

LECTIONARY 2014**January 5, 2014**

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 6, 2014

The Epiphany
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Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 12, 2014

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
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January 19, 2014

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
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January 26, 2014

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

February 2, 2014

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

February 9, 2014

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

February 16, 2014

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

February 23, 2014

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

March 2, 2014

Sunday before Lent
Isaiah 49:8-16a
Psalm 131
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

March 5, 2014

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9, 2014

Lent 1
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 16, 2014

Lent 2
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 23, 2014

Lent 3
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 30, 2014

Lent 4
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

April 6, 2014

Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

April 13, 2014

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

April 14, 2014

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 36:5-11

Hebrews 9:11-15

John 12:1-11

April 15, 2014

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 71:1-14

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 12:20-36

April 16, 2014

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 70

Hebrews 12:1-3

John 13:21-32

April 17, 2014

Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18, 2014

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

April 19, 2014

Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66

April 20, 2014

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

April 27, 2014

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

May 4, 2014

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

May 11, 2014

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 18, 2014

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 25, 2014

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 29, 2014

Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

June 1, 2014

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter: 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

June 8, 2014

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

June 15, 2014

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

June 22, 2014

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalm 131

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

June 29, 2014

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

July 6, 2014

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13, 2014

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20, 2014

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27, 2014

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
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August 3, 2014

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 10, 2014

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 17, 2014

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 24, 2014

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 31, 2014

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 7, 2014

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 14, 2014

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 21, 2014

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 28, 2014

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 5, 2014

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 12, 2014

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 19, 2014

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 26, 2014

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

November 1, 2014

All Saints Day
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 2, 2014

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

November 9, 2014

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 16, 2014

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 23, 2014

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a or Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 30, 2014

Advent Sunday (YEAR B)
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

December 7, 2014

Second in Advent
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 14, 2014

Third in Advent
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 21, 2014

Fourth in Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24, 2014

Christmas Eve
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 25, 2014**i****Isaiah 9:2-7****Psalm 96****Titus 2:11-14****Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)****Christmas Day****ii****Isaiah 62:6-12****Psalm 97****Titus 3:4-7****Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20****iii****Isaiah 52:7-10****Psalm 98****Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)****John 1:1-14**

Any of the sets of readings may be used on the evening of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Set iii should be used at some service during the celebration.

December 28, 2014

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

January 04, 2015

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 11, 2015

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 18, 2015

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 25, 2015

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

LIST OF CONFERENCES, PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

	Place	Year	President	Secretary
1	Cape Town	1883	Rev John Walton, MA	Rev Robert Lamplough
2	Grahamstown	1884	Rev John Walton, MA	Rev Robert Lamplough
3	Durban	1885	Rev Richard Ridgill	Rev Robert Lamplough
4	Queenstown	1886	Rev Fredrick Mason	Rev Robert Lamplough
5	Kimberley	1887	Rev Robert Lamplough	Rev J Smith Spencer
6	King Williams Town	1888	Rev Henry Tindall	Rev J Smith Spencer
7	Port Elizabeth	1889	Rev J Smith Spencer	Rev James Scott
8	Cape Town	1890	Rev S Evans Rowe	Rev James Scott
9	Pietermaritzburg	1891	Rev Peter Hargreaves	Rev James Scott
10	Cradock	1892	Rev James Scott	Rev James Thompson, MA
11	Queenstown	1893	Rev James Thompson, MA	Rev Theophilus Chubb, BA
12	Bloemfontein	1894	Rev Theophilus Chubb, BA	Rev Philip Tearle
13	Grahamstown	1895	Rev Ezra Nuttall	Rev Philip Tearle
14	Durban	1896	Rev Philip Tearle	Rev John E Parsonson
15	King Williams Town	1897	Rev James Scott	Rev John E Parsonson
16	Cape Town	1898	Rev James Thompson, MA	Rev John E Parsonson
17	East London	1899	Rev William Wynne	Rev Alfred T Rhodes
18	Pietermaritzburg	1900	Rev William B Rayner	Rev Alfred T Rhodes
19	Port Elizabeth	1901	Rev Alfred T Rhodes	Rev Alfred T Rhodes
20	Kimberley	1902	Rev Robert Lamplough	Rev Ezra Nuttall
21	Queenstown	1903	Rev Nendick Abraham	Rev Ezra Nuttall
22	Durban	1904	Rev Ezra Nuttall	Rev Ezra Nuttall
23	Grahamstown	1905	Rev Arthur P Chaplin	Rev Arthur P Chaplin
24	Cape Town	1906	Rev Richard F Hornabrook	Rev Charles Pettman
25	Bloemfontein	1907	Rev William J Hacker	Rev Charles Pettman

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	Place	Year	President	Secretary
26	East London	1908	Rev George Weaver	Rev Charles Pettman
27	Pietermaritzburg	1909	Rev Wesley Hurt	Rev Charles Pettman
28	Grahamstown	1910	Rev Charles Pettman	Rev Henry Cotton
29	Kimberley	1911	Rev Joseph Metcalf	Rev Henry Cotton
30	Queenstown	1912	Rev Albert H Hodges	Rev Henry Cotton
31	Durban	1913	Rev William Pescod	Rev Henry Cotton
32	Port Elizabeth	1914	Rev T Edward Marsh	Rev Henry Cotton
33	East London	1915	Rev Robert Matterson	Rev Henry Cotton
34	Cape Town	1916	Rev Griffith W Rogers	Rev Henry Cotton
35	Bloemfontein	1917	Rev Henry Cotton	Rev James Robb
36	Pietermaritzburg	1918	Rev Samuel Clark	Rev James Robb
37	Queenstown	1919	Rev James Pendlebury, BA	Rev James Robb
38	Grahamstown	1920	Rev George Robson	Rev John W Househam
39	Kimberley	1921	Rev Arthur J Lennard	Rev John W Househam
40	Durban	1922	Rev Charles S Lucas	Rev John W Househam
41	King Williams Town	1923	Rev John W Househam	Rev William H P Clulow
42	Cape Town	1924	Rev John W Watkinson	Rev William H P Clulow
43	Port Elizabeth	1925	Rev Frederick Holmes	Rev William H P Clulow
44	East London	1926	Rev Andrew Graham	Rev Alfred A Stile
45	Bloemfontein	1927	Rev Theo R Curnick BD	Rev William H P Clulow
46	Pietermaritzburg	1928	Rev William Flint DD	Rev Thomas Stanton
47	Queenstown	1929	Rev Geo H P Jacques	Rev Thomas Stanton, MBE; DD
48	Grahamstown	1930	Rev Allen Lea	Rev Thomas Stanton, MBE; DD
49	Cape Town	1931	Rev Ernest Titcomb	Rev Thomas Stanton, MBE; DD
50	Johannesburg	1932	Rev John A Allcock	Rev Thomas Stanton, MBE; DD

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51 Durban	1933	Rev William Meara	Rev Thomas Stanton, MBE; DD
52 Port Elizabeth	1934	Rev Henry W Goodwin	Rev Arthur C File
53 East London	1935	Rev Thomas Stanton, MBE; DD	Rev Arthur C File
54 Pietermaritzburg	1936	Rev A Arthur Wellington	Rev Arthur C File
55 Pretoria	1937	Rev William Meara	Rev Arthur C File
56 Cape Town	1938	Rev Edwin Bottrill	Rev William H Irving
57 Grahamstown	1939	Rev Lorenzo S H Wilkinson	Rev Arthur C File
58 Queenstown	1940	Rev William Eveleigh	Rev William H Irving
59 Durban	1941	Rev William B Allcock	Rev William H Irving
60 Johannesburg	1942	Rev Arnold Nichols	Rev Edward W Grant
61 Bloemfontein	1943	Rev William W Shilling, BSc	Rev F J Rhead Marsh
62 Port Elizabeth	1944	Rev William R Whalley	Rev F J Rhead Marsh
63 Pretoria	1945	Rev William Meara	Rev Alison E F Garrett
64 East London	1946	Rev Cecil C Harris	Rev Alison E F Garrett
65 Pietermaritzburg	1947	Rev E Lynn Cragg, BA; BD	Rev Alison E F Garrett
66 Cape Town	1948	Rev Edward W Grant	Rev Alison E F Garrett
67 Grahamstown	1949	Rev Joseph B Webb, MA; DD	Rev Alison E F Garrett
68 Johannesburg	1950	Rev Stanley Le Grove Smith	Rev Alison E F Garrett
69 Bloemfontein	1951	Rev Alison E F Garrett	Rev Alison E F Garrett
70 Durban	1952	Rev J Wesley Hunt	Rev Stanley B Sudbury
71 Port Elizabeth	1953	Rev Herbert W Rist, MA	Rev Stanley B Sudbury
72 Queenstown	1954	Rev Joseph B Webb, MA; DD	Rev Frank H Edmonds
73 Pretoria	1955	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD	Rev Frank H Edmonds
74 Cape Town	1956	Rev William Illsley	Rev Frank H Edmonds
75 East London	1957	Rev Clifford K Storey	Rev Frank H Edmonds

