

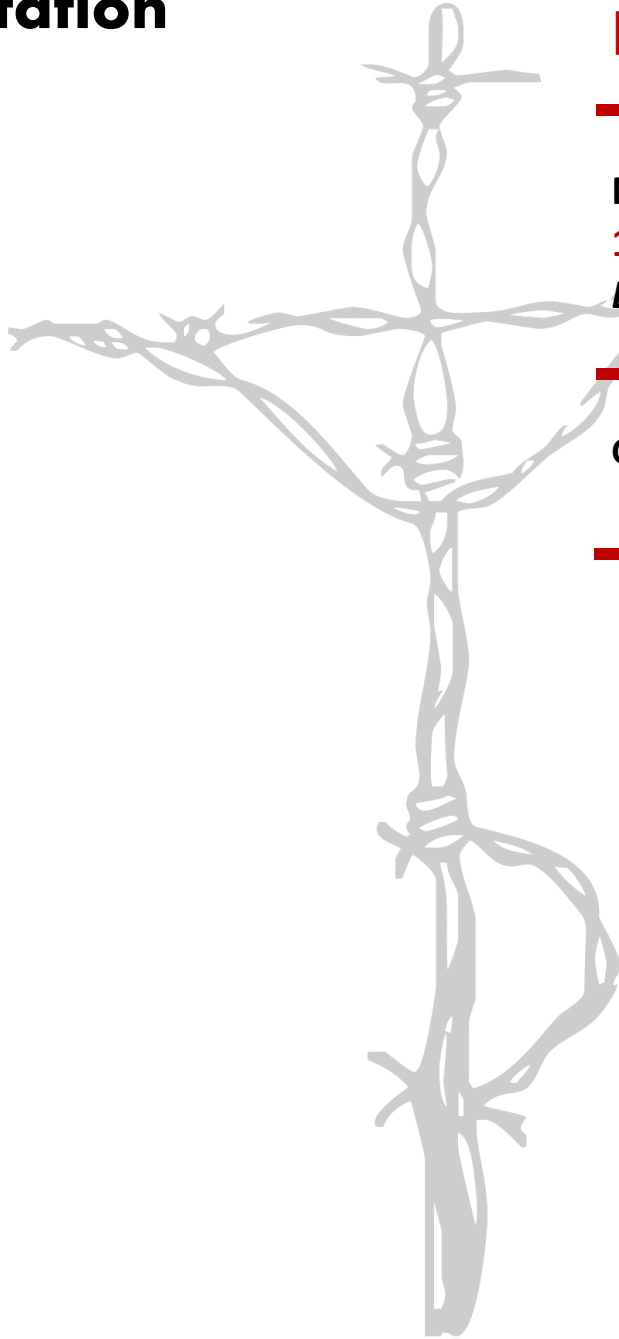
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**2019 JULY 44th
CONVOCAATION
[1975 - 2019]**

**NATAL WEST SYNOD.
11th- 14th JULY 2019 > PORT
EDWARD HOLIDAY RESORT**

CIRCULAR 022_25/05/2019



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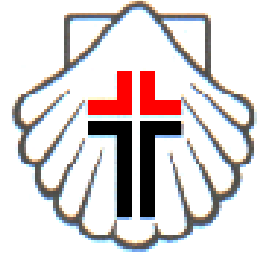
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CIRCULAR 022_25/05/2019 BMC ANNUAL JULY 44th CONVOCATION [1975 – 2019] NATAL WEST SYNOD 11th - 14th JULY 2019.

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

Re: Formal Invitation, Announcement and Confirmation of the Annual July 44th Convocation to be hosted at Natal West Synod from the 11th to the 14th July 2019.

Warm greeting to all in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the risen saviour.

This is a written confirmation, per subject matter **as announced** at the ***KNB, Thaba Nchu Ext.CGEC, February Meeting*** that was held ***15th to the 17th Feb 2019***, same was later confirmed on ***021_21/03/2019 BMC PRESYNOD WORKSHOPS***.

The Annual July 2019 – 44th Convocation shall take place as follows:

DATES: 11th until 14th JULY 2019; [starting at 11:00 on Day One (1) Thursday the 11th; finishing Sunday the 14th]

VENUE: PORT EDWARD HOLIDAY RESORT; Physical Address: Lot 1023 Owen Ellis Dr, North Sand Bluff, Port Edward, 4295. Phone: 039 311 2333.

1. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMODATION

- Registration per member at the Annual 44th July 2019 Consultation is **R980.00;**
- Commitment Fee is **R120.00;**
 - **Total Per Member July 2019** **= R1,100.00**

i. Early/Pre-Registrations *OPENS 01st JUNE – CLOSSES THURS 27 JUNE 2019;*

ii. Late Reg allowed *until Thursday 04th July; STRICTLY – to enable logistics*

iii. Onsite & Walk-Ins from Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 16h00 (early arrivals may attract extra costs)

We encourage ***early registration (pre-registration)*** using the supplied template, ***[to be sent back to BMC Connex Secretariat & Treasurer with Deposit Slip fully reconciled lists with money deposited by the 27th June – 04th July 2019 (latest)***

- **Please register all delegates according to Synods/Districts (in blocks)** and deposit money either as a District Cheque or Hard Cash **in Synod/Districts 'Blocks'** into the **BMC Connexional FNB Account** detailed below ...
- Let's minimise handling of cash at the registration desk for obvious risks associated with cash handling – **PRESENT DEPOSIT SLIP ON REG DESK 'AND CASH if not avoidable'**;
 - **ALL REGISTRATION CHEQUES to be DEPOSITED AS EARLY REG** “Risk of Dishonoured/Unpaid Cheques on the increase, no post-dated cheques shall be accepted”
- Given encouraged Early/Pre-registration, **Synods/Districts would be allowed to deposit registration in two/three blocks/batches** to ease pre-registration **UNTIL 27th JUNE 2019; LABEL EACH BLOCK CLEARLY e.g. HISWA REG 1.; CoGH REG 2; IN BLOCKS/GROUPS (7 or more);**
 - **NO INDIVIDUAL deposits into Connexional Account.**
 - **Please Ensure Money deposited equals each block/batch/group**
- Beyond 27th June 2019, **Then What?** Its **Late Registrations on a Separate Late RSVP LIST Clearly Labelled LATE**, thus until 04th July; even if there was No Early/Pre-REG, after 27th June it becomes LATE REG until 4th July.
- Beyond 4th July 2019, **Then What?** Its **Onsite Registrations and Walk-Ins** even if the money is deposited **No More Emailing of Name Lists after 04th July 2019 – rather**
 - **Present Deposit Slip and an already completed ONSITE/WALK-INN REG FORM with a deposit slip or hard cash at the venue, PORT EDWARD HOLIDAY RESORT, REGISTRATION DESK AT ENTRANCE;**
- A registration desk would be manned at the consultation from **Wednesday 10th July at 16h00** by **BMC NATAL WEST SYNOD/ DISTRICT TREASURER (with assistance from other Synods Treasurers),**
 - **Please Note** that, no post-dated cheques would be accepted on registration – **preferable only deposit slips and cash (if unavoidable) for on-site registrations and Walk-ins**
- **All Synod/District TREASURERS** or *Delegated* with full evidence of hard copy RSVP lists fully reconciled with Deposit Slips ... **not either but BOTH** (even if it was emailed, thus a soft copy; bring Hard Copy Evidence) and be seated at Registration Desk from Wednesday 10th July at 16h00, available at hand **to:**
 - **VET and CLEAR** own members per Block of Reg and
 - **Handle Name Changes/Substitutes and Related Faces to ease Task for the HOSTING NATAL WEST.**

- **Hosts will not be calling any District EXCO's for VETTING and CLEARANCE**, District Treasurer - ***if absent*** own members arriving early must either pre-register or make alternatives for accommodation until District Treasurer or delegated arrives or Register On-Site as WALK-IN's;

No accommodation and or conference packs shall be allocated to unregistered, unvetted members including the hosting Synod/District

- The BMC FNB Connexional Bank Account is: **MCSA - Black Methodist Consultation, FNB, A/C No 622 260 643 35; Branch [251445] PRETORIA.** Clearly Reference – e.g. Lmpo Reg 1.; KNB EBF; GRHST REG 2; CLBRY REG 3; CoGH EBF etc.
- **Synod/District Treasurers** must liaise with the *Connexional Treasurer* “for further information, clarities finance related” - Ms **Buhle Sigabi; 082 737 8215; buhlesigabi@gmail.com**
- All delegates coming to the July Consultation are strongly encouraged to register and give commitment fees, R980 and R120 respectively, totalling R1, 100 pp.
- **Accommodation** would be secured at the same conference venue vicinity, **PORT EDWARD HOLIDAY RESORT**
 - ***Please Bring Own Bed Linen as needed (including basics – sheets, pillow, blanket, towels and soap)***
- ***Distance from King Shaka International Airport: 197.124 Km Transport from the Airport to Port Edward would be available at a donation of +_ R200 per person, per trip and from the Bus Station (Port Shepstone, Margate, Port Edward – CBD) at +_R50 per person***

