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CIRCULAR 013-16/01/2017 BMC DISTRICTS CONNEXIONAL EXECUTIVES; TASK TEAMS CONVENE AT CAPE OF GOODHOPE – FEBRUARY 2017 GEN COMMITTEE

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

Re: BMC DISTRICT CONNEXIONAL EXECUTIVES, TASK TEAMS, STANDING COMMITTEES MEET AT CAPE OF GOODHOPE; FALSE BAY CIRCUIT 128; MANDALAY SOCIETY 17th ; 18th & 19th FEBRUARY 2017.

Warm greetings to you all dearest BMC executives, elders and members - compliments of the New Year; new beginnings, newness, a chance to restart, all blessings for 2017.

Its four (4) full weeks, (thirty two (32) days) before all the District Executives, Task Teams, Ex-Officio's [delegations of 10-14max primarily District Executives and the immediate Districts Ex-Officio's per norm] meet at the Cape of Good Hope for the 2017 Annual General Committee February Meeting. Where possible districts are encouraged to subsidise travelling and include Connexional Task Team members (per norm).

This is a confirmation and friendly reminder as announced on the 17th October 2017 in "CIRCULAR 011-17/10/2016 – THE MISSING LINK ..."

- **DATES:** 17th Until 19th February 2017; starting at 11:00 on Day One (1) Friday 17th ;
- **VENUE:** MANDALAY METHODIST CHURCH; FALSE BAY CIR. 128; CAPE OF GOOD HOPE - [Physical Address: Conner of Auber Avenue and Hermes Way; Mandalay; Mitchells Plain; 7785]; detailed directions to follow +_18KM from airport

1. DISTRICT REPORTS – 2016 CALENDAR YEAR 'Jan – Dec 2016'

All District Executive are reminded to *prepare, present and submit* written reports on 'The State and the Work of the BMC' in your respective districts for the period 'January 2016 until December 2016'. In order to standardise reporting and ease this process attached templates should be used either in PowerPoint or Word Document.

2. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

- Registration per member at the Annual February Meeting remains at the minimal Fifty Rands [R50.00];
- All delegates present are expected to register
- Accommodation would be arranged with families in their homes as per the norm for the Annual February Meeting's.

Kindly RSVP in blocks per District by latest Friday 03rd February 2017 at 17:00 *[deadline will not be extended owing to logistics management]*. Indicate total number of people coming per District, specify names, gender breakdown, early arrivals (e.g. Thursday 16th February) as well as *the need for accommodation from the hosts and transport pick-ups from the various public transport interchanges;*

- **Failure to RSVP** *and or miss deadline and or provide wrong information* as to the number of people expected to come draws financial costs and avoidable inconveniences to both the hosting district and the Connexional Leadership. We therefore strongly encourage compliance in this regard.
- The attached RSVP Template maybe utilised

NEARBY/ALTERNATIVE PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION – COST TO MEMBERS [to follow, will include '**Road Lodge Cape Town International Airport**']

3. PROGRAMME CONTENT

Detailed Programme will follow, as previously communicated to include

- BMC Bursary Allocations evolution, ***Catalysing BMC investments for Transformative Growth*** – Bursary Recipients must be mandated to answer a

question from the BMC through their research studies and present a paper in a school e.g. Liturgy & Worship ; Structures; Revisions; etc

- **BMC Finance Policy; Budget 2017-2018**
- **Norms and Standards for Hosting** - Annual July Convocations;
- **THE MISSING LINK – BMC Programmes Guidelines** – meant to assist and facilitate district outputs aligned to the Implementation Matrix (including Monitoring and Evaluation Plan towards year 2020) and
 - Year on year Reporting
- **Task Teams Progress Reports**
 - Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
 - BMC History Project and 40th BMC Anniversary Public Lectures – *towards Publications*
 - Black Ministers – Foot of Stations Research
 - Black Unity
 - Elevating Black Thought and African history “ACADEMIC CHAIR OR INSTITUTE ON BLACK THOUGHT AND AFRICAN HISTORY”
 - The Life of the BMC, *July 2016 Conversation/School.*
- **District Reports tabled;**

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

Thank You

Yours in Christ Service



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