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76	Pietermaritzburg	1958	Rev C Edgar Wilkinson, MSc	Rev Frank H Edmonds
77	Kimberley	1959	Rev Leslie A Hewson, MA	Rev Frank H Edmonds
78	Uitenhage	1960	Rev Frank H Edmonds	Rev Lloyd G Griffiths
79	Johannesburg	1961	Rev Joseph B Webb, MA; DD	Rev Alison E F Garrett
80	Durban	1962	Rev Deryck P Dugmore, MA	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
81	Port Elizabeth	1963	Rev Stanley G Pitts, BA	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
82	Queenstown	1964	Rev Seth M Mokitimi	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
83	Pretoria	1965	Rev Wilfred W Hartley, BCom	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
84	Cape Town	1966	Rev Robert C Bellis	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
85	Pietermaritzburg	1967	Rev Lloyd G S Griffiths	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
86	Bloemfontein	1968	Rev Cyril Wilkins	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
87	East London	1969	Rev Derrick W Timm	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
88	Johannesburg	1970	Rev Dr C Edgar Wilkinson, MSc, DD	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
89	Durban	1971	Rev Dr Alex L Boraine, MA; PhD	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
90	Port Elizabeth	1972	Rev Stanley G Pitts, BA	Rev Stanley B Sudbury, DD
91	Pretoria	1973	Rev Jotham C Mvusi	Rev Cyril Wilkins
92	Cape Town	1974	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD	Rev Cyril Wilkins
93	Kimberley	1975	Rev Abel E Hendricks	Rev Cyril Wilkins
94	Pietermaritzburg	1976	Rev C R Stephenson, MA; BD	Rev Cyril Wilkins
95	Benoni	1977	Rev Abel Hendricks	Rev Cyril Wilkins
96	East London	1978	Rev Dr Donald C Veyisie, MA; PhD	Rev Cyril Wilkins
97	Cape Town	1979	Rev Andrew M Losaba	Rev Cyril Wilkins
98	Welkom	1980	Rev Howard F Kirkby, BA; BA Hons	Rev Cyril Wilkins
99	Grahamstown	1981	Rev Dr T Simon N Gqubule BA; BD; MTh; PhD	Rev Cyril Wilkins

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100	Johannesburg	1982	Rev Dr Khoza E M Mgojo, BA; BD; MTh; MA; PhD	Rev M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS
101	Durban	1983	Rev Fremont C Louw, BA; MA;	Rev M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS
102	Pretoria	1984	Rev Peter J Storey, BA	Rev M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS
103	Bloemfontein	1985	Rev Ernest N Baartman	Rev M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS
104	Pietermaritzburg	1986	Rev John P Scholtz, BA	Rev M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS
105	Benoni	1987	Rev Dr Khoza E M Mgojo, BA; BD; MTh; MA; PhD	Rev M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS
106	Queenstown	1988	Rev M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
107	Cape Town	1989	Rev Dr M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS; LL.D	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
108	Welkom	1990	Rev Dr M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS; LL.D	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
109	Port Elizabeth	1991	Rev Dr M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS; LL.D	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
110	Pinetown	1992	Rev Dr M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS; LL.D	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
111	Benoni	1993	Rev Dr M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS; LL.D	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
112	Umtata	1994	Rev Dr M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS; LL.D	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
113	Johannesburg	1995	Rev Dr M Stanley Mogoba, MA; AFTS; LL.D	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
114	Durban	1998	Rev H Mvume Dandala, MA	Rev Vivian W Harris, BA; BD
115	Port Elizabeth	2001	Rev H Mvume Dandala, MA	Rev Ross A J Olivier, BA (Hon), BTh
116	Pretoria	2003	Rev Ivan M Abrahams, BA (Hons); BTh, CSS (California)	Rev Ross A J Olivier, BA (Hon), BTh Rev John P Scholtz, BA (Rhodes) Rev Dr M Stanley Mogoba, MA (Bristol) Hon; AFTS; LL.D; PhD; DTh;

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117 Johannesburg	2005	Rev Ivan M Abrahams, BA (Hons); BTh, CSS (California)	Rev Dr Donald G L Cragg, MA (Oxon); DPhil (Oxon) Rev Vuyani G Nyobole, BTh Hon (Rhodes); BEd (Natal); MEd (UWC)
118 Cape Town	2007	Rev Ivan M Abrahams, BA (Hons); BTh, CSS (California)	Rev Vuyani G Nyobole, BTh Hon (Rhodes); BEd (Natal); MEd (UWC)
119 Bloemfontein	2008	Rev Ivan M Abrahams, BA (Hons); BTh, CSS (California)	Rev Vuyani G Nyobole, BTh Hon (Rhodes); BEd (Natal); MEd (UWC)
120 Pietermaritzburg	2009	Rev Ivan M Abrahams, BA (Hons); BTh, CSS (California)	Rev Vuyani G Nyobole, BTh Hon (Rhodes); BEd (Natal); MEd (UWC)
121 East London	2010	Rev Ivan M Abrahams, BA (Hons); BTh, CSS (California)	Rev Vuyani G Nyobole, BTh Hon (Rhodes); BEd (Natal); MEd (UWC)
122 Maseru Lesotho	2011	Rev Ivan M Abrahams, BA (Hons); BTh, CSS (California)	Rev Vuyani G Nyobole, BTh Hon (Rhodes); BEd (Natal); MEd (UWC)
123 Ezulwini Swaziland	2012	Rev Zipho D. Siwa, BTh (Rhodes) BA Hons (UPE)	Rev Vuyani G Nyobole, BTh. Hon (Rhodes); BEd (Natal); MEd (UWC)

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124 Mthatha	2013	Rev Zipho D. Siwa, BTh (Rhodes) BA Hons (UPE)	Rev Vuyani G Nyobole, BTh. Hon (Rhodes); BEd (Natal); MEd (UWC)

In Memoria

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name; you are Mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire,
you shall not be burned,
nor shall the flame scorch you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour . . ."*

Isaiah 43:1-3

REV. DENIS M'CRYSTAL

Born 18 March 1932; Died 20 October 2012

“A LIFE WELL LIVED”

Denis M'Crystal was born on the 18th March 1932 in Bloemfontein where he later attended the President Brand Primary School. At the age 7 he was diagnosed with Perthes Disease of the hip and admitted to the Johannesburg General hospital where he spent 4½ months with his legs attached to weights. For 6 months after that he stayed at home and walked with crutches. He returned to school in the 4th term of Standard 1 (Grade 3) and made up the year he'd missed. He eventually learned to run and jump with the Thomas splint but it snapped on a number of occasions and eventually they had to be strengthened but he bravely soldiered on.

He went to church and Sunday School and was very aware that he was a sinner. In 1940 the Reverend Dunstan preached a sermon which led to Denis committing his life to Jesus. He struggled on with his hip and after 4½ years, he said, “I had been reading my Bible regularly and slowly became aware that Jesus healed people so surely Jesus can heal me. The next visit to the doctor I was told that I could begin to use my leg and walk without the Thomas splint. However, while riding a bicycle, my leg buckled and I fell. The fall caused my brittle left femur to fracture and so it was back to hospital for 2 months in plaster from chest to toe.” He had to learn to walk again but his left leg was now about 4 cm shorter than the right leg.

Denis later attended the Pretoria Boys High School. Here the Rev S Roberts used him to care for the youth at the Lyttelton Society. Denis then went to Grey College where he started his sports career playing tennis “hobbling along with a limp.” He even managed to play cricket and was made captain of the Grey under 16 team.

In His Matric year he felt called to Local Preaching. The Revs Salmon (Supt Minister), Roberts and Jim Carruth trained the young preachers. The family home now became the centre of a Young Adults group during the week and on Sundays they used the Sunnyside Primary School hall. The youth work grew from 8 to an average of 45 in 18 months. A number of folk came to know Christ in that hall, amongst them Bill Blakeway who later entered the Methodist Ministry. He also served on the Pretoria ‘Youth for Christ’ committee where God blessed their times of evangelising.

After Matric he sensed a call to ministry but his mother told him he had to get a job so that when he became a minister he would have insight into the world most people worked and lived in. He found work in the S.A. Permanent Building Society, Church Square Pretoria.

The Rev Tom Parker was the minister at Randfontein and he requested that Denis work with the youth group and an Inter-Church prayer group to lead a mission. Roughly 40 young people descended on the Randfontein church. The Randfontein church had an attendance of between 25-40 people and they were at loggerheads as the previous minister had been disciplined. The mission drew together these disaffected people and several were converted. Tom mentioned Cliff College to Denis during this mission.

After 2 years working in the S.A. Permanent Building Society, Denis had saved enough money to go to Cliff College – (situated in the Derbyshire Dales of England). This is where learnt about evangelism and pastoral work and that Christian holiness and social justice were two sides of the same coin. He, together with other young men, did ‘pub-crawling-for-the-Lord’ and for days at a time would totally depend on the Lord for everything. The motto on the college badge was “ALL FOR CHRIST AND CHRIST FOR ALL!”, and outside the college was the banner, “BORN IN FAITH AND LIVE BY FAITH!” He learnt many valuable lessons here which fired him up to evangelise wherever he was and wherever he went from then on.

