

Presbytery Tshwane

Minutes of the meeting held 11 May 2013 at Rustenburg Presbyterian.

1. Constitution:

The Moderator invited Rean Fourie to lead the council in worship. The meeting was opened with worship, a message and prayer.

2. Formalities

2.1. Present and Apologies

PRESENT:

- Ministers: Alan Cameron (Moderator/Trinity), Mzwandile Patrick Nyauza (Jonas Lediga), Lentikile Mashoko (Clerk/Mabopane), Nathaniel Kohler (Saints), Zwai Mtyhobile (St Andrew's Pta), Gary Sinclair (St Columba's), Dennis van der Spuy (St Francis), Vuyolwethu Mbaru (ET. Legodi), Theo Groeneveld (Emmanuel).
- Seconded Minister's: Graham Duncan (Tukkies/Highveld), Mafasa Meshack Nyama (SAPS/Thumedi Makgahlela), Glynis Goyns (SAFCEI/St Marks), William L. Manaka (Mamelodi Gardens/Thumedi/Spiritual Care), Mantsi J. Mohapi (SANDF/Soshanguve), Fuzile Ntshona (SANDF/Mamelodi East).
- Minister Without Charge: Frikkie Botha, Zola Matutu
- Church Development Evangelist: Rean Fourie (Rustenburg&Commissioner).
- Probationers: Nigel Chikanya (Rustenburg/Khayakhulu/St Columba's)
- Elders: Berenice Venter (Centurion West), Wilson Honu (Centurion West/Alternate), Dion Tappan (Emmanuel), Susan Tappan (Emmanuel), Sakkie Zacharia Mooka (Ga-Rankuwa), Zebilon Masalesa (Ga-Rankuwa), Harry Maishe Bopape (Mabopane), Marase Bernard Motshabi (Mabopane), Peter Masilela (Mamelodi East), Violet Mashao (Mamelodi East), Monty Nyakale (Mamelodi Gardens), Sibuyile Tshingana (Phola), Michael de Scally (Premier Mine), Zukiswa Mpapela (Pretoria Central), Manelisi Shumane (Pretoria Central), Thanduxolo Lubanga (Pretoria Central), Michael Mbale (Ruighoek), Joseph Lubanga (Ruighoek), Eleanor v/d. Merwe (Rustenburg/Session Clerk), Ewald van der Merwe (Rustenburg/Alternate), Frikkie Gous (Saints), Mrs E Poto (Soshanguve), Jabu Ngwenya (Soshanguve), Peter Silwimba (St Andrew's Pta), Robert Gwebe (St Andrew's Pta/Alternate), Chris Elphinstone (St Columba's), Dan Darkey (St Columba's), Betty Wolson (St Francis), Rotating Elder {name not supplied} (St Francis/Alternate), Eddie Stopforth (St Marks/Treasurer), Gillian Dintwe (ET Legodi/Alternate1), Frederick Makgahlela (Thumedi Makgahlela/Commissioner), Louise Ruch (Trinity).
- Associates: Susan Hodgson (Emmanuel/Administrator), Siphon Mabaso (Rustenburg).

APOLOGIES:

- Ministers: Andries Combrink (Centurion West/Premier mine), Micah Nthali (St James Matsulu).
- Seconded Minister's: Zolani Makalima (SANDF), Wonke Buqa (Ga-Rankuwa), Lungile Mpetsheni (Phola).

- 46 • Stated Supply: Gerard Langeveld (St Andrew's eMalahleni/Phola).
47 • Elders: Mmakobo Mosotho (Ga-Rankuwa), Solomon Lehari (Ga-Rankuwa),
48 Kevin Nkitseng (Jonas Lediga), Matshela Simon Masotla (Jonas Lediga),
49 Lebo Mikotedi (Mamelodi East), Peggy Chiloane (Mamelodi Gardens),
50 Steffan Stander (Premier Mine), Zwelethemba Mpono (Saints), D.C.
51 Mavundla (St James/SessionClerk), M.S. Nthali (St James Matsulu), D.B.
52 Ndlovu (St James Matsulu/Alternate1), T Metiso (St James
53 Matsulu/Alternate2), M Jeffrey Maponyane (ET Legodi Comissioner1), MP
54 Mvubu (Thumedi Makgahlela/Alternate), Peter Havenga (Trinity).

