2026 Aug	Agenda

PRESBYTERY OF TSHWANE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Presbytery of Tshwane will be held at
St Marks on 15 Aug
at 8h30 for 9h00.

Please prepare for and pray for our meeting.

Please ensure that you are aware of the Standing Orders of the Presbytery'.

Mission Statement:
A Presbytery that is
God-centered, Christ-like, Spirit-filled:
Integrated, Uniting, Caring and Efficient,
using all its resources for the work of mission:
equipping and supporting congregations
so that they become strong, vibrant, loving, growing congregations
that are outward looking and resource sharing.

Purpose Statement:
Presbytery exists to glorify God
by nurturing, uniting and empowering congregations
to reach our region and support the work of the wider church.

ROLLS AND RECORDS:

The following congregations need to submit their rolls and records:
St Peters Mothutlung , St Marks Waverly , St Johns Middleburg , St AndrewsPC, Emalahleni
Ruighoek , Khayakhulu , Platinum Belt

Map to St Marks Presby

S25° 42.457' E28° 14.531'

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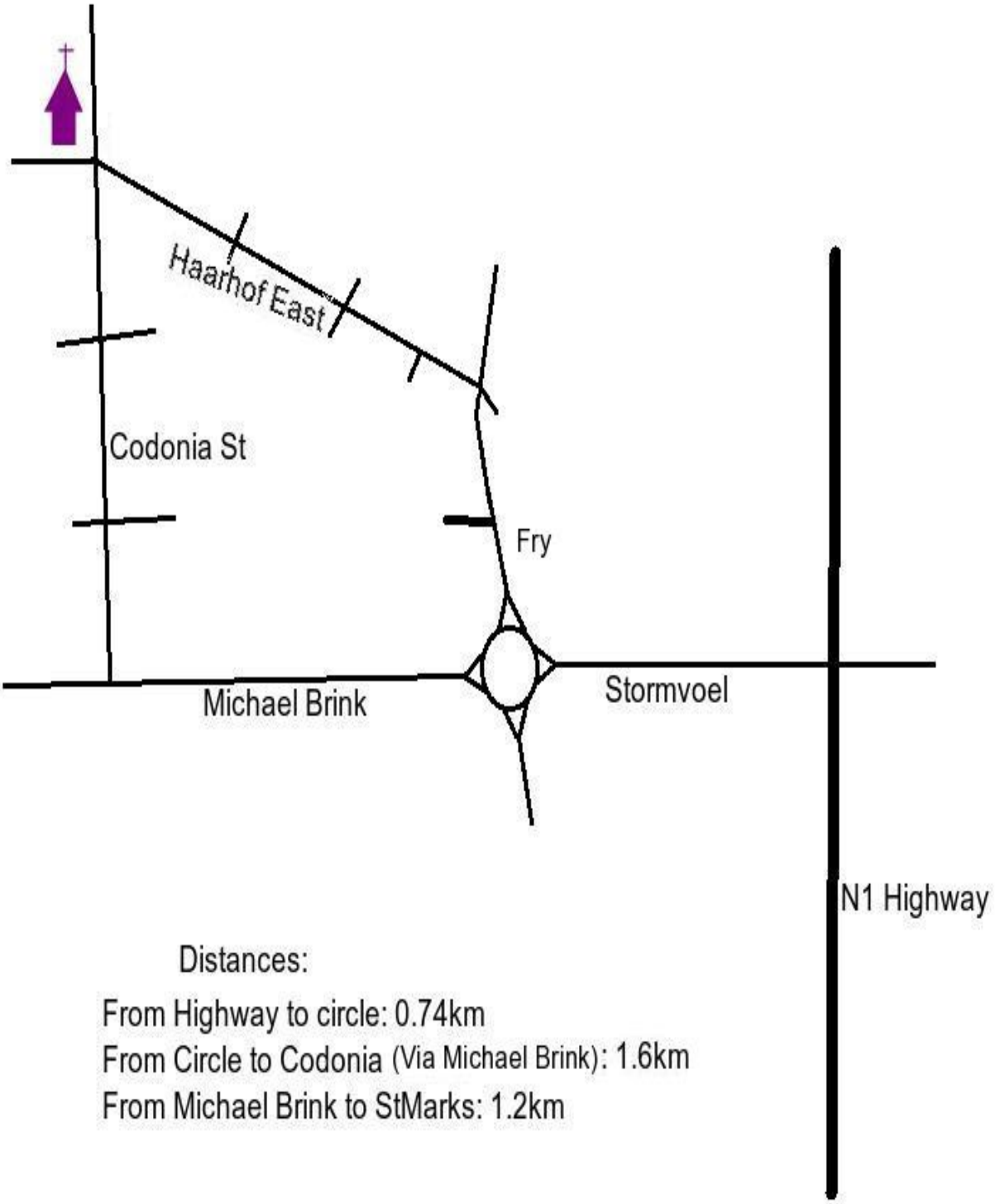
Address: Corner of Haarhof East and Codonia



Distances:

From Highway to circle: 0.74km

From Circle to Codonia (Via Michael Brink): 1.6km

From Michael Brink to StMarks: 1.2km

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1. Devotions

2. Formalities

2.1. Present and Apologies

2.2. Minutes to be approved

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2.3. Notices of Motion

2.3.1. NOM #1 - Resignation Minute Clerk – Theo Groeneveld

At a time convenient to the Presbytery I give notice that I will move that Presbytery receives my resignation as minute clerk (which includes the preparation of the agenda) with effect 30 Aug 2026. I have been doing this for 25 years apart from a short break when Frikkie Botha was the clerk. I am willing to continue maintaining the website.

2.3.2. NOM #2 – Visitation to St James – Theo Groeneveld

At a time convenient to the Presbytery I give notice that I will move that Presbytery rescinds its decision to send a visitation team to St James, as the congregation is vacant and the Rev Thando Mpambani has been appointed as an Interim Moderator.

2.3.3. NOM #3 – Standardised Template for Session Minutes

Zolani Makalima

When the St Francis visitation report is dealt with, or at any other time convenient to the

Presbytery, I will move that, the Presbytery, having considered the findings arising from the recent presbytery visitation report to St Francis congregation, particularly the irregularities identified in the attestation of Session minutes, discuss with a view to do the following:

1. Adopt and implement a Standardised Template to guide commissioners appointed to attest Session minutes in accordance with the UPCSA Manual of Faith and Order with immediate effect. (Sect 7.71 as read with Appendices D (4) and D (5)) This measure is intended to ensure consistency, diligence, and accountability in the attestation process across all congregations.
2. Direct that all Presbytery assessors appointed to attest Session minutes shall utilise the approved standardised template in the execution of their duties. Assessors shall report their findings to Presbytery in a clear and structured manner.
3. Direct that this process be formally reviewed within a determined period, in order to assess its effectiveness in strengthening oversight and promoting good practice in congregational record-keeping.

2.3.4. NOM 4 – Alpha Course

Robert Smit

When the Presbytery considers the Mission and Discipleship Report, or at any other time convenient

to the Council, I will move that the Presbytery through a dedicated committee conduct a theological review on Alpha Course and its associated teaching materials with particular reference to:

1. The doctrine of sin and the atonement;
2. The doctrine of regeneration and the new birth;
3. The doctrine and practice of being filled with the Holy Spirit;
4. The teaching and practice relating to spiritual gifts and manifestations;
5. The place of the ordinary means of grace in Christian growth and discipleship;
6. The Alpha Course's teaching on the doctrine of the Church and the sacraments;
7. The compatibility of the theological emphases of the Alpha Course with the confessional standards recognized by the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa.

The findings of the review and recommendations thereof to be reported in the November 2026 Presbytery or as the presbytery shall direct.

Motivation attached in the appendices...

2.4. Notice of Overture

GENERAL ASSEMBLY — JUNE/JULY 2027

OVERTURE ON MINISTERS ON SECONDMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

It is established practice within the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA) that Ministers who intend to seek secular employment or other appointments outside the direct employment of the Church should first notify the Presbytery within whose bounds they reside and exercise their ministry.

Where a Minister is serving a congregation, the Minister should also consult with the relevant Session regarding the intended application. Once the appropriate ecclesiastical processes have been followed and the relevant parties have considered the matter, the Presbytery shall consider whether the application should be supported and, where appropriate, submit the necessary recommendation to the Ministry Committee of the General Assembly for consideration of secondment.

The Ministry Committee, in accordance with the Manual of Faith and Order and the decisions of the General Assembly, shall consider such applications and make the appropriate recommendation to the General Assembly or, where authorised, to the Executive Commission for consideration and determination.

2. ECCLESIASTICAL OVERSIGHT OF MINISTERS ON SECONDMENT

A Minister's credentials remain under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Presbytery in which the Minister is enrolled, or in accordance with the arrangements under which such credentials have been recognised or granted by the General Assembly.

A Minister who is granted secondment does not, by virtue of such secondment, cease to be subject to the pastoral oversight, discipline, and ecclesiastical authority of the relevant Presbytery.

Accordingly, Ministers on secondment remain accountable to their Presbytery and are expected to maintain a faithful and constructive relationship with the Presbytery, to submit to its lawful authority, and to comply with the applicable provisions of the Manual of Faith and Order of the UPCSA.

Secondment to secular employment does not sever a Minister's ecclesiastical relationship with the UPCSA, nor does it remove the Minister from the jurisdiction and oversight of the Presbytery in which the Minister is enrolled.

The Presbytery should therefore be recognised as the primary ecclesiastical body responsible for the pastoral care, oversight, and discipline of Ministers within its bounds, including Ministers serving under secondment.

3. AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF PRESBYTERIES

The General Assembly is urged to reaffirm and strengthen the authority of Presbyteries in relation to Ministers on secondment.

A Minister's employment outside the Church, and the fact that such employment may constitute the Minister's primary source of income, should not be construed as diminishing the ecclesiastical authority of the Presbytery or relieving the Minister of the obligation to remain accountable to the Church.

The exercise of Presbytery authority in this regard is necessary to preserve good order, accountability, discipline, and the integrity of the Minister's standing within the UPCSA.

4. SUBMISSION AND MONITORING OF REPORTS BY MINISTERS ON SECONDMENT

Ministers on secondment should remain accountable to the Church through regular reporting concerning their continued ministry, professional service, and ecclesiastical standing while serving outside the direct employment of the UPCSA.

The Clerk of the Assembly should, on an annual basis, communicate with the relevant Presbyteries regarding the status and service of Ministers on secondment and facilitate the proper flow of information between the General Assembly and the Presbyteries.

The effective cooperation of the Clerk of the Assembly and the Presbyteries will strengthen accountability and ensure that the ecclesiastical standing of Ministers on secondment is properly monitored.

Such a process will also prevent the issuing of Letters of Good Standing without the relevant Presbytery first being consulted and its records and knowledge of the Minister's standing being taken into account.

5. RATIONALE

The purpose of this Overture is to strengthen ecclesiastical accountability, preserve the authority of Presbyteries, and ensure consistency and good order in the administration of Ministers serving on secondment.

Secondment should not be understood as a release from ecclesiastical oversight. Rather, it is an arrangement whereby a Minister temporarily serves outside the ordinary employment structure of the UPCSA while continuing to remain a Minister of the Church and subject to its constitution, doctrine, discipline, and lawful ecclesiastical authority.

The issuing of a Letter of Good Standing is therefore not merely an administrative exercise. It is an affirmation by the Church that, according to its records and processes, a Minister remains in good ecclesiastical standing. It is consequently appropriate that the Presbytery with direct responsibility for the Minister's pastoral oversight and discipline should be the primary authority for confirming such standing.

A clear and coordinated process between the Presbytery, Clerk of the Assembly, General Secretary, Ministry Committee, and the General Assembly or Executive Commission will promote accountability, transparency, consistency, and faithful stewardship of the ministry entrusted to the UPCSA.

6. REQUEST TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is respectfully requested to consider and adopt the below proposals and, where necessary, direct the appropriate Church structures to amend or develop the relevant policies, procedures, and provisions of the Manual of Faith and Order so as to give effect to this decision.

7. PROPOSAL

The General Assembly is therefore requested to resolve as follows:

7.1 That Ministers serving on secondment shall apply for a Letter of Good Standing through the Presbytery in which they are enrolled and to which they remain accountable.

7.2 That the Presbytery, as the body responsible for the pastoral oversight, ecclesiastical care, and discipline of the Minister, shall be responsible for determining whether the Minister is in good standing for purposes of the issuing of such a letter.

7.3 That a Letter of Good Standing for a Minister on secondment shall be issued by the Clerk of the Presbytery, following confirmation by the Presbytery that the Minister is in good standing.

7.4 That the Letter of Good Standing issued by the Presbytery shall be submitted to the General Secretary for onward transmission to the relevant ecclesiastical, institutional, or other

authorised body requiring such confirmation.

7.5 That the Clerk of the Assembly, upon receipt of the annual reports submitted by Ministers on secondment, shall ensure that such reports are transmitted to the relevant Presbyteries for their information, consideration, oversight, and record-keeping.

7.6 That where a Minister on secondment fails to submit the required annual report, the Clerk of the Assembly shall notify the relevant Presbytery of such failure and request the Presbytery to take appropriate action in accordance with the Manual of Faith and Order of the UPCSA.

7.7 That any disciplinary or other ecclesiastical action taken by a Presbytery against a Minister on secondment arising from non-compliance with the requirements applicable to Ministers on secondment shall be communicated, through the office of the General Secretary, to the appropriate governing bodies of the UPCSA.

7.8 That the General Assembly, or its duly authorised Executive Commission, shall receive periodic reports concerning Ministers on secondment through the appropriate Ministry office or Ministry Secretary, in accordance with the governance structures and procedures of the UPCSA.

7.9 That the General Assembly directs the appropriate Church structures to develop, where necessary, clear administrative procedures and standard documentation governing the application for secondment, annual reporting, confirmation of good standing, and the renewal or termination of secondment arrangements.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Mabopane Commission.

Report to be done in camera.

4. Office Bearers' Reports

4.1. Moderator

Graham Duncan

As a commissioner to the June Executive Commission meeting, I was appointed the Convenor of a Special Commission of Enquiry into the business affairs of Pele Property Development NPC. This is a time-consuming appointment with the remit to report to the 2027 General Assembly. Our report on the ExCom is recorded separately.

A growing concern has been the deteriorating relationship between the Emmanuel Fellowship and the Convener of Church Fellowships. Attempts to resolve this have so far failed and I have a concern that this might spill over into the other fellowships during the upcoming Fellowships' Conference season which is upon us. I raised my concern with the PBC and their advice is that The Convener of Fellowships step aside until this matter is resolved and that the former convener act in a temporary capacity.

I attended the opening of the presbytery Fellowship of Men conference on 18 July.

Other than that, I continue with pastoral duties,

Proposal

1. That the Presbytery receives the report
2. That the convener of Fellowships steps aside from her role pending a settlement of the dispute between her and the Emmanuel Fellowship

4.2. Clerk

Fundiswa Kobo

Opening Reflection: Pausing for Integration, Renewal and Gratitude

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we gather in August, we do so at an important point in the journey of our Presbytery. In February,

we gathered for strategic planning with the intention of moving beyond routine administration towards a more integrated, intentional and mission-focused way of being Presbytery. The restructuring of our committees and portfolios were part of that strategic response, intended to strengthen coordination, clarify responsibilities and enable us to work more collaboratively around our shared mission.

The May Presbytery meeting gave the integrated committees their first opportunity to report and reflect on their work within the new arrangement. This was an important transition from structural alignment to implementation. It also provided an opportunity to begin discerning what is working, where there are gaps, and what further support may be required.

It is in this context that the PBC considers a pause in August not to revisit the restructuring that Presbytery has already adopted, but to reflect on how it is being implemented, what is emerging from the work of the integrated committees, and what further support may be required.

The question before us is therefore not simply whether the new structures are in place, but whether they are enabling us to work differently. Are committees engaging one another? Are conveners sufficiently supported? Are our structures contributing to shared priorities? And, ultimately, are congregations and ministers experiencing a more responsive and connected Presbytery?

The success of the restructuring will not be measured by the existence of committees and portfolios, but by whether these structures enable us to become a more connected, responsive and mission-focused Presbytery.

A Word of Gratitude

Before turning to the substantive work of the Presbytery, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the grace, patience and support extended to me during the period in which I needed to take time away following the passing of my youngest brother, Ludwe.

I experienced the solidarity of this Presbytery in deeply meaningful ways. Some Presbyters called and sent messages, while others visited me at home. I am particularly grateful to the Treasurer, who also took the time to visit me at home, and to Rev Zwai Mtyhobile, who travelled to the Eastern Cape to attend Ludwe's funeral. These gestures of presence and compassion meant a great deal to me and to my family.

I am also deeply grateful to Mamelodi East Congregation and St Andrews Pretoria Central, who came together to render a prayer service for my family at home. Their presence reminded me that pastoral care is expressed not only through words, but through the willingness to be present with one another in moments of profound vulnerability and loss.

I am particularly grateful to Elder Harry Bopape, who acted as Clerk during my absence. His willingness to carry the responsibilities of the office ensured continuity in the work of the Presbytery at a time when I needed to step away. I appreciate not only the practical support he provided, but also the spirit of shared leadership that it represents.

I remain grateful to every person who reached out in whatever way—through a phone call, a message, a visit, prayer, or simply by being present. The solidarity extended to me and my family has been a profound reminder that our work as a Presbytery is ultimately about more than structures, policies and meetings. We are a community of faith, called to accompany, support and carry one another.

My experience during this period has also deepened my reflection on the meaning of leadership and the kind of Presbytery we are called to be. Servant leadership is not merely a principle that we affirm; it must become visible in how we lead, how we govern, how we accompany one another and how we respond when one of us is carrying a burden that cannot be carried alone.

In many ways, this experience has brought me back to the very intention of our strategic process. At the heart of our February conversations was a desire to become a Presbytery that is not simply organised differently, but that works differently—one that is more connected, collaborative, responsive and attentive to the needs of its congregations, ministers and members.

The reflections that follow should therefore be understood within that broader journey. They are not intended as a departure from the direction already adopted by Presbytery, but as an opportunity to take stock of where we are, what we are learning, and what may be required to strengthen the implementation of the vision we have already embraced.

As we move into the substantive matters before us, I invite us to approach them in this same spirit of reflection and shared responsibility. May we have the courage to acknowledge where we need to strengthen our work, the humility to learn from one another, and the willingness to support one another as we seek to serve Christ's Church faithfully.

It is from this posture of gratitude, reflection and renewed commitment that I turn to the matters arising from the work of the Presbytery and the PBC.

1. Strategic Implementation, Integration and Accompaniment

Following the adoption of the restructured committees and portfolios, the Presbytery has now moved from strategic design to implementation.