He candidated for the ministry in 1953 and went as a ‘Prospective Candidate minister’ to his first station in 1954. It was the then Zastron Circuit which included four preaching places: Smithfield, Wepener, Zastron and Sterkspruit. There were 75 Methodist members spread some 300 Kilometres apart. There was no car and a heavy dependence on hospitality. His stipend was £18/10 shillings from which he had to pay his board and lodging, toiletries etc.

Denis then attended Rhodes University. He found the years there sometimes difficult but always a growing experience. When Conference met in October 1958 he was sent to Bellville in Cape Town. From there he spent a long time at Woodstock and Brooklyn. He served in a wide variety of societies in rural and urban settings, in communities that were socio-economically rich and poor. And always he saw to it that the gospel was good news in all the dimensions of his congregants' lives.

I am sure the words from Jesus will be, ‘Well done good and faithful servant.’ Denis was an amazing person full of ideas and with a special love for young people. He was never afraid of work and continued to be that way to the end of his life on earth. Even after ‘retirement’ he never missed an opportunity to ‘fill in’ for someone, and he and Marie accepted temporary appointments all over the country. His love and devotion for the Lord and His people was very real and showed in every area of his life. He enriched the lives of many people throughout Methodism. He was a Servant leader. His singleness of heart and the tough aspects of life he undertook with joy. Nothing seemed to deter him. These characteristics came out in many ways. He had great courage in standing against a political system abhorrent to him despite the repercussions he had to cope with. One of the most significant times of his ministry

was spent going to Robben Island where he visited political prisoners. Denis enjoyed this time and remembered Stanley Mogoba who was there at the time. He was a man who lived by his faith and convictions all his life. He doggedly insisted that the prisoners of Robben Island had a right to a chaplain. And when that right was finally granted, Denis became one of those chaplains (and thus one of the few "White" people to bring support to those on the island).

Denis M'Crystal was a man for all seasons. His care and enthusiasm for the Order of Christian Service and its members and workers was also an inspiration to many, so that many were encouraged to go into ministry for the Lord. He was the Warden of the Order at the time of his death and had initiated a new phase in the history of that movement just before he died. He had a vision for people to know Jesus and to serve him. He was ministering to young people at the age of 80 and died in harness while taking care of the Vredenburg, Langebaan and Klipdrift Societies in the Western Cape. He will long be remembered for his desire to lead people of all ages to the Lord.

REV. ARTHUR COLIN KAIN

Born 23 June 1918; Died 31 December 2012

Arthur Colin Kain was born on 23 June 1918 in Cape Town, the eldest son of Arthur and Dorothy Kain. He attended the S.A.C. School, and then the University of Cape Town from 1936 to 1939 to gain the degree of B.Sc (Civil Engineering). He joined the South African Railways & Harbours in 1940 and worked as an engineer on the construction of the new Duncan Docks in the Cape Town Harbour during World War II. In 1942 he married Helene Kotze. He was transferred to the Natal South Coast and then to Pietermaritzburg as a Railway Engineer. Two daughters were born during this time, Rosemary in Cape Town in 1944 and Barbara in Pietermaritzburg in 1947.

He was transferred to the Esselen Park Railway College where he served as a lecturer. Transfers to Cape Town and then to Johannesburg followed. In the 1960s he continued his studies with UNISA, obtaining B.Com and MBL degrees. He worked as a production engineer with the SA Railways. He was also active in the Sappers Regiment, a voluntary regiment of the SA National Defence Force, where he rose to the rank of Commandant. He became very involved in the financial administration and the site development of Sappersrus, the memorial to members of the engineers' regiment who died in World War II. He was awarded the John Chard Decoration for his service in the Citizen Force.

Colin was a Sunday School teacher and choir member, and was called to preach as a Methodist Local Preacher. Pursuing this calling he studied at the Baptist College in Johannesburg and finally obtained the B.Th (Hons) degree through the University of Cape Town. He took early retirement from the SA Railways and candidated for the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1977. He was ordained in the Metropolitan Church, Cape Town in 1979. He started on his Master's degree in Theology at the University of Cape Town, but at the age of 72 when he had only his thesis to do, he decided he had done enough studying. He served in Mitchell's Plain (Cape Town) for two years and at Odendaalsrus and Allanridge in the Free State Goldfields for five years, before retiring from the ministry at the end of 1984 due to Helene's poor health. In both Circuits he was involved in building programmes for churches and halls, drawing plans and supervising the building projects.

Moving to Pringle Bay, he was involved in building two houses, one to serve as the manse for the Pringle Bay United Church. Then, together with two other pensioners, a church and hall was built for the Pringle Bay United Church, and also another church building at Betty's Bay. He served as pastor to the congregation at Pringle Bay until Helene's declining health necessitated a move to Cape Town for reasons of medical care and to be near their daughter Rosemary.

As an active Supernumerary he supplied for other ministers in Cape Town. He attended the Holy Trinity Church of England in Vriende Street, Gardens, with his daughter Barbara, and became very involved in the fellowship of the congregation and pastoral visitation at the Booth Memorial Hospital. He served the Kloof Street Congregational Church for a short time until a new minister was appointed. Rosemary died in September 2004, having just reached retirement age. Helene died in November of the same year. Colin's own health began a slow downward spiral. He lost the sight in one eye due to an aneurism and had a long battle with cancer.

He moved to the Monte Rosa Old Age Home, where he led a Bible Study group and occasionally preached at the services in the Home. He was devastated when he was no longer permitted to drive his car.

In November 2012 Colin barely survived pneumonia. It was decided that he should go to stay with his daughter Barbara and son-in-law Bill Morgan in Gauteng. While there he had the joy of seeing his granddaughter Keren Segers and his first great-grandson Caleb Luke. Unfortunately within a week he fell ill and was admitted to hospital where his health declined very rapidly. His lung was still infected when he fell and broke his hip. He was in great pain for six days and died on 31st December 2012.

"The time has come for my departure.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day."

(2 Timothy 4: 6-8)

REV. KHANYISILE NDULI

Born 15 November 1948; Died 21 January 2013

Khanyisile Nokuthula Nduli (Nee Made), was born on 15 November 1948 at Mahamba in the Shiselweni District of Swaziland, to Mr. Samson Benedict Made and Mrs. Grace Nomilo Made, both now deceased. She was the sixth born in a family of seven girls and one boy. She started her schooling at Mahamba Primary School and completed her High schooling at St. Theresa's Girls High School in Manzini.

She started working at the Standard Bank of Swaziland and then proceeded to the Swazi Bank where she climbed the corporate ladder, becoming the Deputy Managing Director. Later she joined the Department of finance in the North West Province of South Africa as the Chief Director of Finance.

Khanyisile loved reading, furthering her studies in accounting, obtaining a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of South Africa and a Masters Degree in Business Administration which she studied at the Oxford Brookes University in the U.K. She also studied numerous courses in Accounting and Economics.

She dedicated her life to Jesus at a young age, becoming a preacher in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. She obtained a degree in Theology, Honours in Theology and several other religious qualifications. She candidated as a Minister in the Highveld Swaziland District, under Hoho Circuit in 2004. She then worked in the following circuits: 1st Kkosi at Carltonville; 2nd Klerksdorp; 3rd Johannesburg Central and then the Empangeni Circuit, Empangeni Society, where she passed on.

Her smile and loving personality drew a lot of people to her, both young and old. She always made time for people in need and always helped where she could. Even when her health was deteriorating she always found time to preach the Word of God. Her health deteriorated at the end of 2011 after the burial of her daughter Zandile. She had been in and out of hospital since then. She was diagnosed with cancer early in 2012 but the doctors could not tell exactly where it was. In August it was confirmed to be breast cancer. She had just returned from treatment when she passed away on 21 January 2013.

Khanyisile married the love of her life, the late Siphon Wilberforce Nduli, and they were blessed with three children, two daughters and a son, one daughter of whom is deceased. She loved her children and always wished the best for them.

She is survived by her daughter Lungile, son Bongani, grandchildren Bayanda and

Khwelihle, sisters, Busiswe, Nondumiso, Gugu, Zakhe, Nozipho and Makhosazana and numerous nieces and nephews.

May her soul rest in in peace.

Nkomonde, Zimba, Khwela Mgabhazi.

We will meet again.

REV. DOUGLAS MORRIS

Born 16 October 1944; Died 4 March 2013

Douglas was born in Pretoria and spent about 21 years of his life there. He candidate for the ministry while in Kimberely where he was working as a lay pastor for O.C.S. It was also in Kimberley where he met Lynese.

After two years in Kimberley he spent a year at Rhodes but because of his dyslexia did not manage the academics. He married Lynese in December 1970 and was stationed in 1971 as a probationer in the farming community of Hilton, near Cathcart, in the Eastern Cape.

After 3 years he was sent to East London in 1974, where he had responsibility for the Amalinda and Greenfields congregations. While there he was ordained at the Kimberley conference in 1975. He was elected as vice Chairman of the District while in that Circuit.

He was invited to the Empangeni Circuit where he served for 7 years before moving on to Estcourt. (He said the Lord helped him do this to escape being the secretary of Synod for another term of office.) In Estcourt he was once again elected as Secretary of Synod and served the Circuit for 9 years, which is still the longest term for any minister to serve the Estcourt congregation.