55 **2.2. Minutes.**

- 56 • Feb Council Meeting
- 57 ◦ Line 36 Spelling of Joseph Lubanga changed to Joseph Luhanga
 - 58 ◦ Line 266 – Change “The Moderator's casting vote was against the
59 proposal” to read, “the Moderator ruled that the status quo
60 remains”
 - 61 ◦ Line 125 Add a note to indicate that the blank in the proposal was
62 deliberate as Presbytery would fill the blank as needed.
 - 63 ◦ Line 225 It was agreed to remove the footnote.
 - 64 ◦ Line 236 It was agreed to remove the footnote.
- 65 • Licensing Probationer Jackie Barker
66 It was noted that the heading on some copies had been incorrect.
- 67 • Induction Glynis Goyns
68 In heading 3 change “Micah Nthali” to “Glynis Goyns.”

69 **2.3. Notices of Motion**

70 **NOM 1: Lay Preacher Kevin Nkitseng (Patrick Nyauza)**

71 At a time convenient to the council, I will move that the discussion on
72 Kevin Nkitseng wanting to be a recognised Lay Preacher be finalised. A
73 small evaluation committee is now set up and the date is 23 June 2013
74 at Jonas Lediga Congregation.

75 **NOM 2: Financial reports – Interim-Moderators (Vuyo Mbaru)**

76 At the time convenient to the Presbytery I will move that all interim
77 moderators and stated suppliers must include financial reports of the
78 vacant congregations they are serving when they report to the
79 presbytery.

80 **NOM 3: Elder Ordination – Vuyo Mbaru**

81 At the time convenient to the presbytery I will request the presbytery
82 to permit E.T. Legodi Presbyterian session to ordain Mrs Sherley
83 Njikelana and Mrs Mary Rammala as elders; and attend the first
84 presbytery training in eldership.

85 **NOM 4: Financial Reviews – Eddie Stopforth Mmakobe** 86 **Masotho**

87 *(As this notice of motion is long, the full text is included where the*
88 *notice of motion is handled in the minutes)*

89 **3. Office Bearers**

90 **3.1. Moderator**

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Alan Cameron

92 The Clerk presented the report on behalf of the Moderator

93 **P_3.1.1.** 1 Presbytery receives the report.

94 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

95 **3.2. Clerk.**

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Lentikile Mashoko

97 **P_3.2.1.** The Presbytery receives the report

98 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

99 **P_3.2.2.** The Presbytery adopts two qualifications for Presbytery Project and
100 adds it to the standing orders.

101 *The proposal was defeated.*

102 **3.3. Treasurer**

103

Eddie Stopforth

104 **P_3.3.1.** Receives the report.

105 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

106 **P_3.3.2.** urges all congregations to pay at least R500 towards their
107 assessments for the current 6-month financial year extension.

108 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

109 **P_3.3.3.** Presbytery appoints Mr Craig Smith to conduct a financial review of
110 Presbytery's Finances for the period 1 Jan 2012 – 30 June 2013.

111 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

112 **3.4. NOM 4: Financial Reviews**

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Eddie Stopforth & Mmakobe Masotho

114 It is an internationally accepted accounting principle that, at least once
115 a year, the financial accounts and records of every organisation should
116 be subjected to external scrutiny. This practise ensures that the
117 accounts are in fact an accurate reflection of the financial status of the
118 organisation and also reassures the members of the organisation that
119 their financial affairs are being properly managed. Congregations of
120 the UPCSA are required, in terms of 8.6(c) of the Manual, to submit
121 their books of account for such an audit each year and, in terms of
122 8.53 of the Manual, to appoint an auditor to this purpose – failing
123 which the Presbytery makes such an appointment.

124 Historically, however, many congregations within our bounds and the
125 Council itself have struggled to identify suitable people to conduct the
126 necessary annual audits. The result has been that the affected
127 congregations lack the assurance an audit provides and, as no annual
128 financial statements exist for these congregations, none are submitted
129 to the Presbytery and the Presbytery's records are incomplete.

130 There has been a recent development with regard to the statutory
131 requirements applicable to non-profit organisations, which provides us

132 with an opportunity to address the difficulties being experienced. As
133 result of a change in the requirements, it is no longer necessary for
134 organisations with an annual turnover below a stipulated minimum, to
135 undergo a formal audit. Such organisations need now to submit their
136 records for an external "financial review". This is a more simplified
137 scrutiny of the financial records which does not require the skills of a
138 professionally qualified person, but can be undertaken by somebody
139 with a financial/ accounting background who has been trained in the
140 processes to be followed.

