

PRESBYTERY TSHWANE

Minutes of the meeting held 17 Aug at Emmanuel Presbyterian.

1. Worship

Worship was conducted by Zolani Makalima who preached on Integrity from James 1.

Presbytery also prayed for Mamelodi Gardens congregation on hearing the news that their Treasurer, Mrs Happy Tleane, had been killed in a car accident the night before.

2. Formalities

2.1. Present

Ministers: Theo Groeneveld (Emmanuel), Mzwandile Patrick Nyauza (Jonas Lediga), Lentikile Mashoko (Clerk/Mabopane), Gary Sinclair (St Columba's), Dennis van der Spuy (St Francis), Jaco Bester (St John's), Glynis Goyns (SAFCEI/St Marks), Sisanda Mpafi (St Peter's), Vuyolwethu Mbaru (ET. Legodi), Alan Cameron (Moderator/Trinity).

Seconded Minister's: Zolani Makalima (SANDF), Mantsi J. Mohapi (SANDF/Soshanguve)

Minister Without Charge: Frikkie Botha, Lungile Mpetsheni (Phola)

Stated Supply: Gerard Langeveld (St Andrew's eMalahleni/Phola).

Church Development Evangelist: Rean Fourie (Rustenburg&Commissioner)

Elders: Berenice Venter (Centurion West), Wilson Honu (Centurion West), Trish Spence (Emmanuel), Gavin Tucker (Emmanuel), Solomon Lehari (Ga-Rankuwa), Kevin Nkitseng (Jonas Lediga), Matshela Simon Masotla (Jonas Lediga), Harry Maishe Bopape (Mabopane), Marase Bernard Motshabi (Mabopane), Peter Masilela (Mamelodi East), Violet Mashao (Mamelodi East), Sibuyile Tshingana (Phola), Thanduxolo Lubanga (Pretoria Central), Joseph Luhanga (Ruighoek), Jeremiah Mutumba (Saints), Regina Mokgokong (Soshanguve), Peter Silwimba (St Andrew's Pta), Robert Gwebe (St Andrew's Pta), Dan Darkey (St Columba's), Ewald Joubert (St Columba's), Betty Wolson (St Francis), Myer Wolson (St Francis), Robin Cullen (St John's), Eddie Stopforth (St Marks/Treasurer), Maputle Tleane (St Peter's), Alben Tebogo Milanzi (Session Clerk St Peter's), Frederick Makgahlela (Thumedi Makgahlela), Peter Havenga (Trinity), David Turner (Trinity).

Associates: Susan Hodgson (Emmanuel/Administrator)

Students for the Ministry: Douglas Bower, Bongani Mshumpela.

2.2. Apologies

Ministers: Andries Combrink (Centurion West/Premier mine), Micah Nthali (St James Matsulu)

Seconded Minister's: Mafasa Meshack Nyama (SAPS), William L. Manaka (Mamelodi Gardens/Spiritual Care), Wonke Buqa.

Stated Supply: Zola Matutu (St Andrew's Pta).

43 Probationers: Jackie Barker (On PAT Conference).

44 Elders: Deon Tappan (Emmanuel), Susan Tappan (Emmanuel), Sakkie
45 Zacharia Mooka (Ga-Rankuwa), Mmakobo Mosotho (Ga-Rankuwa),
46 Lebo Mikotedi (Mamelodi East), Zukiswa Mpapela (Pretoria Central),
47 Michael Mbale (Ruighoek), Eleanor v/d. Merwe (Rustenburg/Session
48 Clerk), Frikkie Gous (Saints), Mrs E Poto (Soshanguve), Jabu Ngwenya
49 (Soshanguve), Erik Muller (St Andrew's eMalahleni), Ken v Tonder (St
50 Andrew's eMalahleni), Guy Hartley (St Andrew's eMalahleni), D.C.
51 Mavundla (St James/SessionClerk), Reuben Mvula (St James Matsulu),
52 Solomon Nthali (St James Matsulu), Dudu Kaunda (St James Matsulu),
53 Zodwa Mokoena (St James Matsulu), Manny Longueira (St John's
54 Commissioner2), J.K. Morris Milanzi (St Peter's), Gillian Dintwe (ET
55 Legodi), Ishmael Lehari (ET Legodi), MP Mvubu (Thumedi
56 Makgahlela), Louise Ruch (Trinity). All the Commissioners of Mamelodi
57 Gardens due to the tragic death of Mrs Happy Tleane on Friday night.)

