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CIRCULAR 021_21/03/2019 DISTRICTS (SYNODS) PRESYNOD WORKSHOPS 2019

BMC District Executives, District Ex-Officio's and All Members!

RE: BMC DISTRICT EXECUTIVES ORGANISING PRESYNOD WORKSHOPS – GUIDANCE

Warm greetings to you all dearest BMC District Executives; this is a follow up to previous communication and commitments, namely:

- Email dated **MARCH 5th, 2019** ... **"BMC URGENCY ON GENDER JUSTICE AS A TRANSFORMATION IMPERATIVE - CALL TO ACTION, DEADLINE 31.03.2019;"**
Please accept this as a friendly reminder >> deliverables: - add nominees into a pool of names for the potential BMC Connexional Women Chairperson for elections 2019 July at Natal West, 11th to the 14th at Port Edward
- 2019 SYNOD ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS FOR APRIL CQM" as per Key Decisions taken at **Thaba Nchu, KNB 15-17 Feb 2019 Ext.CGEC** thus providing guidance towards BMC Districts Pre-Synod Workshops 2019;

Key Decisions for Implementation 15 – 17 FEB 2019 would be CIRCULAR 020_13/03/2019; to follow soonest ...

PreSynod Workshop is an intervention or activity that responds to two key generic performance areas of the BMC, '**Cutting Edge Capacity Building and Empowerment**' as well as '**Strategic Influence of the Transformation Agenda of the MCSA**'.

A. PURPOSE OF PRESYNOD WORKSHOPS

1. To orientate members in particular Synod Delegates on the Critical Important Decision Making Roles and Functions of District Synods in the life of the MCSA;
2. To formally prepare and capacitate with knowledge and skilling delegates on:-
Inputs to the Synod; Synod Processes/Systems and Procedures; the Deliverables

and or Outputs of the Synod as well as the Synod Outcomes and Impacts thereof in the Life of the Church;

3. To close the knowledge gap as the lack of preparation of the Synod Delegates whose majority have no mandate from the Constituencies Circuit Quarterly Meetings (CQM's) with expectations not spelt out nor explored by both the delegates and their constituencies ...

a. ***thus synod delegates are vulnerable to receive and accept any information at their disposal without any meaningful contribution, active intelligent involvement given their own context;***

4. To engage, lobby and caucus for the BMC position, where decisions were made following discernment processes at Districts and Connexional Leadership Responsibilities e.g. Leadership Succession and Outputs of Discernment

B. SYNOD AGENDA SETTING

Agenda setting refers to actually getting the “problem” on the formal agenda and decision making platforms where issues are to be addressed by District Synods and or Conference and or other relevant structures of the MCSA e.g. Revisions/DEWCOM etc.

Therefore BMC PreSynod does not only capacitate Synod Delegates but should ensure key issues/problems from the local churches get into the agenda of the Church with solutions from our own context as Africans and or Blacks who were previously disadvantaged; through resolutions at Circuit Quarterly Meetings (CQM's)

C. INPUTS TO SYNOD

District Synods Agenda is shaped and formed by, amongst others the ff:

- Resolutions referred to CQM's by the previous **Conference '2018'** [Matters from the Conference, CE as per 2019 year book, Chapter 2 - Attached]
- Resolutions from Circuits and Units [*per Blue Book – District Own*]
- Connexional Structures; Revision; DEWCOM; Trust & Property [*disseminated to Circuit Superintendents by MCSA General Secretary*]
- Reports e.g. EMMU; HR & Other Units [*disseminated to Circuit Superintendents by MCSA General Secretary*]

- Conversation on the work of God e.g. Circuit Mission Reports [per Blue Book]

IN CONCLUSION

1. Attached are the MCSA Conference 2018 as processed at **Thaba Nchu, KNB 15-17 Feb 2019 Ext.CGEC includes EMMU and DEWCOM referred resolutions as indicated;**
2. Attached also are BMC DEWCOM specific inputs at Thaba Nchu;

3. **BMC Discernment Committee PB Elections for 2019, May Elections': BMC agreed by consensus on REV NOMTHANAZO PURITY NOBUHLE MALINGA (brief biography attached for ease of reference)**

“District EXCO’s are tasked to nominate similar teams as above at District Level ‘to coordinate the journey towards 2019 Synods PB elections’;

All District Executives and BMC Members are tasked to disseminate the position of the BMC; with respect and full integrity to the process and the BMC Preferred Candidate **(preferable do not use Social Media Space (facebook, twitter, etc) and or develop posters rather USE targeted strategies to the voting Synod Delegates 2019 e.g Word of Mouth to the voting persons)**

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

Yours in Christ Service



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