141 What is being proposed, therefore, is that Tshwane Presbytery provide
142 the appropriate training in order to create, within the Presbytery, a
143 pool of capable people who can be appointed to conduct "financial
144 reviews" for congregations within our bounds.

145 Therefore, when the Council considers the Treasurer's report, or at
146 such other time as may be convenient to the Council, we will move
147 that:

148 1. Every congregation identify from amongst its members at least one
149 person, having a financial/ accounting background, to attend the
150 training and become part of the resource pool. Names to be submitted
151 to the administrator by the deadline to be advised. This appeal to be to
152 ALL congregations within our bounds, not only those in need of an
153 auditor. This is an opportunity for congregations to work together for
154 the benefit of the whole Presbytery.

155 2. An initial training workshop be designed by Ryan Johnson (currently
156 the Treasurer of the Sedibeng Trust) and presented by him on a date
157 to be advised, followed by a "refresher" course a few months later to
158 ensure that all candidates are able to comply with the statutory
159 requirements of the task. The cost of this training, including travel
160 costs for people travelling distances in excess of 200 km, to be borne
161 out of the existing training fund.

162 3. After the training, trained persons to be allocated by the Council to
163 all congregations without an auditor, to work with the congregations to
164 bring their records into line with acceptable standards and to prepare
165 and submit the necessary annual financial statements.

166 4. A fee of R1000 per annum (to be revised by the Council from time
167 to time) be set, to be paid by the congregation directly to the reviewer
168 as recognition of the value added and the amount of time spent on the
169 congregation's behalf.

170 **P_3.4.1.** Presbytery adopts the Strategy as described in the Notice of Motion
171 above.

172 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

173 **P_3.4.2.** Presbytery instructs the Finance Committee to implement the
174 Strategy.

175 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

176 **3.5. NOM 2 Financial reports – Interim-Moderators –**

177 **Vuyo Mbaru**

178 At the time convenient to the Presbytery I will move that all interim
179 moderators and those in stated supply must include financial reports of the
180 vacant congregations they are serving when they report to the presbytery.

181 **P_3.5.1.** All interim moderators and those in stated supply must include
182 financial reports of the vacant congregations they are serving when they
183 report to the presbytery.

184 *The proposal was defeated*

185 **4. Ministry**

186 **4.1. Convener's Report**

187 Sisanda Mpafi

188 The Clerk moved this report in the absence of the convener.

189 **P_4.1.1.** I propose that the Presbytery receive the report.

190 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

191 **P_4.1.2.** Presbytery request that the Ministry Committee of Assembly report
192 to the Presbytery about the number of students and their names.

193 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

194 **4.2. Training Committee.**

195 Zwelethemba Mpono – Makobo Masotho

196 A late report was going to be brought, but the copies were not delivered to
197 the meeting on time. It was referred to next meeting.

198 But verbal notice was given of next training on 1 June – Venue to
199 announced.

200 **P_4.2.1.** Presbytery notes that the next training will be on 1 June – venue to
201 be announced.

202 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

203 **4.3. NOM 3: Elder Ordination – Vuyo Mbaru**

204 At the time convenient to the presbytery I will request the presbytery to
205 permit E.T. Legodi Presbyterian session to ordain Mrs Sherley Njikelana
206 and Mrs Mary Rammala as elders; and attend the first presbytery training
207 in eldership.

208 **P_4.3.1.** Presbytery permits E.T. Legodi Presbyterian session to ordain Mrs
209 Sherley Njikelana and Mrs Mary Rammala as elders; and attend the first
210 presbytery training in eldership.

211 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

212 **4.4. Sedibeng Chaplain**

213 Gary Sinclair

214 Nothing new to report

215 **4.5. Fellowship of Vocation**

216 Gary Sinclair

217 Nothing new to report

218 **4.6. NOM 1: Lay Preacher (Patrick Nyauza)**

219 At a time convenient to the council, I will move that the discussion on
220 Kevin Nkitseng wanting to be a recognised Lay Preacher be finalised. A
221 small evaluation committee is now set up and the date is 23 June 2013 at
222 Jonas Lediga Congregation.

223 In speaking to this proposal Patrick Nyauza reminded the council that a
224 sub-committee was formed under the convenership of the ministry
225 convener to deal with this matter, but that there had been no progress.

226 Patrick has consulted Makobo Mosotho– and has formed a committee for
227 the purpose of evaluating a trial service
228 Committee: Patrick Nyauza, William Manaka, Violet Mashao, Makobo
229 Masotho.

