



BMC

Black Methodist Consultation

A formation within the Methodist Church of Southern Africa



CONNEXIONAL
OFFICE
2014/15 - 16/17

CHAIRPERSON

Rev Mzwandile Molo
082 835 8297

mzwandile.molo@telkomsa.net

SECRETARY GENERAL

Mr Xhanti. T.
Mhlubulwana
082 715 0147

xhantimhlubu@gmail.com

**RECORDING
SECRETARY**

Ms Nokuzola Mbangula
076 981 0864

Nokuzola.Mbangula@gmail.com

TREASURER

Ms Buhle A. Sigabi
082 737 8215

Buhlesigabi@gmail.com

*"The MCSA Lilifa
Labazali Bethu; Lefa
Labatswadi Barona"*

www.methodistbmc.yolasite.com

4 APRIL 2017

CIRCULAR 014-03/04/2017 EXPECTED DILIVERABLES SUMMARY, POST: 17th – 19th FEBRUARY 2017 CONNEXIONAL GENERAL COMMITTEE S

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

RE: EXPECTED DILIVERABLES SUMMARY FOLLOWING CONNEXIONAL EXECUTIVES, TASK TEAMS, STANDING COMMITTEES MEET AT CAPE OF GOODHOPE; FALSE BAY CIRCUIT 128; MANDALAY SOCIETY 17th; 18th & 19th FEBRUARY 2017.

Grace and peace to you all in these final days of lent 2017 season, culminating to Palm Sunday 9th April, where according to St Luke 19:41, Jesus came closer to the city and when He saw it, *He wept over it*.

The 2017 Feb meeting theme was *"Sent and inspired by God's Spirit, we continue to build on God's Dream"*, Text base – *Zechariah 4: 6 – 10*. The Connexional Chairperson, Rev M Molo, on day one (1) 17th Feb, in his remarks charged all present that: dreams disrupt our complacency for radical prophetic tradition; *questioned* whether the BMC was still *forming people* who are value driven and goal directed in this era of spiritual blindness, darkness and death. Circuit Quarterly Meetings in some parts of the MCSA that resemble RSA Parliament with chaos and disorder, the BMC is committed to rebuild, as sent and inspired by God's Spirit. The completion of the building project would be to the glory of God. The dream belongs to God, the BMC as a vehicle to deliver Gods kingdom must be serious on its tasks, accountable to God.

Rev. Sva Waqu, in closing the meeting on day three (3) 19th Feb – challenged that the BMC could not afford midlife crisis in its 42 year old history. Focusing on fifth (5) vision of Zechariah, being woken up from a deep sleep *again* by the angel, life dormant ... similar to a sleeping Church that becomes redundant in the community, gathering only Sundays. A Church that no longer dreams; BMC as an angel to a sleeping Church ...

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF DELIVERABLES – ACTION PLANS 17TH – 19TH FEB
CONNEXIONAL GENERAL COMMITTEES**

ITEM NR	AGENDA ITEM /SUBJECT	ACTION - PROCESS	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINES - REPORT
1.	Women Empowerment & Gender Equity	Discuss and forward to the Task Team the name(s) of Female Candidates into a pool for the possible role of BMC Chairpersonship 2019, July elections.	District Executives	30 April 2017
		Nominate and submit to the Task Team a name of the District Gender Champion whom the Task Team will work with henceforth.	District Executives	30 April 2017
		Districts are to implement and submit reports to the Connexional Task Team Gender Equity activity progress reports, per July 2016 Action Plans (re-attached) to include stats on the gender distribution of leadership in the District and in Circuits.	District Executives & All Members	25 June 2017
2.	Ministers on foot of stations Research	Simplify the research by engaging available data/information at MCO then make recommendations of what the BMC could do. Connexional Secretariat to follow up with Convener and possible co-opt members into the team.	Dr C Dali & Team	30 June 2017

