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CIRCULAR 029_29/03/2020 MCSA COVID - 19 RESPONSE [CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC]: NOTING PB INPUTS TO THE DISCUSSIONS AS AT 27 MARCH 2020

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To the MCSA – Connexional Leadership

RE: MCSA COVID - 19 RESPONSE [CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC] – BMC NOTING PB INPUTS TO THE DISCUSSIONS

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Warm Christian greetings to you **Leadership**, from MCO to Synods heads.

The Black Methodist Consultation (**BMC**) noted, *received well and here acknowledges* Madam, Presiding Bishop inputs to the discussions as at 27th March 2020 based on the BMC Discussion Circular 028_26/03/2020 intended for all Methodists, emanating from the MCSA Letter dated 25th March 2020. The context of the discussions was the twenty-one-day (21) National Lockdowns, state of emergency *aimed at disrupting chain of transmission for the Corona Virus (Covid – 19)* as announced in SA, Namibia and Swaziland as well as many other countries.

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Corona Virus confirmed infected people worldwide as we acknowledge your inputs Madam, Presiding Bishop were at **722, 435** compared to **510, 528** Thursday 26th Mar *with average 102 new infections per minute globally; 33, 997* already died (*still counting*). BMC celebrates the recovery globally of **151, 901** people from Covid-19.

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South Africa alone has now **1, 280** confirmed infections compared to **927 Thursday 26th Mar still counting** as confirmed positive results are received from the laboratories. Thus, an increase of 353 new infections in the first three days of the lockdown, **average 117 new infections per day**. BMC mourns the death of two people in RSA who succumbed to Covid – 19. The recovery in SA of the **31** people from Covid-19 worth noting gives hope.

- The BMC Executives engaged on your request and *agreed by consensus to halt publishing of the discussion letter* for now given your inputs, Madam Presiding Bishop;

“The MCSA Lilifa
Labazali Bethu; Lefa
Labatswadi Barona”

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- BMC Executives have been humbled by your prompt inputs into the discussions and your commitment to collective thinking in finding and or processing solutions;
- BMC believes *that this matter needs urgent engagement* in the light of the increasing numbers as quoted as well as the two deaths recorded deaths in the RSA and the one earlier recorded in Zimbabwe.
- BMC requests the MCSA to issue a statement of condolences on account of the recorded deaths to the affected nation(s) generally and to the families in particular as an extension of pastoral support and care by the MCSA in these trying times;
- BMC believes the MCSA should *continue encouraging the nation(s) in the connexion to embrace 'the staying at home call' especially in townships where people put themselves at risk by reckless behaviour as seen through media coverage;*
- BMC welcomes and noted the MCSA call to its Ministers in an attempt to control possible *risky behaviours that might unknowingly contribute to the spread of the virus emanating from misguided and or reckless use of the permits for emergency essential services.*

The BMC remains available and open to further engagements on these issues as highlighted.

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

Yours in Christ Service



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Secretary General



Rev Mzwandile Molo

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