230 **P_4.6.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

231 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

232 **P_4.6.2.** Presbytery appoints Patrick Nyauza to convene the committee
233 appointed in Aug 2012 to follow the original remit.

234 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

235 **P_4.6.3.** Presbytery appoints Patrick Nyauza, William Manaka, Violet
236 Mashao, Makobo Masotho to evaluate the the sermon preached by Kevin
237 Nkitseng on 23 June 2013 at Jonas Lediga.

238 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

239 **4.7. Seconded Minister Report: Zolani Makalima**

240 **P_4.7.1.** The Presbytery receives the report.

241 *The Presbytery notes that Zolani Makalima's credentials have lapsed and*
242 *passes from the matter.*

243 **5.Doctrine and Remits**

244 **5.1. Remits**

245 Dennis v d Spuy

246 Nothing new to report.

247 **5.2. Doctrine Report.**

248 Jaco Bester

249 Dennis v/d Spuy moved the report in the absence of the Convener and
250 reminded Presbyters of the Colloquium on 1 June at Emmanuel at 9h30
251 and that they should RSVP to Jaco Bester (bester.jaco1@gmail.com) by
252 Friday 24 May.

253 **P_5.2.1.** 1. Presbytery receives the report

254 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

255 **6.Associations Report**

256 **6.1. Late report**

257 A late report was circulated by the convener and is included in the
258 appendices.

259 **P_6.1.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

260 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

261 **6.2. Convener's Report.**

262 Patrick Nyauza (and Zwai Mtyhobile)

263 **P_6.2.1.** Presbytery receives the Report and Supplementary.

264 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

265 **P_6.2.2.** Presbytery notes the dates of the coming events of the MCG

266 *(Linked to 3)*

267 **P_6.2.3.** Presbytery notes the events of the UPWF as stated in the year plan

268 *(Linked to 2)*

269 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

270 **P_6.2.4.** Presbytery notes the events of the UPMF as stated in the year plan

271 *Two persons voted in favour and two against.*

272 *The Moderator allowed discussion and the vote was taken again.*

273 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

274 Graham Duncan and Zwai Mthyhobile asked that their dissent be

275 recorded.

276 **P_6.2.5.** Presbytery receives the report of St. James' Session (see additional

277 report) and notes the decisions taken as stated in the body of the report

278 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

279 **P_6.2.6.** Presbytery adopts the following proposal from the St James

280 Session report: "The UPWF and MCG of the Tshwane Presbytery be

281 encouraged to liaise with the Associations at St.James regarding their

282 membership and participation in the activities of the Associations of the

283 Presbytery of Tshwane."

284 **6.3. Additional report – St James Associations.**

285 This report was brought by Patrick Nyauza

286 **P_6.3.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

287 *This proposal was taken up in the convener's report. (See previous*
288 *report)*

289 **P_6.3.2.** The UPWF and MCG of the Tshwane Presbytery be encouraged to

290 liaise with the Associations at St.James regarding their membership and

291 participation in the activities of the Associations of the Presbytery of

292 Tshwane. (Becomes part of last proposal of main report)

293 *This proposal was taken up in the convener's report.(See previous*
294 *report)*

295 **7. Other Ministries**

296 **7.1. Children's Ministry**

297 Brenda Groeneveld

298 Nothing new to report.

299 **7.2. Rocky Valley**

300 Nathaniel Kohler

301 **P_7.2.1.** 1. Presbytery receives the report

302 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

303 **7.3. PEF.**

304 Simon Shaba

305 No new matters

306 **8.JSR**

307 **8.1. Convener's Report**

308 Violet Mashao

309 **P_8.1.1.** Presbytery receives the report

310 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

311 **9.Mission, Discipleship & Cong Care**

312 **9.1. Convener's Report**

313 Vuyo Mbaru

314 **P_9.1.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

315 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

316 **P_9.1.2.** Presbytery appoints Patrick Nyauza as an interim moderator to

317 Soshanguve congregation and requests him to deal with the Stated

318 Supply appointment.

319 *The following amended proposal was brought.*

320 Presbytery appoints Patrick Nyauza as an interim moderator to

321 Soshanguve congregation.

322 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

323 **P_9.1.3.** Presbytery appoints Patrick Nyauza, Sakkie Mooka, Louise Ruch as

324 a consultation team to Soshanguve to review the re-appointment of

325 Mantsi Mohapi as Stated Supply and to report by August

326 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

327 **P_9.1.4.** Presbytery appoints Fuzile Ntshona as an interim moderator to

328 Ruighoek congregation for one year.

329 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

330 **P_9.1.5.** Presbytery instructs Rev Makalima, Lubanga, Magwaza to conduct

331 the long overdue visitation to ET Legodi as a matter of urgency.

