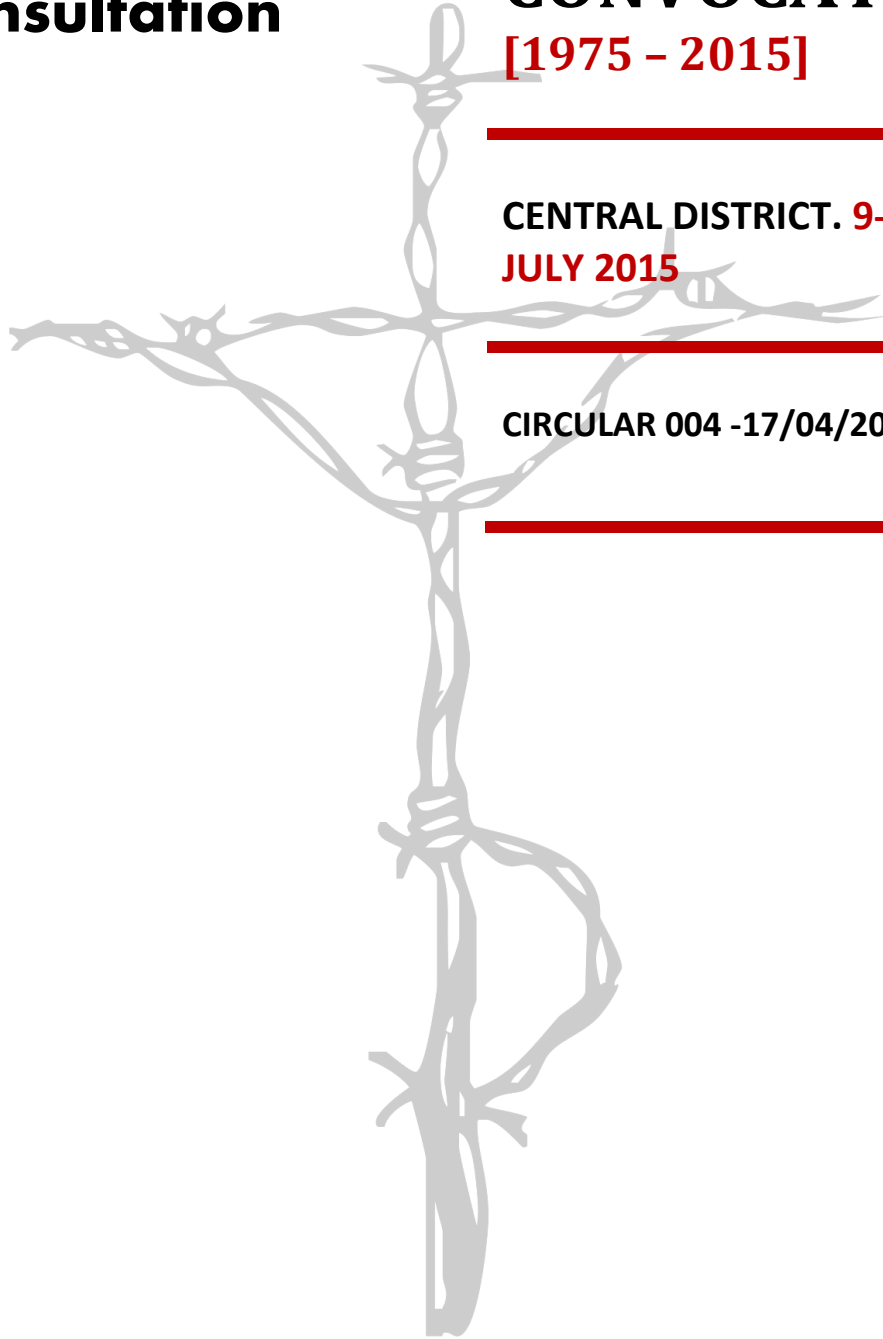


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**2015 JULY 40th
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CIRCULAR 004 – 17/04/2015 BMC ANNUAL JULY 40th CONVOCATION [1975 – 2015] CENTRAL DISTRICT 9-12 JULY 2015.

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

Re: Formal Invitation, Announcement and Confirmation of the Annual July 40th Convocation to be hosted at Central District from the 09th to the 12th July 2015.