The February strategic planning process recognised that structural change needed to be accompanied by intentional support, leadership formation, clear reporting rhythms and ongoing reflection. The May reports subsequently provided the first opportunity to assess how the integrated structures were functioning in practice and highlighted the need to strengthen collaboration across portfolios.

Since the May meeting, important capacity-building work has taken place. The training facilitated by Rev Zwai Mtyhobile created space to orientate and equip conveners regarding their responsibilities, reporting obligations, committee structures and planning processes. This has been an important step towards ensuring that the new structures are supported by leaders who understand their roles and are equipped to implement them.

The PBC has recognised, however, that training needs to be accompanied by continued support and strategic accompaniment. Implementation is an ongoing process, and conveners may require guidance as they translate their mandates into practical programmes and initiatives.

In this regard, the PBC has brought into the strategic implementation process Elder Harry Bopape and Rev Zwai Mtyhobile, both of whom have been part of the strategic visioning processes and therefore bring continuity and an understanding of the discernment that informed the direction adopted by Presbytery.

Rev Mtyhobile has already contributed to this work through facilitating training and empowerment sessions for conveners. The intention is to build on this work so that conveners are not only trained, but accompanied as they translate their mandates into practical work.

The Strategic Team will work closely with the PBC in providing empowerment, accompaniment, coordination and strategic reflection, while bringing matters requiring broader consideration to the PBC through the appropriate channels.

The Team is not intended to create another layer of governance, but to provide a practical bridge between strategic vision, leadership capacity and implementation, working closely with the PBC.

The objective is to enable our integrated structures to become genuinely collaborative in practice through joint planning, shared initiatives, coordinated reporting and stronger connections between individual portfolios and the mission of the Presbytery.

2. Strengthening Governance, Accountability and Institutional Memory

The May Presbytery meeting also brought into focus the importance of clear and reliable governance processes, particularly in relation to the recording, approval and use of Presbytery minutes.

The discussions highlighted that aspects of our processes and respective responsibilities are not always understood in the same way. As Clerk, I believe that such moments provide an opportunity not simply to address the matter before us, but to strengthen the system so that similar misunderstandings do not become recurring sources of tensions.

Minutes are not merely an administrative record. They constitute an important part of the institutional memory and accountability of Presbytery, providing a record of decisions taken and enabling responsibilities to be followed up over time.

The PBC has therefore considered the adoption of recording Presbytery meetings as a supporting mechanism for the preparation and verification of minutes. Recording would not replace the official minutes or the responsibilities attached to their preparation and approval. Rather, it would provide a reliable reference point where questions arise concerning what was discussed or resolved.

The intention is to strengthen our processes proactively and to ensure that our institutional memory is not dependent solely on individual recollection.

This is part of a wider commitment to building a culture of clarity, accountability, trust and institutional continuity.

3. Standing Commission

The PBC reflected positively on the work of recent commissions and considered how Presbytery might strengthen its capacity to respond to matters requiring investigation, intervention and adjudication.

The discussions highlighted the importance of processes that promote consistency, accountability and fairness, while ensuring that matters referred to Presbytery are handled appropriately and with due regard to the pastoral and ecclesial responsibilities of the Church.

In this context, consideration has been given to the establishment of a Standing Commission to provide Presbytery with an ongoing mechanism to assist with matters requiring investigation, intervention and adjudication, rather than relying solely on the establishment of ad hoc commissions as circumstances arise.

The proposed Standing Commission would comprise Rev Makalima, Rev Zwai Mtyhobile, Advocate Shaba and Elder Rouche. The proposed composition brings together pastoral, ministerial, legal and lay leadership perspectives, which could strengthen Presbytery's capacity to respond to matters requiring careful consideration.

The intention is to strengthen consistency and continuity in the handling of such matters, while ensuring that appropriate processes of fairness, accountability and pastoral sensitivity are maintained. The proposed Commission would operate within the mandate and authority determined by Presbytery and remain accountable to Presbytery for its work.

4. Congregational Sustainability, Pastoral Presence and Ministerial Care

The sustainability of our congregations and the pastoral well-being of ministers remain important areas of responsibility for Presbytery.

The February strategic process affirmed that local congregations must feel the presence of Presbytery, particularly where congregations experience vacancies, leadership challenges or declining sustainability. The May and subsequent PBC discussions have continued to highlight the importance of timely oversight, congregational accompaniment and sustainable ministry solutions.

My own experience as Interim Moderator of St Andrews eMalahleni has brought this matter into particularly sharp focus. for me. During this period, I have visited the congregation twice to conduct worship services, administer Holy Communion, visit frail and elderly members, and moderate Session meetings. I have been received with considerable warmth and hospitality on both occasions, and I wish to acknowledge the congregation for the gracious manner in which they have welcomed and accompanied me during the visits.

These visits have provided an opportunity not only to fulfil the responsibilities of an Interim Moderator, but also to listen to and experience realities facing the congregation.

St Andrews is a congregation seeking to remain faithful in its ministry while facing a number of challenges, including declining membership, financial pressures and structural capacity constraints. The congregation currently has four active elders, who continue to provide leadership and carry the responsibilities of the congregation. At the same time, the congregation does not currently have a Stewardship Board nor a Treasurer, creating additional structural and administrative challenges, particularly in relation to the management of its financial responsibilities.

There remains, however, a clear need for pastoral presence and ministry among its members, particularly the frail and elderly. My experience has reinforced for me that while interim moderation provides important oversight during a vacancy, an Interim Moderator cannot realistically provide the sustained pastoral, sacramental and congregational presence that a congregation requires.

There is therefore an important distinction between ensuring that a congregation is appropriately governed during a vacancy and providing the regular worship, pastoral care, sacramental ministry, visitation, leadership formation and congregational support necessary for its continued life and sustainability.

Reflection on Phola and St Andrews

The experience of serving as Interim Moderator of St Andrews eMalahleni was brought before the Presbytery Business Committee (PBC) for consideration. The focus was on the pastoral, structural and sustainability challenges observed within the congregation and the limitations of interim moderation in providing the sustained ministry presence required.

The PBC reflected collectively on these circumstances in relation to the previous decision concerning Phola Congregation.

Presbytery previously resolved that a team comprising Rev Dr Patrick Nyawuza, Rev Zolani Makalima (Convener),Elder Gloria Spelman, Rev Theo Groeneveld and CDE Freddy Makghalela be appointed to arrange a congregational meeting to discuss the possible closure of Phola, to develop a strategic plan for the orderly closure of the congregation, including the liquidation of its property and the pastoral transition of members, and to report back to Presbytery with recommendations for final approval.

In reflecting on the situation at St Andrews, the PBC noted similarities with the challenges that informed the earlier decision regarding Phola, particularly around membership, financial sustainability, leadership capacity and the need for sustained pastoral presence. At the same time, both congregations continue to have a life, witness and people who remain committed to their congregational communities.

This collective reflection raised the question of whether the situation at Phola should continue to be considered in isolation, particularly before the process towards its closure, or whether there may be merit in taking a broader view of the ministry needs of both Phola and St Andrews.

The PBC therefore considered the possibility of broadening the mandate of the existing Phola team rather than establishing another team. This would allow the team already appointed by Presbytery to undertake a broader assessment of the pastoral, leadership, financial and structural realities of both congregations and to explore possibilities for integration, shared ministry and mutual support.

The reflection also included consideration of whether the placement of a probationer to serve the congregations on a full-time basis, subject to the appropriate processes and requirements, could provide the consistent pastoral presence required while enabling a more sustainable model of ministry to be explored.

The emerging reflection is therefore not simply about whether Phola should close, but whether, in light of the circumstances now being considered collectively, Presbytery might explore a different pastoral and strategic response for the two congregations.

This would allow the existing Phola team to build on the mandate already entrusted to it while considering whether integration and shared ministry could offer a more sustainable response to the realities facing congregations in the region.

Report on the Rev Piroe Support Committee

The committee appointed by Presbytery to consider the circumstances surrounding Rev Piroe’s injury during the General Assembly met to deliberate on appropriate support measures and to implement the resolution adopted by Presbytery.

The committee noted that Rev Piroe continues to experience the effects of the injury and requires ongoing medical treatment, including physiotherapy. Members also recognised the emotional, pastoral and financial impact that the matter has had on her ministry and general wellbeing.

After careful consideration, the committee agreed that the support authorised by Presbytery should be understood as an expression of pastoral care and concern rather than an admission of legal liability. In line with the Presbytery resolution, the committee recommended the release of R50,000 to assist Rev Piroe with her ongoing medical and related expenses arising from the injury.

The authorised R50,000 has subsequently been paid, and the Clerk has communicated the decision to Rev Piroe.

The committee further resolved to arrange a pastoral visit to Rev Piroe and her family, in order to convey Presbytery’s support and solidarity during this challenging period. Further pastoral interventions are being planned to ensure that the support extended to Rev Piroe is not limited to financial assistance.

The committee's reflection also extended beyond the immediate circumstances of Rev Piroe. It raised broader questions concerning the Church's duty of care, safety and support for commissioners attending church gatherings. An overture is to be prepared for submission to the General Assembly addressing accountability, communication and the development of clearer policies regarding the protection and support of church representatives while carrying out official responsibilities.

The matter provides an opportunity for Presbytery to hold together two dimensions of pastoral responsibility: responding compassionately to an individual in need and learning institutionally from the circumstances that created that need.

Proposals

1. Presbytery receives the Clerk's Report.
2. Presbytery approves the establishment of a Strategic Team comprising Elder Harry Bopape and Rev Zwai Mtyhobile, to work closely with the PBC in supporting the implementation of the Presbytery's strategic vision and the empowerment and accompaniment of conveners.
3. Presbytery adopts the recording of Presbytery meetings as part of the minute-taking processes, to strengthen the accuracy, reliability and institutional memory of Presbytery proceedings.
4. Presbytery approves the establishment of a Standing Commission comprising Rev Makalima, Rev Zwai Mtyhobile, Advocate Shaba and Elder Rouche, with its mandate and accountability to Presbytery.
5. Presbytery:
   a) rescinds the previous decision concerning the possible closure of Phola; and
   b) amends the mandate of the existing Phola team, comprising Rev Dr Patrick Nyawuza, Rev Zolani Makalima (Convener), Elder Gloria Spelman, Rev Theo Groeneveld and CDE Freddy Makghalela, to assess the ministry, pastoral, leadership, financial and structural needs of both Phola and St Andrews eMalahleni, and to explore possibilities for integration and shared ministry, including the possible placement of a probationer to serve the congregations, with recommendations to be brought back to Presbytery.
6. Presbytery notes the support provided to Rev Piroe, including the payment of R50,000 in accordance with the Presbytery's previous resolution, and the planned pastoral interventions to provide continued support to Rev Piroe and her family.
7. Presbytery supports the preparation of an overture to General Assembly on duty of care, safety and support for commissioners.

4.3. Treasurer

Committee Members: Violet Baloyi (treasurer/convenor), Norma Maja(bank signatory), Zanele Bopape(FOW), Boipelo Mongau(FOYW), Reabetswe Motha(FOY), Barney Lehari(FOM), Rosina Manabile(FCCM) and Eustacia Kekana(Emmanuel WF).

Associate Member : Ryan Johnson (General Treasurer)

1. Financial Statements
Attached are the Income Statement for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026. The statements reflect an accounting surplus of **R39,229.** After excluding restricted funds received for the concert, other income, disaster relief and General Assembly grants (R36,100), the operational surplus amounts to **R3,129**.

2. Ministry Contributions
The Ministry Contribution schedule for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 is attached. Ministry Contributions increased by only 1% compared to the previous year. The Presbytery sincerely thanks the congregations that honoured their commitments. Ministry Contributions remain the primary source of income and congregations are encouraged to continue practising faithful stewardship and settle outstanding contributions. The current rates remain 3% for Presbytery and 15% for General Assembly, of total income less allowable deductions.

3. Financial Audits
Presbytery approved the appointment of BMG Partners in May 2026. The audit commenced in June 2026 for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years. The auditors have estimated three months to complete the work due to the need to familiarise themselves with Presbytery systems and processes.

4. Probationer Grant Support- Khayakhulu/Platinum Belt/Ruighoek
In May 2025, the Presbytery approved grant support for Khayakhulu/Platinum Belt/Ruighoek covering the period from March 2025 to February 2026. Recognising the continued need, the Presbytery further approved an extension of this support until 30 June 2026. The total financial assistance provided over the support period amounted to R96,000.00.

The approved financial support period came to an end; however, no further communication or formal decision regarding the continuation or termination of the support was received at the time.

While awaiting further guidance or a formal decision from Presbytery, the July payment was effected. The payment was made in good faith and in the context of the previous approval, pending clarification on the way forward.

The Treasurer therefore requests that Presbytery condone the July payment and formally note and approve the payment retrospectively.

5. 2026/2027 Budget
Committee convenors were requested to submit activity plans and budgets. To date only the Church Fellowships, Ministry and Children's Ministry committees have responded. The committee budget allocations have not been revised. Convenors are still requested to submit their activities based on the allocated budget to allow for proper cashflow forecast.

Proposed Office Bearers' Allowances

Following the 1st Convenors' Workshop held on 23 May 2026, a recommendation was made to review the costs associated with the Clerk's office and to ensure that adequate resources are provided to enable the Presbytery's office bearer. Clerk, Moderator and Treasurer to discharge their responsibilities effectively and efficiently.

In response to this recommendation, the revised budget includes proposed allowances for the Clerk, Moderator and Treasurer for consideration and approval by Presbytery.

6. Ministers' Outstanding Debts
Three ministers still owe monies to the Presbytery: two relating to retreat costs after confirming attendance and one relating to a General Assembly flight cancellation fee. Despite several follow-ups, the debts remain outstanding. Presbytery is requested to determine whether recovery efforts should continue or whether the debts should be written off.

7. Presbytery Finance Committee
The Finance Committee has been constituted and includes all Fellowship Treasurers. A meeting was held to develop the Terms of Reference, aligned to Chapter 13.21-36 of the Manual.

Proposals

1. Presbytery receives the Report.
2. **Financial Statements:**
   Presbytery notes the financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2026, reflecting an accounting surplus of R39,229 and an operational surplus of R3,129 after excluding restricted funds.
3. **Ministry Contributions:**
   a. Presbytery expresses its appreciation to the congregations that have honoured their ministry contribution commitments.
   b. That congregations with outstanding ministry contributions are encouraged to prioritise payment to ensure the sustainability of Presbytery operation.
4. **Annual Audit**
   Presbytery notes the progress of the external audit being conducted by BMG Partners and instructs the Finance Committee to fast track the process and submit the audited statement

in the next presbytery.

5. **2026/2027 Budget**
   a. That committee convenors who have not yet submitted their activity plans based on the allocated funds, do so by 31 August 2026, to enable for proper cashflow projections
   b. Considers and approves the proposed allowances for Clerk, Moderator and Treasurer.
   c. Approves the 2026/27 budget
6. **Grant support**
   a. Presbytery notes with appreciation that the approved grant support has been fully provided, amounting to R96 000.00
   b. Presbytery notes the grant support as concluded with effect from 30 June 2026.
   c. Notes the circumstances under which the July payment was effected.
   d. Condones and ratifies the July payment retrospectively.
   e. Provides guidance on the future position regarding financial support to ensure that any further payments are made only upon formal approval.
7. **Outstanding Debts**
   Presbytery resolves to mandate the Treasurer to continue pursuing the outstanding debts and requests the ministers to make payment arrangements.
8. **Finance Committee**
   Presbytery notes the establishment of the Finance Committee and approves its members and the Terms of Reference as aligned with Chapter 13.21 of the Manual.

4.4. Correspondence

4.4.1. Letter from Jonas Lediga – 31 Year Celebration

See appendices

4.4.2. Letters from the Ministry Secretary of General Assembly

See appendices

4.4.3. Request for renewal of appointment – ET Legodi

See Appendices. (This has been addressed in the Ministry Report)

4.4.4. Request for Assistance on a Disciplinary Matter – Mamelodi Gardens

Details to be given in the meeting.

5. Mission and Discipleship

5.1. Congregational Care

5.1.1. Convener's Report

Buhle Mpofu

Interim Moderators and Status of Congregations

Moderator and fellow commissioners, I kindly request that Commissioners check the details of the list of Interim Moderators and the status of congregations to assist us with corrections where there are errors so that we keep our records updated. Refer to appendix A attached.

	TOTAL	FILLED	VACANT
Calling Congregations	11	7	4
Developing Congregations	18	8	10
New Worshipping Communities	1	0	1
TOTAL	30	15	15

Congregational Visitations

The following congregations are due for a visit in 2026 and reports are expected in the August meeting of the Presbytery as some appointments are due for renewal.

- St Francis - Zolani Makalima, Pedzi Sakunhune & Kgomotso Kgwale
- St James Matsulu – Theo Groeneveld, Freddy Makgahela & Lesego Lengagan-Radebe
- ET Legodi - Lentikile Mashoko, Nonceba Mashalaba and Alben Milanzi
- Mamelodi Gardens- Buhle Mpofu, Vuyokazi Sodidi and Gilford Ranoko
- Mamelodi East - Fuzile Ntshona, Wendy Seatlholo and Solomon Lehari

CONGREGATION	MINISTER	LAST VISITATION	NEXT VISITATION
Mamelodi East	Fundiswa Kobo		2026
ET Legodi	Sharon Simelani		2026
St Francis	Alan Paskwababiri	2019	2026
Soshanguve	Buhle Mpofu	2026	2029
St James & St Paul	Micah Nthali/Rev T Mbambani	2016	2026
Centurion West	Frikkie Botha	2017	2027
Trinity	Graham Fryer		2028
Jonas Lediga	Patrick Nyawuza	2019	2028
St Andrews PTA	Mzwamadoda Mtyhobile	2026	2029
Emmanuel	Theo Groeneveld	2019	2029
St John's	Zolani Makalima	2017	2030
Pretoria North	Matshidiso Piroe		2030
Mamelodi Gardens	Fuzile Ntshona	2026	2028

Mamelodi Gardens Visitation

> *Minute P_4.1.11 Presbytery*
>
> *a) Extends the appointment of Fuzile Ntshona at Mamelodi Gardens until August*
>
> *b) Appoints Buhle Mpofu, Vuyokazi Sodidi and Gilford Ranoko to conduct a visitation to the congregation and to report back to the August meeting.*

The team visited the congregation on the 19th of July and we met with the session and Stewardship Board to discuss the review of Rev Ntshona's appointment. There was a follow up meeting with the congregation on the 26th of July where the proposed emoluments were tabled and adopted. The meeting discussed the developments regarding the appointment of Rev Ntshona and clarified the decisions that were taken by the Presbytery.