332 *The following amendment was brought and became the substantive*

333 *motion*

334 Presbytery notes that the long overdue visitation to ET Legodi has not

335 taken place and therefore appoints Lentikile Mashoko to replace Zolani

336 Makalima and to conduct the visitation with elders Thando Lubanga, and

337 Margaret Magwaza as a matter of urgency.

338 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

339 **P_9.1.6.** Presbytery notes that a visitation to St Peters has been scheduled

340 for 2013 and instructs the Session of St Peters to send the names of a

341 minister and two elders to conduct the visitation to the Convener. If

342 these names are not received by August, Presbytery will appoint the

343 visitation team.

344 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

345 **9.2. SubCommittee – Ruighoek, Khayakhulu,**

346 **Rustenburg, St Peters**

347 No report

348 **9.3. Garankuwa (SS)**

349 Fuzile Ntshona

350 No report

351 **9.4. Grace (Nuclear)**

352 Theo Groeneveld

353 Nothing new to report

354 **9.5. Highveld (Nuclear – Stated Supply Graham
355 Duncan)**

356 Andries Combrink

357 No report

358 **9.6. Khayakhulu (Vacant)**

359 Zwai Mtyhobile

360 No report

361 **9.7. Mamelodi Congregation (Abram Akih – Stated
362 Supply)**

363 Gary Sinclair

364 Gary Sinclair proposed that the details of Abraham Akih's appointment as
365 Stated Supply be formally noted

366 **P_9.7.1.** Presbytery notes the terms of Abraham Akih's appointment:

367 His duties are:

368 - Four services per month

369 - Serve Communion to the housebound

370 - Funerals, Tombstones and Pastoral Care

371 - Liaising with groups in the congregation

372 His remuneration will be R5000 per month which includes transport.

373 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

374 **9.8. Mamelodi Gardens (Vacant)**

375 William Manaka

376 This report had arrived timeously but by mistake had not been included in
377 the reports. It is in the appendices.

378 **P_9.8.1.** That the report be received

379 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

380 **P_9.8.2.** That the Presbytery notes the performance and the activities of the
381 Congregation.

382 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

383 **P_9.8.3.** That the Presbytery be informed of the rented mission house.

384 *This proposal was withdrawn*

385 **P_9.8.4.** Presbytery appoints with Rev Ntshona as Stated Supply beginning

386 on the 1st June 2013. His package to be R4500 (transport included) and
387 his duties are to conduct 3 Sunday Services per month and to conduct
388 pastoral care.
389 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

390 **9.9. Phola (Vacant)**

391 Lungile Mpetsheni

392 The Clerk moved this report in the absence of the Interim-Moderator.

393 Proposals: that the Presbytery

394 **P_9.9.1.** Receives the report.

395 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

396 **P_9.9.2.** Notes the progress that is being made towards the growth and
397 development of the church.

398 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

399 **P_9.9.3.** That the Presbytery intervenes in addressing the Mission House
400 State of Affairs for possible removal of the tenant and accesses the
401 outstanding funds.

402 *This proposal was amended and the following brought as substantive
403 motion*

404 Presbytery appoints the Treasurer, Wilson Honu and Rean Fourie
405 (Convener) to negotiate with an attorney to deal with the matter of the
406 tenants in the Phola Manse. Presbytery to assist with reasonable costs.

407 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

408 **P_9.9.4.** Presbytery places the matter of church properties and rentals on
409 the agenda of the Planning meeting.

410 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

411 **9.10. Premier Mine (Vacant)**

412 Dennis vd Spuy

413 No report.

414 **9.11. Pretoria Central (Zola Matutu SS)**

415 Theo Groeneveld (IM)

416 **P_9.11.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

417 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

418 **P_9.11.2.** Presbytery appoints Zola Matutu as Stated Supply to Pta Central
419 to conduct services, meetings and pastoral care as needed and to be
420 remunerated per event based on the guidelines of Presbytery and
421 Assembly.