Greeting you warmly in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the risen saviour.

This is a written confirmation, per subject matter ***as announced*** at the Natal Coastal February Meeting held 20th to the 22nd later confirmed with more details on the Implementation Plan and Key Decisions of the same Feb Meeting.

The annual July 2015 - 40th Convocation shall take place as follows:

DATES: 09th Until 12th JULY 2015; [*starting at 10:30 on Day One (1) Thursday the 09th; finishing at 11:00 Sunday 12th*]

VENUE: University of Johannesburg; Bunting Road Campus; Auckland Park; Johannesburg; Central District.

Central District is more than ready to host all of us. The district presented its state of readiness at the February Meeting in Natal Coastal.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CENTRAL DISTRICT LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE [LOC]

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REGISTRATION AND ACCOMODATION

- Registration per member at the Annual 40th July 2015 Consultation is **R660.00**; Commitment Fee is **R80.00**
- Registrations are **NOW OPEN**; we encourage early registration (pre-registration) using the supplied template, *[to be sent back to BMC ConneX Secretariat.]*
 - Please register all delegates according to Districts (in blocks) and deposit money as Districts into the BMC Connexional FNB Account. We need to minimise handling of cash at the registration desk for obvious risks associated with cash
 - Given encouraged early/pre-registration, **Districts would be allowed to deposit registration in two/three blocks** to ease pre-registration
 - Individual registrations are **strongly discouraged** at the Connexional account.
 - A registration desk would be manned at the consultation, no post-dated cheques would be accepted on registration – *preferable only deposit slips* and cash for on-site late registrations
 - 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. **Mgwali Reg Jul15; Limpopo EBF15; etc.**
 - **District Treasurers** *must* liaise with the Connexional Treasurer for further information, clarities finance related - Ms Mandy Motaung; 079 699 5828; MotaungF@dirco.gov.za
- All delegates coming to the July Consultation are expected to register and commit
- Accommodation would be arranged at the University of Johannesburg, Bunting Road Campus. **Bring Own Full Linen Or exercise option hereunder at extra once off cost!**
 - **R150 - once off linen hire fee (optional)**; Only available on pre-registration as an option beyond **1 July 2015** all paid linen would be reserved; thereafter its presumed late registering members bring own linen. There will be no extension, no exceptions. Linen room belongs to the University of Johannesburg, controlled by their own personnel.
- Kindly **INDICATE ATTENDANCE by pre-registration** in blocks per District **from Monday 18th May 2015 until Wednesday 01st JULY 2015 at 12:00 Noon** **[Latest]. There will be no extensions** to this deadline and no pre-

registration benefit beyond 1 July 2015. All registrations after this date would be regarded as late and or on-site.

- 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.

<p>PRE-REGISTRATIONS BENEFITS 18 MAY UNTIL 01 JULY 2015 – PAID DEPOSIT ATTACHED TO PRE-REG FORM AS SUPPLIED</p>	<p>LATE REGISTRATIONS 2 JULY 2015 INCLUDING ON SITE 8; 9; 10 JULY CONSEQUENCES</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-allocated conference packs and access cards • Pre-confirmed and allocated accommodation • Available Option of R150 Once Off Linen Fee – Linen Reserved • Option to follow conference proceedings on soft copy using laptop or online downloaded to iPad or Note. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late allocation of conference packs and access cards • Late allocation of accommodation; on site • Bring own linen (Linen Option Not Available) • Only hard-copy/paper conference packages.

NEARBY/ALTERNATIVE PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION – COST TO MEMBERS – OWN BOOKING AND LOGISTICS [PRICE RANGE R250pp, sharing per night up to R1, 200pp]

1. Auckland Park Manor 083 377 7921
2. Auckland Park Lodge 011 726 8241
3. Zietsies Bed and Breakfast 082 774 4902
4. The View Bed and Breakfast 011 837 1724
5. Sunbury House Auckland Park 011 726 1114
6. Kazimkaze Bed and Breakfast 011 837 9321
7. Clouds End Bed and Breakfast 011 888 1735
8. Garden Court Milpark 010 219 1000

9. Devonshire Hotel 011 339 5611 and

10. Hampton Court Guest House 010 219 1000

[Should the above be fully booked further list and recommendations could be obtained from the above contacts. While **Auckland Park; Milpark; Parktown and Braamfontein** in Johannesburg have plenty more accommodation that could be explored via **online search engines**]

Auckland Park; Milpark; Parktown and Braamfontein are all ranging from 1KM to maximum 10KM from the venue making it easier to move in and out without traffic delays.