God told him that it was time to move, but as there had been no invitations by the time it came to finalise stations, he was placed at the foot of stations. God was, however, in control and he was sent to Volksrust. While in Volksrust he had a heart attack. He recovered well after the stent had been inserted and so after 2 years moved back into the Empangeni Circuit to be stationed at Mtubatuba.

He served Mtubatuba for 10 years and retired in 2007, mainly because he was once again made superintendent even though he felt that there was a better candidate on the staff.

Because he loved being a pastor but had not been able to exercise this role fully because of management commitments, he decided to apply to the Methodist Church in the UK for a position as pastor. They accepted him happily and he was appointed for 5 years to the West Norfolk Circuit where he was stationed at Downham Market, and served that town as well as 9 villages. It was a team ministry and he loved every minute that he was there serving the mainly elderly congregations and Care Homes.

In August 2011 he had a stroke that affected his speech and comprehension so was

booked off work for 5 months. He managed, with the help of speech therapy and wonderful NHS support, to come back to full time work as he was able to pastor one on one and to chair meetings, as well as prepare services, and with the help of Lynese as his voice, was able to lead services. He learnt the words for Holy Communion, Baptisms and the Covenant Service and also took a couple of weddings. As he improved he was able to do more and more speaking during the services, and so it was while leading a service on the 3rd of March 2013 that he collapsed and was rushed to hospital, but passed away within 24 hours. He died doing what he loved doing, worshipping his Lord and Saviour.

He had worn many hats during his ministry: Vice Chairman, Superintendent, Secretary and Pastor, but he loved being a pastor most of all. The people loved him and will never forget him standing up in Synods saying: "On a point of order Mr Chair", or driving the hearse when the undertaker had a heart attack in Empangeni, or shampooing cows for a show in Hilton and driving a school bus in Estcourt. He was a "Jack of all Trades" and "A Fount of Trivia" knowledge. He leaves behind his wife, Lynese, 3 children and their spouses, and 4 grandchildren.

REV. LYMON SHUMI DLANGALALA

Born 30 JUNE 1941; Died 11 APRIL 2013

Lymon Shumi Dlangalala was born in the Ekuthokozeni District in Newcastle on the 30th of June 1941. He was the last born of the four siblings from the late Mr. George and Mrs. Louisa Dlangalala. He started his infant schooling at Ekuthokozeni Normandin Primary School and moved to Esididini (Dannhauser) to complete his primary schooling. He furthered his secondary schooling at St. Lewis Betrandes High School in Newcastle, completed his matric at Polela High School at Bulwer and completed his teacher training at St Chads College.

He worked for a year as a temporary educator (teacher) at Koonigsberg School. He transferred to Gardens Ville School where he served for two years. It was at this stage that he displayed his great talent in music teaching and conducting choirs, as he had a gift in music. It was during this period when he answered his call to the ministry of word and sacrament in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

In 1966 he offered for the ordained ministry under the Superintendence of the late Rev. HH Mncube in the Dundee Circuit. The Methodist Conference of 1966 stationed him in the Edendale Circuit – at Taylors Halt, where he served under the Rev. JH Msimang who was his Superintendent. After two years of probation, Lymon was sent to the Federal Theological Seminary at Alice for ministerial formation and academic training. At Alice, Lymon left an indelible mark as a choir conductor, drama actor as well as soccer player. It was also whilst he was at Alice that he became friends with two Methodist ministers in training, namely the Revs Wesley Mabuza and Bongani Mazibuko. The trio later became outstanding leaders both in the church and in society.

The 1970 Conference of the MCSA stationed him at Ixopo African Circuit (Umzinto) in the Natal District. Whilst serving there as a probationer minister, the Natal District was split into two districts, namely the Natal Coastal and Natal West Districts. It was at Umzinto that he met his soul mate Lindiwe Luthuli and their marriage was solemnized in 1973. She was a devoted Christian herself, having been raised from a highly respected Christian family.

He was ordained at the 1972 Conference of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa held in Port Elizabeth. From 1975-1980, he was stationed at Dundee Circuit and Conference appointed him as Superintendent. This was his home circuit.

In 1981 he accepted an invitation to the Ermelo Circuit in the then South Eastern Transvaal and Swaziland District. He served in this circuit to the end of 1984. From

1985 to 1990 he was invited to serve in the Ixopo Circuit for the second time. Whilst he was at Ixopo he got involved with the Malihambe Mission which saw him travelling throughout the Connexion conducting evangelism campaigns. Later he would often remember these campaigns with great fondness and appreciation. Whilst at Ixopo he went to the United Kingdom (Birmingham) to improve his knowledge in Christian Education. Knowledge acquired in these studies assisted and empowered him a great deal in his entire leadership within the church. In 1991 Lymon was stationed at Pietermaritzburg and Howick Circuit. It was during his ministry then that his leadership skills in general surfaced, when he was elected as the Vice Chairperson and eventually the Bishop of the Natal West District.

Lymon remained a teacher and scholar at heart. He liked and appreciated nature and history, Zulu history in particular. He also loved African theology and an African approach to Christianity. One of his scholarly contributions is a chapter that was published in a book on Mission which was edited by Prof Rorswith Gerloff, a respected scholar in the field of Mission Studies. He took a special interest in supporting ministers who were studying at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and opened his circuit for them to do their fieldwork and mentored them.

Rev. Dlangalala had a pastoral heart for both clergy and laity, was a good administrator, and his character attracted people of different ages, both the clergy and the laity. He would lead ministers from his district to other districts should there be a need to do so, e.g. during times of bereavement.

His great friend and colleague, the Rev. Alfred Dlamini remembered that “Lymon was a champion of forming relationships and maintaining them at any cost to himself. He was indeed like Joseph of the Old Testament. He may not have acquired great wealth and prestige for his family, but he did leave behind a legacy of love, to the people that he influenced by the character and quality of his life, which for him was more important than personal wealth.”

Coming to the laity, Rev. Dlangalala could be seen leading youth in music by taking them from one society to another with a view to promoting music within the church. He promoted the connexional music competition within the District of Natal West and a number of circuits within the district now participate in music at a connexional level.

During his term as a Bishop, Lymon’s health began to deteriorate and he was unable to accept any further nomination at the district level, and at the end of 2004 he retired from active ministry. After his retirement, he resided in the Pietermaritzburg and Howick Circuit and continued to offer assistance to the local church. However due to health complications, he could not be utilised to the best of his abilities and potential.

One of his unique qualities was his love for the ministry and clergy colleagues. Even when he was very sick, he would long for visits from his colleagues and when they came he marvelled and spent long hours chatting to them. He will be missed by all who knew him especially his colleagues in the ministry. His unique, calm and deep voice will be missed by all who heard his sermons broadcast through Radio Zulu i.e. Ukhozi FM, over a number of years.

On the 11th of April 2013, Lymon heard and responded to the call of His Master in the 71st year of his age and 47th year in ministry.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mama Lindiwe Dlangalala (uMaLuthuli), his five children, Lethiwe, Ndumiso, Nombuso, Linda and Sibongile. He is also survived by his only brother and a number of relatives and friends. May his Soul Rest in Peace!!!!

Lala kahle Mtungwa siyohlala sikukhumbula.

“Kepha mina ngiyazi ukuthi uMhlengi wami ukhona!!!!”

(Job 19:25)

REV. JOHN KEOLEBOGILE TSHABADIRA

Born 8 June 1961; Died 11 May 2013

He was the 3rd child of the late Nicodiemus & Catherine Tshabadira. He started his primary education at Tsitsiboga Primary School, and matriculated at Tswelopele High School. He was employed at Carletonville Post Office for a short period of time. He was further employed at West Deep Levels Mine as an administrative clerk. During this time he was a founding member of joint Sunday Schools. He was married to Nono Mokoena (who pre-deceased him) and they were blessed with a daughter, Mpho. During the late 80s he responded to his spiritual calling and joined the Kilnerton Methodist College, thereafter proceeding to Rhodes University in Grahamstown. He was ordained in 1994. He served in the following circuits: Kopano Circuit, Orlando Circuit, Vryburg Circuit, South Rand Circuit, Lichtenburg Circuit, Saint Stithians, Lehurutsi Circuit and lastly serving in Golden West Circuit.

‘Tshabas...Madokies’ as he was affectionately known, was humble, loyal to his Christian convictions, friendly, ever-smiling, a man with a calm voice and perseverance in the face of life’s hardships. He was a true reflection of the ultimate Christian seeking after God’s own heart. He was an uncomplaining helper in all he did, an unflinching lover of the Word of God. His warmth will be eternally engraved in our hearts. He will be deeply missed by all those who were honoured enough to know, love and share his life.

He is survived by his daughter and two sisters.

ROBALA KA KAGISO MOROLONG NAMANE YA THOLO...

REV. ABEL NYANISILE MNABA

Born 10 February 1944; Died 21 May 2013

Abel Nyanisile Mnaba was born on the 10th February 1944 in the district of Flagstaf in Eastern Mpondoland. He was the eldest son of a family of four, to Mr Malgas and Mrs Twana Adelaide Mnaba. His two younger brothers Mhlabawupheli and Mncedwa have since passed on.