422 *This was amended and the following Substantive Motion was brought:*

423 Presbytery appoints Zola Matutu as Stated Supply for 1 year from 1 July
424 2013 to Pta Central to conduct services, meetings and pastoral care as
425 needed and to be remunerated per event based on the guidelines of
426 Presbytery and Assembly.

427 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

428 *Graham Duncan and Zwai Mtyhobile asked that their dissent be
429 recorded and indicated their intention to lodge a complaint to the*

430 *Administrative Review Panel.*

431 **P_9.11.3.** Presbytery appoints Vuyo Mbaru as Interim-Moderator to Pta-
432 Central.

433 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

434 *Thando Lubanga asked that his dissent be recorded and that Presbytery*
435 *note that he had proposed Zola Matutu as Interim-Moderator.*

436 **9.12. Ruighoek (Vacant)**

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438 No report
Lentikile Mashoko

439 **9.13. Rustenburg (Rian Fourie (SS))**

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441 No report
Sisanda Mpafi

442 **9.14. Soshanguve (SS Mantsi Mohapi)**

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444 Mantsi Mohapi brought a verbal report noting that good progress had been
445 made:

- 446 . Attendance has improved and the roll of 450 has been attested.
- 447 . Various organisations are performing well.
- 448 . Men donated 45 chairs at R700.
- 449 . Women donated communion table chairs at R7000.
- 450 . Thanksgiving service was held with the Moderator preaching.
- 451 They gave thanks for:
 - 452 - Debts of R104000 paid off
 - 453 - R103000 has been raised Sep – Dec 2012
 - 454 - R71000 has been raised Jan-Mar

455 **P_9.14.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

456 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

457 **9.15. St Andrews Emalahleni (Gerard Langeveld SS)**

458
Jaco Bester

459 **P_9.15.1.** Presbytery receives the report

460 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

461 **9.16. St Paul's (Emmanuel Jack CDE).**

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Jaco Bester

463 **P_9.16.1.** Presbytery receives the report

464 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

465 **9.17. Thumedi Makgahlela (Vacant)**

466
William Manaka

467 This report had arrived timeously but by mistake had not been included in
468 the reports. It is in the appendices.

469 **P_9.17.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

470 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

471 **P_9.17.2.** That the Presbytery notes with appreciation the work done by the

472 former Interim Moderator.

473 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

474 **P_9.17.3.** That the Presbytery notes the projects identified by the
475 Congregation.

476 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

477 **P_9.17.4.** That the Presbytery notes the session are addressing the Mission
478 House State of Affairs for possible removal of the tenant and accesses
479 the outstanding funds.

480 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

481 **P_9.17.5.** That the Presbytery notes the relationship of the Congregation
482 with Kgoši Mampuru II Management Area, Community Corrections.

483 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

484 **P_9.17.6.** That the Presbytery assists in making the By-out-Grant available
485 to the Congregation.

486 *This proposal was withdrawn.*

487 **10.General Matters**

488 **10.1. Congregation Information Forms**

489 The Clerk asked the following congregations to get their forms to the
490 Administrator: Jonas Lediga; Khayakhulu; Phola; Pretoria Central;
491 Ruighoek; St Andrews – Pretoria; St Peters; Thumedi Makgahlela

492 **10.2. Correspondence**

493 A letter had been received by the Clerk to inform us that the status of
494 Celani Mbhele as a student of the ministry had been withdrawn.

495 **P_10.2.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

496 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

497 **P_10.2.2.** Presbytery notes with regret the letter received from Ministry
498 Committee about the removal of a student and writes to the Ministry
499 Committee expressing its concern about the process followed and
500 requesting a meeting between representatives of the committee and the
501 presbytery **as a matter of urgency**. The presbytery representatives
502 are: Glynis Goyns (convener), the Clerk, the Ministry Convener, Graham
503 Duncan, Violet Mashao, and Wilson Honu. This committee is granted the
504 power to call a special meeting of Presbytery.

505 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

506 **P_10.2.3.** Presbytery appoints Patrick Nyauza to provide pastoral care to the
507 student.

508 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

509 **11.Rolls and Records**

510 Kevin Nkitseng

511 The convener reported on the following records that were due to be
512 attested at this meeting.

513 - Emmanuel : Session – neatly kept

514 Board – neatly kept

- 515 - Soshanguve :
516 Session up to date
517 Board up to date – some skipped meetings
518 - St Andrew's – Pretoria :
519 Session – fine
520 Board – not ready yet
521 - St Andrew's – Emalahleni :
522 Not received

523 **P_11.0.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.
524 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

525 **12.Closure**

526 The Moderator closed the meeting in prayer at 14h15.

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528 Signed on: _____

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530 Moderator: _____ Clerk: _____

APPENDICES

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1.Mamelodi Gardens report.