Given current registration costs are by far too low in comparison to the actual costs of conferencing and hosting; members who opt for private accommodation would not be subsidised by way of discounted registration. R660pp Registration is a flat rate irrespective of accommodation option, early or late registration.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS

We call upon districts to submit their nominations in the following categories:

- **Seth Mokitimi Award -**
Methodist and Non-Methodists for outstanding service and loyalty to society in general and the black church in particular.
- **Daphne Tashe Memorial award –**
To districts that has shown commitment, dedication and drive towards the eradication of the social ills prevalent in our daily life.
- **Amos Gadi Memorial Award –**
To Districts with more recruitment, committed and sustained membership.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE AWARD NOMINATIONS IS 01 JULY 2015

Ernest Bartmaan Fund [EBF] and Shield –

The shield is given to the District that raise more funds for the Fund.

We encourage all districts to make **meaningful efforts towards EBF**, in order to resource various BMC programmes. 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- EBF15; CoGH – EBF15 etc.**

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

BMC Conferencing often includes hundreds of paper printing for conference packages that attracts huge costs. **In 2015** we appeal to districts to kindly indicate 'on

pre-registration' how many people registered to attend have continuous 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.**

DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORT PICK-UP'S

These would be confirmed in writing on or about the 09th June 2015

PROGRAMME CONTENT

Consider the attached draft programme for the upcoming 40th Convocation; it is work in progress with few names to confirm and other possibilities explored.

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

**THEME: “LET THY KINGDOM COME: AFRICA’S
URGENT CALL”**



CENTRAL DISTRICT

09th – 12th JULY 2015

UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

BUNTING ROAD CAMPUS

AUCKLAND PARK

JOHANNESBURG; GAUTENG PROVINCE

DAY 1– THURSDAY 09th JULY 2015

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 Holy Communion	Central District Bishop – Rev Peter Witbooi
11:45 – 12:00	Welcome to Central District – [<i>COJ – Univ, Johannesburg</i>]	Hosts – Central BMC [<i>tbc – COJ & UJ</i>]
12:00 – 12:20	Roll Call; Apologies and Acknowledgements	Secretariat & Chair
12:20 – 12:30	Adoption of the Agenda	Chair
12:30 – 12:45	Appointment of Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions Committee • Listening Committee • Scrutineers • Presentors • Time Keeper • Letter Writers 	Chair
12:45 – 13:00	Notices of Motion - Received	Chair
13:00 – 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 Mandy Motaung
16:30 – 16:45	Engagements, Questions & Answers	All
16:45 – 17:30	BMC Hosting Logistics – Task Team	Mr Mteteli Caba & Team
17:30 – 18:00	Bursary Committee	Mr Sbu Nxasana
18:00 – 19:00	Memorial Service	TBC

SUPER! SUPER! SUPER!

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 10th JULY 2015

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
06:45 – 07:45	BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST!	
07:45 – 08:00	Worship	All
08:00 – 09:00	BIBLE STUDY 1	Rev Sijadu SK Nkomonde
09:00 – 10:00	MCSA – Presiding Bishop’s Office and engagements	Chair; PB – Rev Z Siwa and GS-MCSA Rev C Morgan
10:00 – 11:00	The Lekgotla Statement and	Chair and Secretariat

	Implementation Plan: Presented and Adopted	
11:00 – 11:30	40 th Public Lectures – Progress and Update	Rev S Motlhodi & Team
11:30 – 12:30	KEY NOTE SPEAKER	Mrs Graca Machel
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	tbc
14:00 – 14:20	Introduction to SCHOOLS “Desired Learning Outcomes”	Secretariat
14:20 – 15:50	SCHOOLS! SCHOOLS! SCHOOLS! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctrine, Ethics and Worship • Revisions in the MCSA • Structures of the MCSA • Trust and Property in the MCSA • Ministerial Formation/EMMU 	All Facilitators - tbc
15:50 – 16:35	Discernment Committee Reports	Rev Mbatu Bosman & Team
16:35 – 16:50	EPILOQUE	TBC
17:00 – 18:00	Ernest Baartman Fund	Mr Z. Jakavula & Ms Mamzola Moremi

SUPER! SUPER! SUPER! Until 19:00

19:00 – 20:00 EXTRA CLASSES & Critical Conversations.