He attended primary school from 1952 to 1956 at Dudumeni Primary School. In 1957 and 1958 he proceeded to Ncura primary school. From 1959 to 1961 he attended Mnceba secondary school and in 1962 he completed his form 4 at Sigcau Boys High. From 1963 to 1969 he was employed by the Department of Correctional services as a warder and he served in the following prisons: Kokstad, Leeuwkop, Baviaanspoort, Pretoria central, Heidelberg and Germiston. It was in Heidelberg that he met his rose Sannah Likalane Lebethe and they got married in 1969, bound together by a cord that was never broken.

In 1969 and 1970 he obtained a Primary Teachers qualification, then he completed his Standard ten through part time studies in 1973. In 1974 he offered himself for full time ministry with the MCSA, and went to FEDSEM in 1975-1977. Amongst some of his prestigious achievements is a qualification obtained in 1987, a Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Religious studies with Cape Town University, and a Masters in Adult Education with the University of Manchester in 1991.

He served in the following Circuits as a Minister in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa: Lydenburg, Bathurst and Port Alfred, Stellenbosch, Qwaqwa, Zwide and Mthatha. On the 23rd November 2005 he was inducted as the Bishop of Clarkebury District. On the 2nd December 2012 after faithfully serving His Master for thirty eight years with dignity and distinction, he retired from serving the congregation – but he never retired from serving His Saviour. On the 21st May 2013 he was called to the higher service of his Master.

As St Paul once said to his son Timothy: “For I am already being poured out like a drink offering and the time has come for me to depart. I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now what is in store for me is a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day. And not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing”. Mkhondwane is survived by his wife “koena”, his sister Vunyiwe, his son Mxolisi, daughter Nomvuyo, daughter-in-law Mamonaledi and six grand-children. He was well known amongst his colleagues and subordinates in the Clarkebury District as “INJA EXHONTI” but during his days at FEDSEM he was known as “NOMYAYI”.

REST IN PEACE. WE WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU AS A HUSBAND, FATHER,
GRANDFATHER, UNCLE AND BROTHER.

**LALA NGOXO SUKUDE KA NDASANE MKHONDWANE GXARHA
ELIPHEZULU, UMFAZI OBELELINDE PHESHEYA KOMLAJANA,
HLABA NGOBUDENDE, RHARHA ELIRHALAYO KODWA
LINGARHALELI NTO ZABANTU, UMABHALELA ESALINI NGOBA
ESWELE IPHEPHA LOKUBHALA, BAYETE!!!!**

REV. DR R.M. NGWANYA

Born 28 August 1948; Died 21 May 2013

Mzuxolile Richman was the first of three children born to the late Harward Kwanele Ngwanya and Braunah Nohombile (nee Sonandi) of Ndzabeni clan. He was born at Peddie. He did his lower primary education at Feni Primary and obtained a junior certificate at Ayliff Secondary School. At the Zwelitsha Training College he studied and qualified as a teacher.

As a teacher he worked at Nobumba School in Peddie, where he excelled as a choir master, while active in the Methodist Church in youth activities. He was called to the Ministry in 1971. In that year he met and married his sweetheart and better half, Nomvuselelo Mazwi (of the Mbongwe clan), whom he had met at Nobumba School. Their union was blessed with three children.

As a Methodist Church Minister he was of service in Maclear, Zastron and Butterworth. In 1976 the church sent him to study in Ministry and service to humanity Pietermaritzburg. He was ordained as a full-time Minister of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in 1978 in East London. He also served as a Minister in East London, Carletonville and Heidelberg.

From 1986 to 1990 he decided to further his education at the then University of Durban Westville, where he obtained an Honours degree in theology. He received a scholarship to read for a Master of Theology degree at the University of Fort hare, where he lectured at the Zwelitsha branch of the university while studying. He received research funding to pursue research interests at Drew University in New Jersey in the United States. He also taught at Cape College of Education for a while before joining the SANDF as a chaplain. In 1996 he was transferred to Thaba Tshwane Pretoria, where he worked for the SANDF in different units. During this period, he travelled widely as a military attaché, travelling to Argentina, England, the US and Brazil.

He proceeded with his Doctoral degree studies, studying at the University of South Africa (UNISA), reflecting upon and analysing the “Bullhoek Massacre”, which captured the history of injustice towards, and oppression of Christians in South Africa. He received his doctorate in theology Studies in 2005 (UNISA).

He returned to the pastoral ministry in 2008 and the MCSA offered him missionary work of service in Cape Town where he served until his final retirement in 2012. He (of the Dlangamandla clan) spent his year of retirement in Pretoria with his family. While enjoying his retirement in Pretoria he authored two Xhosa literature books.

The first was entitled “Iziduko namasiko akwaNtu” (“Xhosa clan Names”). The purpose of this book is to remind people about their clan names and history or teach those who do not have much knowledge about this part of their life. Before the 2013 Easter holiday he published his second book entitled “Umshumayeli nentshumayelo yakhe” (“A preacher and his Sermon”). This book teaches the preacher on the best practice in preaching. He was enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge with those who did not have this kind of knowledge. He thrived on advising preachers on how to master their craft towards the art of preaching.

He passed on after a short illness supported by his wife Makazi, assisted by Noluthando “Thandos” during this trying time. He is survived by his wife, Makazi, his only brother Laduma and his wife, his children Mlami, Nomsa and Mluleki; daughter-in-law, Wezibele, and three grandchildren Aviwe, Khanya and Zozuko.

Rest in peace Tolo, Zulu, Mchenge, Dlangamandla, Mabhanekazi, Hlombe, Ngwenyankomo. You will be dearly missed and always in our hearts.

REV. BRIAN KEITH HAZELL

Born 7 July 1923; Died 29 May 2013

Brian was born at Lowestoft, the eastern-most tip of England, on 1st July, 1923, the eldest of 4 children. He was unable to finish his schooling due to the depression and went to work for an estate agent on the clerical staff until he enlisted in the RAF in 1942. Brian did his flying training in South Africa at various flying schools, becoming a flying instructor. He always said that World War II changed the whole direction of his life.

Brian returned to England with a clear call to the Methodist ministry in his heart and a desire to carry this out in South Africa. He returned to South Africa in 1946 picking up links with the Hewson family until he was transferred to Kroonstad under the Rev E. Lynn Cragg as a candidate for the ministry. After six months Brian was transferred to the Queenstown District, first at Stutterheim, where he met his wife, Jean Denyer, and then at Queenstown.

From 1949-1951 Brian was at Livingstone House, Rhodes University, where he did extra subjects to catch up for the schooling he missed. He was a good student but wanted to get into circuit work. Brian and Jean married on the 5th January, 1952 after a four year long engagement.

Their first appointment was to the mission station at Mfundisweni in Pondoland. Brian's two children, Mark and Ann, were born during this time. From the farewell speeches and letters received it was obvious that Brian was highly respected in this mission field. Brian took up an appointment at Cambridge, East London until Conference moved him to the Zululand Mission at Nongoma in 1961. This appointment involved a lot of travelling in rural areas which Brian enjoyed to the full.

Conference moved Brian to Healdtown in 1965, where he had to fight to keep the institution within the ranks of the Methodist church as the government was determined to close the church schools and missions, which were thought to be hotbeds of resistance to the Apartheid regime. From Healdtown there was a time in Grahamstown, where Brian had a student bible study and the people involved still talk about the change that made to their lives. During these meetings there was enthusiastic singing with Brian at the piano. His love of music was well known.

Then followed an appointment to Musgrave Road, in Durban, where Brian became involved in missions throughout the district using the 'Live in the Spirit' course, a Catholic publication. To assess the impact of these missions one has only to look at the results. People's lives were changed, healings took place, people were called into

full-time ministry and fellowship in the churches was renewed and strengthened. It was a ministry blessed by God. It was also during this time that Brian's ministry was enlarged through the radio broadcasts in the mornings. His voice became known in Fish Hoek before he actually arrived there.

At the usual season for moving in 1978 Brian and Jean arrived in Fish Hoek for their last and longest appointment, 9 years, before retiring. It was at Fish Hoek that people began to say that Brian had a teaching ministry, and this found expression in a weekly Bible Study held at the church as well an interdenominational group that met in the manse on a Friday evening, where up to 55 people were squeezed into the lounge and dining room. A very active and fruitful minister's fraternal was established and Africa Enterprise held a 'Two Ocean's Mission' which opened the way for interdenominational church services during Holy Week and Pentecost.

A youth pastor, Gavin Hancocks was appointed, who brought the youth together and later went on to study for the ministry after marrying one of the local girls, Angela Tjasink. The ministry in Fish Hoek was a busy one and Brian asked to be made a supernumerary in 1987 with a move to Clumber on a part time basis. Here Brian looked after four small churches as well as pursuing his hobbies of gardening, bird watching and photography. Wherever the Hazell's lived they left behind most delightful gardens and took up the challenge of creating a new garden at the next manse. They moved back to Fish Hoek in 1989 to settle in a little house in Sun Valley. Brian remained active in establishing a church in Noordhoek which met in the hall at Silvermine Retirement Village. A chapel was built which is a great blessing to the people who attend.

Jean was diagnosed with cancer in 1992 and Brian writes in his journal: 'The two and a half years were at the same time very painful and very precious, in some respects among the best years of a happy marriage and family life. I thank God for the great blessing of love and marriage. Jean died on the 29th May 1995, after 43 years of marriage and ministry.'