Budgetary constraints and Building the Church

The congregation has completed the Church building without any support and they are now looking for funds to install tiles. The stewardship Board shared financial statements which show that the congregation has a balance of R65000 and part of which R3600 is earmarked for security improvements because there has been break ins. Although it was clear that the congregation is experiencing challenges, we commended them for successfully completing the building project. Since COVID 19, the congregation has not fully recovered financially and there is a need for Presbytery to consider grants to support congregations in distress in order to avoid ministry decline. Given these challenges, the congregation agreed to review the emoluments from R6000 to R7000 and request Presbytery to extend the appointment of Rev Ntshona for another 2 years.

During our discussion, it also became clear that there are communication challenges between the Session, Stewardship Board and the congregation. We encouraged the leadership to be more

diligent in performing their duties and ensuring the Presbytery decisions and implemented on time.

Proposals

1. Presbytery receives the report.
2. Presbytery notes the congregations that are due for pastoral visits in 2026
3. Presbytery extends the appointment of Rev Fuzile Ntshona for 2 years from 1st of September 2026 to 31 August 2028.
4. Presbytery approves the reviewed stipend of Rev Ntshona for R7000

5.1.2. Visitation Mamelodi East

(Rev F.P. Ntshona, Elder S. Lehari and Elder W. Seatlholo)

Greetings to all in the wonderful name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

In May Presbytery council meeting that was held in Soshanguve, Rev Fuzile Ntshona, Elder Solomon Lehari and Elder Wendy Seatlholo were appointed to visit the congregation of Mamelodi East. The main purpose was to remind the congregation about the appointment of Prof Kobo that is coming to an end on the 31st of July 2026.

We are happy to report that on Sunday 21st of June 2026, we visited to congregation. The visit was in two phase. A meeting with the Session and Stewardship board members and also a meeting with the congregation.

MEETING WITH THE SESSION AND STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Present: Rev F. P. Ntshona, Mr M. Bopape, Mr S.P. Lehari, Mr P. Masilela, Mrs V. Mashao, Mrs M. Mabuse, Mrs D. Mpepele, Mr T. Mofokoane, Mr S. Mpepele, Miss T. Mamabolo, Mrs C. Sebelebele.

The following apologies were received from the visiting team: Mr S. Lehari and Mrs Wendy Seatlholo who later joined the meeting. From the Congregation: Mr J. Manabile, Miss S. Boshielo, Miss C. Bangwa, and Miss R. Manabile.

Rev F. P. Ntshona opened the meeting with a prayer and a short devotion. After opening the meeting, the reasons of the visit were explained to the members. In his opening address Rev Ntshona mentioned that the Presbytery cares for the congregation of Mamelodi East. He also explained that the delegation did not come to discipline anyone but to encourage the congregation on its life and work.

In our deliberations with the session and the Stewardship Board, the following were the outcomes of the meeting.

- The importance of continuity in Ministry with Prof F. Kobo.
- The Session and the Stewardship Board priorities should be aligned.
- Financial instability of the church.
- The building of new structure versus ministry.

The session and the Stewardship Board were encouraged with the good work that they are doing and edged to give more energy in ministry.

MEETING WITH THE CONGREGATION

Present: Fifty eight members attended the meeting and there were no apologies.

After a vibrant worship service with the congregation of Mamelodi East, the consultation team continued with its work in a form of a meeting with the congregation.

Similar concerns that were raised at the meeting with the Session and Stewardship Board were also picked up in our deliberations. The following outcomes were reached:

- That the congregation should start the process of reviewing the contract of Prof F. Kobo
- That the congregation should priorities ministry over other responsibilities.
- That the building project should not be prioritised over ministry.

It was at this meeting, where the congregation asked to be given more time to look at the contract of Prof F. Kobo. The Congregation and the leadership group asked for further three month

extension to the existing contract of Prof Kobo. The hope is to present the renewed contract before the end of the year.

The congregation was encouraged and thanked for the good work.

Further consultation was made with Prof F. Kobo to get her own views about the congregation and the relationship between her and the people in Mamelodi East UPCSA. We are encouraged about good relationships that has been built over the years. Prof Kobo will be happy to continue with her ministry in Mamelodi East.

Proposals:

1. Presbytery receives the report
2. Presbytery acknowledged the good work of Prof Kobo and the congregation for the building project.
3. Presbytery extend the contract with further three month, allowing the congregation to finalize the new terms with Prof Kobo.
4. Presbytery pray and continue to support the congregation.

5.1.3. Visitation ET Legodi

ET Legodi Presbyterian Church Visitation Report

At its council meeting on the 9th of May 2026, the Presbytery of Tshwane nominated Lentikile Mashoko, Nonceba Mashalaba and Alben Milanzi to serve as a visitation team to ET Legodi and report back to Presbytery.

The team dealt with the visitation in three parts:

1. The Visitation Team met with the Session of ET Legodi virtually on the evening of Tuesday, the 10th of June 2026.
2. The Visitation Team met with the Stewardship Committee of the Session on the evening of Wednesday, the 01 of July 2026.
3. The Visitation Team attended worship service and met with the congregation on Sunday the 26th of July 2026.

1. The Congregation

The E.T. Legodi memorial congregation was founded around 1968 by Rev. E.T. Legodi, Mrs. S. Legodi, and other members whose names are recorded on the church building's foundation stone. The congregation first worshipped at Majaneng, in the Setseta family home, before moving to Kudube Primary School in Temba in 1969. The main church building was completed in 1971 and officially opened in September 1972. Over the years, worship services were led by various ministers and interim ministers. During the leadership of Rev. Vuyo Mbaru, the Session resolved to rename the church from St Thomas Presbyterian Church to E.T. Legodi Memorial Presbyterian Church in 2012 with the approval of the Presbytery of Tshwane.

Members on the roll: The total membership of the congregation ranks around +/-110 members.

Main station

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	Majaneng
Families 9	13	11	17	8	8	11

Outstations

Mathibestad	Makapanstad	Nokaneng	Rugtesloot
Families 3	4	3	8

The serving elders at ET Legodi Memorial are Francis Mabobo, Gilford Ranoko, Ishmael Lehari, Johannes Mooka, Phillip Mvubu, Jones Lediga, Anna Legodi, Lesego Radebe, Betty Rangane, Nthabiseng Matlala, Baile Molifi, Asia Matjila, and Shirley Njikelana. The congregation also has two Elders Emeritus: Paulina Maponyane and Gillian Dintwe.

2. **Vision and Mission**

Mission: E.T Legodi UPCSA strives to inspire, empower and mobilize the congregation, families and the society to become missional and evangelical, to teach, baptize and nurture, respond to human needs through service, transform unjust structures of society to challenge violence and pursue peace and reconciliation.

Vision: To be a Church of Christians exercising divine proclamation and declaration of the greatness of God through Christ, unity, justice, peace and love.

3. **Spiritual Life of the Congregation**

Sunday services are faithfully conducted every week at ET Legodi and across all its outstations: Rugtesloot, Makapanstad, Mathibestad, and Nokaneng. In each outstation, the elders continue to lead worship every Sunday, ensuring that the ministry remains active and consistent. The Minister leads worship on Holy Communion Sundays.

When Holy Communion is scheduled at any of the outstations, the entire congregation travels together to worship and fellowship with that outstation, strengthening unity and shared spiritual life across the church community.

On the Sunday of our visit, the Minister, Rev. Sharon N Simelane, preached from **Exodus 3:1–5.** Her message focused on "**Patience as a Fruit of the Spirit**." She highlighted how God demonstrated extraordinary patience toward Moses—through his 40 years in Egypt, even after he killed an Egyptian, and through another 40 years in Midian. Despite Moses' failures and fears, God continued to shape him patiently until the moment He called him from the burning bush. She reminded the congregation that the church also needs this same patience as it makes disciples. Just as God patiently formed Moses for his calling, the church must patiently walk with people as they grow in faith and obedience. Ninety-eight members attended the service and participated in the discussion with the Visitation Team.

The church service was vibrant, filled with uplifting music, heartfelt prayers, and warm fellowship. The congregation walked together as one body, demonstrating a unity that reflects the spirit of love.

4. **Fellowships**

The fellowships meet and share the word of God and encourage each other to remain within the Kingdom of God. Fellowships play a big role in the spiritual life of the congregation. The following Fellowships are existing within the congregation:

- Fellowship of Woman
- Fellowship of Men
- Fellowship of Young Woman
- Fellowship of Youth
- Emmanuel Woman's Fellowship
- Children Ministry

Mr Jones Lediga, a member and elder of ET Legodi, currently serves as President of the Fellowship of Men in Tshwane Presbytery. His leadership reflects the congregation's meaningful contribution to the life and ministry of the fellowships.

5. **Pastoral Care**

The Minister, together with the fellowships, provides pastoral care for the congregation. Because the Minister also teaches at a school, she uses school holidays to visit the outstations, sometimes accompanied by fellowship members when they are available. She also provides pastoral care to the congregation in Temba. Members expressed appreciation to the Presbytery for the Minister's dedication and commitment to visiting and caring for the whole congregation.

One concern raised was that the Session also serves people in the wider community who are not members of the local congregation. The Visiting Team explained that the Session is taking its missional calling seriously by proclaiming Christ through service in the community. The congregation was encouraged not to discourage the Minister and Elders from taking the church to the unchurched. After discussion, the congregation welcomed the elders' community outreach initiative.

Some members expressed joy at having a woman minister among them. They described Rev. Sharon Simelani as committed, humble, patient, and deeply attentive to the needs of the community and families. As the denomination celebrates 50 years of women ministers serving in its life and ministry, the congregation made this milestone especially meaningful for the Visitation Team.

The members of the congregation indicated that they would prefer Sharon to stay at ET Legodi forever, the words used by members is 'Sesofa se lahlane'.

6. **Governance & Session Functioning**

The Session at ET Legodi meets monthly on the third Saturday of each month. Minutes are properly recorded, and the elders demonstrate commitment to the responsibilities entrusted to them. The Session consists of thirteen members, including representatives from the outstations and the Minister. Two elder emeriti are also under the pastoral care of the Session.

Like other Sessions, ET Legodi sometimes faces complex and challenging matters. When the Visitation Team met with the Session, it became clear that certain important issues needed to be addressed before meeting with the congregation. The Session handled these matters diligently and rescheduled the visit accordingly.

The Session also expressed appreciation for having a woman Minister, noting that she brings qualities they experience as distinct and valuable, including a nurturing and motherly presence. They described her leadership as humble and caring. The elders further indicated that the Session works together as one unit and that each member feels valued in the life of the congregation.

The elders identified empowerment as a key challenge and expressed the need for further training in effective Presbyterian leadership and the responsibilities of eldership. This concern arises from the perception that some elders are not fully involved in the life of the congregation. While they attend services, some are not actively fulfilling their roles or contributing through pledging, despite encouraging others to do so. The Session also indicated plans to modernise the church building, construct Sunday school classrooms, and renovate the bathrooms. However, these plans are currently on hold because some elders appear not to be supporting them through active involvement.

The congregation echoed this concern and requested that Presbytery provide renewed training to help elders lead faithfully and make sound decisions. The elders expressed openness to including young people in the Session. During the meeting with the congregation, young people also encouraged the Session to involve them in leadership. The Session is already considering this matter and has committed to prayerfully adding young people in the future.

7. **Administration & Compliance**

The Session Clerk at ET Legodi is Elder Lesego Radebe, identified as the congregation's first woman Session Clerk. This is a source of pride for Tshwane Presbytery and affirms the importance of women's ministry in the life and work of the church. After the service, we also spoke with Lesego's husband, who expressed his full support and joy in seeing his wife fulfil the calling God has placed on her life. His willingness to sit among the congregation while his wife serves in leadership is commendable and worthy of acknowledgement. The Session Clerk keeps the records of the congregation and serves to ensure that services are held when the minister is on Interim Moderator responsibilities.

The congregation indicated that it had raised several concerns with the Session but felt that these matters were not being addressed with sufficient urgency. Members expressed a desire for the Session to respond more promptly and take quicker steps to resolve the challenges they face. The minister explained to the congregation that sometimes concerns come when she is in the middle of Interim Ministry in other congregations. Members need to be patient, since she is serving as Interim Moderator in other congregations.

When asked about the membership roll, the Session explained that members have not returned the information forms needed to complete the congregation's records, despite repeated requests. This matter was also raised during the meeting with the congregation, and it is hoped that the roll will be finalised in the near future.

8. **Stewardship Part of the report**

The Stewardship Committee manages the congregation's finances responsibly. Its elected leaders,

N. Sedibe as Convenor and M.P. More as Treasurer, safeguard church funds and oversee all income and expenditure. Since January 2026, the congregation has made the following ministry contributions to the Presbytery and General Assembly:

Presbytery: R4 000.00

General Assembly: R6 000.00

PEF Contributions: R2 000.00

The congregation holds two bank accounts: a current account with a balance of R254 200.00 and a 32-day account with a balance of R958 805.42.

9. **Projects**

The congregation is about to embark on a project of renovating and build the toilets and Sunday School classrooms.

10. **Minister and Congregation relationship.**

The congregation wishes to appoint Rev. Sharon Simelane for a further three-year term through the Presbytery's Ministry Committee. Rev. Simelane continues to teach at a Stanza Bopape Secondary School in Mamelodi. As a bi-vocational Minister of the Word and Sacraments, she values her ministry and has learned to balance it with her teaching responsibilities.

Proposals

1. Presbytery receives the report
2. Presbytery recognizes and commends the good work the Session, Minister, and Congregation are doing in the community.
3. Presbytery upholds the congregation in prayer.

5.1.4. Visitation St Francis

PRESBYTERY VISITATION TEAM REPORT ON ST FRANCIS ON 28 JUNE 2026

Visitation Team: Rev. Zolani Makalima, Elder Pedzi Sakuhuni, Elder Kgomotso Kgwale

1. Purpose of the Visitation

The visitation team was appointed by the Presbytery of 9 May 2026 that met at Soshanguve Congregation to conduct a pastoral visitation to St Francis Congregation. The purpose of the visit was to assess the life and work of the congregation, its governance, ministry, stewardship, and overall health, and where necessary provide recommendations to the Presbytery.

2. Meeting with the Congregation

2.1 **General Overview**

The congregation expressed a high level of appreciation for the ministry of Rev Paskwababiri. Members indicated that they feel a strong sense of belonging within the congregation and affirmed that Rev Paskwababiri faithfully preaches God's Word. They described him as well prepared, diligent in his biblical research, and committed to ensuring that members are spiritually nourished and continue to grow in their faith.

Although the congregation experienced financial challenges in previous years, they expressed sincere gratitude to Presbytery for the financial assistance received. They also acknowledged Rev Allan's commitment in serving beyond the expectations of his part-time appointment, noting that he effectively ministers as though serving in a full-time capacity because of the needs of the congregation.

The congregation reported that congregational meetings are held regularly. During March 2026, Rev Paskwababiri facilitated a workshop to unpack the discussions and decisions of the General Assembly, thereby enabling members to better understand the wider mission and direction of the UPCSA. Members indicated that they understand and support the vision and mission of the UPCSA.

The congregation identified three key mission priorities:

5. Reaching Out to the Community
6. Reaching In to the Congregation

7. Reaching Up to God

These priorities continue to shape the congregation's ministry and witness.

2.2 Challenges Identified by the Congregation

The congregation highlighted several challenges:

1. The Women's Fellowship has become inactive as younger women are often unable to attend working-hours meetings because of work and career commitments, while many elderly women are also unable to attend working-hours gatherings. Women's Bible Study continues to function on Monday mornings.
2. Youth ministry remains inconsistent, particularly during school holidays.
3. An active young family of 2 adults and 3 children recently emigrated overseas, creating additional challenges in youth leadership and continuity.
4. The congregation has generally been able to retain young people until they complete tertiary education; however, there is a noticeable gap in ministry to young adults after university.
5. Some young people depend on parents for transport to church, affecting regular attendance.
6. The visitation team suggested that the fact that St Francis is closer to UP must be considered a strategic opportunity. It would be worth exploring developing a strategy to attract students from the university.
7. Emigration and employment opportunities overseas continue to affect the retention of young adults. The area in which the congregation is situated houses many diplomats who serve only for a particular time in an area or country.
8. The Men's Fellowship remains active through its regular Breakfast Club gatherings.

3. Meeting with Session – Oversight Function

3.1 General Overview

Three Session Elders were present during the visitation, with one apology received. The congregation currently has 103 enrolled members, including children. The Session advised that the traditional membership roll book has been replaced by a secure digital system. In view of this, we did not physically inspect the roll book. District Elders receive relevant membership information, and the session indicated that it complies with the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA).

Worship Enhancers: The congregation has an active music ministry consisting of a volunteer guitarist and an organist, who are both church members. The organist is paid monthly for the service that she renders to the congregation.

Outreach Ministry: In line with its mission priority of “Reaching out to the Community”, the congregation remains actively involved in several outreach ministries, including:

- Thandanani Nursery School (drop in centre)
- Tshwane Leadership Foundation, which focuses on the development and support of young girls and helping the homeless in our city among many other projects
- Distribution of food parcels, blankets and clothing to those in need
- Annual Christmas Shoebox Project. These outreach initiatives are funded through congregational donations, with retiring offerings occasionally allocated to support community outreach.
- Confirmation classes are conducted annually, currently with four confirmands who will hopefully be confirmed into full membership.

Worship Attendance: Average Sunday attendance ranges between 20 and 30 adult worshippers, increasing to approximately 40 adults on well-attended Sundays. The Session indicated that lower attendance is largely due to the ageing profile of the congregation and members experiencing ill health.

Pastoral Care and Support: Rev Paskwababiri undertakes the majority of pastoral visitations, elders joining him on scheduled visits as per elder districts. Weekly devotions and Sunday announcements

are also shared through the District WhatsApp groups to reach members who are unable to attend worship services.

Congregation's Strategy: The session was requested to furnish the visitation team with copies of the congregation strategy and its year plan. These documents were not readily available during our engagements with the session.

Minute Books: The session minute book was also inspected. We found out that the minutes were not up to date. The last minutes pasted in the books were for the month of February 2026 and the session seats every month. Notably, the minutes were not duly signed for those that have been pasted in the minute book. The elders stated that all past session minutes were made available electronically before the next session meeting. They acknowledged that the task of pasting and signing minutes in the hard cover book was not up to date.

Congregational Meeting: The team was informed that the congregation had its meeting earlier in the year, however, they were no minutes pasted in the minute book for the congregational meeting.

It was observed that for as much as the Stewardship matters were discussed in the session meetings, no evidence was demonstrated to indicate that the Stewardship reports were brought to the session as formal reports written by the convenor. One could not see a decision and or proposal to the effect that the session receives the report for discussion. The minutes do not reflect proposals as a decision making tool, the same applies to the stewardship minutes. The visitation team is of the view that the presbytery assessors should have picked up these anomalies and advise the congregation accordingly.