58 **2.3. Minutes.**

- 59 . 11 May Council
- 60 No corrections offered
- 61 . Special Meeting 25 May
- 62 No corrections offered

63 **2.4. Notices of Motion**

64 ✓ NOM 1: Lay Preachers (Rean Fourie)

65 At a time convenient to the Presbytery I will request the Presbytery to
66 recognise Mirriam Mathye, elder at Rustenburg Presbyterian Church, as a
67 candidate for the Order of Lay Preachers and also request that the
68 Ministry Committee of Presbytery be requested to facilitate and effect the
69 requirements set for Presbytery in these matters in paragraph 10.86 of
70 the Manual of Faith and Order.

71 ✓ NOM 2: Standing Orders (Theo Groeneveld)

72 At the time when Presbytery considers the Clerk's report or at a time
73 convenient I will move that Presbytery notes that the Standing Orders
74 have been updated and that these changes can be viewed in Draft Form
75 on the website and requests commissioners to review these and send
76 feedback to the Minute Clerk.

77 ✓ NOM 3: Elders at St Andrews Emalahleni (Jaco Bester)

78 At a time convenient I will move that: "Presbytery grants St Andrews
79 Emalahleni permission to ordain Jonathan Collins, Mildred Lubisi, and
80 Lettie Mlangeni to eldership subject to them attending the next
81 Presbytery eldership training."
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83 **3. Office Bearers**

84 **3.1. Moderator**

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Alan Cameron

- 86 **P_3.1.1.** Presbytery receives the report
87 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 88 **P_3.1.2.** Presbytery notes that Frikkie Botha has faithfully fulfilled
89 requirements set by Presbytery for his return to pastoral ministry and
90 removes any restrictions in this regard.
91 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 92 **P_3.1.3.** Presbytery notes the three decisions of Executive Commission
93 regarding Presbytery.
94 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 95 **P_3.1.4.** Presbytery undertakes to assess the Consensus Model at the next
96 Planning Meeting with a view to implementing it to facilitate equitable
97 and effective decision making at Presbytery meetings.
98 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 99 **P_3.1.5.** Presbytery sets a date for the postponed Planning Meeting to be
100 12 Oct at St Columbas.
101 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 102 **P_3.1.6.** Presbytery notes with alarm the proposed Casino at Menlyn
103 Maine, instructs the Moderator to convey such alarm to the relevant
104 authorities and urges congregations and individual members to make
105 their voices heard in this regard.
106 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 107 **P_3.1.7.** Presbytery notes the requirements for the annual review of
108 credentials for ministers in secular employment.
109 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 110 **P_3.1.8.** Presbytery grants credentials for Frikkie Botha and Lungile
111 Mpetsheni.
112 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

113 **3.2. Clerk.**

114 Lentikile Mashoko

- 115 **P_3.2.1.** Presbytery receives the report.
116 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 117 **P_3.2.2.** Presbytery notes that Rev. Gary Sinclair continues with his
118 studies.
119 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 120 **P_3.2.3.** Presbytery reminds Seconded ministers to submit an annual
121 report to the Clerk.
122 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 123 **P_3.2.4.** Presbytery reminds commissioners to bring the following to the
124 November meeting
125 - nominations for the Project
126 - nominations for the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer positions
127 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*
- 128 **P_3.2.5.** Presbytery reminds commissioners to bring nominations for the

129 court of Presbytery elections in February.
130 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

131 **3.3. Treasurer**

Eddie Stopforth

132 PROPOSALS THAT Presbytery

133 **P_3.3.1.** 1. Receives the report

134 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

135 **P_3.3.2.** Instructs congregations to submit reports on their ministers'
136 emoluments to either the Clerk or the Treasurer.