A new season emerged with the support of family members and friends, and a particular one who kept on coming out of pastoral concern which turned into love. Louise McClarty and Brian were married on the 29th June 1996. Louise was a probationer minister at Macassar being called by God at the age of 50 years old. Brian was a support for Louise and an effective ministry was formed until Louise retired and they moved back to Fish Hoek. Brian continued to support Louise and often read the scriptures in the services Louise conducted. Brian read for the last time on the 5th May 2013 as he died on the 29th May 2013.

It was a life lived to the glory of God and we give thanks to God for the husband, father, brother, and 'Father in the faith' that Brian was for 62 years since his ordination.

A certificate of recognition was given to Louise at the funeral service at Fish Hoek as Brian was unable to go to Synod to receive the certificate and plaque.

Many across South Africa and overseas will remember his life changing ministry and rejoice in the knowledge that they knew Brian. Brian is survived by his wife, Louise, children Mark and Ann and 7 grandchildren.

Well done good and faithful servant.

REV. JOHN DOUGLAS YOUNG

Born 22 February 1923; Died 1 June 2013

Reverend John Douglas Young was born in Bulawayo, in the then Southern Rhodesia, on 22 February 1923. John was one of twin boys. His father, Reverend Howard Thomas Young, and his wife, Florence, were attached to the Methodist Church in Bulawayo at the time of his birth. The couple had four sons, three of whom, including John, later entered the ministry.

John was educated at Kingswood College, Grahamstown, where he matriculated in 1941. He was a good sportsman and captained the first rugby team, as well playing for the first cricket team. After serving in the Second World War, together with his twin brother, Geoffrey, John spent time working on the mines in the Witwatersrand area. In 1950, he began studying for the ministry at Rhodes University, Grahamstown. While at Rhodes John continued his rugby 'career' and played for the Rhodes 1st XV. John completed studying in 1952 and was ordained on 18 October 1953.

John Young married Edith Greenlees Barbour on 21 February 1953 in Johannesburg. They had met at the Kensington Methodist Church Guild in about 1947. The couple had five children: Neville, Pamela, Andrew, Carolyn and Kenneth.

John's first appointment was in Durban North where the couple's first child, Neville, was born, followed by their first daughter, Pamela. The family stayed at Durban North from 1953 until 1957, after which they moved to Witbank, where they resided for four years. Andrew and Carolyn were both born in Witbank. The following appointment was in the Strand, Cape Province, from 1962 to 1965. Here, their fifth child, Kenneth, was born in 1963.

Thereafter, John ministered in Primrose, Germiston from 1966 to 1970, followed by the Ladysmith Circuit, Natal, from 1970 until the end of 1975. John next served in Uitenhage, at the Janssensdal Methodist Church, from January 1976 to December 1979. Finally, the couple moved to Somerset East, Cape Province, in January 1980. In addition to serving the church in Somerset East, John also conducted services in nearby Middleton once a month.

When John retired from fulltime ministry on 31 December 1985, he and Edith moved to Pretoria, where John assisted as a Supernumerary at the Central Methodist Church for a number of years before Edith's ill health made it too difficult for John to continue in that role.

In 1999 the couple relocated to Port Elizabeth to be closer to their sons and younger

grandchildren. They joined the congregation of St. John's Methodist Church in Havelock Street, where John's father, Rev Howard Young, had ministered in the early 1960's. Edith passed away on 12 November 2003. John passed away on 1 June 2013 at the age of 90 and was buried from St John's Methodist Church in Central, Port Elizabeth on 7 June 2013.

REV. NONHLANAHLA CYNTHIA XABA

Born 19 December 1956; Died 12 June 2013

Rev. Nonhlanahla Cynthia Xaba, nee Shabalala, was born on the 19th December 1956 at kwa Bhaca Ofafa Administrative Area, Ixopo magisterial district. She was the eighth born from a family of nine children to the late Josephat Shabalala and Marriat Shabalala (nee Memela). Both her parents passed on when she was still very young and she was brought up by her elder sister.

She attended school at Cekazi & Ncomani primary schools, proceeded to Kwanokweja Senior Secondary School for Junior certificate and she Matriculated at George town High school at Pietermaritzburg. After Matric she worked as a teacher at Ncomani and Nonkwenkwana high schools for a very short period of time.

In 1985 Cynthia answered the calling to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in the Ixopo circuit under the superintendence of the late Rev. Cannon Mazibuko, and was accepted by the Pietermaritzburg Conference of the same year as a candidate minister. She was immediately sent to FEDSEM for her theological training and she obtained her diploma in Theology. She was ordained in 1990 at the Port Elizabeth Conference.

She furthered her education at Unisa where she obtained her Bachelor Degree in Theology and she did her Bth Hon's Degree with UKZN.

Cynthia was very passionate about church music and could sing well. In addition to her working life she contributed to the community life in many different capacities through local committees and associations. She served as the District secretary of the Natal West District and Women's Manyano district treasurer in the same district.

Cynthia had a very profound spiritual breakthrough and she devoted her time to serving the Lord. She served at uMtshezi circuit for a period of 25 years doing enormous work. She built up many church halls in the circuit.

In 1992 she got married to Nhlanhla Wesley Xaba, the first born son of Rev. Livingstone Xaba. Unfortunately the marriage was cut short as her husband passed away in 1994 in a car accident, two days after their second daughter was born. There were two daughters born of the marriage, Nomathamsanqa and Ziphezinhle.

Cynthia was a strict disciplinarian who loved order, excellence and was very passionate about education. Due to her dedication to the work of God she was awarded a Seth Mokitimi award by the B.M.C. in appreciation of her tremendous work.

After a short illness of about a year she was called to higher service on the 12th of June 2013. She is sadly missed by her two daughters, niece, nephews, and grandson.

“After this I looked and there before me was a door standing in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me, like trumpet said, ‘Come up here and I will show you what must take place after this’”

Revelation 4:7

REV. SAMSON MZAMO SKOSANA

Born 30 August 1928; Died 13 June 2013

Samson was born of Christian parents in Hershel, on the 30th August 1928. Following the example of his parents, Nozililo and Masabalala, he soon found his place in the life of the church. He attended a local primary school and went to Meyi Higher Primary School. He obtained a first class pass in standard six examinations of the Cape Department of Education. He then continued to Malcomess Secondary School, where he excelled by gaining a first class pass in junior certificate. He proceeded to Healdtown Institution, for teacher training; thereafter he did Matric at the same institution. He also studied with University of South Africa and obtained a B.A Degree.

The family then moved to Top Location in Vereeniging. Through forced removals, the family moved to a new township called Bophelong. He was active in the local church and shared his teaching experiences as a Sunday School teacher. He also became a devoted preacher. In the West Vaal Circuit, where he settled during his retirement, he continued his teaching by being involved with the confirmation class. He was a counsellor, Commissioner of Oaths and Marriage Officer. He was a source of inspiration and support to ministers appointed to the West Vaal Circuit and the entire community. Samson became the mentor for some Local Preachers and the deaconess in Sebokeng.

He met and married Vuyelwa Beatrice Mazamelela on the 11th September 1951 at Scisazana, a real life partner who always stood by the side of her husband. The Skokana's were blessed with six children, three daughters and three sons. Tshidi, Mandisa (late), Joyce, Oliver, Thamsanqa and Khulu (late).

In 1952 he joined Metal Box as a Time Office Clerk. He rose to the position of Officer, the first black person in the Vaal to be appointed to this office. At this time, he was serving the local church and he was outstanding as a preacher and teacher.

It was under the influence of the late Rev. EE Mahabane, that Samson had received a call to the Ministry of word and sacrament. In the Conference hosted in Port Elizabeth in 1963, he was accepted as a Candidate. He began his probation at Mohaleshoek in the Mafeteng Circuit (Lesotho). After three years, the church sent him to the Federal Theological Seminary in Alice, for training. He obtained a Diploma in Theology and served in the following circuits: Springs, Vereeniging, Thembisa, Queenstown, East London, Cartcart and Ulundi.

With time, Samson's health began to fail him. After the passing of his beloved

daughter, Mandisa and his wife, Vuyelwa, Samson's life took a downward turn. After numerous medical consultations, he was finally admitted at Sebokeng Hospital. On the 13th June 2013, in the 85th year of his earthly sojourn and 50th year of ministry, Samson passed on, responding to the Masters call to come home. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

LALA NGXOLO NTHUTHA, UYIDLALILE EYAKHO INDIMA!

REV. ELPHAS GIDEON NDABAKAZIPHELI MIYA

Born 6 June 1932; Died 21 June 2013

Elphas Gideon Ndabakazipheleli Miya was born on the 6th of June 1932. He was the middle son between two brothers, born from the late Mr. Elnot and Mrs. Melta Miya. He was born at Ezibomvini in Centocow near Ixopo. He started his early schooling at Kwancakubane Combined school and proceeded to finish his senior school years at Mahehle Combined School. He completed his teacher training at Indaleni Missionary Institution.