3.2 Stewardship Committee Matters

Composition: The Stewardship Committee consists of seven members. Two members were present during the visitation, while five submitted apologies due to other commitments. Rev Paskwababiri currently serves as the Stewardship Convener as provided for in par. 8.21-29 of the Manual of Faith and Order. The committee explained that, due to the transient nature of diplomats serving within the congregation, leadership continuity has been challenging, resulting in Rev Paskwababiri assuming this responsibility.

Convenorship of the Stewardship Committee: The team's concern, however**,** relates not to the minister holding this office, but to governance where matters directly affecting the minister personally (such as remuneration, loans or other personal benefits) are considered. In such instances, the minister should declare his interest, recuse himself from the deliberations and decision-making process, and this should be properly recorded in the minutes to avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest**..**

Administrative Duties: Rev Piroe is employed part time by the congregation for administration duties and is also member of the stewardship committee. She works Wednesdays and Fridays. She has not been attending meetings due to sick health. Consequently, the Stewardship minute book has not been updated since February 2026. The team noted, however, that the General Assembly and Presbytery assessments are up to date.

Honorarium for the Organist: The congregation employs an organist who also serves as a full-time teacher. Current Stewards explained that this arrangement was inherited from previous leadership and has been maintained because of the organist's significant contribution to worship and congregational life. A succession plan is being considered.

Revenue, Expenses and Accounting: Income is generated through property rentals and weekday parking fees. The congregation has also appointed an accounting firm to provide payroll administration, taxation services and monthly financial auditing. The minister's stipend is paid regularly, with no outstanding emoluments.

Loan to the Minister: The session reported that there is a 15-month loan previously granted to Rev Paskwababiri, which is now in its fourteenth month and nearing completion. This was viewed with concern by the visitation team. As a general principle, the Church should avoid functioning as a lending institution.

Shared Ministry: Given the dwindling of numbers in congregations which brings about financial struggles and human capacity challenges, the session observed if it is not about time that the possibility of "Shared Ministry" arrangement between struggling neighbouring congregations be

seriously explored.

4. Meeting with Minister and Spouse

Connection with St Francis: Rev Paskwababiri began serving the congregation as a student minister and Probationer in 2019. He was ordained in 2020 and served alongside Rev Glynis Goyns until 2022. He currently serves the congregation full-time despite holding a part-time appointment and has no other source of income. His spouse is employed full-time.

Work Permit: Rev Paskwababiri reported that he has a spousal permit which has a condition to allow him to work in SA, the permit is valid for two years and may be renewed for an additional five years, for as long as they are still married. We did not see the copy of the permit, by the time we left, he was asked to furnish Rev Makalima and or the Clerk of Presbytery with a copy of the permit. The visitation team is of the view that Presbytery should continue exercising due diligence when appointing or renewing the appointment of non-South African ministers. The team noted the clarification provided by the congregation that an offer of employment (or Call) is required before a work permit application or renewal can be submitted to the Department of Home Affairs. Presbytery should nevertheless satisfy itself that the minister holds a valid work permit at all times and that updated documentation is submitted whenever renewals are required.

Accommodation: The couple reside in a flatlet within the manse and have been married since 2022. They have no children at present.

Spousal Support: The visitation team observed that Mrs Paskwababiri is supportive of her husband's ministry and that together they demonstrate a shared vision for the congregation. Both expressed a strong sense of belonging within the St Francis church family and indicated their desire to continue serving the congregation over the long term.

Collegiate Support: Rev Paskwababiri also confirmed that he benefits from the guidance of several mentors with whom he regularly consults for encouragement and guidance.

5. Concluding Remarks

The visitation team was encouraged by the positive relationship that exists between the Minister and the congregation. There is evidence of healthy pastoral leadership, spiritual growth, faithful worship, active outreach and fairly sound financial administration despite the congregation's limited resources. The congregation demonstrates commitment to the mission of the UPCSA and continues to serve faithfully within its local community. The congregation should continue building upon its strong community outreach ministries, which remain a significant vehicle to witness within the local community and has the potential to grow the congregation.

The visitation team also identified the following several areas requiring attention to strengthen governance and long-term sustainability:

1. Session and committee minute books should be brought fully up to date. Minutes should clearly record agenda items, discussions, proposals, resolutions and actions arising from each meeting.
2. The congregation minute takers to be empowered on minute taking to strengthen governance and good record keeping.
3. The Session should ensure that whenever the Stewardship Committee or Session considers matters directly affecting the minister personally, including remuneration, loans or other financial benefits, the minister declares his interest, recuses himself from the deliberations and decision-making process, and that such recusal is properly recorded in the minutes in accordance with good governance practices. The Session should review the congregation's practice regarding loans to individuals. While noting that the existing loan to the minister is nearing completion, the visitation team recommends that Presbytery satisfy itself that such arrangements are consistent with the Manual of Faith and Order and sound governance principles. As a general principle, the Church should avoid functioning as a lending institution.
4. Given Rev Piroe's prolonged absence through illness, the Session should ensure that essential administrative duties continue to be performed and that appropriate oversight is exercised regarding staffing responsibilities.
5. Monthly administrative reports should be submitted by the church administrator outlining

work completed, responsibilities undertaken and progress against agreed responsibilities.

6. The congregation should intentionally develop strategies to strengthen youth and young adult ministry, particularly focusing on university students and young professionals.
7. The congregation should develop a written strategic plan based on clearly defined congregational aims and objectives that align with the Mission Priorities of the General Assembly. This strategic plan should be reviewed regularly to monitor progress.

6. **Proposals**
    1. Presbytery receives the report.
    2. Presbytery notes that the life and work of the congregation is reasonably in order.
    3. Presbytery instructs St Francis to consider the guidance provided to them in good heart and implement where applicable in the interest of congregational growth and good governance

5.1.5. Visitation Thumedi Makhahlela

Date: 12 July 2026
Presbytery: Presbytery of Tshwane
Purpose: Consultation regarding the proposed reappointment of Mr Freddy Makgahlela as Stated Supply

INTRODUCTION

At its stated meeting held at Soshanguve in 09 May 2026 , the Presbytery of Tshwane received a request from the Session of Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation for the reappointment of Mr Freddy Makgahlela as Stated Supply for a sixth consecutive year.

In response, Presbytery resolved:

“Presbytery to appoint a team consisting of Zwai Mtyhboile, Violet Baloyi and Thapelo Motokolo to investigate the reappointment of Freddy Makgahlela as Stated Supply.”

The Team was mandated to engage the relevant Session, Stewardship Board and the congregation, examine the circumstances surrounding the continued appointment of the Stated Supply, assess the congregation's ecclesial and financial condition, and provide Presbytery with an informed basis for its deliberations.

The Manual of Faith and Order states:

> *16.165 The Presbytery appoints Stated Supply for a period of one year or less and determines the period at the time of appointment. The Presbytery may review the appointment at any time and must do so before the time of appointment expires. It may then extend the appointment for a further specified period; otherwise the appointment automatically ends on the agreed date. Termination of appointment at an earlier date is subject to one months' notice on either side.*

The Team therefore approached the matter not merely as a question concerning the reappointment of an individual, but within Presbytery's wider responsibility for oversight, pastoral care, accountability, and discernment concerning the life and mission of the congregation. In the polity of the UPCSA, a congregation exists within the wider communion of the Church. Questions concerning ministerial provision, governance, stewardship, congregational sustainability, and mission are consequently matters of mutual responsibility between the congregation and Presbytery.

1. CONSULTATION PROCESS

1.1 Review of Congregational Records

In preparation for the consultation, the Team requested the following records from the Session Clerk:

1. Session Minute Book;
2. Stewardship Board Minute Book; and
3. Financial Statements.

These records were made available to the Team and assisted in assessing the congregation's governance, stewardship, financial circumstances, and ministerial arrangements.

1.2 Meetings with Congregational Leadership

On the day of the consultation, Mr Thapelo Motokolo tendered an apology and was unable to participate. The remaining members of the Team proceeded with the consultation and met with:

- the Session; and
- the Stewardship Board.

The Team was therefore able to engage directly with those responsible for the spiritual, administrative, and financial oversight of the congregation.

1.3 Meeting with the Congregation

Owing to time constraints, the Team was unable to meet with the congregation as a whole.

While this did not prevent the Team from gathering significant information, the Team notes that a fuller ecclesial assessment would ideally include engagement with the wider membership. The perspectives, participation, commitment, and experiences of members are important indicators of congregational vitality.

2. THE STATED SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT

2.1 Nature and Purpose of a Stated Supply

The appointment of a Stated Supply is, by its nature, a temporary ministerial arrangement. A Stated Supply is appointed to provide leadership to a congregation for the purposes of conducting Public Worship and undertaking such other ministerial responsibilities as may be assigned in accordance with the Manual of Faith and Order.

Reference should be made to Section 10, paragraph 16.147 of the Manual of Faith and Order.

While a Stated Supply may be necessary in particular circumstances, such an arrangement should not become an indefinite substitute for sustainable provision of ordained ministry. Its continuation requires regular discernment and oversight by Presbytery.

2.2 Duration of the Appointment

Mr Freddy Makgahlela was initially appointed to Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation in 2021 for a period of one year, following a request from the Session. The appointment was subsequently renewed annually and has now continued for five consecutive years, with a sixth year being proposed.

The Team notes that during this period Presbytery did not appoint a Consultation Committee to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the congregation as contemplated in paragraph 16.154 of the Manual of Faith and Order.

The prolonged arrangement therefore raises questions concerning the adequacy of Presbytery's visitation, consultation, and pastoral oversight. Regular engagement is necessary to ensure that Presbytery remains informed of the spiritual, pastoral, ministerial, financial, organisational, and missional condition of its congregations.

The Team is also concerned that the Stated Supply has continued to receive the stipend originally agreed upon five years ago without an appropriate periodic review.

2.3 Stipend and Financial Obligations

The Team commends the congregation for consistently fulfilling its financial obligation to the Stated Supply. The agreed stipend of R3,000.00 per month has reportedly been paid without interruption.

The Team nevertheless considers it appropriate that the Session and Stewardship Board should have periodically reviewed the stipend. It therefore recommends that Presbytery admonish the Session and Stewardship Board for failing to undertake an appropriate review and encourage consideration of the applicable 4.5% stipend increase retrospectively from February 2024, subject to confirmation of the relevant UPCSA provisions.

Such a review reflects not only financial responsibility but also the Church's commitment to justice, dignity, responsible stewardship, and appropriate care for those who serve in its ministry.

3. PRESBYTERY'S RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 Ecclesial Oversight and Pastoral Care

Presbytery's responsibility extends beyond the regulation of congregational affairs. It includes accompanying, strengthening, teaching, and enabling congregations to fulfil their calling and participate effectively in the mission of the Church.

Paragraph 10.27(i) of the Manual of Faith and Order states that Presbytery:

"Arranges regular Presbyterial Visitations with all congregations within the boundaries, considers all matters relating to the condition of such congregations…"

Visitation is therefore an essential expression of ecclesial oversight. It enables Presbytery to identify challenges, encourage faithful ministry, provide pastoral support, and intervene where necessary.

Paragraph 16.56 further provides that where a congregation fails to call a Minister within nine months after being declared vacant, Presbytery may take steps to facilitate the calling and settlement of a Minister, subject to the relevant provisions of the Manual.

Paragraphs 16.61–16.63(e) should likewise be considered in understanding the relationship between Presbytery and congregation as one of mutual accountability, pastoral oversight, and ecclesial partnership.

3.2 Shared Responsibility

The congregation has a responsibility to seek and sustain appropriate ministerial leadership, exercise responsible stewardship, and participate faithfully in the mission of God. Presbytery, correspondingly, must provide oversight, pastoral accompaniment, and assistance where circumstances impede the congregation's ministry.

The Team therefore considers the prolonged Stated Supply arrangement to be a matter of shared responsibility. Presbytery should ask whether it has provided sufficient consultation, intervention, and support to enable the congregation to move towards a sustainable form of ministerial leadership.

4. STEWARDSHIP, FINANCES AND MINISTERIAL SUSTAINABILITY

4.1 Stewardship Board

The Stewardship Board consists of members of the Session together with five Stewards.

The Team engaged the Board concerning the financial and organisational implications of continuing with the present Stated Supply arrangement rather than moving towards permanent ordained ministry. Particular attention was given to:

1. governance and accountability;
2. financial growth and sustainability;
3. financial reporting;
4. congregational participation and stewardship;
5. long-term ministerial sustainability;
6. compliance with UPCSA decisions and regulations; and
7. the congregation's capacity to fulfil its ecclesial and missional vocation.

These matters are interconnected. Stewardship is not merely a financial concern but an expression of discipleship and the congregation's commitment to worship, ministry, pastoral care, witness, and mission.

4.2 Current Financial Commitments

The congregation currently pays:

1. Stated Supply: R3,000.00 per month;
2. Interim Moderator: R1,000.00 per month.

Total fixed ministry costs: R4,000.00 per month.

The congregation reports a guaranteed monthly amount of approximately R4,000.00 towards these obligations. The Team recognises this as evidence of financial discipline and commitment, while encouraging the congregation to broaden its financial base.

4.3 Financial Administration

The congregation has a Treasurer who served in that capacity for approximately two years. The Team was informed that the Treasurer became inactive because of family commitments, creating potential weaknesses in financial administration.

The Team was subsequently advised that a new Treasurer was appointed in 2026. The Team welcomes this development and recommends that the congregation ensure continuity, transparent record-keeping, regular reporting, and appropriate accountability.

4.4 Giving and Financial Participation

The Team established that some members remain committed to regular giving, while others make little or no financial contribution and appear to have limited participation in the wider life of the congregation.

The congregation should therefore develop a theological and pastoral approach to stewardship that presents giving as an expression of Christian discipleship, shared responsibility, and participation in the ministry of the Church.

4.5 Financial Overview

The financial information presented to the Team indicates:

- Average annual income for the past two years: **R172,792.00**
- Average annual expenditure for the past two years: **R146,218.00**
- Average annual surplus for the past two years: **R26,574.00**
- Average monthly pledges: **R3,139.00**
- Average monthly freewill giving: **R1,526.00**

The congregation has therefore maintained a positive average annual balance over the past two years. However, the existence of a surplus should not by itself be regarded as evidence of long-term financial sustainability.

The congregation and Presbytery should assess whether its income base can support ministerial costs, administration, pastoral ministry, mission, maintenance, and future development.

5. ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SESSION

5.1 Assessment by the Stated Supply

The Team met with the Session and invited the Stated Supply to present his assessment of the congregation, including its development, challenges, and prospects.

A significant observation from his presentation was his view that the congregation requires a shepherd. Given his extended period of service, this raises an important question concerning whether the present temporary arrangement adequately addresses the congregation's ministerial needs.

The Stated Supply was also asked whether he would welcome a transition away from Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation should Presbytery determine that a different ministerial arrangement would be appropriate. He responded affirmatively.

He was thereafter requested to excuse himself so that the Team could engage independently with the remaining members of the Session.

5.2 Family Relationships and Potential Conflicts of Interest

The Team identified concerns regarding the concentration of closely related family members within the congregation's leadership structures.

The Stated Supply's wife serves as Session Clerk, while their daughter was subsequently brought into the eldership and appointed as secretary of the Stewardship Board.

Family relationships do not, in themselves, constitute an ecclesial irregularity. However, where closely related persons occupy several positions of influence, appropriate safeguards are necessary to ensure transparency, independence, and avoidance of actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

The concern is particularly relevant to decisions regarding the continuation of the Stated Supply's appointment. The Team observed that strong advocacy for his continued appointment appeared to come from two Session members who are members of his immediate family.

This does not, by itself, establish improper conduct. Nevertheless, future deliberations should be conducted through an objective, transparent, and properly constituted ecclesial process.

6. ELECTION AND ORDINATION OF AN ELDER

6.1 Procedural Concerns

The Team expresses serious concern regarding the circumstances surrounding the accession and ordination of a member to the eldership.

On the basis of the records made available, the Team could not establish that the requirements of Section 12 of the Manual of Faith and Order were followed. In particular, there was insufficient evidence that the congregation properly participated in the election or discernment of the individual concerned.

The description of the process as a “promotion” is itself problematic from a Presbyterian ecclesiological perspective. Eldership is not simply a position to which a person is promoted; it is a ministry to which a member is called and elected in accordance with the Church's constitutional and ecclesial procedures, including paragraph 7.44.

6.2 Documentary Evidence

The Team examined the relevant Session minutes but could not identify a recorded decision concerning the election, appointment, or promotion of the individual to eldership.

The Team recommends that Presbytery require the Session to provide a full account of:

1. how the individual was identified for eldership;
2. whether the congregation was formally consulted or convened for election;
3. whether the prescribed election process was followed;
4. whether the Session formally considered or recommended the individual;
5. whether the decision was recorded in the Session minutes;
6. the basis upon which the ordination proceeded; and
7. the authority under which the individual was admitted to the Session.

6.3 Responsibility of the Interim Moderator

The Interim Moderator has an important responsibility to guide the Session and congregation in the proper observance of UPCSA polity.

The Team is therefore concerned that the apparent failure to establish compliance with the prescribed election process raises questions concerning whether adequate guidance and oversight were provided. This concern is heightened by the fact that the Interim Moderator subsequently participated in the ordination.

The Team recommends that the Interim Moderator account to Presbytery concerning:

1. the guidance provided to the Session and congregation;
2. whether the prescribed process was confirmed before the ordination;
3. what evidence of election or congregational participation was available;
4. the basis upon which the ordination was authorised; and
5. what steps were taken to ensure compliance with the Manual of Faith and Order.

The monthly allowance received for the Interim Moderator's ministry further underscores the importance of accountability for the responsibilities associated with the office.

6.4 Recommended Action

The Team recommends that Presbytery:

1. Require the Session to account fully for the process through which the member entered the eldership.
2. Require the Interim Moderator to account for the guidance provided and the circumstances surrounding the ordination.
3. Examine the relevant Session minutes and other documentary evidence.

4. Determine the ecclesial status of the Elder in light of the findings and applicable provisions of the Manual.
5. Provide formal constitutional and theological instruction to the Session concerning the election, ordination, and responsibilities of Elders.
6. Strengthen Presbyterial oversight of the congregation and monitor the implementation of any corrective measures.

The purpose should be both accountability and restoration. The integrity of Presbyterian governance depends upon proper processes of calling, election, ordination, and accountability.

7. SESSION GOVERNANCE AND RECORD-KEEPING

7.1 Session Minutes

The Team observed that some Session minutes had not been signed by the Interim Moderator. The Team was informed that, despite receiving a monthly allowance, certain minutes had instead been signed by the Stated Supply.

This raises questions concerning the respective responsibilities of the Interim Moderator and Stated Supply and the proper authentication of Session proceedings.

Proper minutes are essential because they preserve institutional memory, establish accountability, protect the integrity of decisions, and enable Presbytery to exercise effective oversight.