532 Moderator, Presbyters you have mandated me to be in charge of the Mamelodi
533 Gardens Congregation until their vacant post is advertised and filled.

534 This is the report about the life and work of the congregation as well as their
535 operational activities. The membership of the congregation is at least 200,
536 Elders: 12, UPWF: 18, Emanuel: 20, Choir: 12, UPMF: 12, Youth: 12. Moderator
537 the mission house is still rented and generating funds to the Congregation.
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539 The Congregation is still operational while services are conducted as informed by
540 the Congregational Year Plan. Rev. Ntshona has been o great assistance in
541 conducted other services of the Congregation, for instance, He conducted Holly
542 Communion on the 24th March 2013 as well the Congregational meeting where
543 the Audited Financial Statement was adopted by the Congregation. He also
544 conducted the UPWF re-dedication service during March which was greatly
545 appreciated by the Congregation. In his interaction with Congregation, Rev.
546 Ntshona developed an interest in serving the Congregation as per the instruction
547 of the Presbytery.

548 Holy Communion was also served by me on the 21st April 2013 whereby three
549 Board Members were given the authority by the Session to take care of the
550 activities of the Board including to ensure that the assets of the Congregation
551 are well looked after while the financial obligations are channelled appropriately.
552 The intention Moderator is to beef-up human resources to able to bring the
553 Congregational balance with their plans and the people. The number of Board
554 Management members is now five including the old serving members who are to
555 conduct handing over of records during December 2013. The Board of
556 Management is performing well while members of the church are encouraged to
557 pledge by using stop orders.

558 Moderator and Commissioners the Mamelodi Gardens Congregation has
559 mandated me to request the services of Rev. Ntshona as a Stated Supply
560 Minister with the effective of the 31st May 2013. Moderator the utilization of the
561 Stated Supply Minister will assist the Congregation in maintaining it's continuity
562 regarding the daily operations that is the sick will be timeously be visited and
563 building committee meetings will be accurately coordinated and conducted.

564 Moderator the Easter Services were fairly conducted and attendance was
565 satisfactory.

566 Moderator that is the report.

2.Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation

567 Moderator and Commissioners the Congregation of Thumedi Makgahlela consist
568 of four elders and four Board of Management members. The total membership as
569 at the end of April is sixty three. Youth members=fifteen and UPWF members=
570 five. The operational activities of the Congregation are well coordinated and
571 conducted including pastoral visits to the sick people was conducted and Holy
572 Communion was served to them.
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574 I want to express my gratitude to my predecessor, Revd Nyama for conducting
575 an outstanding work in bringing the Congregation together and repositioning
576 them towards the mandate and objectives of the Uniting Presbyterian Church.
577 He has laid a good foundation in bringing discipline and order in the

578 management of the Church affairs. Deviant elder and UPWF member were
579 disciplined for their non-compliance with the code of conduct of the Church
580 during his term of office.

581 Moderator the Congregation has identified the following as the 2013/2014
582 priority projects:

- 583 • Preparing the Congregation to a self sufficient state. This is done through
584 fund raising initiatives to ensure that the finances of the Congregation are
585 in a balanced position.
- 586 • Cleaning of the Church premises and planting of flowers and vegetables in
587 the Church yard.
- 588 • Fencing of the Church premises
- 589 • Renovation of the man's and toilets.
- 590 • Renovation of the Pulpit and seek ways and means to replace the current
591 benches.

592 Moderator the Congregation is experiencing a serious challenge with the tenant
593 who rented the mission house years back. The tenant is not complying with the
594 requested amount to be paid monthly to the Board of Management to the extend
595 that he has an outstanding amount of R10, 000.00. The session is engaging the
596 tenant for possible payment of the debt but, no corporation from the tenant. The
597 tenant has also hired the garage for his own tenants without arrangements with
598 the Congregation. This situation is unbecoming and it compromises quality
599 management of the Congregational affairs.

600 The Congregation has identified the 01st May 2013 to embark on cleaning the
601 Church premises as well as selling food for the purpose of fund raising. The
602 Congregation has sort a working relationship with KgoSi Mampuru II
603 Management Area, Community Corrections in cleaning the Church premises from
604 the beginning of June 2013 including planting of flowers and vegetables.
605 Holy Communion services were conducted during the months of March and April
606 2013 while other organizations including UPWF were given an opportunity to
607 conduct their operations.