He started teaching at eNdwebu Combined School and then proceeded to Mahehle Combined. During his teaching years in 1954 he met and married Joy Elda u Mandwalane. It was during this time that he responded to his calling in the Ministry of The Lord. In 1957 he joined as a candidate minister at Utrecht Circuit under the stewardship of the late Rev. Msimanga. He was then sent to the Federal Theological Seminary in Alice for ministerial formation and academic training.

After training he was first stationed at Maputo Circuit and was then transferred to eNdwedwe Circuit. He was then appointed as a Chaplain at Indaleni Missionary Institution which was a teacher training institution, and was further promoted to be the warden of the Institution. After the closure of the Indaleni Missionary Institution he was stationed at Ladysmith and Jononoskop Circuit and further proceeded to Nomgoma Circuit up until his retirement in 1997. He then settled at Pietermaritzburg and Howick Circuit.

While he was a minister, he held the following positions:

- He was the President of Evangelists and Biblewomen.
- He was the President of Nzondelelo Home mission.
- He was Vice-Chairman of the Natal West District under the late Rev. Dr. K Mgojo.
- He was the Secretary of Nzondelelo Home Mission.
- He was the Secretary of the District Local Preachers Department.

As minister and leader of the church he:

- Led the building of the mission house while at Ndwedwe Circuit.
- Was very strict with time management.
- Was good at motivating, inspiring and giving knowledge about the word of God.
- Was very fond of the youth; at Ndwedwe, he started the youth.
- Loved the Methodist Church with its laws and disciplines, as well as church music.

- His ministry was uplifting and alive with His famous saying: “Maweseli amahle...”and “Hhehha!”
- Was sensitive and sincere towards people who needed assistance.
- Has helped and raised many people by giving them lifelong bread of education and the word of God.

Rev. Elphas Miya and his wife of 59 years of marriage, u Mandwalane, were blessed with 6 children: Sensosenkosi, Sinomusa, Sibongile, Sandile, Sibongiseni (deceased) and Sanele (deceased). After 56 years of ministry on the 21st of June 2013 Elphas responded to the call by His Master after a period of illness, 15 days after his 81st birthday. He is survived by his beloved wife, Joy Miya, four children, 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Lala ngoxolo Gwanini, Sbewu, Munja siyohlala sikukhumbula njalo
ngemisebenzi yakho emihle.**

REV. DANIEL MABOTJA NOKO MANAMELA

Born 13 September 1931; Died 14 July 2013

Daniel Mabotja Noko Manamela was born the second child of the late Kemishi Johannes and Matlou Stephina Manamela, on the 13 September 1931, at Rapitsi-Graaf Reinet in the Pietersburg district. The family relocated from Rapitsi to Vienen in 1939 and then to Early Dawn farm in 1943.

He started his schooling at Uitkyk Amalgamated School, where he did Sub-Standard A to Form II. The school was a combined one, though now separated into Malaka Primary and GH Frans High schools. He passed his Form III and Form IV through private studies.

He was employed by the Iron and Steel Industrial Corporation (ISCOR) on the 21 December 1953. For thirteen years he worked as a clerk. It was while he was at ISCOR that he learned human behaviour as he had a daily contact with hundreds of people from different parts of South Africa and neighbouring states. This experience would come in handy later when he came into the ministry.

The marital vows were pronounced to his beloved wife, the late Salmina Matlou Manamela nee Mojela (affectionately called Matlou) on the 6 September 1960. Their happy marriage was cemented on pure Christian principles. They enjoyed the marital bliss of raising three sons and a daughter, namely Tlou William, Moloko Daphne, Kamogelo Stephen, and Thuso Mmaphuti. In her own manner of approaching life, his wife enabled him to cross many raging rivers in the ministry. If ever there's a mark that he made in his Christian ministry, a big chunk should be shared with her.

While in Pretoria working at Iscor, he fully participated in church activities. He had the privilege of working with the late Rev VG Ntshinga from 1960-1966 as a layman. Under the guidance of this talented man of God who then became his role model, Rev. DM Manamela was not aware at the time that he was undergoing practical ministerial training. It was then that he was called into the ministry.

In January 1967 he started with full time ministry, as an evangelist in Potgietersrus Circuit, stationed at Ga-Seleka in 1967-1968. He worked with Rev SK Mongale, with Rev NS Hudson as Superintendent of the then Goodhope Mission. It was here that he served with able lay people like the late Mr. JD Noko Ngoepe. He was again called into the Word and Sacrament ministry and accepted by the Conference held in Bloemfontein in October 1968.

The chronological order of his service in the ministry is as follows:-

- 1969-1970: Dewetsdorp in Thaba Nchu Circuit as Probationer.
- 1971-1973: Enrolled at Federal Theological Seminary (FEDSEM) (Alice) for training into ministry.
- 1974-1978: Pietersburg Circuit as Minister (home circuit). Ordained in 1974.
- 1979-1983: Atteridgeville Circuit as Superintendent Minister.
- 1984 : Parys Circuit as Superintendent Minister.
- 1985-1989 : Kroonstad Circuit
- 1990-1996 : Mphahlele Circuit as Superintendent Minister (This is the Circuit from which, with God's help he graciously retired.)

It is worth mentioning that Atteridgeville and Kroonstad Circuits were difficult places in which to minister and serve at the time because of their unpleasant immediate histories when he arrived. Sent by Conference, with no invitation, he and Matlou fearlessly faced the challenges they encountered, and God provided the needed wisdom. It is also worth noting that he served these Circuits at a time of great political instability and upheavals in the country where the local minister had to take a position on the truth. He always joked that it was whilst he was in Atteridgeville that he studied and mastered the Laws and Discipline from cover to cover, because of the prevailing circumstances at the time. Whilst still in Atteridgeville, the church assigned him the chaplaincy to serve the Methodist prisoners who were on death row at the Pretoria Maximum Prison, a soul searching ministry indeed.

Positions held in the Church

- 1978-1980: YMG Secretary of the Northern Transvaal, Botswana and Mozambique District.
- 1980-1982: Connexional Local Preachers Department Ministerial Secretary.
- 1986-1989: Northern Free State and Lesotho District Synod Secretary.
- 1991-1993 Northern Transvaal and Botswana District Christian Education Department Secretary.
- Whilst a Superintendent Minister in Mphahlele Circuit, he was also appointed to serve as Superintendent of both Sekhukhuneland and Zebediela circuits.

Community Service

- 1967-1968: Chairperson of Lephale School Board.
- 1982-1983: Dr W.F. Nkomo High School Committee Member in Atteridgeville
- 1994-1996: Mathomomayo High School Committee member in Lebowakgomo.
- 1992-1996: Mahlasedi Special School Committee member in Lebowakgomo.
- For the duration of 15 years of his ministry, he was afforded the opportunity to spread the Gospel of God to thousands of listeners of Thobela FM.

In March 1980, he and the late Mr. JD Noko Ngoepe had a discussion on the translation of the Sesotho hymn book into Northern Sotho. On the 21 December

1982 a meeting was held in Lebowakgomo where he was elected chairperson of the steering committee. Thank God, the Holy Spirit inspired him to compose eight hymns for the Northern Sotho Hymnal – a true legacy that he leaves for the church and generations to come. He is survived by his four children, fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

ROBALA KA KHUTSO MOHLALOGA

REV. JOHN NICHOLAS UYS

Born 12th June 1935; Died 31st July 2013

John Nicholas Uys, aged 78 and residing in Gillitts, Durban, passed away 31 July 2013 at the Kloof Rest Home after many years of fighting cancer. He was born in Johannesburg 12 June 1935 and is survived by his children Cheryl and Mike Uys, and his grandson Brendon Uys. He was married to Jennifer Wren Uys for almost 50 years and he survived her by only 4 years.

John worked for IBM as a technician before obtaining his degree in Theology and becoming a Methodist Minister. He ministered to congregations in Somerset West, Windhoek, Lombardy East, Newcastle, Estcourt, Winterton and Weenen.

During the 1980s he joined the South African Police Force as the first English Chaplain in the SAPS and finally retired from the force with the rank of Brigadier General. He then assisted the local ministers in Hillcrest and Kloof as well as many in Durban and the South Coast.

He enjoyed spending time on his yacht at Midmar Dam during his retirement years as well as working in the garden.

His love for his wife Jenny was deep and beautiful; no one who met them left without being aware of the kindness and support they offered each other and all around them. John was also a very loving and supportive father to Cheryl and Mike and provided them with the guidance and encouragement all children should receive. John was well known for his wonderful sense of humour and ability to laugh at himself whilst using humour to reassure and help others to get through their troubles.

REV. STANLEY JAMES GRASSOW

Born 27 October 1925; Died 5 August 2013

Stanley James Grassow was born in Wynberg, Cape, on the 27th October 1925. He came from a missionary family: his Granny Hurrell was the first deaconess sent from England for the S.A. General Mission. Grandpa Hurrell, having worked his passage from England in a sailing ship, joined her in running the Cape Town Docks Mission during the Anglo-Boer War, before serving in the Salvation Army at the Soldier's and Sailor's Home connected to the Simon's Town Methodist Church.

Stan attended the Lutheran Mission Primary School, and then the Wynberg Boy's High School. He wrote Matric, but did not pass, because he failed Afrikaans. He later obtained a Matric Exemption at Rhodes University by writing Afrikaans I.

