



# BMC

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*A formation within the Methodist Church of Southern Africa*



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CIRCULAR **023\_07/11/2019** BMC CONNEXIONAL DIARY YEAR 2020 CALENDAR AS WELL AS DECISIONS MADE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT THE 44<sup>th</sup> JULY ANNUAL CONVOCATION 11-14 JULY 2019 PORT EDWARD, NATAL WEST

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BMC Synod Executives, Ex-Officio's, Connexional Think Tanks and Task Teams as well as All BMC Members (*Mawesele Amahle Amnyama*)!

**RE: DIARY YEAR 2020 CALENDAR AS WELL AS DECISIONS MADE AT THE 44<sup>th</sup> JULY ANNUAL CONVOCATION 11-14 JULY 2019 PORT EDWARD, NATAL WEST**

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Warm Christian greetings to you all dearest BMC Synod Executives, Ex-Officio's, Forebears and All Members

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- **In October 2019** you should have received two communications from the Connexional Secretariat on the **15<sup>th</sup> and on the 22<sup>nd</sup>** regarding the **MCSA invite for PB and Gen Secretary Induction 17.11.2019** ... We had also announced the passing of **Rev. Isaac. T. Moeketsi**, former Chairperson of the **BMC 1982-1984** respectively; while
- in **September 2019** you should have received communication about **the 19<sup>th</sup>** the day **Rev. Othniel OC. Gaanakgomo** former General Secretary of the **BMC 1982-1984** was laid to his final resting place.
- This communique **CIRCULAR 023\_07/11/2019** hinges on the above said previous communication where **further details were committed** e.g. BMC Connexional Diary Year 2020 Calendar as well as decisions made for implementation at the 44<sup>th</sup> July Annual Convocation 11-14 July 2019 Port Edward, Natal West Synod.

### A. THE BMC CONNEXIONAL DIARY YEAR 2020

DATES	EVENT DESCRIPTION	VENUE
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"The MCSA Lilifa  
Labazali Bethu; Lefa  
Labatswadi Barona"

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<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020</b>	Extended Connexional General Executive Committees <b>[Ext.CGEC]</b> <b>FEBRUARY MEETING.</b>	<b>MCSA, Kroonstad Circuit 601; Constantia Section; Kroonstad</b> [Northern Free State and Lesotho Synod]
<b>02<sup>nd</sup> - 05<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>	<b>BMC 45<sup>th</sup> Annual July</b> Connexional <b>Convocation</b>	<b>Sol Plaatje University, Scanlan Road; Kimberley; Northern Cape. 8301; South Africa.</b> [At the Kimberly and Bloemfontein Synod]

**B. KEY DECISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AS RESOLVED 44<sup>TH</sup> JULY ANNUAL CONVOCATION 11-14 JULY 2019 PORT EDWARD, NATAL WEST SYNOD**

<b>THE DECISION / MAIN IDEA</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>TIMELINES</b>	<b>STRATEGIC ENABLERS</b>
<p><b>“The Demise of Indigenous Languages, by extension evoking cultural erosion, derailing African norms and Values”</b></p> <p>The BMC through structures of MCSA to partner with the Faith Based communities Re -affirm and Reclaim majority’s dignity and identify the programmes of action.</p>	<p>BMC ConneX EXCO in partnership with MCSA Mission Unit and Ecumenical Affairs (Education Desk)</p>	<p>Progress in February 2020, NFSL Meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situational Analysis on what programmes exist;</li> <li>• MCSA Mission and Ecumenical Affairs availability.</li> </ul>

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<p><b><i>“BMC and the MCSA part of an initiative of a broad-based movement for poverty eradication”</i></b></p> <p>BMC convenes a colloquium on poverty eradication to help us understand its depth then shape an agenda for the church and engage society.</p>	<p>BMC ConneX EXCO in partnership with MCSA Mission Unit</p>	<p>20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> March 2020; details tbc at Ext.CGEC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept development and Resourcing Colloquium;</li> <li>• MCSA Mission Unit;</li> <li>• Stake Holder Mapping and related logistics.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Remodelling of Mission e.g. Health, Education etc</i></b> [Methodists Professionals in Health, Education etc. take services to needy communities e.g. One Stop Shop for Health Screening and Testing Or Organise Examination Preparation Camps where Churches could be study centres]</p>	<p>BMC ConneX EXCO in partnership with MCSA Mission Unit</p>	<p>30<sup>th</sup> June / 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020; details tbc at Ext.CGEC [Kimberly and Bloem Synod, Identifies community in need]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept development and Resourcing;</li> <li>• MCSA Mission Unit;</li> <li>• Stake Holder Mapping and related logistics.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Conscientisation of young boys in modelling masculinity</i></b> working with YMG and MICYU developing a comprehensive strategy for advocacy, teaching and mentorship targeting young boys in the new models of masculinity.</p>	<p>BMC ConneX EXCO and All BMC Synods EXCO's in partnership with YMG and MICYU</p>	<p>Target YMG_CGEC 2020 Feb as well as MICYU January 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept document and sharing with YMG and MICYU</li> </ul>

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<p><b><i>Create spaces in the BMC and the MCSA for the marginalised LGBTQI+ voices to be heard as a matter of justice and dignity</i></b></p>	<p>All BMC Synods EXCO's in partnership with Other Organisations e.g. LPD/A; WM/Auxi.Assoc / Fellowship; YMG</p>	<p>Target an annual programme e.g. At BMC Synods/Distr. Consult.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stake Holder Mapping and related logistics per Synod;</li> <li>• Coalitions and Partnerships Building</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>BMC Advocacy for Churches to open up to children including creating safe spaces for children from all forms of injustice.</i></b></p>	<p>All BMC Synods EXCO's in partnership with MCYU</p>	<p>Target an annual programme e.g. At BMC Synods/Distr. Consult.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stake Holder Mapping and related logistics per Synod;</li> <li>• Coalitions and Partnerships Building</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>BMC structures Committee keeping track of the new synods developments proactively isolating emerging issues to the attention of the MCSA as well as advice BMC approach for recruitment and establishment to the new synods.</i></b></p>	<p>BMC Structures Think Tank Committee in Partnership with <u>affected</u> Synods EXCO's e.g. Grahamstown could launch BMC at Karoo; Limpopo and HISWA launch</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twinning New Synods with existing Synods then est. Technical Working Groups ...</li> <li>• Proactive, responsive leadership</li> </ul>

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	Mpumalanga ...		

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

Yours in Christ Service




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