The Team recommends that Presbytery review the Session records and provide guidance concerning the preparation, confirmation, authentication, and preservation of official minutes.

8. MEMBERSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

8.1 Membership Decline

The Team examined Session minutes covering the period from 2022 to 2026 and observed a significant decline in membership. Approximately 41 members are currently reflected in the district information.

8.1.5 Fellowship of Women:

It has also declined with only three members and two who are on trial.

8.1.5 **EMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP:**

Emmanuel fellowship is the only fellowship that is active in the congregation with a better affiliated members of 16. They recently bought chairs for the Sanctuary.

8.2 Ecclesiological Significance

The decline should not be treated merely as a statistical issue. Membership represents the living community through which worship, discipleship, fellowship, pastoral care, witness, and mission are expressed.

The departure of young people is particularly concerning because it raises questions about intergenerational discipleship, belonging, leadership development, and the congregation's ability to provide meaningful opportunities for younger members.

The Team recommends that Presbytery and the congregation examine the pastoral, spiritual, relational, leadership, organisational, and missional factors contributing to the decline.

9. DISTRICT STRUCTURE

The congregation is currently organised into three districts:

9.1 Ward A

Ward A has recorded a total membership of 17 members, of whom 8 are active and 9 are currently inactive. In addition, 11 children are recorded as members of the ward.

It is further recorded that 6 youth members are not attending church services regularly. This indicates a need for focused pastoral engagement and intentional efforts to encourage greater participation and integration of the youth within the life and ministry of the Church.

9.2 Ward B

Ward B has recorded a total membership of 12 members, of whom 8 are active and 4 are currently

inactive. The ward also has 6 children recorded as members.

Furthermore, 2 youth members of the ward are reported as not attending church services regularly. This may require appropriate pastoral follow-up and engagement to encourage their continued participation in the life of the Church.

9.3 Ward C

Ward C has recorded a total membership of 12 members, of whom 11 are active and 1 is currently inactive. The ward also has 3 children recorded as members.

The Team was informed that a number of young people have left the congregation.

The district structure could provide an effective basis for pastoral visitation, discipleship, fellowship, evangelism, mutual care, and mobilisation for mission, particularly given the congregation's relatively small membership.

10. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

10.1 Absence of Verifiable Evidence

The Team was unable to establish from the records provided that Annual Congregational Meetings had been regularly convened during the period under review.

This raises an important question concerning the authority and process through which the Stated Supply's appointment has continued to be extended.

The Team could not establish:

2. whether the congregation formally requested each extension;
3. whether the Session resolved to request the extension;
4. whether the congregation was informed or consulted;
5. whether an Annual Congregational Meeting considered the matter; or
6. what constitutional authority was relied upon where no such meeting took place.

10.2 Authority for Continuing the Appointment

The prolonged continuation of the Stated Supply arrangement makes this question particularly important. A temporary arrangement that has continued for five years and is now being considered for a sixth year requires intentional ecclesial discernment rather than automatic renewal.

Presbytery should therefore require the Session and Interim Moderator to account for the process followed in requesting and/or authorising the extension.

Presbytery should establish:

1. Who initiated the request;
2. whether the Session formally resolved to request the extension;
3. whether the decision was recorded in the minutes;
4. whether the congregation was informed or consulted;
5. whether an Annual Congregational Meeting was convened;
6. what constitutional authority was relied upon in the absence of such a meeting; and
7. whether Presbytery itself adequately exercised its oversight responsibilities before approving or renewing the appointment.

10.3 Congregational Participation

The congregation is not merely the recipient of decisions made by its governing structures. Members participate in the discernment, worship, stewardship, witness, and mission of the Church.

The Team therefore recommends that Presbytery require the Session to demonstrate how members are:

1. informed about decisions and activities of the Session;
2. given access to financial information;
3. provided opportunities to scrutinise and engage with the congregation's finances;
4. involved in discerning future ministerial and missional direction; and

5. included in the broader accountability structures of congregational life.

Where records are incomplete or unavailable, the Session should reconstruct the relevant information as far as reasonably possible and establish proper procedures for future compliance.

11. OVERALL ECCLESIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

The Team considers the matters identified during the consultation collectively rather than as isolated administrative deficiencies. Four interconnected areas of vulnerability emerge.

11.1 Ministerial Vulnerability

The congregation has relied upon a temporary Stated Supply arrangement for five consecutive years without a sufficiently developed pathway towards sustainable ministerial provision.

11.2 Governance Vulnerability

Questions have arisen concerning the election and ordination of an Elder, the functioning of the Session, the authentication of minutes, the responsibilities of the Interim Moderator, and the apparent absence of verifiable Annual Congregational Meetings.

11.3 Relational Vulnerability

The concentration of closely related persons within leadership structures creates a potential conflict-of-interest environment and may compromise, or be perceived to compromise, the independence of ecclesial decision-making.

11.4 Missional and Demographic Vulnerability

The congregation has experienced significant membership decline, including the departure of young people and diminished participation in its Men's and Women's Fellowships.

These concerns are mutually reinforcing. Weak governance can undermine trust; diminished trust can contribute to disengagement; disengagement can affect membership and stewardship; declining resources can constrain ministry; and prolonged dependence on temporary ministry can delay addressing deeper structural and missional challenges.

The appropriate response is therefore broader than deciding whether to renew the Stated Supply. Presbytery should address the congregation's pastoral health, governance, stewardship, membership, leadership, and missional direction as interconnected aspects of congregational renewal.

The Team does not recommend approaching the congregation primarily through a disciplinary lens. Presbytery should combine accountability with pastoral accompaniment, restoration, teaching, and practical support.

12. RECOMMENDATION FOR PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION

12.1 Consideration of Administration

Having considered the cumulative findings, the Team is of the view that the challenges confronting Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation are sufficiently serious and interconnected to warrant consideration of a more comprehensive intervention by Presbytery.

The Team therefore recommends that Presbytery consider placing Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation under Presbytery administration for a defined period, subject to the Manual of Faith and Order and any other applicable UPCSA regulations.

Such administration should not be understood as punitive or as an indication that the congregation has ceased to be a legitimate expression of the Church. It should instead be a pastoral, corrective, and restorative intervention designed to help the congregation regain ecclesial stability and develop the capacity for healthy self-governance.

12.2 Objectives of Administration

Should Presbytery determine that administration is appropriate, it should have a clearly defined period, measurable objectives, and regular reporting. The objectives should include:

1. Restoring proper ecclesial governance in accordance with the Manual of Faith and Order and UPCSA polity.
2. Reviewing the functioning and composition of the Session, including the circumstances surrounding the election and ordination of Elders.

3. Establishing proper procedures for Annual Congregational Meetings and meaningful participation by members.
4. Reviewing Session records and implementing proper procedures for recording, confirming, authenticating, and preserving minutes.
5. Clarifying the respective responsibilities of the Stated Supply and Interim Moderator.
6. Undertaking a comprehensive review of membership, including the departure of young people and declining participation in fellowship structures.
7. Strengthening stewardship and financial governance through transparent reporting, proper treasury functions, and a sustainable financial plan.
8. Facilitating theological and missional renewal so that the congregation can rediscover its identity, vocation, and responsibility within its community.
9. Developing a sustainable model of ministerial leadership, including determining whether the congregation is capable of calling and sustaining an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament or whether another appropriate arrangement is required.
10. Establishing measurable criteria for restoring normal congregational governance so that administration does not become indefinite.

12.3 Administration as Ecclesial Care

Administration should be understood as an intensified expression of Presbytery's responsibility to care for, accompany, teach, strengthen, and restore the congregation.

A congregation does not exist independently of the wider Church but participates in its communion and mutual accountability through the various courts of Presbyterian polity. Where sustained difficulties affect governance, ministry, stewardship, and mission, Presbytery has a responsibility to intervene appropriately.

The purpose of administration should therefore be restoration rather than domination.

12.4 Accountability During Administration

If Presbytery adopts the recommendation, the administrator or designated Presbyterial team should provide regular reports on:

- governance;
- membership;
- stewardship and finances;
- ministerial arrangements;
- congregational participation;
- compliance with the Manual of Faith and Order; and
- progress towards restoration of normal congregational life.

The congregation should be clearly informed that the intervention is restorative and intended to enable it to resume responsible governance and ministry with integrity, confidence, accountability, and appropriate independence.

14. CONCLUSION

The Team recognises the commitment demonstrated by the Session, Stewardship Board, Stated Supply, Interim Moderator, and members who continue to sustain the congregation through their participation and financial giving.

At the same time, the consultation has revealed a number of interconnected concerns relating to prolonged temporary ministry, governance, ecclesial procedure, financial stewardship, membership decline, leadership structures, congregational participation, and ministerial sustainability.

The central issue before Presbytery is therefore not simply whether Mr Freddy Makgahlela should be reappointed as Stated Supply for a sixth year. The deeper question is whether the present ministerial, governance, and organisational arrangements are enabling Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation to fulfil its vocation as a congregation within the UPCSA and participate faithfully in the mission of God.

The Team is of the view that the congregation requires more intentional pastoral accompaniment and ecclesial intervention than has been provided to date. Presbytery should exercise its authority not merely administratively, but pastorally, collegially, and missionally.

Any decision concerning the Stated Supply should therefore form part of a broader process aimed at restoring proper Presbyterian governance, strengthening congregational participation, addressing stewardship and financial sustainability, responding to membership decline, clarifying ministerial responsibilities, and developing a sustainable future for the congregation.

The Team accordingly recommends that Presbytery consider placing Thumedi Makgahlela Congregation under defined and accountable Presbytery administration, accompanied by a structured programme of pastoral care, governance correction, theological formation, financial strengthening, congregational renewal, and discernment concerning future ministerial provision.

The ultimate objective should be the restoration of the congregation's capacity to exercise its ministry and governance responsibly, faithfully, and sustainably within the wider communion of the UPCSA and the one Church of Jesus Christ.

13. PROPOSALS:

In light of the foregoing, the Team proposes that Presbytery receives the report:

1. Review the continued appointment of the Stated Supply in light of the relevant provisions of the Manual of Faith and Order, particularly those concerning temporary supply and consultation.
2. Avoid an automatic sixth-year renewal and instead subject the matter to a broader process of ecclesial discernment concerning the congregation's future ministerial provision.
3. Consider placing the congregation under Presbytery administration for a defined and accountable period, subject to the Manual of Faith and Orderar pathway towards sustainable ordained ministry, should Presbytery determine that such a transition is appropriate and feasi and applicable UPCSA regulations.
4. Undertake a structured pastoral and ecclesial intervention addressing governance, ministry, stewardship, membership, and mission.
5. Require the Session and Interim Moderator to account for the process followed in requesting and authorising the continued appointment of the Staar pathway towards sustainable ordained ministry, should Presbytery determine that such a transition is appropriate and feasited Supply.
6. Investigate the election and ordination of the Elder and determine the individual's ecclesial status in accordance with the findings and the Manual of Faith and Order.
7. Require the Interim Moderator to account to Presbytery for the guidance provided concerning the election and ordination of the Elder and for the circumstances surrounding the subsequent ordination.
8. Review the Session records, particularly the preparation and authentication of minutes, and provide appropriate constitutional guidance.
9. Require the Session to demonstrate compliance with requirements for Annual Congregational Meetings, including proper notice, participation, reporting, and record-keeping.
10. Strengthen financial governance, including treasury functions, financial reporting, accountability, and continuity of stewardship leadership.
11. Require the development of a financial sustainability plan addressing ministry costs, stewardship, membership participation, giving patterns, and future ministerial provision.
12. Review the Stated Supply's stipend, including consideration of the applicable 4.5% increase retrospectively from February 2024, subject to confirmation of the relevant UPCSA provisions.
13. Engage the wider congregation in theological reflection concerning stewardship, discipleship, ministry, membership, and participation in God's mission.
14. Review the congregation's membership decline, particularly the departure of young people

and reduced participation in the Men's and Women's Fellowships, and develop appropriate pastoral and missional responses.

15. Establish regular Presbyterial visitation and monitoring so that Presbytery remains adequately informed of the congregation's progress.
16. Develop a clear pathway towards sustainable ordained ministry, should Presbytery determine that such a transition is appropriate and feasible.
17. Establish measurable criteria and timelines for congregational renewal, ensuring that any intervention remains purposeful, accountable, and directed towards restoration of normal congregational governance.

5.1.6. Centurion West.

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In the week after the Presbytery appointed me as Interim Moderator of Centurion West, I worked with the Session Clerk, Elder Corrie Hall, to arrange a virtual Special Session meeting for introductions and to discuss the way forward in filling the vacancy. At this first meeting, the Session expressed its willingness to fill the vacancy without unnecessary delay. While the initial plan was to call a minister, after careful consideration of the church's finances, the Session agreed that it would be more appropriate to ask the Presbytery to appoint a part-time minister.

Rev. Frikkie Botha, now a Minister Emeritus within the bounds of Tshwane Presbytery, participated in an exit interview. We are grateful for the strength and diligence with which he led and supported the CPC Session.

In the meantime, because the Interim Moderator is not available to lead Sunday services, the Session has arranged for a Stated Supply minister to ensure that the congregation is supported while it prays and prepares to fill the vacancy. The Session agreed to appoint Rev. Andries Combrink as Stated Supply for eight months, after which the congregation should be ready to ask the Presbytery to make an appointment in February.

The Stated Supply contract will run from 1 June 2026 to 28 February 2027, with remuneration as follows:

	Monthly	Nine Months
Stipend	R10 000	R90 000
Transport allowance	R1 000	R9 000
Cell phone allowance	R500	R4 500
TOTALS	**R11 500**	**R103 500**

The proposed responsibilities of the Stated Supply Minister at CPC are as follows:

• Preach three Sundays per month, and four Sundays in months with five Sundays.

• Conduct pastoral visits upon request.

• Visit CPC members in hospital.

• Officiate at funerals and weddings as required.

• Provide pastoral counselling when necessary.

• Attend Session meetings regularly.

The Centurion West congregation holds two services each Sunday: an Afrikaans service followed by an English service. Ds Emil Haarhoff, a retired minister from NG Kerk Rooihuiskraal, leads the Afrikaans service. CPC previously provided pulpit supply to support the continuation of this service. After lengthy deliberation, the Session agreed to round off the monthly amount. A monthly amount of R5 000 is paid to Ds Emil bringing the total monthly expenditure to R16 500.

The Session intends to follow the appropriate process and submit a name to the Presbytery for a part-time appointment by February 2027.

Proposals

1. Presbytery receives a report

2. Presbytery approves the Stated Supply Minister until the end of February 2027.
3. Presbytery notes the services of Rev Emil Haarhoff who leads Afrikaans services.

5.1.7. Christ the King – Malelane and Komatipoort

MM Nthali (IM)

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I can report that the congregation of the United Church of Christ the King (UCCK) in Malelane and Komatipoort finds themselves in a healthy state. The congregation is vibrant, the Word is preached at both stations, sacraments are served and the Church council is active in oversight of the congregation and caring for the flock. The Church is also financially strong enough to support a full-time Minister. It can indeed be said of the Elders that they are "shepherds of God's flock, watching over them—not because they must, but because they are willing and eager to serve; being examples to the flock." (1 Peter 5:2-3).

Presbytery will recall that this congregation has become part of our Presbytery towards the end of 2022, when they resolved to have the UPCSA appoint a minister. A call committee was convened in 2023. The committee put together a profile for a Minister. An advertisement was circulated via the Central office in 2023. Two applications were received. These were considered and the call committee resolved that these did not fit the profile. Another advertisement was distributed via Central Office in 2024. Also at that time, the search was extended to include other denominations that are part of the CUC and/or part of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. Some few inquiries were trickling in as well but this did not lead to official applications. In 2024 a minister of the "Hervormde Kerk" was invited to preach with the view of being appointed. Unfortunately, he fell ill before a formal agreement could be reached with him. The congregation continued searching while waiting patiently on the Lord. (Ps. 27:14).

The Lord provided in July 2026! Rev. Izak Van Den Bergh, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC), was interviewed by the call committee on the 16th July 2026, and received overwhelming support. Rev. Van Den Bergh has extensive ministry experience that includes 18 years in Clarens in the Free State, as well as stints in Namibia and in London in the UK. He and his wife Karla currently resides in Mbombela, so he is familiar with the area. His credentials with the NG Kerk (DRC) has been renewed on the 12th July 2026. He has been invited to preach at both the Malelane and Komatipoort stations of UCCK on the 16th August 2026. Following this, and depending on the outcome of this, the call committee will put his name forward to the Church Council with a view of being appointed. If this is approved, the request will be forwarded to Presbytery.

I humbly request Presbytery's support on finalizing this exciting journey that we have been on for some years. As we are looking at appointing a minister from another denomination, but one that our MOFO (2022: 16.130) does approve, there may be some technicalities that will require consideration. To this end I humbly request that Presbytery appoint some members to assist the IM in this process. Maybe the Moderator and the Convener of Ministry, but this is merely a suggestion.

The congregation has been waiting patiently for a long time, and is very excited. If this is finalized shortly after the August meeting of council, we might come begging for a special meeting.

To God be all the glory!

Proposals:

1. Presbytery receives the report with enthusiasm.
2. Presbytery appoints _____ and _____ to journey with the IM of UCCK Malelane and Komatipoort to finalize the appointment of the minister.

5.1.8. Khayakhulu

Lentikile Mashoko

Khayakhulu, Platinum-Belt, and Ruighoek Report

Introduction

The ministry at Khayakhulu, Platinum-Belt, and Ruighoek has continued faithfully throughout this period. Under the leadership of Rev Mvuyisi Badi and dedicated Elders, all planned activities by the three congregations and internal responsibilities have been carried out with commitment. We give

thanks for the dedication of every member who has contributed their time, skills, and prayers to ensure that the work of the church remains strong and visible in the West-Side of our Presbytery. Services are held every Sunday in all different places.

1. The name of the congregation

As reported at the February Council meeting, the three congregations elected one Session Clerk, Kabelo Luhanga, to serve for one year and help establish a shared administration under a single Session. On 28 June 2026, the congregations met at Lethabong, an outstation of Ruighoek, for the Annual Congregational Meeting. No minutes from previous meetings were received, as no congregational meetings had been held in any of the three congregations for several years.

The meeting was convened in accordance with **Chapter 6,** *Section 1 (6.1–6.10) and Section 11 (6.74–6.76)* **of the Manual of Faith and Order**. The Session explained that the purpose of the meeting was to decide on one unified name under which the three congregations—Platinum-Belt, Ruighoek, and Khayakhulu—would operate going forward.

The name **Khayakhulu Presbyterian Church** was duly proposed, seconded, and unanimously accepted by the congregation without objection. We therefore submit this matter to the Presbytery for approval of the merger of the three congregations into one. All assets, properties, records, and administrative responsibilities of the former congregations will be transferred under the new unified name.

