Lekgotla Mandate and 3 critical

conversations outputs from: i. Gender Equality; ii. Good Governance and Accountability as well as iii. Theories about being Black and Blackness; the Discernment Process would be further engaged as well.

The **November 2015** here proposed is also a response to District Executives that have mandated the EXCO on Friday 10th July to pursue better understanding, develop new insights and intervene in the functionality of Districts and Life of the **BMC** at local levels.

More Rationale November Gathering – if all the above contents are to be loaded into the February 2016 Meeting the EXCO deems it as mission impossible there would just be not enough hours in daylight given standing agenda of February Meetings.

- **Proposed Dates – 20 and 21 November 2015** (*fully utilising the 20th from 11H00*)
- **Proposed Venue – KNB District** (*hopefully Bloemfontein Vicinity*)
- **Target – All District Executives, Connexional Task Teams, Connexional Ex-Officio's and members** (maximum per district 14 – taxi load, all inclusive) – Qty
- Per Feb Meetings/Per Lekgotla.

8. 40th BMC CELEBRATORY PUBLIC LECTURES CONTINUE

Most recent was hosted by Limpopo for the 1996 – 2002 Leadership Collective (Chair, Rev Sidwel R. Mokgothu); it was a resounding success thanks to the hosts, the driving task team and Connexion BMC Members for your positive response.

NEXT PUBLIC LECTURES - IN 2015

- **12 September 2015 – Kroonstad, NFSL** – Leadership Collective 1982 – 1984 (Chair, Rev Isaac Moeketsi)
- **24 October 2015 – Zastron, KNB** – Leadership Collective 1984 – 1986 (Chair, Rev Otto Mbangula)
- **14 November – East London, Queenstown** – Leadership Collective 1995 – 1996 (Chair, Rev Vido G Nyobole)

All Lectures start at *11:00 sharp*, **arrivals encouraged for 10:00**

To God Be the glory, great things He had done!

Thank You

Yours in Christ Service



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