ITEM NR	AGENDA ITEM /SUBJECT	ACTION - PROCESS	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINES - REPORT
3.	Quest for Black Unity	BMC District Executives to ensure that the issues of Tribalism are addressed in any of their meetings between now and the July 2017 Consultation;	Connexional Secretariat and Task Team	30 June 2017
		The Task Team on Black Unity will, through Secretariat Office, expect districts to kindly provide progress reports on this matter.	Connexional Secretariat and Task Team	30 June 2017
		Districts can organise their own resources persons to facilitate or may invite the Task Team to provide resource person to lead and facilitate conversations on Tribalism and Black Unity. <u>Target District Consult and or PRESYNOD Workshops and or Annual Meetings</u>	District Executives	30 June 2017
		Districts to nominate <u>Transformation Champions with Black Unity as one of the Key Deliverables;</u>	District Executives	30 April 2017
		To implement action plans per July 2016 through Connexional Secretariat;	Connexional Secretariat and Task Team	30 June 2017

ITEM NR	AGENDA ITEM /SUBJECT	ACTION - PROCESS	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINES - REPORT
		<p>To integrate action items to District Consultation Agenda, PreSynods, Regional Interventions, Workshops, Consciousness Clinics, etc. Facilitators could be booked through Connexional Secretariat. {Reattached full action plans per July 2016}. All ACTIVITIES done to be reported by DISTRICTS to Connexional Secretariat</p>	<p>Connexional Secretariat and Task Team</p>	<p>30 June 2017</p>
4.	<p>Elevating Black Thoughts and African History > Academic Research Centre/Institute at SMMS</p>	<p>Full report attached as tabled; The Task Team on the Centre for Black Thought and African Studies has committed to resource the SMMS Library with Black/African materials. [This will include the collection of BMC archives]</p> <p><i>BMC and SMMS to host guest lecturers and scholars on Black/African Thought/Theology. First International Guest, Dr E M Williams presents a lecture at SMMS 4 May 2017, about 10h00</i></p> <p>BMC members encouraged to search from their own shelves and storage archive materials that can be stored at the SMMS Library; - Major BMC INFO Gaps 1986 – 1990; 1995 – 1999]</p>	<p>ALL Members</p> <p>Forebears, Elders and All Members</p> <p>ConneX EXCO, Task Team & SMMS</p> <p>All Members – submit to ConneX Secretariat</p>	<p>30 June 2017</p> <p>30 June 2017</p> <p>4 May 2017, On-Going</p> <p>30 June 2017</p>

ITEM NR	AGENDA ITEM /SUBJECT	ACTION - PROCESS	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINES - REPORT
		The Task Team has further committed to <u>collecting Black/African Thought/Theology books to resource the Library</u> . Please donate books	All Members – submit to ConneX Secretariat	30 June 2017

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONTINUITY

- Synod Issues discussed (see attached in preparation for Pre-Synods Workshops and April-May Circuit Quarterly Meetings);
- Seth Mokitimi Awards nominations deadline 31 May 2017, Secretariat to refer nominations to a subcommittee for processing, Mr B Lungulwana, Mr R Ngwenya and Ms P Mkhwanazi;
- Annual Leadership Development and Investment summit 2017, planned tentatively for 5, 6, 7 & 8 October 2017 at SMMS. Logistics Committee: LPA, WM, YWM, YMG, WG & Music Assoc to nominate reps adding to BMC's, Mr M Gwambe, Mr V Senkhane, Ms Z Makalima and Ms Z Zungu;
- 42nd Annual July Consultation takes place 06th – 9th July 2017 at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown District.
 - Registration July 2017 at R800 per member; Commitments R100 per member;
 - RSVP for July 2017 Open 1 June and Close 17 June 2017; before 1 June deposit own District Account not Connexion; RSVP in blocks per district, batches allowed to a maximum of three (3) batches per district, individual registrations into Connexion strongly discouraged.

Thank You

Yours in Christ Service



Mr Xhanti T. Mhlubulwana

Secretary General



Rev Mzwandile Molo

Chairperson