

**METHODIST CHURCH OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA
CONFERENCE 2012**



REIMAGINING THE MCSA

OUR JOURNEY THUS FAR

Transformation initiatives

- 1981 - Obedience 81 was held in Johannesburg (apartheid era)
- 1991 – Journey to a New Land - six calls of transformation were formulated.
- 2004 – Mission Congress Mtatha – Mission Charter drawn up
- In between various Indabas were held the latest being in July 2011 in Kempton Park

- Conference 2011 adopts the Structures Document and refers it to Synod 2012
- Conference 2012 to receive comments from Synods and decide on way forward
- Submissions received from Cape of Good Hope; Grahamstown; Northern Free State and Lesotho; Kimberley; Bloemfontein and Namibia; Natal Coastal; Central; Limpopo and Highveld and Swaziland Districts and Women's Association.

QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE RESPONSES

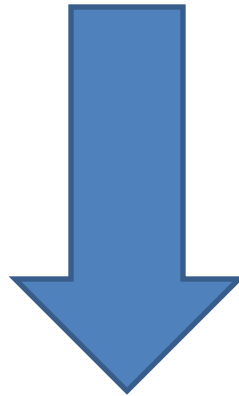
The following is noted:

- There is an overwhelming endorsement of the desire to ensure that the structures of the MCSA are relevant to the present context of being church
- There is an overwhelming acceptance of the need to make sure that the structures do not hinder our primary purpose of being church which is doing mission as informed by our vision.

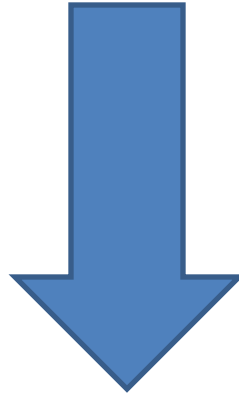
- There is general acceptance that some of our structures need renewal if they are going to enable the church to fulfill its calling of mission in the world
- There is an acceptance that the local church is the primary focus and place, in collaboration with other structures of the church, for mission.
- There is an overwhelming recognition that we exist as a Connexion where for mutual support, responsibility and accountability.

- There is an acceptance of the need to make sure that issues are located in the appropriate structure for consideration, decision and execution.
- There is also a need to make sure that decision making process of the church are open, fair, and transparent yet it should also be processed with the appropriate speed so that the church is not caught up in long arduous processes that lead to no decision making.

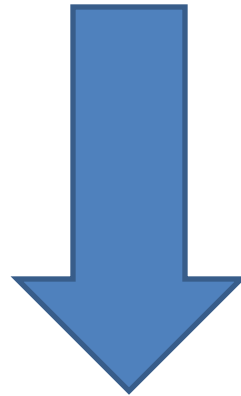
PROCESS FOR 2012 CONFERENCE



STRUCTURES



LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT



RESOURCES

**COMMISSION TO DISCUSS
PROPOSALS AND
RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTIONS IN PLENARY