Kindly INDICATE ATTENDANCE by pre-registration in blocks per Synod/District UNTIL 27th June 2019 for early registration, then until 04th JULY 2019 [Late Reg]. There will be no extensions to this deadline. All registrations after 04th July 2019 are on-site, walk-ins, ...Can deposit money But no more emailing of RSVP lists beyond 04th July rather present all lists and deposit slips on site; deposit slip must be fully reconciled with RSVP List per Synod/Block/Group/Batch; avoid substituting names ... where possible, name substitutions only handled by own Synod/District Treasurers, not the Hosting District OR Connexional EXCO

- **Synod/District Executives** are urged to exercise strict control on ***RSVP Lists Version Control***, not simply add names on one (1) list ***but separate list per Block/Batch/Group*** and also split ***Pre-Reg; Late Reg and On-Site*** Clearly marked as informed by the dates.
- Failure to **INDICATE ATTENDANCE by pre-registration** and or miss deadline *and or provide wrong information* as to the number of people expected to come ... attracts financial costs and unnecessary inconveniences to both the *hosting district* and the *Connexional Executive*.

2. INTRODUCTION TO THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE [LOC] – DIRECTIONS AND RELATED OPERATIONAL LOCAL LOGISTICS

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Ms. Sidumisile Silangwe; natalwestbmc@gmail.com ; Secretariat

Mr. Xulu; 083 695 6631; **Transport and Directions**

3. NEARBY/ALTERNATIVE PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION – COST TO MEMBERS

- Splendid Inn Port Edward
- Ku-Boboyi River Lodge
- Glenmore Sands Beach Resort
- Zesty Guest House
- Umntamvuna River Lodge
- Ferryman
- Windwood Lodge
- Wild Coast Sun
- **ALSO CHECK multiple options at MARGATE**

[Should the above be *unavailable* further private accommodation recommendations could be obtained from the above contacts, **Local Organising Committee**. Further explore **online search engines**

Given current registration costs are by far below actual expenses per person to accommodate, cater and conference in comparison;

- members who opt for private accommodation **would not be subsidised by way of discounted registration**. R980pp Registration + R120 Commitment are flat rate irrespective of accommodation option, early or late registration. **#Check MCSA Triennial Conventions and Annual Conference Costs per person**

4. AWARDS NOMINATIONS

We call upon every synod/district to submit their nominations in the following categories:

- **SETH MOKITIMI AWARD**
Black Methodist recognised for their contribution in both the Church and wider society. Ranging from peacemaking, training and development, dealing with unemployment, youth work, women empowerment, champion for justice and fairness, long committed membership of the BMC, etc.

Who qualifies: clergy; **and or** lay person, per district nominations [maximum nominations allowed per district two (2): One (1) Clergy and One (1) Lay person]

Citation to accompany nominations, brief reference to the recipient, summary of the recipient contribution and the value addition of the contribution to the Church or wider society.

- **DAPHNE NQUKU TASHE MEMORIAL FLOATING TROPHY – for Community Service**
To districts that has shown commitment, dedication and drive towards the eradication of the social ills prevalent in our daily life. Four (4) categories considered: Education (formal); Community enrichment; Empowerment of women and Self-help schemes.
- **AMOS GADI MEMORIAL AWARD – *only processed during July Consultation***
To Districts with more recruitment, committed and sustained membership. The formula applied as follows: Committed Members x 0,5 = X; Members registered in attendance for Consultation x 0,5 = Y, **TOTAL X+Y**

# PAID COMMITMENTS PER DISTRICT x 0.5 = X	# PAID REGISTERED JULY CONSULTATION x 0.5 = Y	TOTAL X+Y, highest mark winning district

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE AWARD NOMINATIONS IS 27th JUNE 2019; nominations beyond shall not be entertained for logistics reasons

ERNEST BARTMAAN FUND [EBF] AND SHIELD –

The shield is given to the District that raises more funds for the EBF,

We encourage all synods/districts to make **meaningful efforts towards EBF**, in order to resource various BMC programmes. Entire BMC budget hinges on the EBF, given 100% of the registrations is used for conferencing accommodation and catering.