This decision is consistent with the Manual of Faith and Order provisions relating to:

• The union or merger of congregations

• The transfer of property and administrative authority

• Reporting obligations to the higher courts of the church .

2. Request for the Appointment of Rev Mvuyisi Badi

The congregation was reminded that the probation period of Rev Mvuyisi Badi has come to an end. It was noted that: Rev Mvuyisi Badi has now completed his probation. He has received his Exeat Certificate from the Ministry Committee of the General Assembly, confirming his eligibility for call or appointment. The congregation therefore has the right to:

- Request the Presbytery of Tshwane to appoint him to Khayakhulu Presbyterian Church, or
- Allow him to be appointed/called elsewhere within the denomination.

The congregation engaged in extensive discussion and deliberation regarding the future ministry leadership of Khayakhulu Presbyterian Church. A proposal was tabled that the congregation request the Presbytery of Tshwane to appoint Rev Mvuyisi Badi to Khayakhulu Presbyterian Church. The proposal was seconded and, after further deliberation, the congregation agreed to proceed with this request.

3. Finances of the Congregation

While the work of the church has been done faithfully and effectively, we must acknowledge that our financial position is at its lowest. Several factors contributed to this decline, including economic pressures affecting members, increased probationary costs, and reduced giving during certain months.

Although the Session has a Stewardship Committee, with a treasurer and convenor in place, maintaining accurate financial records has been difficult. The Session has requested bank statements for more than a month without success, which has prevented the elders from responding to the matter with the necessary urgency. The bank statements received to date show that the congregation has less than R2,000 in the bank.

4. Conclusion

The Presbytery had intended to schedule an online meeting, in consultation with the Clerk, to consider the Task Team's report. However, as Interim Moderator, I could not convene the Task Team without the necessary facts, particularly the financial information. Given the current situation on the ground, I have concluded that such a meeting is not necessary at this stage, as the circumstances do not support what the Presbytery had intended to explore.

Proposals

1. That the Presbytery receive the report.
2. That the Presbytery approve the congregation's name as Khayakhulu Presbyterian Church and notify the higher courts of this decision.
3. That the Presbytery acknowledge the Session's work in merging the three congregations into one.
4. That the Presbytery make a decision regarding Rev Mvuyisi Badi.
5. That the Presbytery appoint an Interim Moderator for Khayakhulu Presbyterian Church.

5.1.9. Premier Mine

Graham Fryer

The congregation at Premier Mine continues under my oversight as Interim Moderator, with regular Lord's Day worship services being maintained. We remain thankful for the Lord's faithful provision and the willingness of members from Trinity Presbyterian Church to assist in the ministry of the congregation.

The most significant challenge facing the congregation at present is the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the possible sale or closure of the mine. This has naturally created concern among members regarding the future of both the community and the congregation. We would value the prayers of Presbytery that the Lord would grant wisdom, peace, and confidence in His sovereign providence during this uncertain period.

There has been encouraging progress in leadership development. Two potential elders have been identified, and the biblical qualifications and responsibilities of eldership have been discussed with them. We now await confirmation of dates for elder training, with the prayer that the Lord would continue to raise up faithful office-bearers for the congregation.

Special mention should again be made of Mr. Anton de Beer, who continues to serve the congregation faithfully through the leadership of a regular Bible study and by assisting in Sunday worship services. His consistent ministry has been a great encouragement and blessing to the congregation.

Attendance continues to fluctuate from week to week, although average Lord's Day attendance remains around 20 worshippers. Despite the uncertainties facing the wider mining community, the congregation remains committed to gathering faithfully for worship and the ministry of God's Word.

Presbytery is asked to remember Premier Mine in prayer, particularly for wisdom amid the uncertainty surrounding the mine, for the continued development of godly leadership, and for the ongoing strengthening of the congregation in faith and witness.

Proposal:

1. That Presbytery receives the report.

5.1.10. St Columba's

Graham Duncan

The vacancy at St Columba's is progressing well and a sole nominee has been invited to preach for the charge on 23 August 2026.

Proposal

1. That the Presbytery receive the report

5.1.11. St Peter's Mothutlung

Patrick Nyawuza

The process of filling in the pastoral vacancy is going very well. We received six applications in response to the advertised post. All six are from other Presbyteries (none from Tshwane). Shortlisting was done two weeks ago. Only three candidates were invited to come and preach and for an interview thereafter. The dates are as follows:

1. 09/08/26

2. 23/08/26

3. 06/09/26

A report about the successful candidate, emoluments and terms of pastoral employment will be tabled in the November meeting.

Proposals

1. Presbtery receives the report
2. Presbtery notes the advanced stages of calling a Minister

5.2. Fellowships

Modiegi Phalane

5.3. MaD Committee

Theo Groeneveld

Committee Composition:
Freddy Makgahlela, Matshidiso Piroe, Voyokazi Sodidi, Kevin Nkitseng & Theo Groeneveld (Convener)

In view of the early deadline for reports only the essentials are presented in this report.

APPLICATIONS TO OLM:

Applications for OLM from Trinity Lynnwood have been received. All the requisite forms have been filled in and Session has recommended them to the Presbytery.

- Charmaine Johnston: Christian Counselling (Charmaine also applied as a Lay Preacher)
- Charlotte May McBride: Christian Counselling

The process is as follows:

1. Having received the recommendation from Session and approval of Presbytery, their names are submitted to the OLM Co-ordinator
2. The candidates go through a correspondence “Foundations Course” which grounds them in Presbyterian Doctrine and Ethos.
3. They are recommended additional studies to complete.
4. Once their Foundations Course is complete, they are referred back to the Presbytery who will interview them and evaluate their experience and training. Lay Preachers will also preach a trial sermon.
5. If the Interviewing committee is satisfied it reports to the MAD committee who will bring a recommendation to Presbytery and if it approves, they can be set apart to the Order of Lay Ministries.

PROGRESS ON OLM CANDIDATES: We are in the process of making arrangements for Robert Smit and Anton De Beer to do their trial sermons and interviews.

Proposals:

1. Presbytery receives the report.
2. Presbytery approves the applications of Charmaine Johnston and Charlotte McBride to the OLM.

6. Life and Work of Fellowships

7. Ministry (Includes FOV and Sedibeng)

Zolani Makalima

Rev Zolani Makalima (Convener), Ms Gloria Spelman, Ms Louise Ruch, Mr Harry Bopape, Rev Tshidi Piroe – FOV Coordinator, Rev Fuzile Ntshona - Sedibeng Chaplaincy & FOV Co-Coordinator

Introduction

The report seeks to update the council on developments within the ministry portfolio since the May Presbytery sitting.

Interim Ministry Workshop

Following the resolution of the May Presbytery to conduct an Interim Ministry Workshop for Tshwane Presbytery Commissioners (Ministers and elders) as well as Ministry Candidates.

The following are Saturdays the facilitator could be available for facilitation of the workshop: 5 Sep, 26 Sep, 3 Oct or 10 Oct starting at 11.00 until 15.00. By virtue of its centrality, St Andrews PC is proposed as the venue to conduct the workshop. The proposed date, time and venue are to be however confirmed in this council sitting.

Extension of Interim Moderator's Appointment

The session of St Columbus PC has written to the Presbytery requesting extension of the appointment of Rev Prof Graham Duncan as their Interim Moderator. The session would also want to put on record that the vacancy committee has thus far managed to come up with a short list of possible candidates from those that have applied for the vacant charge. This is an indication that a lot of good work towards filling the vacant charge has to date been done. The committee sees no reason why Rev Prof Graham Duncan's appointment at St Columbus cannot be extended until such time the vacancy is filled.

Fellowship of Vocation (FoV)

Notwithstanding the ill health of Rev Piroe and the Co-Coordinator, Rev Ntshona's work commitments, FoV sessions continue to take place. We believe the required minimum number of sessions would have been exceeded by the end of the next Presbytery sitting.

Letters from Chaplain (Rev) Musa Masuku Peters

Grace and peace.

I write in response to a concern reportedly raised during the last Presbytery meeting regarding my absence from Presbytery and the suggestion that my whereabouts may not be known to the court.

While it is correct that I have not attended Presbytery meetings for some time, I wish to respectfully indicate that my apologies have been submitted whenever I have been unable to attend, together with the reasons for my absence and an indication of my whereabouts at the time.

For the past three years I have been serving as a Chaplain with the National Ceremonial Guard, a highly mobile military unit responsible for national ceremonial duties, including state ceremonial parades and the burial of dignitaries. The operational nature of this unit requires frequent travel and deployments across the country, often at short notice. As a result, Presbytery meetings have on several occasions coincided with operational commitments or travel days, making my attendance impracticable.

I have since been transferred from the National Ceremonial Guard to another unit. However, I am presently deployed in KwaZulu-Natal from December 2025 until May 2026, with the possibility of an extension should a replacement not be available for rotation. Prior to this deployment, I communicated my whereabouts for this period by email in order to keep the Presbytery informed.

I remain committed to the ministry of the Church and to the fellowship and accountability of the Presbytery, and I trust that this clarification will assist the court in understanding the circumstances surrounding my absence.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Musa Masuku Peters (dated: 8 March 2026)

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Dear Rev Makalima

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I trust that this letter finds you well and that the work of ministry within the Presbytery continues under the grace and guidance of God.

I am writing as a follow-up to my previous correspondence wherein I had formally communicated and clarified my absence from Presbytery meetings due to my military deployment responsibilities as a Chaplain within the South African National Defence Force.

I wish, through this letter, to formally update the Presbytery and make it aware that my current deployment, which was initially scheduled to conclude earlier, has now officially been extended. The extension period runs from 01 May 2026 until 30 November 2026.

It is important for me to indicate that this period remains subject to operational circumstances, particularly the arrival of the Chaplain designated to relieve me, as well as the possibility of further mission extension should operational requirements necessitate such.

As a servant of both Church and Country, I remain committed to faithfully discharging the responsibilities entrusted to me within the deployment environment, while equally valuing my covenant relationship, accountability, and continued connection with Presbytery structures. It is therefore important to me that the Presbytery remains informed regarding my whereabouts and the circumstances affecting my physical participation in meetings and ecclesiastical responsibilities during this period.

I humbly request your continued understanding regarding my unavoidable absence from Presbytery gatherings for the duration of this deployment. Please be assured that despite the geographical distance and operational commitments, I remain prayerfully connected to the life and witness of the Church.

I remain grateful for the support, understanding, and prayers of the Presbytery, and I look forward to rejoining fully upon completion of this assignment, God willing.

May the Lord continue to strengthen and bless the work of His Church.

Yours faithfully,

Cpln (Rev) M. Peters (date: 22 June 2026)

EXTENSION OF PROBATION PERIOD FOR MVUYISI BADI

The General Assembly Ministry Committee, at its meeting held on 23 July 2026, following receipt of a report from the Ministry Secretary regarding Mr Mvuyisi Badi's engagement with the Ministry Committee's psychologist, resolved as follows:

1. To extend the probationary period for Mvuyisi Badi.
2. The Ministry Committee will review his status after receiving a suitable report from Tshwane Presbytery.

The Manual of faith and Order provides for the decision taken by the GA Ministry Committee. Paragraph 17.39a states that:

The Committee, in consultation with the Presbytery Ministry Committee, may review the probationer’s progress at any time during the period of probation and has the authority to remove a Probationer from the roll of Probationers. Any sanction by a Court of Session, Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly in terms of para.18.6 counts against the Probationer in this review. In the event of the Committee's deciding not to issue a Ministry Certificate, it advises the Probationer of this and of his/her right to appeal to the General Assembly.

In light of this review, the presbytery should also review its financial assistance to Probationer Badi, that it remains in force for the duration of the probation extension period and or pending further advise from the GA Ministry Committee.

Rev Simelane’s End of Term as Minister of E.T Legodi

Rev. S.N Simelane was appointed as a Part-Time Minister at E.T Legodi UPCSA for a three-year term, that was effective from 01 June 2023 to 31 May 2026.

A special session meeting was held on the 30 June 2026, stewardship meeting was held on the 01 July 2026 and congregational meeting was held on the 26/07/2026 respectively, led by Rev L. Mashoko. During these meetings it was unanimously agreed to extend Rev Simelane’s contract with three years, effective from 1 September 2026 - August 2029

Reasons for extension

Rev. S.N Simelane has dedicated her time and affords to lead the congregation. Her ministry has contributed significantly to the spiritual growth and stability of the congregation. Key achievements during her term of service include:

- Preaching and administering sacraments, including outstations
- Pastoral visits for the elderly, sick and bereaved families
- Increased membership and worship attendance
- Support for fellowships including the resuscitation of the children ministry
- Her leadership, pastoral care, and ongoing commitment to the congregation have been consistently evident throughout her term of service.

• Resolution

The Session and the Congregation of E.T Legodi unanimously agreed and request the Presbytery to extend the appointment of Rev S.N Simelane, as apart time minister for a period of three years.

The remuneration package has been revised to R9500 per month, with an annual bonus of 50% as approved by the Stewardship Board.

Breakdown

Stipend= R7000
Travelling= R2000
Telephone=R500

Rev. S.N Simelane has accepted the terms and conditions of the extended appointment.

• Recommendation

The Session of the E.T Legodi Congregation respectfully submits this application to Presbytery and requests approval for the extension of Rev. S.N Simelane re-instatement as outlined above.

Proposals

1. Presbytery receives the report.
2. Presbytery notes ------ at St Andrews PC as the date and venue for the Workshop on Interim Ministry in which it is mandatory for all ministers, session clerks and commissioners and student ministers to attend from 11h00 – 15h00.
3. Presbytery notes the progress made towards filling the vacancy at St Columbus and extend Rev Prof Graham Duncan’s appointment as Interim Moderator until the vacancy is filled.
4. Presbytery notes that FOV sessions continue to take place.
5. Presbytery notes Chaplain (Rev) Musa Masuku Peters' 2 letters updating the presbytery of her where abouts.
6. Presbytery notes the decision of the GA Ministry Committee to extend the probationary period for Mvuyisi Badi.
7. Presbytery resolve to continue financial assistance to augment stipend of Probationer Badi for the duration of the probation extension period and or pending further advise from the GA Ministry Committee.
8. Presbytery notes the expiration of Rev Sharon Simelane’s 3 year term parttime appointment as minister at E.T Legodi on 31 May 2026.08.04
9. Presbytery grants Rev Sharon Simelane another 3 year term as the minister of E.T Legodi congregation with effect from 1 June 2026 within the terms of service and revised emoluments as agreed upon between Rev Simelane and the congregation.

8. Manual, Doctrine, Ethics, Discipline Remits

Graham Duncan

9. Education and Training

Lesego Lengagan-Radebe

9.1. ECD, Capacity Building

9.2. Elder Training

9.3. Rolls and Records

Kevin Nkitseng

REPORT ON ROLLS AND RECORDS SCRUTINIZED AT 09 MAY 2026 AT SOSHANGUVE

In our May meeting we requested these following congregations : ET Legodi / Jonas Lediga / Mamelodi Gardens / St Andrews Emalahleni / Khayakhulu / Ruighoek / and Platinum Belt to submit their Session and Stewardship books in our May meeting and we only received books from ET Legodi / Jonas Lediga and Mamelodi Gardens and these were their comments :

1. MAMELODI GARDENS (SESSION BOOK)
    1. Moderator and Session Clerk should initial all the pasted minutes pages overlapping to the original minute book.
    2. All the minute book pages should be numbered.
    3. All the pasted minutes pages should be numbered.
    4. Meetings are held regularly.
    5. Records are kept neat and tidy keep it up.
2. MAMELODI GARDENS (STEWARDSHIP BOARD)
    1. Please sustain all the apologies.
    2. Please number all the minute book pages.
    3. Chairperson and Secretary should sign all the monthly minutes.
    4. Meetings are not held regularly (In 2024 = None / 2025 = 5 and 2026 = None)
3. ET LEGODI (SESSION BOOK)
    1. Please record the opening and closing times of all meetings.
    2. Please record the date on which the meetings were held.
    3. Please record the names of the people who were present.
    4. Please sustain all the apologies.
    5. Interim Moderator and Session Clerk should sign all the monthly minutes.
    6. Please record the date on which the minutes were approved.
    7. The name of a person closing the meeting with a prayer must be recorded.
4. ET LEGODI STEWARDSHIP BOARD
    1. Moderator and Session Clerk should initial all the pasted minutes pages overlapping to the original minute book.
    2. Please record the date on which the minutes were approved
    3. Chairperson and Secretary should sign all the monthly minutes after approving them.
    4. Please paste all the minute pages to the minute book with glue. (Not with a tape or a stapler)
    5. Please attach a copy of the Board’s Income and Expenditure report at the end of every monthly minutes.
5. JONAS LEDIGA (SESSION)

1. Moderator and Session Clerk should sign all the Session's monthly meetings minutes.
2. Moderator and Session Clerk should initial all the pasted minutes pages overlapping to the original minute book.
3. Meetings are held regularly
4. Records are kept neat and tidy.

6. JONAS LEDIGA (STEWARDSHIP BOARD)
    1. Meetings are held regularly.
    2. Records are kept neat and tidy.

UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MINUTE BOOKS

- Emalahleni promised to submit their books in our August Presbytery meeting.
- Ruighoek / Khayahulu and Platinum Belt requested a special concession to get their house in order and to submit their books next year but the Presbytery did not accept their request and they were requested to do their best to submit their books in our August meeting.

RECORDS DUE IN AUGUST

1. St Peters Mothutlung
2. St Marks Waverly
3. St Johns Middleburg
4. St AndrewsPC
5. Emalahleni
6. Ruighoek
7. Khayakhulu
8. Platinum Belt

PROPOSALS

1. Presbytery receives the report

9.4. PEF

9.5. Children's ministry

10. Ecumenical Relations Committee

Kgomotso Kgwale

We give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve as the Presbytery Ecumenical Relations Committee. The purpose of this report is to update Presbytery on progress made since the conveners training workshop and to outline proposed initiatives aimed at strengthening our participation in ecumenical activities.

Progress to Date

Alignment with the General Assembly

To ensure effective communication and alignment between the General Assembly and the Presbytery, a formal request has been submitted to the Presbytery Clerk requesting assistance in establishing communication with the General Assembly Ecumenical Relations Convener.

The request seeks to ensure that the Presbytery Ecumenical Relations Committee is included in, or notified of, all relevant ecumenical meetings, events, programmes and communications emanating from the General Assembly. This will enable timely dissemination of information to congregations within the Presbytery and ensure that our Presbytery remains informed and actively participates in ecumenical initiatives.

Formation of the Ecumenical Relations Committee

An Ecumenical Relations Committee has now been constituted to support the work of this portfolio.