137 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

138 **3.4. NOM 2: Standing Orders**

139 **P_3.4.1.** Presbytery notes that the Standing Orders have been updated
140 and that these changes can be viewed in Draft Form on the website
141 and requests commissioners to review these and send feedback to the
142 Minute Clerk

143 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

144 **4. Doctrine and Remits**

145 **4.1. Remits**

Dennis v d Spuy

146 Nothing new to report.

147 **4.2. Doctrine Report.**

Jaco Bester

148 **P_4.2.1.** Presbytery receives the report

149 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

150 **5. Associations Report**

151 **5.1. Convener's Report.**

Patrick Nyauza

152 Patrick Nyauza brought a verbal report:

- 153 • UPWF and MCG
- 154 Launch of Nelspruit branches – very joyful and successful.
- 155 • Choir
- 156 New exec elected in June.
- 157 • Emmanuel Fellowship
- 158 - Conference in Magaliesburg
- 159 - Have donated R2000 for Presbytery's discretion
- 160 - In fact every fund-raising of the Emmanuel Fellowship will collect
- 161 R500 for Presbytery and so there will be an annual amount of R2000
- 162 coming to Presbytery.

163 **P_5.1.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

164 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

165 **P_5.1.2.** Presbytery requests the clerk to write a letter of thanks to the

170 Emmanuel Fellowship.
171 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

172 **6. Other Ministries**

173 **6.1. Children's Ministry**

174 Brenda Groeneveld

175 Nothing new to report.

176 **6.2. Rocky Valley**

177 Nathaniel Kohler

178 Nothing new to report.

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180 **6.3. PEF.**

181 Simon Shaba

182 Clerk reported that the forms are available from him.

183 **7. JSR**

184 **7.1. Convener's Report**

185 Violet Mashao

186 **P_7.1.1.** Presbytery receives the Report noting that the venue of of the
187 Youth Workshop and Drug and Alcohol Abuse on the 14th September
188 will be Soshanguve.

189 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

190 **8. Mission, Discipleship & Cong Care**

191 **8.1. Convener's Report**

192 Vuyo Mbaru

193 Nothing new to report

194 **8.2. SubCommittee – Ruighoek, Khayakhulu, 195 Rustenburg, St Peters**

196 No report

197 **8.3. Garankuwa (SS)**

198 Fuziile Ntshona (Mafasa Nyama as Stated Supply)

199 **P_8.3.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

200 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

201 **8.4. Grace (Nuclear)**

202 Theo Groeneveld

203 Nothing new to report

204 **8.5. Highveld (Nuclear)**

205 Andries Combrink (Stated Supply Graham Duncan)

206 No report

207 **8.6. Khayakhulu (Vacant)**

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Zwai Mtyhobile

209 No report

210 **8.7. Mamelodi Congregation**

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Gary Sinclair (Abram Akih – Stated Supply)

212 Nothing new to report

213 **8.8. Mamelodi Gardens (Vacant)**

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William Manaka (Fuzile Ntshona)

215 A late report was circulated (See appendices)

216 **P_8.8.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

217 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

218 **8.9. Phola (Vacant)**

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Lungile Mpetsheni

220 No report.

221 **8.10. Premier Mine (Vacant)**

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Dennis vd Spuy

223 Proposal:

224 **P_8.10.1.** Presbytery receives the report

225 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

226 **8.11. Pretoria Central**

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Theo Groeneveld (Rev. Z. Matutu – Stated Supply)

228 Proposal

229 **P_8.11.1.** That the Presbytery accept this report

230 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

231 **8.12. Ruighoek (Vacant)**

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Fuzile Nthsona

233 A late report was circulated (See appendices)

234 **P_8.12.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

235 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

236 **8.13. Rustenburg**

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Sisanda Mpafi (Rian Fourie (CDE))

238 No report

239 **8.14. Soshanguve**

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Patrick Nyauza (SS Mantsi Mohapi)

241 A late report was circulated (See appendices)

242 **P_8.14.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

243 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

244 **8.15. St Andrews Emalahleni (Gerard Langeveld SS)**

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Jaco Bester

246 A late report was circulated (See appendices)

247 **P_8.15.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

248 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

249 **P_8.15.2.** Encourages the session and congregation in their united efforts.

250 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

251 **8.16. St Paul's (Emmanuel Jack CDE).**

252 Jaco Bester

253 **P_8.16.1.** Presbytery receives the report

254 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

255 **8.17. Thumedi Makgahlela (Vacant)**

256 William Manaka

257 **P_8.17.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

258 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

259 **P_8.17.2.** That the Presbytery notes the operational activity of the Kirk
260 Session.