- *Moreover 2019 Financial Year was the most demanding with Gender and LGBTIQA Focus 12th July 2018 at Cape Town and the Inaugural Leadership Development and Investment Summit 18-21 Oct 2018 at SMMS, Pietermaritzburg*

EBF contributions can also be deposited directly into BMC FNB Connexional Bank Account: **MCSA - Black Methodist Consultation, FNB, A/C No 622 260 643 35; Branch [251445] PRETORIA.** Clearly Reference – e.g. **NFSL- EBF; CoGH – EBF etc.**

5. EFFORTS TO REDUCE PRINTING AND STATIONERY – SAVE TREES AND REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT

BMC Conferencing often includes thousands of paper printing for conference packages that attracts huge costs. **In 2016; 2017 and 2018** we appeal to districts to kindly indicate 'on pre-registration' how many people registered to attend have internet access either iPad or Note Pads then conference package would be made available to them electronically 'on registration' to follow proceedings.

Alternatively, CD-ROMS loaded with Conference package for those bringing laptops (no need for continuous internet access, only laptop)

For instance, on pre-registration each district gives a one sentence summary: **Out of the above 10 registered candidates: 3 Laptops; 3 iPads/Notes – Only need 4 paper conference packs.**

6. DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORT PICK-UP'S

These would be further confirmed in writing on or about the 21 June 2019; *Note – Transport costs are estimates, would also be confirmed.*

7. PROGRAMME CONTENT

Work in progress (DRAFT 0. ATTACHED)

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

Yours in Christ Service



Mr Xhanti T. Mhlubulwana

Secretary General



Rev Mzwandile Molo

Chairperson

ANNEXURE A: DAFT PROGRAMME CONTENTS OVERVIEW

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NATAL WEST SYNOD

11th – 14th JULY 2019

PORT EDWARD HOLIDAY RESORT,

PORT EDWARD

**SOUTH COAST OF DURBAN (NEAR MARGATE KZN SOUTH COAST AND MBIZANA,
EASTERN CAPE)**

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 11th JULY 2019

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
8:00 – 10:30	Arrival and Registration	All
10:30 – 10:45	Worship	All
10:45 – 11:00	Worship Continues, Prayers and Procession Begins	All
11:00 – 11:45	Consultation Opening Divine Service (with - Sacrament of Holy Communion)	Natal West Bishop
11:45 – 11:52	Welcome to Natal West	HOSTS
11:52 – 12:15	Roll Call; Apologies and Acknowledgements	Secretariat & Chair
12:15 – 12:20	Adoption of the Agenda	Chair
12:20 – 12:30	Appointment of Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions Committee • Listening Committee • Scrutineers • Precentors • Chaplaincy • Time Keeper • Letter Writers • Guests Handling (concierge) 	Chair
12:30 – 12:50	Notices of Motion - Received	Chair
12:50 – 13:15	Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising/Action Plans	Chair & Secretariat

LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
14:00 – 14:45	Chairpersons Address	Rev M Molo
14:45 – 15:00	Engagements, Questions & Answers	All
15:00 – 15:45	Organisational Secretariat Report	Mr. Xhanti T. Mhlubulwana
15:45 – 16:00	Engagements, Questions & Answers	All
16:00 – 16:30	Financial Report	Ms Buhle Sigabi
16:30 – 16:45	Engagements, Questions & Answers	All
16:45 – 17:30	MCSA – Presiding Bishop's Office and engagements	Chair; PB – Rev Z Siwa and GS-MCSA Rev C Morgan
17:30 – 18:00	Bursary Committee	Ms. Nomsa Molai & Co.
18:00 – 19:00	Memorial Service	tbc

SUPER! SUPER! SUPER!

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 12th JULY 2019

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
06:45 – 07:45	BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST!	
07:45 – 08:00	Worship	All
08:00 – 09:00	BIBLE STUDY 1	tbc
09:00 – 09:45	Reflections & Conversations, Synods 2019 & Discernment Journey MCSA_PB Elect 2019	Discernment Committee

09:45 – 10:30	40 th Public Lectures – PUBLICATIONS JOURNEY	Rev S. Motlodi and Co.
11:30 – 12:30	Black History Project - PUBLIC LECTURE – HONOUR Of Rev. Dr. Khoza EM. Mgojo	TBC
12:30 – 13:00	Engagements, Questions & Answers – Key Note Speaker	Chair and All
LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!		
13:55 – 14:00	Silence! Silence! Followed by Prayer	<i>Chaplaincy</i>
14:00 – 14:20	Introduction to SCHOOLS “Desired Learning Outcomes” > KRA: INFLUENCE TRANSFORMATION AGENDA OF THE MCSA – ABSTRACT PAPERS 2017	Secretariat
14:20 – 16:30	SCHOOLS! SCHOOLS! SCHOOLS! 1. Doctrine, Ethics and Worship 2. Revisions in the MCSA (L&D Legal) 3. Structures of the MCSA 4. Trust and Property in the MCSA 5. Ministerial Formation/EMMU 6. Organizational Secretariat in the 21 st Century (<i>Towards Solutioning Org. Gaps</i>)	All 1. Rev S. Motlodi & Co. 2. Tbc Convener & Co. 3. Rev M Bosman & Co 4. Mr. Ricky Gwenya & Co 5. Rev M. Seekoei & Co 6. <i>Mr. Xhanti T. Mhlubulwana</i>
16:30 – 16:50	EPILOQUE	TBC
17:00 – 18:00	ERNEST BAARTMAN FUND	TBC