Committee Members:

- Ms V Baloyi
- Ms S Leburu
- Ms N Ntuli
- Mr J Ngwenya
- Ms K Kgwale

The committee will assist in coordinating ecumenical programmes, promoting participation by congregations, and strengthening relationships with partner churches and ecumenical bodies.

South African Council of Churches (SACC) Invitation

An invitation has been received from the South African Council of Churches (SACC) Women's Forum inviting all Women's Fellowships, Women's Ministries and Young Women's Fellowships within member churches to participate in the National Women's Day Prayer Walk and Women-led Service.

Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday, 29 August 2026
- **Venue:** Pretoria
- **Theme:** *A Celebration of Women: 70 Years of Resilience, Faith & Women's Agency*
- **Scripture:** Esther 4:14 – *"For such a time as this."*

The event commemorates the 70th Anniversary of the Historic 1956 Women's March and calls churches to unite in prayer for issues affecting women and girls in South Africa, including:

8. Gender-Based Violence and Femicide
9. Poverty and unemployment
10. Inequality and economic justice
11. Healing, safety and dignity for women and girls
12. Women in leadership
13. The prophetic witness of the Church

The invitation has been received and will be communicated to the relevant Presbytery structures to encourage participation.

Proposals

3. Presbytery receives the report.
4. Presbytery notes the progress made in establishing communication with the General Assembly Ecumenical Relations Convener.
5. Presbytery receives and endorses the formation of the Presbytery Ecumenical Relations Committee.
6. Presbytery encourages congregations to support and participate in the SACC National Women's Day Prayer Walk and Women-led Service on 29 August 2026 where possible.

11. Church in Society (Includes Youth Desk and Gender Desk)

Flora Makgahlela

As a newly appointed Presbytery Church in Society convener, it became imperative to establish a committee that will collectively plan, collaborate and work with the fellowships, congregations and society.

1. The committee:
   The following members were approached and agreed to serve in the committee
   • Florah Makgahlela-Presbytery CIS convener
   • Nonceba Mashalaba- Gender desk

- Sibonile Mpetsheni- Thursday in black
- Percy Radebe-Elder

2. Collaboration with other conveners.
   Congregational and fellowships conveners within Tshwane Presbytery will be roped in as corresponding members.

Proposals:

1. Presbytery receives the report.
2. Presbytery notes and approves the established committee members.
3. Presbytery note that congregational and fellowship conveners will be corresponding members.
4. Presbytery encourages the congregations and fellowships to provide names and contact details of their coordinators/conveners to the Presbytery convener on or before 23rd August 2026.

12. Next Meeting

13. Closure

14. Appendices

14.1. Congregations, Ministers and Interim Moderators

	Congregation	Classification & Staffing	Minister/ Probationer/ IM / CDE	Period of appointment	Outstations
1	Centurion West PC	Calling Cong Part-Time	Frikkie Botha	Mar24-Feb27	None
2	Emmanuel PC	Calling Cong Full-Time	Theo Groeneveld	---	None
3	ET Legodi PC	Dev Cong Part-Time	Sharon Simelani	May23-Aug26	Majaneng, Ruigtesloot, Nokaneng, Makapane, Mathibestad.
4	Garankuwa PC	Dev Cong Vacant	IM Roger Tem Assessors	Jun25-Jul26	Morgan
5	Jonas Lediga PC	Calling Cong Full-Time	Patrick Nyawuza	---	Lotus Gardens
6	Khayakhulu PC	Dev Cong Probationer	Pro Mvuyisi Badi IM Lentikile Mashoko	Mar25-Augr26	Amanda Belt, Boitekong, Lediga
7	Komatipoort: Christ the King	Calling Cong Vacant	IM Micah Nthali	Nov25-Nov26	None
8	Mabopane PC	Calling Cong Part-Time	Roger Tem Commission	May25-Apr28	Madidi, Sandriver, Soutpanslaagte, Matens, Ga-Molapo
9	Mamelodi East PC	Dev Cong Part-Time	Fundiswa Kobo	Sept23-Aug26	Almansdrift, Rathoke
10	Mamelodi Gardens PC	Dev Cong Part-Time	Fuzile Ntshona	Feb25-Aug26	None
11	Phola PC	Dev Cong Vacant	IM: Patrick Nyawuza (Working with MAD)	Aug24-Feb26	Ackerville PC

	Congregation	Classification & Staffing	Minister/ Probationer/ IM / CDE	Period of appointment	Outstations
12	Platinum Belt PC	New WC Probationer	Pro Mvuyisi Badi IM Lentikile Mashoko	Mar25-Aug26	None
13	Premier Mine PC	Dev Cong Stated Supply	Dennis van der Spuy IM: Graham Fryer	Mar25-Jan31 Feb26-Feb27	None
14	Pretoria Central PC	Dev Cong Vacant	Zwai Mtyhobile (Merged with St Andrews)	April 26 – March31	None
15	Pretoria North PC	Dev Cong Part-Time	Matshidiso Piroe	Feb26-Jan29	None
16	Ruighoek PC	New WC Probationer	Pro Mvuyisi Badi IM Lentikile Mashoko	Mar25-Mar26	Lethabong, Tlapa
17	Rustenburg PC	Dev Cong CDE	CDE Rean Fourie IM: Theo Groeneveld	Jun24-May25 Nov25-Nov26	None
18	SAINTS PC	Calling Cong Full-Time	Lentikile Mashoko	---	None
19	Soshanguve PC	Dev Cong Part-Time	Buhle Mpofu	May26 – June29)	None
20	St Andrew's PC Emalahleni	Dev Cong Vacant	IM: Fundiswa Kobo	June26-June27	None
21	St Andrew's PC PTA	Dev Cong Part-Time	Zwai Mtyhobile	April 26-March31	None
22	St Columba's PC	Calling Cong Vacant	IM Graham Duncan	Aug25-Aug26	None
23	St Francis' PC	Dev Cong Part-Time	Allan Paskwababiri	Mar25-Feb28	None
24	St James' PC	Dev Cong Part-Time	Micah Nthali Shared – St Pauls IM: Thando Mpambani	Jun22-Feb26 Retiring Feb26-Feb27	Barberton, Driekoppies, Kanyamazane
25	St John's PC	Calling Cong Vacant	IM: Zolani Makalima	June26-June27	None
26	St Mark's PC	Calling Cong Part-Time	Graham Duncan	Feb25-Feb27	None
27	St Paul's PC	Dev Cong Part-Time	Micah Nthali Shared – St Pauls IM: Thando Mpambani	Jun22-Feb26 Retiring Feb26-Feb27	Cunningmoore
28	St Peter's PC	Dev Cong Vacant	IM Patrick Nyyauza	Nov25-Nov26	Bapong, Letlhabile
29	Thumedi Makgahlela PC	Dev Cong Stated Supply	IM Fuzile Ntshona Freddy Makgahlela	June26-June27 May22-May25	Sephai PC
30	Trinity PC	Calling Cong Full-Time	Graham Fryer	---	None

14.2. Treasurer – Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet Statement as at 30 June 2026

Period	2025/2026
	01 July 2025 - 30 June 2026
ASSETS	
Investments	
Deposit a/c: Benevolent Fund	28 827
Deposit a/c: Call account	1 262 390
Deposit a/c: Development Fund (Pedal Project)	383 403
Deposit a/c: Growth Fund	809 044
	2 483 664
Current assets	
Current account	37 485
General reserves	
TOTAL ASSETS	2 521 149
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	
Equity	
Accumulated surplus (Opening balance)	1 076 003
Nett surplus / (shortfall)	39 229
	1 115 232
Long term liabilities	
Benevolent Fund	28 827
Development Fund (Pedal Project)	383 403
Growth Fund	809 044
	1 221 274
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	63 436
M&D Missional Projects	46 000
General reserves (payables)	75 207
	184 643
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2 521 149

14.3. Treasurer – Income & Expenditure

Income Statement for the period ending 30 June 2026

	July 25 - March 26	April - June 2026	July 2025 - June 2026	Notes
Income	R	R	R	
Congregational Assessments	180 055	57 423	237 479	
GA Grants received	24 500	-	24 500	
Interest received	51 211	11 939	63 150	
Presbytery disaster fund	4 500	-	4 500	
Children Ministry Concert	-	4 000	4 000	
Other Income	1 500	1 600	3 100	
TOTAL INCOME	261 766	74 962	336 729	
Expenditure				
Admin costs	91 296	30 432	121 728	
Bank charges	1 564	594	2 158	
Benevolent fund	-	50 000	50 000	1
Committees	7 861	-	7 861	
Communications	114	885	999	
Conferences	38 650		38 650	
Consultations/ Commissions	-		-	
Discretionary payments	-		-	
General Assembly	7 567	7 640	15 207	
Grants to congregations	29 621		29 621	
Pedal Project Grants to congregations	-		-	
Mission Outreach	-		-	
Presbytery meetings	16 985	4 151	21 136	
Presbytery project	-	-	-	
UMthata disaster - floods	-	-	-	
Sage annual accounting fees	10 140	-	10 140	
Ten ten eighty investment	-	-	-	
Training	-	-	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	203 798	93 702	297 500	
	-			
NET SURPLUS/SHORTFALL	57 968	(18 740)	39 229	

NOTES

1. **Medical expenses for Rev Piroe**

14.4. Treasurer – Ministry Contributions

Presbytery Ministry Contributions for Year 2025/26 : From 01 July 2025 through 30 June 2026

NB: Ministry contributions are reflected in the calendar year in which they are received and are not allocated to the year in which they were payable.

PRESBYTERY CONTRIBUTIONS

	2021/22	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Centurion West	2 200,00	2 400,00	2 400	27 491	16 820
Emmanuel	59 761,47	100 366,28	19 600	62 390	76 697
ET Legodi	-	-	6 000	4 000	4 000
Garankuwa	-	1 000,00	-	-	1 000
Grace	4 250,00	8 568,50		4 050	
Jonas Lediga	4 500,00	2 000,00	2 000	3 180	5 000
Khayakhulu	-	-	-	-	-
Mabopane	6 000,00	6 000,00	6 000	6 000	6 000
Mamelodi (East)	3 000,00	1 000,00	2 000	2 000	2 000
Mamelodi Gardens	1 000,00	1 000,00	1 000	-	1 000
Phola	-	-	-	-	-
Premier Mine (Cullinan)	2 926,52	3 221,65	2 519	-	-
Pretoria Central	1 000,00	1 000,00	-	1 000	-
Pretoria North			1 000	2 000	1 000
Ruighoek	-	-	-	-	-
Rustenburg	14 193,00	18 000,00	14 000	12 000	19 000
Saints	-	-	500	3 004	1 013
Soshanguve	7 964,00	15 112,29	8 995	15 252	4 000
St Andrews, Pretoria	-	-	-	2 000	-
St Andrews, Witbank	11 732,67	13 519,00	6 349	3 376	-
St Andrews Pretoria Central					-
St Columba's	-	-	9 000	5 000	20 000
St Francis	16 000,00	14 974,66	-	32 609	21 066
St James	-	-	-	2 000	2 000
St John's	29 200,00	15 100,00	5 550	2 750	3 000
St Mark's	2 400,00	2 400,00	2 400	400	-
St Paul's	-	-	2 000	2 000	-
St Peter's	2 000,00	2 000,00	4 000	-	4 500
Thumedi Makgahlela	1 000,00	-	-	5 000	1 000
Trinity	38 077,55	32 398,06	37 241	33 661	48 383
Unidentified	1 000,00	1 000,00	-	4 394	-
Total contributions received	208 205	241 060	132 554	235 557	237 478

14.5. Budget and Notes

TSHWANE PRESBYTERY - 2026
BUDGET

PERIOD: JULY 2026 TO JUNE 2027			PROPOSED 2026/2027 BUDGET
INCOME			
Congregational Assessments			242 635
Interest received			89 598
Other income			-
TOTAL INCOME			**R 332 233**
EXPENSES			
Office Bearers costs and allowances			250 602
→ Presbytery Clerk's costs	5 000,00	60 000	
→ Administrator	6 883,49	82 602	
→ Moderators costs	6 000,00	72 000	
→ Treasurers costs	3 000,00	36 000	
Bank Charges			2 844
Committees			60 000
→ Ministry		10 000	
→ Education and Training		30 000	
→ Other committees		20 000	
Admin Costs			19 044
Conferences			-
→ Ministers Conference/Retreat			-
Consultations/Commissions			10 000
General Assembly			15 000
Grants to congregations			72 000
Meetings			45 000
→ Catering		10 000	
→ Travelling		35 000	
Mission outreach			-
Presbytery project			20 000
Ten Ten Eighty investment			-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			**R 494 490**
Nett surplus/deficit			**-R 90 257**

NB: Deficit of R90 257 do not include the R72 000 for grants
The grants fund will be from the general reserves.

Tshwane Presbytery - Budget Notes for period 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

1. Income: Assessments income and interest have been budgeted for at an increase rate of 3% of the actual 2025/2026 income.

2. Admin Staff Costs and Office bearers allowances - A total of **R119,447** is budgeted for administrator and clerk's costs, at an increased inflation rate of 3%, for administering the Presbytery matters.

- Clerk allowance: (R3,070pm) increase to (R5 000)
- Administrator costs: (R6,883pm)
- New proposed allowances
- Moderator allowance : (R6000pm)
- Treasurer allowance : (R3000pm)

This is based on the proposal made during the 1st convenors workshop held at Emmanuel.

3. Admin Costs – R19,044
Sage accounting annual license fee: R10,200

Bank charges : R2,844

Communications/website/internet/printing costs : R6,000
(All costs are budgeted for 12 months, except for sage)

4. Committee Costs (R40,000)

R20,000 budget is for Presbytery committees(x5) except for Mission & Disciples, Education and Training and Ministry. Each committee has been allocated a minimum budget of R4,000 per annum.

Ministry committee
An amount of R10,000 is budgeted to include the following:
- Discernment conferences- accommodation for ministry candidates
- PAT conference – probationer travel

Education and Training: R30,000-for all related capacity building activities.

5. Ministry Grants (R72,000):
To congregations Ruighoek, Platinum Belt and Khayakhulu. The grant will be paid from the reserves.

6. General Assembly (R15,000):
The budget is for ground travel costs for commissioners. The budget assumption is that it will be hybrid and Presbyteries will be requested to have Hubs for their commissioners. The budget will cover the travel for commissioners from home to the identified location and catering.

7. Presbytery Meetings (R45,000)
A budget for **R45,000** is submitted for road travel and catering costs.

Road Travel (R35,000): Road travel will be undertaken by commissioners to 4 council meetings. The assumption includes:

Travelling to Khayakhulu in August/Nov/Feb 2026/7(348km x R4.95 p/km x 10 cars) = R17,200

Toll fees plus 3 x council meeting = R3,800

Travel by the St James/st Paul commissioners (R3500 x 4 meetings) = R14,000

Travel costs are budgeted for at a rate of R4,95 per kilometer travelled.

Catering Costs (R10 000): Catering costs of R2,000 per council meeting for the four hosting congregations. An additional R2000,00 towards the annual planning meeting.

8. Mission Project (R20,000): Based on a project approved by the Presbytery council.

14.6. Terms of Reference Finance Committee

Tshwane Presbytery Finance Committee
Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Finance Committee takes charge of all funds belonging to the Church or administered by the Presbytery. It administers these funds in accordance with the Presbytery's instructions.

The Finance Committee also advise and support the Presbytery on financial matters, promote sound financial stewardship, and strengthen financial management, accountability, and sustainability across the Presbytery, its congregations, and fellowships.

2. Composition

The committee shall consist of:

4. The Presbytery Treasurer (Convenor).
5. One member of the Presbytery signatories.
6. Treasurers of fellowships (presbytery level).
7. The Presbytery Clerk and Moderator may attend in an ex officio capacity, where appropriate.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

The committee shall:

- Advise the Presbytery on financial processes, budgeting, and financial planning.
- Review periodic financial reports before they are presented to Presbytery.
- Oversee the annual audit process by coordinating the preparation of financial records.
- Review the audited financial statements, and make recommendations to the Presbytery arising from the audit findings and management letter.
- Monitor the implementation of audit recommendations to strengthen internal controls and financial governance.
- Promote compliance with the UPCSA manual of Faith and Order, Presbytery decisions, and relevant South African legislation.
- Support congregations and fellowships in strengthening financial management and governance.
- Encourage timely payment of Presbytery and General Assembly ministry contributions and other financial obligations.
- Identify opportunities for fundraising, resource mobilisation, and long-term financial sustainability.
- Facilitate training, mentoring, and capacity building for treasurers.
- Before 31st May every year each Committee of the Presbytery informs the Finance Committee of its financial requirements for the next year. A summary thereof is presented to the Presbytery for approval as the Budget of Expenditure.
- The Finance Committee presents to the Presbytery also an estimate of income for the next year and makes recommendations as to how the difference between the proposed expenditure and the proposed income shall be dealt with.
- The Finance Committee from time to time informs each Committee of the Presbytery of the amount allocated to it to spend in the light of the decisions of the Presbytery and the amount contributed by Congregations.
- No Committee spends more than the amount allocated to it or incurs any expenditure not included in the Budget without the consent of the Finance Committee. Any amount allocated to a Committee that is not spent in any financial year reverts to the general funds unless the Finance Committee otherwise determines or unless subject to a special

ruling of the Presbytery.

- Monitor the financial position of the Presbytery and recommend corrective measures where necessary.

4. Authority

The finance committee serves in an advisory capacity. It has authority to approve expenditure but cannot make binding financial decisions on behalf of the Presbytery unless specifically mandated by the Presbytery.

5. Meetings

- The committee shall meet bimonthly, or as required.
- Special meetings may be convened by the Convenor.
- A quorum shall consist of 50% plus one of the members.

6. Reporting

- The committee shall submit written reports and recommendations to each quarterly meeting of the Presbytery.
- Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and circulated to members.

7. Decision-Making

- Decisions should, as far as possible, be reached by consensus.
- Where a vote is required, a simple majority of members present shall decide the matter.

8. Term of Office

Members shall serve **by virtue of the office they hold within their fellowship, or the Presbytery**. Membership changes **automatically when a new office bearer assumes the relevant position**.

9. Review

These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed by the Presbytery every two years, or earlier if required, to ensure they remain relevant and effective

14.7. NOM#4 – Motivation

Motivation in Support of the Notice of Motion to Conduct a Theological Review of the Alpha Course and its Associated Teaching Materials: 15 August 2026

Moderator and the Commissioners

I ask for your patience for a few minutes, because before I read the seven areas of concern set out in my Notice of Motion, I want to explain, in plain terms, why I am bringing this motion at all, and why it matters to me personally.