261 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

262 **P_8.17.3.** That the Presbytery notes the disciplinary action taken against
263 deviant members.

264 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

265 **P_8.17.4.** That the Presbytery notes the progress made by the
266 Congregation regarding the palisade fencing.

267 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

268 **P_8.17.5.** That the Presbytery notes the initiative of Board of Management
269 to encourage giving in the Church.

270 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

271 **P_8.17.6.** That the Presbytery notes with appreciation the Buy-Out-Grant
272 from which was made available by the Presbytery Treasurer.

273 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

274 **P_8.17.7.** That the Presbytery notes the upcoming visit to the Sephai
275 Station.

276 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

277 **P_8.17.8.** That the Presbytery notes the progress made regarding the
278 tenant. *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

279 **9.Ministry**

280 **9.1. Convener's Report**

281 Sisanda Mpafi

282 No report

283 **9.2. NOM 1 – Lay Preacher Rustenburg – Rean Fourie**

284 **P_9.2.1.** Presbytery recognises Mirriam Mathye, elder at Rustenburg
285 Presbyterian Church, as a candidate for the Order of Lay Preachers and
286 also request that the Ministry Committee of Presbytery be requested to
287 facilitate and effect the requirements set for Presbytery in these
288 matters in paragraph 10.86 of the Manual of Faith and Order.

289 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

290 **P_9.2.2.** Presbytery requests the Clerk to expediate the process of
291 clarifying the process around Lay Preachers.

292 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

293 **9.3. Progress - Kevin Nkitseng Lay Preacher**

294 Patrick Nyauza brought a verbal report: Kevin Nkitseng has completed the
295 process as far as Presbytery is concerned.

296 **P_9.3.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

297 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

298 **9.4. NOM 3 – Elders at St Andrews**

299 **P_9.4.1.** Presbytery grants St Andrews Emalahleni permission to ordain
300 Jonathan Collins, Mildred Lubisi, and Lettie Mlangeni to eldership
301 subject to them attending the next Presbytery eldership training.

302 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

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304 **9.5. Training**

305 Zwelethemba Mpono – Makobo Masotho

306 **P_9.5.1.** That Presbytery receives the report

307 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

308 **P_9.5.2.** That all congregations with pre-schools operating in their
309 premises complete and return the survey form.

310 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

311 **9.6. Sedibeng Chaplain**

312 Gary Sinclair

313 Nothing new to report

314 **9.7. Fellowship of Vocation**

315 Gary Sinclair

316 Nothing new to report

317 **9.8. Seconded Minister Reports**

318 **Wonke Buqa**

319 **P_9.8.1.** Presbytery receives the Report.

320 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

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322 **10. Matters Arising**

323 **10.1. Ad Hoc Committee re: Ministry**

324 It is proposed that Presbytery:

325 **P_10.1.1.** receives the report.

326 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

327 **P_10.1.2.** dismisses the Ad Hoc Committee with thanks

328 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

329 **10.2. Notice of motion from Special Meeting**

330 Graham Duncan

331 "Presbytery of Tshwane deplores the action of a person present in its
332 meeting of Saturday 11 May 2013 in reporting details of the meeting to the
333 Ministry Secretary without the knowledge and approval of the Presbytery
334 on a matter that is still under investigation.

335 Calls on that person to act with integrity and admit to the action; explain to
336 the Presbytery why such action was taken; why only two members of
337 Presbytery were singled out for reporting; what it was hoped to achieve;
338 and places themselves under the discipline of the Presbytery;

339 Notes that such action seriously undermines the basis of trust within the
340 Presbytery and contravenes the declaration made by all elders and
341 ministers at their ordination 'to seek the peace and unity of the Church'.

342 **P_10.2.1.** Presbytery passes from the subject.