608 Moderator the session continue to make follow up on the outstanding By-out-
609 Grant from the General Assembly. The Presbytery is therefore requested to
610 assist in facilitating the process and ensure that the outstanding fund is made
611 available to Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation.

612 **3.Church Associations Committee (Late Report)**

613 (This meeting was held after the deadline for reports, and the convener obtained
614 the Clerk's permission to present a late report.)

615 Joint Meeting of CAC – Saturday 20th April 2013

616 Constitution: The meeting was constituted with prayer by Mrs Dlakavu at 11h00.

617 Present: P. Nyauza (Convener), Ms Dlakavu and Ms Qonongo (UPWF), Ms M.
618 Ramodike and Ms W. Seathlolo (Emmanuel Fellowship), M. Nyama (UPMF) AND
619 Ms N. Nyama (UPWF)

620 Apologies: W. Buqa (MCG) on a Staff Training Course. The Choir and the Youth
621 were not represented because the people contacted were no longer office
622 bearers. The convener now has names and cell phone numbers of the newly
623 elected committees.

624 Minutes of Previous Meeting: There were no minutes and the convener was
625 asked to make a follw up with either Kgomotso Kgwale or Ms Magwaza as ex

626 office bearers.

627 Discussions: Old members gave a brief review of the CAC work in 2012. This
628 was followed by presentations of outstanding year plans. The meeting also
629 looked at redefining the purpose of this forum. It was agreed that in future there
630 should be a slot for training on matters such as rules and procedures of the
631 church, sharing challenges and performance review of each association.
632 Strategies of working together and code of conduct for associations were also
633 discussed. It was agreed that there should be a broader input from all
634 associations at grass root level. These items will be further discussed in the July
635 CAC meeting. The question about the position of the IYZA'S was referred to the
636 relevant structure (UPWF). It was emphasised that submission of reports is a
637 month before the next meeting of Presbytery. The meeting requested the
638 convener to provide a template which will guide associations as they write their
639 reports.

640 The convener reported that the decision of St. James regarding their MCG and
641 UPWF has been forwarded to Presbytery and will be discussed on Saturday 11th
642 May 2013 at Rustenburg. The meeting felt the old idea of healing of memories
643 should be resuscitated and approach Presbytery once again on this matter.

644 It was agreed that the next meeting will be on Saturday 13th July 2013 at St.
645 Andrew's at 10am. The meeting was closed with benediction by the convener at
646 12H30.

647 Tshwane Emmanuel Year Plan 2013

- 648 ➤ Prayer Day Date: 27th January 2013 Venue: Mamelodi East
- 649 Fundraising and Meetings
- 650 ➤ 3rd March 2013 – St Peters
- 651 ➤ 28th April 2013 – Mamelodi Gardens
- 652 ➤ 26th May 2013 – Fun Walk (venue to be announced)
- 653 ➤ 30th June 2013 – Mabopane + Raffle
- 654 ➤ 25th August 2013 – Mamelodi East
- 655 ➤ 11-13th October 2013 – Annual Conference

656 –Branch Visits and Meetings

- 657 1. 20th January 2013 – Jonas Lediga
- 658 2. 21st April 2013 – Soshanguve
- 659 3. 23 June 2013 – E.T. Legodi (Hammanskraal)

660 *Date for E.T. Legodi might change

661 –Executive Committee Meetings

- 662 ➤ 13th January 2013 – Ga Rankuwa
- 663 ➤ 16th February 2013 – Ms M. Ramodike (Jonas Lediga)
- 664 ➤ 16th March 2013 – Ms R. Moremi (Mamelodi Gardens)
- 665 ➤ 18th May 2013 – Ms E. Magasha (E.T. Legodi)
- 666 ➤ 20th July 2013 – Ms R. Khumalo (Mamelodi East)
- 667 ➤ 17th August 2013 – Ms M. Matheba (Mabopane)
- 668 ➤ 14th September 2013 – Ms N. Tleane (St Peters)
- 669 ➤ 28th September 2013 – Ms S. Mola (Soshanguve)
- 670 ➤ 5th October 2013 – Ms W. Seathlolo (Ga Rankuwa)
- 671 ➤ 9th November 2013 Ms M. Ramodike (Jonas Lediga for post Conference
- 672 meeting)