I was raised in a Pentecostal home. My father was a Pentecostal minister. I grew up in the early 1970s, at the very beginning of the charismatic movement sweeping through South African churches, and as a young man I was deeply involved in Rhema Church during its most influential years. I have an extensive charismatic background — not read about in a book, but lived. It was, in God's providence, out of that very background that the Lord led me, over time, into Reformed theology and eventually into the Presbyterian church I now serve as an elder.

I tell you this so that you will understand: what I raise with you today does not come from someone who has only studied charismatic teaching from a distance or rejected it in theory. It comes from someone who lived within it for many years and who, by God's grace, came to see the theological dangers that can arise when spiritual experience is allowed to take precedence over the supreme authority of Scripture. My concerns are therefore born not merely from academic study but from personal experience, careful biblical reflection, and a growing conviction that the sufficiency of Scripture must remain the church's unshakable foundation.

Let me start with a short story. Imagine I invite you to my home for tea, and I serve you a slice of chocolate cake. It is, without question, the best chocolate cake you have ever tasted. You ask me, “Robert, will you teach me how to bake this?” I say, “Of course — come to my kitchen.” I show you

the recipe, my mother's own secret recipe, and we use only the finest ingredients: good chocolate, fresh eggs, real butter. But just before the cake goes into the oven, I say, "Wait — I need to fetch one more thing." I go outside, pick up a small piece of dried droppings from the garden, grind it into a fine powder, and mix it into the batter. Then I bake it, ice it beautifully, and hand you a slice. "Here," I say. "Taste it."

My question to you is simple: now that you know what is in that cake, do you still want to eat it? Does it matter that the chocolate was excellent, the eggs were fresh, and the icing was beautiful? Does it matter that ninety-five percent of what went into that cake was entirely good? I believe every one of us would say no. However good the rest of the ingredients, once something unclean has been mixed in, the whole cake is spoiled, and no amount of good icing changes that. This is exactly the concern I bring to you today regarding the Alpha Course.

Why this motion

Let me be clear about what I am not saying. I am not saying that everyone involved with the Alpha Course has bad intentions. I am not saying that people have not come to genuine faith in Christ through it — I believe some have. I am not opposed to evangelism; quite the opposite. I long to see more of it in our denomination. Alpha is warm, welcoming, and has introduced many people to conversations about Jesus they might never otherwise have had. That is good, and I do not wish to take that away from anyone. But like the cake in my story, good intentions and largely good ingredients do not make something safe if something else has been mixed in that does not belong.

My concern is not with the character of anyone using Alpha in their congregation. My concern is with specific teachings woven into the course material itself — teachings that, in my judgement, sit uneasily alongside what we, as a Reformed and Presbyterian church, confess to be true from Scripture. That is why I am asking Presbytery to examine the following seven areas carefully and without rushing.

1. **The doctrine of sin and the atonement**

The starting point of the Christian gospel is understanding what sin really is — not simply poor choices or bad habits, but rebellion against a holy God, deserving of His judgment. Unless this is properly understood, the death of Jesus on the cross can begin to sound like a kind gesture rather than what Scripture actually presents it as: the only means by which a guilty sinner can be made right with a holy God. My concern is that, in its effort to be simple, friendly, and accessible to newcomers, the Alpha Course moves past this foundational truth too quickly and too lightly. If the disease is not properly diagnosed, the cure will never be properly appreciated.

2. **The doctrine of regeneration and the new birth**

In the session dealing with the work of the Holy Spirit, the Alpha Course describes the new birth in this way: that "the Spirit of God and the spirit of a man or woman come together," and it is this coming-together that produces new life. On the surface, this sounds harmless — even beautiful. But Scripture teaches something different. In John chapter 3 and Ezekiel chapter 36, and confirmed in Ephesians chapter 2, we read that before a person is born again they are, spiritually speaking, not sick or weak, but dead. Dead people do not cooperate in their own resurrection. New birth, our confessional standards teach, is entirely the sovereign work of God's Spirit — not a partnership or a coming-together between God's Spirit and ours. I ask the committee to examine carefully whether this language in Alpha can leave people with the impression that they play an active part in their own spiritual rebirth, when Scripture teaches this is God's work alone, from beginning to end.

3. **The doctrine and practice of being filled with the Holy Spirit**

The course presents "being filled with the Holy Spirit" as a separate experience from conversion — something sought afterward, usually during what Alpha calls the *Holy Spirit weekend*, often accompanied by the laying on of hands and an invitation to seek this filling for oneself. Having grown up in this exact tradition, I know this experience well. I sought it. I was taught to seek it. And I watched many sincere people spend years chasing it. My concern, from having stood on both sides of this question, is that this teaching can quietly shift a Christian's attention away from the quiet, unspectacular, daily growth in Christ — through His Word, through prayer, through the ordinary fellowship of the church — and toward the pursuit of a dramatic, repeatable spiritual experience. I am not asking this committee to rule on whether such experiences are genuine. I am asking whether

the way Alpha teaches this, fits comfortably with how our confessional standards describe the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in a believer's life.

4. **The teaching and practice relating to spiritual gifts and manifestations**

Closely tied to the previous point is the treatment of spiritual gifts, particularly speaking in tongues, and physical manifestations — falling, shaking, uncontrolled laughter — sometimes seen during the Holy Spirit weekend. I have personally witnessed these manifestations as a young man in a Pentecostal setting.

[The following paragraph continues from the previous page:]

calls us to "test all things" (1 Thessalonians 5:21) and to conduct ourselves "decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). I ask that the committee examine whether the manifestations associated with Alpha, and the emphasis placed on tongues in particular, are properly tested against Scripture, rather than simply accepted, in the moment, as self-evident proof of the Spirit's presence.

5. **The place of the ordinary means of grace in Christian growth and discipleship**

Our confessional standards teach that God ordinarily grows His people, not through dramatic encounters, but through what is called "the ordinary means of grace" — the faithful preaching of His Word, the sacraments, and prayer, exercised patiently within the life of the church over a lifetime. This is not glamorous, and it does not happen overnight. My concern is that Alpha's emphasis on dramatic spiritual experience can leave people with the impression that real spiritual growth comes chiefly through special encounters, rather than through this slower, steadier path that Scripture actually describes. I ask the committee to weigh whether Alpha strikes the right balance here.

6. **The Alpha Course's teaching on the doctrine of the Church and the sacraments**

Because Alpha was designed to be used across many different denominations — Anglican, Baptist, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, and others — it deliberately says very little about the church as a covenant community, and very little about the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion, since Christians disagree on these matters. The result, however, is that a ten-week course introducing "the basics of the Christian faith" barely mentions the church until quite late, and treats baptism and communion only briefly. For us as Presbyterians, these are not peripheral matters — they are central to how we understand and live out our faith together. I ask the committee to consider whether this silence is simply an unavoidable limitation of an interdenominational course, or whether the gap is serious enough that any congregation using Alpha needs to supplement it carefully and deliberately.

7. **Compatibility with the confessional standards of the UPCSA**

Finally, and most simply: our denomination holds to the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and our own 2007 UPCSA Confession. I am asking that everything above be weighed carefully and fairly against these standards, so that Presbytery — not any one individual, and not any one congregation acting alone — can reach a considered, prayerful judgement on where the Alpha Course aligns with our confessional heritage, and where it may not.

In Conclusion

Let me close where I began. I am not asking Presbytery to condemn the Alpha Course outright, nor to question the sincerity of anyone who has used it. I am not asking us to stop reaching out to those who do not yet know Christ — I long for more of that, not less. What I am asking is what any of us would want done if we discovered that something widely trusted and largely good had one thing mixed into it that did not belong: that it be examined carefully, patiently, and fairly, by those equipped to do so, so that our congregations can be served by resources that are both evangelistically fruitful and doctrinally sound.

I bring this motion not as an attack on anyone, but as an act of care for the flock that God has entrusted to all of us together. I respectfully ask that Presbytery appoint a committee to undertake this review, as set out in my Notice of Motion.

A note on Christianity Explored

Before I close, let me mention one practical alternative the committee may wish to consider.

Christianity Explored is an evangelistic course developed in the early 2000s by Rico Tice and Barry Cooper at All Souls Church, Langham Place, in London. It was written, in part, as a direct response to concerns of the kind I have raised this morning — in particular, the concern that Alpha does not deal

seriously enough with the nature of sin and the necessity of the cross.

Christianity Explored works systematically through the Gospel of Mark, keeping the person and work of Christ crucified at the center of every session, and has been widely adopted in Reformed and Presbyterian churches around the world precisely because it sits comfortably alongside historic Reformed conviction. I do not raise this to prejudge the committee's findings, but simply so that Presbytery is aware that a credible, doctrinally sound alternative already exists, should the review recommend that congregations consider a different resource.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Smit
Session Clerk

Vilhelm Erichsen (Elder)

Marius Joubert (Elder)

Ruth Ngoma Zanero (Elder)

14.8. Proposed Check list for Minutes Attestation

Proposed Check list for Minutes Attestation: The Commissioner nominated to check the minutes may check few previous minutes and compare them with the comments received

Name of the congregation being attested.	**Date of attestation**		**Name of the Commissioner attesting the minutes**
Items Checked	**Satisfactory**	**Not satisfactory**	**Comments**
Frequency of meetings at least once a quarter and after each Presbytery meeting			
Date of meeting			
Meeting venue			
If typed, the correct font is used, Acceptable one Comic Sans MS.			
Constitution: Through a prayer; If the Scripture was read must be written. Under normal circumstance the Moderator constitute the meeting and must be indicated			
Present: Well captured. Be consistent use Surname and Initials. If one is writing the full names must be for all attendees.			
Apologies: Received and approved (indicate the committee response) and **Absent** without apology well captured			
Adoption of Agenda: Indication that attendees adopted the agenda.			
Extracts: Indicate if any were: Extract details must be provided in the minute if received.			
Notices of Motions and Amendments: must indicate is received or not			

Reading and Confirmation of last Minutes: Indicated the date and minutes adopted.			
Matters arising from the Minute: The matter under discussion must be linked and aligned to the minute. The item must be well numbered.			
New matters:			
Reports: Indicate the person who gave the report and proposal made. Also indicate if proposals were adopted/accepted or approved, If not minutes must indicate reasons.			
Financial report: The Session was presented with the report. The Finances in the report should cover the following: 8. Date of the report 9. The reporter and capacity 10. Opening balance 11. Revenue 12. Expenditure Items 13. Closing balance. The information reported must be based on the recent bank statement.			
Date of the next meeting			
The closure of the meeting with prayer or the benediction.			
Other matters: Each page initialled			
General Comments			

Name of the Assessor **Date**

14.9. Letter from ET Legodi

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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4/08/2026

Introduction

Rev. S.N Simelane was appointed as a Part-Time Minister at E.T Legodi UPCSA for a three-year term, that was effective from 01 June 2023 to 31 May 2026.
A special session meeting was held on the 30 June 2026, stewardship meeting was held on the 01 July 2026 and congregational meeting was held on the 26/07/2026 respectively, led by Rev L. Mashoko. During these meetings it was unanimously agreed to extend Rev Simelane's contract with three years, effective from 1 September 2026 - August 2029

- Reasons for extension

Rev. S.N Simelane has dedicated her time and affords to lead the congregation. Her ministry has contributed significantly to the spiritual growth and stability of the congregation. Key achievements during her term of service include:

- Preaching and administering sacraments, including outstations
- Pastoral visits for the elderly, sick and bereaved families
- Increased membership and worship attendance
- Support for fellowships including the resuscitation of the children ministry
- Her leadership, pastoral care, and ongoing commitment to the congregation have been consistently evident throughout her term of service.

- Resolution
  The Session and the Congregation of E.T Legodi unanimously agreed and request the Presbytery to extend the appointment of Rev S.N Simelane, as apart time minister for a period of three years.

Rev Sheron Nomasonto Simelane (Minister)
0765004382

Lesego Radebe (Session clerk)
0836246703

The remuneration package has been revised to R9500 per month, with an annual bonus of 50% as approved by the Stewardship Board.

Breakdown

Stipend= R7000
Travelling= R2000
Telephone=R500
Rev. S.N Simelane has accepted the terms and conditions of the extended appointment.

- Recommendation

The Session of the E.T Legodi Congregation respectfully submits this application to Presbytery and requests approval for the extension of Rev. S.N Simelane re-instatement as outlined above.

Yours in service to the Lord

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Mrs G.L.L Radebe
(SESSION CLERK)

14.10. Letter from Jonas Lediga

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

JONAS LEDIGA UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Date 21 April 2026

Tshwane Presbytery
PRETORIA

SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR THE MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 31st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF REV. DR. MP NYAWUZA

Dear Clerk of Presbytery,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Session of Jonas Lediga Presbyterian Church and the 31st Anniversary Celebration Committee, we kindly request the Clerk of Presbytery to invite the Moderator of the General Assembly to attend and officiate at the 31st Ministerial Anniversary Celebration of our beloved Minister, Rev Dr M.P. Nyawuza.

This special occasion marks thirty-one years of faithful service, dedicated ministry, and committed leadership by Rev Dr M.P. Nyawuza, and it would be a great honour to have the Moderator of the General Assembly Rev Dr Amon Kasambala present to share in this joyful celebration.

The details of the event are as follows:

Date: Saturday, 24 October 2026
Venue: Jonas Lediga Presbyterian Church, Atteridgeville
Time: To be confirmed

We shall sincerely appreciate your assistance in facilitating this invitation through the appropriate church channels.

Yours in Christ,

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14.11. Letters from the Ministry Secretary

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

NEC TAMEN CONSUMEBATUR

6th July 2026

The Clerk
Tshwane Presbytery

Dear Clerk of Presbytery

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ministry Secretary hereby requests a meeting, or a slot on the agenda, at the Presbytery meeting to be held on 15 August 2026 to engage in discussion on the following agenda:

1. To introduce the discernment process and its theological and ecclesial foundations.
2. To discuss the discernment conference, including its purpose, procedures, and the process by which discernment decisions are reached.
3. To clarify the terminology used in communicating the outcomes of the discernment process
4. To provide an opportunity for the Presbytery to raise questions, offer observations, and seek clarification on matters relating to discernment and ministerial formation.

This meeting forms part of the Ministry Committee's strategic commitment to equip and strengthen all Presbyteries in their shared responsibility for the discernment, formation, and preparation of candidates for ordained Ministry. It reflects the committee's desire to work collaboratively with Presbyteries in nurturing faithful, competent, and theologically grounded ministers who are equipped for the mission and ministry of the UPCSA.

Hope this will meet your favourable consideration.

Kind regards,



Rev Zwai Mtyhobile
Ministry Secretary

THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

NEC TAMEN CONSUMEBATUR

30th July 2026

To all Ministers of the UPCSA

UPCSA

REF: POST-ORDINATION MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Dear Ministers,

Grace, mercy, peace, and love from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ministry of Word and Sacraments is a sacred calling entrusted to women and men who are called to proclaim the Gospel, administer the Sacraments, shepherd the people of God, and bear faithful witness to Christ in an increasingly complex world. In exercising this vocation, ministers serve within diverse and often demanding contexts marked by conflict, trauma, grief, social instability, and pastoral crises. They are called to minister not only within congregations but also within families, Presbyteries, and the wider Church, frequently carrying the emotional and spiritual burdens of those they serve.

While ministers are entrusted with the pastoral care of God's people, they are not immune to the personal and vocational pressures that accompany ministry. Indeed, they often become the recipients of the pain, conflict, and expectations of congregants, colleagues, and their own families. Without adequate support and continuing ministerial formation, these realities may adversely affect both their personal well-being and the effectiveness of their ministry.

Recognising these challenges, the Ministry Committee of the General Assembly remains committed to fulfilling its mandate as prescribed in its Terms of Reference, namely:

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"To provide ongoing theological education, ministerial skills development, and spiritual formation for ordained ministers."

In pursuit of this mandate, the Ministry Committee will host two **Post-Ordination Ministerial Development Workshops** during **October and November 2026**. One workshop will be conducted online, while the second will be held in person.

The workshops will focus on the following areas of ministerial formation:

1. Trauma Counselling (Phase II) – An online programme building on the Trauma Counselling Boot Camp successfully presented in 2025. This course is designed to equip ministers with advanced pastoral knowledge and practical skills to respond faithfully, compassionately, and competently to trauma within congregational and community contexts.

Ministers who were unable to attend the 2025 Trauma Counselling Boot Camp are warmly encouraged to register. Upon confirmation of their registration and receipt of payment, they will be granted access to the recorded sessions from the 2025 programme. These recordings are intended to provide the necessary foundational learning and ensure that all participants are adequately prepared to engage meaningfully with the Phase II programme.

Access to the recorded material will be provided only after the registration process has been completed and payment has been received by the Church Office.

2. Mediation and Conflict Transformation – an in-person course designed to strengthen ministers' capacity to facilitate reconciliation, resolve conflict, and nurture healthy relationships within the Church and society. The venue will be communicated in due course.

The Ministry Committee strongly encourages every Presbytery to regard these post-ordination development programmes as an integral component of continuing ministerial formation. Lifelong learning is essential to faithful ministry and enables ministers to respond effectively to the changing pastoral, theological, and social realities confronting the Church and the community.

Accordingly, each Presbytery is requested to nominate **three ordained ministers** to attend the **Mediation and Conflict Transformation Workshop**. Registrations should be submitted to the Office of the Administrative Assistant and must include the names and identity numbers of the nominated ministers. Presbyteries will be responsible for the travel costs of their delegates to and from the workshop venue.

Presbyteries are further requested to encourage ordained ministers to register for the **Trauma Counselling (Phase II)** online programme. In identifying participants, Presbyteries are encouraged to ensure broad and equitable representation, taking into account demographic considerations such as age, gender, race, and the diverse ministry contexts within the Presbytery.

The registration fee is **R650 per participant**, payable directly into the Church's bank account. When making payment, please use the following reference:

Surname and Initials – TRAUMA

The registration fee will contribute towards the costs associated with the delivery of the programme, including training resources, administration, facilitation, and other operational expenses incurred by the Ministry Committee in providing ongoing ministerial formation.

Presbyteries are encouraged, where possible, to provide financial assistance to ministers who may be unable to meet the registration costs. Where a Presbytery is not in a position to offer such support, congregations are urged to prayerfully consider assisting their ministers to participate in this important programme. The Ministry Committee commends this as a shared investment in the continuing formation, pastoral well-being, and effectiveness of those called to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

Further information regarding registration deadlines, workshop dates, venues, and banking details will be communicated in due course.

The Ministry Committee looks forward to the continued partnership of Presbyteries in strengthening the ministry of the Church through ongoing theological formation, pastoral competence, and faithful leadership.

Please note: The closing date for all registrations is Friday, 11 September 2026, at 16:00. No late registrations will be accepted, as the Ministry Committee requires sufficient time to finalise administrative and logistical arrangements for the workshops.

Yours in the service of Christ,



Ministry Secretary
For and on behalf of the Ministry Committee of the General Assembly

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