FRIDAY 10th JULY - 19:00 – 20:00 EXTRA CLASSES & Critical Conversations.

EXTRA CLASSES [Open to ALL, no member limits]:

1. Being a Stewardship Movement – tbc facilitator
2. Liturgy Design in Context – tbc facilitator
3. Classes/Small Group/Cell Groups: Importance, Challenges and Functionality in the 21st Century – tbc facilitator
4. Circuit Stewardship – Administrative Centre of the Black Church - tbc facilitator
5. Understanding Ministries within the MCSA and essential requirements to date - EMMU

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS [20 – 25 members MAX: prepare Key Game Changers for PLENARY DAY 3]:

6. Cultivating Culture of Good Governance and Accountability;
7. Gender Equality &
8. Developing Theories about being black and blackness in the 21st century.

EXECUTIVE GROUPS – Started in Feb 2015 Continue Parallel to the above:

9. All District Chairpersons and Deputies Meet CONNEXIONAL CHAIR;
10. All District Secretariat meet CONNEXIONAL SECRETARIAT; and
11. All District Treasurers meet CONNEXIONAL TREASURY.

Note: There will be no report back from Extra Classes, except Critical Conversations that prepare to guide Plenary on Day 3.

DAY 3 – SATURDAY 11th JULY 2015

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
06:45 – 07:45	BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST!	
07:45 – 08:00	Worship	All
08:00 – 09:00	BIBLE STUDY 2	Rev Sijadu SK Nkomonde
09:00 – 09:30	Engagements, Questions and Answers	All
09:30 – 10:30	Resolutions! Resolutions!	Convenor
10:30 – 11:30	Critical Conversations 1: <u>Key Game Changers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultivating Culture of Good Governance and Accountability; Gender Equality & Developing Theories about being black and blackness in the 21st century. 	All
11:30 – 12:30	PUBLIC LECTURE – HONOUR Of Rev Dr Stanley M. Mogoba & Collective	Deputy Chief Justice, Republic of South Africa - Hon. Judge Dikgang Moseneke
12:30 – 13:00	Engagements, Questions and Answers	All
LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!		
14:00 – 14:10	Silence! Silence! Followed by Prayer	tbc
14:10 – 15:30	Critical Conversations 2: <u>Key Game Changers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultivating Culture of Good Governance and Accountability; Gender Equality & Developing Theories about being black and blackness in the 21st century. 	All
15:30 – 16:30	Closing Devotions – Marks Ends of Business	TBC

16:30 – 17:30	BREAK – PREPARE FOR GALA DINNER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17:30 Travel To Sophia Town Campus Hall • Be seated by 17:55 	
18:00 – 21:00	BMC 40th GALA DINNER AND RECEPTION	
DAY 4 – SUNDAY 12th JULY 2015		

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	
8:30 – 11:00	Divine Service	Rev M Molo	
BRUNCH! BRUNCH! BRUNCH!			
<h1>THE END</h1>			
HOSTING ROASTER – ANNUAL JULY CONSULTATIONS		FEBRUARY GENERAL COMM/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	
YEAR	DISTRICT	YEAR	DISTRICT
2016	Natal Coastal	2016	Grahamstown
2017	Grahamstown	2017	Cape of Good Hope
2018	Cape of Good Hope	2018	Natal West
2019	Natal West	2019	KNB
2020	Kimberly, Namibia & Bloemfontein	2020	Queenstown
2021	Queenstown	2021	Clarkebury
2022	Clarkebury	2022	Limpopo
2023	Limpopo	2023	HISWAZI
2024	Highveld & Swaziland	2024	Central
2025	Central		