

PRESBYTERY OF TSHWANE

The minutes of Tshwane Executive Committee Meeting on
Thursday 13 March 2008 @ Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

1. Constitution

The Moderator welcomed all present and opened the meeting in prayer.

2. Present and Apologies

2.1. Present:

- **Ministers:** Glynis Goyns (Saints/Moderator), Theo Groeneveld (Emmanuel/Clerk), Lentikile Mashoko (Mamelodi Gardens), Chris Moore (Highveld), Wonke Buqa (Mamelodi East).
- **Elders:** Amanda Mamabolo (Soshanguve/UPWF), Violet Mashao (Mamelodi East), Margie Thompson (Saints), Eddie Stopforth (St Marks/Treasurer).
- **Associates:** Susan Hodgson (Emmanuel/Administrator).

2.2. Apologies:

- **Ministers:** Alan Cameron (Trinity), Andries Combrink (Centurion West).

3. Business referred from Presbytery

3.1. Phola Consultation

The report on the consultation that went to Phola was circulated as a late report to the last presbytery meeting and was referred to May meeting with the provision that the Executive picks up any urgent matters.

The Clerk highlighted that this congregation had not had any pastoral contact from an interim moderator since 2006. He had phoned Zolani Makalima who had indicated that he would be willing to serve as the Interim Moderator in the meantime as there was a strong outstation of Thumedi near Phola.

P_3.1.1. Executive refers the rest of the report to the May meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed.

P_3.1.2. Presbytery appoints Zolani Makalima as Interim Moderator to Phola Congregation.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed.

3.2. UPWF

Two items were referred to the Executive.

1. The state of tension and distress that many of the women in the UPWF in Tshwane were experiencing as a result of the issues the Association were experiencing over the uniform and decision making processes at General Assembly level.

2. The idea and desire expressed by the UPWF to purchase land for a conference center.

Mrs Mamabolo was the only representative of the UPWF present.

The Executive spent time in discussion over these issues, but felt that it could not take

40 any position or action at this point. A proposal follows.

41 There was not sufficient attendance from the various stake-holders to take the idea of a
42 conference centre any further at this time – a special meeting would need to be called.
43 The UPWF to initiate this.

44 **P_3.2.1.** Presbytery expresses its love and concern to all women in the UPWF in this
45 time of uncertainty. While not taking any position on the various issues,
46 Presbytery urges women in all UPWF branches to concentrate on doing Christ's
47 work in the local congregation and local presbytery and encourages them to
48 pray fervently and work positively for a resolution of the issues being
49 experienced at Assembly level.
50 *(While this proposal was not formally proposed, seconded or agreed, it*
51 *encapsulates the mood and thoughts of the meeting.)*

52 **4. Other Business**

53 *4.1. Sedibeng Easter Recording*

54 The Clerk reported to the Executive that the Ministry Committee of General Assembly
55 had given the students permission to participate in an SABC broadcast over Good
56 Friday. This would be recorded over Palm Sunday at Thumedi under the supervision of
57 Zolani Makalima.

58 **P_4.1.1.** Executive receives the report.
59 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

60 *4.2. Meshak Nyama*

61 We have still not received word from the Limpopo Presbytery concerning Meshak
62 Nyama who is now living and working in the Tshwane Presbytery. The Clerk to try to
63 make contact with the Clerk of Limpopo, it was felt, however, that it was important to
64 proceed with receiving Meshak into our care and discipline.

65 **P_4.2.1.** Presbytery adds the name of Meshak Nyama to our roll as a minister
66 seconded to the SAPS.
67 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

68 *4.3. Fellowship of Vocation*

69 Two people, Frikkie Botha and Dikobe Molaba were in the process of applying to go to
70 selection conference. There would be reports tabled about them in the May meeting.

71 Presbytery is reminded that FOV is for all people heading toward ordination.

72 **P_4.3.1.** Executive receives the report.
73 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

74 *4.4. Lay Preachers*

75 Eddie Stopforth informed us that Albie Jordaan (Youth Worker at Trinity) and Lizzie
76 Jordaan (Youth Worker at Highveld) (Yes they are married) had applied to become lay
77 preachers. They already have theological qualifications and Eddie will explore what
78 they may still need to do to fulfill the requirements. They will also both have to do
79 “trial sermons.” Proposal follows...

80 **P_4.4.1.** Executive receives the report.

81 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

82 **P_4.4.2.** Presbytery appoints Alan Cameron, Chris Moore and Eddie Stopforth to
83 evaluate the Albie and Lizzie Jordaan's qualifications in consultation with the
84 General Assembly Committee, interview the candidates, arrange trial sermons
85 and report back to Presbytery.

86 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

87 **5. Correspondence.**

88 *5.1. Armando Sontange*

89 Letters had been received from Armando Sontange and from the Presbytery of the
90 Eastern Cape. He is an ordinand (studies and probation completed but he has not been
91 ordained.)

92 The Presbytery have requested that he be placed under our care and discipline. The
93 Clerk has already circulated his CV to the Presbytery.

94 **P_5.1.1.** Presbytery receives Armando Sontange into our care and discipline as an
95 ordinand.

96 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

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98 **6. Closure**

99 The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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101 Confirmed this day _____ of _____ 2008

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Clerk

Moderator

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