SUPER! SUPER! SUPER! Until 19:00

19:00 – 20:00 EXTRA CLASSES & Critical Conversations – “BACK TO BASICS”

FRIDAY 12th JULY - 19:00 – 20:00 EXTRA CLASSES & Critical Conversations.

1. Public Life and Leadership: the development of culture of integrity and ethical leadership – **tbc**
2. *Circuit Stewardship – Administrative Centre of the Black Church* - **tbc facilitator**
3. Igniting Mission and breaking barriers – **tbc facilitator**
4. Preaching – **tbc facilitator**
5. Liturgy Design in Context – **tbc facilitator**
6. Classes/Small Group/Cell Groups: Importance, Challenges and Functionality in the 21st Century – **tbc facilitator**
7. Understanding Ministries within the MCSA and essential requirements to date - EMMU - **Rev M. Seekoei & Co**
8. Financial Management – policy, skills and accountability “How To?” – **tbc facilitator**
9. *Conflict Management* – **tbc facilitator**
10. **BMC** – Strategy, Tactics, Mission & Vision ‘*targets beginners yet open to all*’ – **Rev. Molo (or delegated)**

Note: There will be no report back from Extra Classes

DAY 3 – SATURDAY 13th JULY 2019

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
06:45 – 07:45	BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST!	
07:45 – 08:00	Worship	All
08:00 – 09:00	BIBLE STUDY 2	tbc
09:00 – 09:30	Engagements, Questions and Answers	All
09:30 – 11:00	Resolutions! Resolutions! Resolutions	
11:00 – 11:45	Women Empowerment & Gender Equity “Where are we?” Since Cape Town 12.07.2018 BMC Statement on Gender and LGBTQIA	Gender Equity
11:45 – 12:15	Research Final Report. Only Black Ministers are on the foot of the station; Many circuits in the black churches are closing stations	Rev. Dr. M Caba & Co.
12:15 – 12:45	In quest and search for Black Unity, <i>the threat of Tribalism, Ethnicity</i> – “Where are we, Progress to Date? ” > BMC, MCSA ...	Rev Sydney Sotu & Co..
12:45 – 13:00	Engagements, Questions and Answers	All
LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!		
14:00 – 14:10	Silence! Silence! Followed by Prayer	<i>Chaplaincy</i>
14:10 – 14:40	Elevating Black Thought and African History	Bishop Rasebusi Sidwell Mokgothu
15:30 – 16:30	BMC in Conversation on Its Work “Programming, Implementation, The Matrix, Measurements; Reporting & Accountability	All
16:30 – 17:00	Evaluation; Evaluation – Forms Completed and Submitted	All
17:00 – 17:30	Closing Devotions – Marks Ends of Business	TBC
17:30 – 18:00	BREAK/TEA – PREPARE RECEPTION	
18:00 – 21:00	RECEPTION! RECEPTION! – AWARDS	

DAY 4 – SUNDAY 14th JULY 2019

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
8:30 – 11:00	DIVINE SERVICE	
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THE END		

ANNUAL JULY AND FEBRUARY HOSTING ROTATION SCHEDULE

ANNUAL JULY		FEBRUARY GENERAL COMM/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	
YEAR	SYNOD/DISTRICT	YEAR	SYNOD/DISTRICT
2020	Kimberly, Namibia & Bloemfontein	2020	Northern Free State and Lesotho
2021	Northern Free State and Lesotho	2021	Queenstown
2022	Queenstown	2022	Clarkebury
2023	Clarkebury	2023	Limpopo
2024	Limpopo	2024	HISWAZI
2025	Highveld & Swaziland	2025	Central
2026	Central	2026	Natal Coastal
2027	Natal Coastal	2027	Grahamstown
2028	Grahamstown	2028	Cape of Good Hope
2029	Cape of Good Hope	2029	Natal West
2030	Natal West	2030	KNB