343 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

344 **10.3. Consultation to Soshanguve for Stated Supply.**

345 Patrick Nyauza

346 **P_10.3.1.** Presbytery receives the Report (which includes the request that
347 Mantsi Mohapi's term as stated supply be renewed for one more year)

348 *It was proposed, seconded and agreed.*

349 **10.4. Project Contributions**

350 Centurion West 2000

351 Emmanuel 8000

352 Grace 2000

353 Goyns Family 500

354 Groeneveld 200

355 Soshanguve 2000

356 St Peters 2000

357 Garankuwa 2000

358 Mabopane 2000

359 ET Legodi 2000

360 St Andrews Pta 2000

361 Jonas Lediga 2000

362 Pta Central 3200

363 Trinity 2500

364 Total so far: R31,200

365 With Presbytery's contribution of R20,000 it will be R51,200

366 **11. Rolls and Records**

367 Kevin Nkitseng

368 St Andrews Pretoria: Brought session not board

369 St Andrews Emalahleni: Both sets in order (with some comments)

370 St Columbas: Both sets

371 Mamelodi East:
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373 **12.Closure**

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376 Moderator: _____ Clerk: _____ Date: _____
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APPENDICES

379 **1.St Andrews Emalahleni Late Report**

380 **REPORT TO AUGUST PRESBYTERY MEETING OF TSWANE ON THE SECOND OPEN**
381 **DISCUSSION ON THE WAY FORWARD FOR ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
382 **eMALAHLANI HELD ON THE 9TH OF JUNE 2013**

383 **QUESTION 4:**

384 What are the strengths of this congregation?

385 * God loves the people who meet in this place and He calls us to fellowship
386 with Himself and promises to be with us and to redeem us and reveal
387 Himself to the world through us. Our skills and giftings and abilities can
388 be strengths if they are released and exercised in dependence on God. If
389 we strategies to use our unique and specific skill set, if we work hard with
390 commitment and dedicate all our energy to developing ministries that
391 meet the needs of our community, we may become successful in the eyes
392 of the world - but we will have failed to be the church if we rely on
393 anything other than God Himself. God is our only strength! God always
394 called His people to tasks that far exceeded their natural ability to
395 accomplish them... because His glory is the point! His call, His promises,
396 His grace - He is our only strength!

397 * The kind of worship – prayers and songs.

398 * Friendship.

399 * Bible based – The word of God is preached, not opinion. The word is
400 interpreted correctly.

401 * The worship team and their commitment.

402 * Commitment of the faithful few.

403 * The church infrastructure is stable: - church

404 - minister

405 - worship team

406 - Sunday school

407 * Commitment of Sunday school teachers.

408 * Bible study – a good opportunity to study the Word.

409 * The Body is unified – needs are often met by others within the
410 congregation.

411 * The prayer chain.

412 * The Monday night prayer has a close-knit group of people attending.
413 Prayer notes are often taken from the church info table for home use each
414 week.

415 * We are a welcoming church.

416 * There is a ready acceptance of people in cases of race or culture.

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418 **QUESTION 5:**

419 What challenges / threats do we face?

420 * I think idolatry is the greatest threat. "What I want" is the idol. We do
421 not perceive what Jesus with the Samaritan woman, or Jesus with the
422 woman in adultery, or Jesus with the rich young ruler, or Jesus with the
423 Pharisees is saying to us today, because "What I want" absorbs our
424 attention. God has always called His people to counter-cultural, counter-
425 intuitive action where the first are last and the humble are lifted up and
426 the meek inherit the earth and the kingdom belongs to those like
427 children... "What I want" seldom resonates well with these things and our
428 culture breeds us to believe we are entitled to "What I want". Our
429 greatest challenge is to lay aside ourselves, and allow Jesus to live in us
430 and through us... if we get this right, then our changing socio-economic
431 context and our geographical location and our cultural/racial differences
432 will seem less like threats and more like the natural context within which
433 Jesus reveals Himself as saviour and redeemer.

434 * The language barrier fails us. A suggestion of a Zulu service using a
435 probationer was made.

436 * We are an inner city church.

437 * Safety of people and or property.

438 * Visitation of members by leadership – is not where it should be.

439 * Lack of regular opportunities for testimonies at Sunday worship.

440 * Negative attitude of past members.

441 * Finances: not enough for a full time minister – our money is caught up
442 in the second property.

443 * A diminishing congregation.

444 * Not enough young people.

445 * Lack of social events.

446 * Maintenance of buildings.

447 * Keeping up to date with assessments.

448 * No full-time minister.

449 * Not enough advertising.

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451 1. Presbytery receives the Report.

452 2. Presbytery encourages the Session and Congregation in their united
453 efforts.