Stan attended the Wynberg Methodist Sunday School from the age of two and a half years, became a Full Member in 1942, and then taught in the Sunday School for 2 years. He was always grateful for the example of the teachers in the Sunday School. It was there that he learned to appreciate Hymns. He joined the S.A. Air Force in January 1944 while WWII was still in progress. After the war Stan worked at Iscor in Pretoria in their Cost Accounts section for three years.

Stan joined the Wesley Church (Andries Street), where he found friends in the Wesley Guild. The Guild had a tennis club and tennis became Stan's sport. He encountered the Lord Jesus Christ personally in 1947 at a Youth Camp, and found his life turned around. Stan became Guild Devotional Convenor, a Sunday-School teacher in two Sunday-Schools, Choir member, and Mission Band member.

In 1948 at the September Youth Camp Stan experienced a call to the ordained ministry. The Rev. Alfred Salmon gave good advice to Stan who felt unqualified for this call: "See if you can win one person to Christ in the next year. If you can bring one person you can bring more. Meanwhile become a Local Preacher." Stan started as a Local Preacher. Six months later Stan's brother Ted started work for the Post Office. He was living in a tent at a Post Office construction camp outside Vanwyksvlei. He was converted mainly through Stan's writing to him.

Stan could not escape the call to the ministry. 1950 saw Stan working at Capital Park and Wesley Church as assistant to the Rev. Alfred Salmon and as a Prospective Candidate for the ministry. Stan was accepted as a Probationer Minister in October 1950 and stationed at Primrose, Germiston for 1951 before being sent to Rhodes University in 1952.

Stan found academic life very difficult, but experienced spiritual nurture through the Rev. AJT Cook's "How Great a Flame" Campaign in the Eastern Cape, the dynamic preaching of the Rev. Charles Moore at Commemoration Church and the Saturday evening prayer meeting. One very good result came from the Rhodes episode: Stan met Robin Beard who later became his wife. They had to wait 2 years to marry: he needed to be ordained, and she to finish her teacher training.

Stan then served in Durban County Circuit in 1954, the year of his ordination, before moving to Newcastle (1955-1956) where Stan and Robin were married in January 1956. This was followed by Matatiele for six months before a move to Mthatha (1956-1962). The six and a half years in Mthatha was a time of growth for Stan. To keep up with preparation for preaching two sermons and a Bible Study each week Stan had to read and study. Both Stan's and Robin's children were born in Umtata. In the sixth year Stan got ill and was diagnosed as having epilepsy and was moved to a quieter station at Standerton (1963), before being moved again to the Pretoria East Circuit (1964-1967). Stan describes this as "one of the busiest, most challenging, and most satisfying times in my ministry". In addition to being District Youth Secretary, Stan started the process of joining small societies into what was to result in the Valley Church.

Simon's Town (1968-1972). The next three years were heart-breaking. Under the Group Areas Act the Coloured members of his congregation were forcibly relocated. These people needed a great deal of counselling and practical and spiritual help. Stan's emphasis here was to teach the people so that they could stand on their own spiritual feet wherever they went. Stan was also District Youth Secretary and then District Missionary Secretary.

This was followed by periods in Camps Bay (1973-1975), Vanderbijl Park (1976-1980) and Primrose, Germiston (1981-1991). The last lap ended where Stan had started as a Probationer in 1951. 30 years earlier Stan had started at Primrose knowing nothing about ministry. Now he was able to start putting 30 years of experience into the work there.

After retiring to their new home, Stan assisted at the Fish Hoek Methodist Church, leading the morning Bible Study and preaching. The last three years of his life saw a gradual deterioration in his health, with a number of mini-strokes. Stan finally took leave of this life on Monday 5th August in the 63rd year of his ministry and the 88th year of his life.

REV. JOHN WILLIAM MINTY

Born 22 December 1918; Died 6 August 2013

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. (John 1: 6-7)
Throughout his days on earth John remained true to that calling, putting his Lord in the forefront of his life at all times.

On the 22nd December 1918, George and Lily Minty of Doncaster, Yorkshire, were blessed with the birth of their only child and they named him John William. John grew up in a home steeped in Methodism where both his father and mother and later on his Step-Mother, Mary, were very active members of their local church. At the age of 17 he completed his schooling and moved to Beeston in Nottinghamshire where he was apprenticed as a telephone technician for Standard Telephones. He joined the Chillwell Road Methodist Church in Beeston and became a Local Preacher as well as being involved in the Sunday school and youth work within the community. He was also very active at a high level in sporting activities.

During this time he became acquainted with a young lady, Edna, who was 5 foot 2 inches (157cm) in height. John, of course, was over 6 foot (186cm) tall. In due course he was invited to meet her family. Edna's father was the Mayor of Beeston so it was with trepidation that John visited the parents for tea. He was made welcome and over time the relationship between the young couple developed into love.

John was experiencing a strong call to serve his Lord in more meaningful way and after much prayer, meditation and discussion he accepted the call to travel to South Africa as a candidate minister. At the age of 20 years, as the disciples had done before, John left his home, his family, his girlfriend Edna, his friends and all that he held near and dear, and in faith set out to a completely different way of life. He sailed to South Africa with 4 other young ministers, Cyril Wilkinson, Norman Thompson, Harold Paulson and Alfred Rooks. They remained close friends throughout their lives.

John's first appointment was at Palmerton Mission Station between Flagstaff and Lusikisiki. The journey there involved travelling from Durban by train, bus and horseback. John had never ridden a horse before so when he arrived at his destination he acknowledges that his body did not belong to him and he could not sit down with any comfort for a week. From Palmerston, John was transferred to Springs where he was involved in taking the Gospel of Christ to the gold miners.

The start of the Second World War resulted in an exodus of manpower from the

mines to the armed forces. Many mines closed down as employees signed up. John once again, packed his bags as the “powers that be” transferred him to Fish Hoek in the Western Cape. He went as an appointed Minister and wore a “dog collar” for the first time.

The call to serve in the armed forces was strong and on 1st April 1941 John presented himself at the offices of the Royal Navy Reserve and joined up. He never lost the calling to serve men and women in uniform. After training, John was posted to Freetown in Sierra Leone on the West African coast where he served both his Lord and his country with distinction. During this time he served on Destroyers escorting Convoys and he experienced the horror of being torpedoed on two separate occasions due to U Boat action. He has entertained many of us with his experiences as both sailor and parson during this time.

John and Edna had continued to develop their relationship through correspondence. Through very complicated arrangements an engagement ring was purchased in Cape Town and safely transported to Beeston to Edna’s home. On the 22nd December 1943 John and Edna became engaged. John was in Freetown and Edna with her parents in England. John and Edna only saw each other for a total of six weeks during the duration of the war, but their love was blessed and grew strong.

As the war neared its end, John returned to his ministerial duties in South Africa and was posted to East London. His superintendent minister was a fiery Irish bachelor who was also a dynamic preacher. He took John under his wing and within a short period of time he was fully involved in serving his Lord in the Vincent congregation. Rev Meara did not believe in “leisure activities” and as a result John completed his ministerial studies in record time. John was ordained into the ministry on the 19th December 1945.

As an ordained minister, John once again packed his toothbrush, climbed onto his BSA Motor Bike and moved to the Mount Coke Mission Hospital near East London. On 9th July 1946, Edna left England to fly to South Africa to join her future husband. This journey took 5 days. On 18th July 1946 John and Edna’s lives were joined together in Holy Matrimony at the Trinity Methodist Church in East London. Their first child, Pauline Elizabeth was born in June 1947.

From Mount Coke Mission the little family moved to Cathcart where Andrew John joined them in 1949. The next posting was at Kamastone Mission Station in the Ciskei, when Ruth Ann made her appearance in 1953. The family relocated to Tsomo Mission Station in the Transkei and the world welcomed Ian David in 1955. When they moved to Peddie in the Eastern Cape, the congregation waited in anticipation. Would it be a boy or a girl? They were disappointed as the next Minty would only make an appearance some 20 years later as a granddaughter, Vanessa.

From Peddie, John was transferred to Sterkstroom and then to serve for 7 years in the Indian Mission in Durban. In 1972, John and Edna moved to Margate and experienced the empty nest syndrome for the first time. 1975 saw John and Edna resident in Pretoria where as part of his duties John was involved in the challenging work of serving as minister to those in the Maximum Security section in Pretoria prisons. From Pretoria John was sent to serve the Maitland community in the Western Cape. He was also appointed as Chaplain at the Ysterplaat Air Force Base.

In January 1983, after 43 years in the full time ministry, John and Edna officially retired to a cottage in Rosebank at the foot of Table Mountain. He continued to serve as Chaplain for the Air Force and to preach in various pulpits throughout the Western Cape. On 20th March 1986 Edna went home to her Lord after a long battle with cancer.

In order to be nearer his children, John moved to the Queenswood Old Age Home in Pretoria. There he met and fell in love with a widow, Brenda Kuyper. In 1991 the Minty and Kuyper Families and many friends gathered at Wesley Methodist Church in Pretoria to share the joy of their marriage. John and Brenda relocated to Montrose Cottages in Scottburgh where they spent many happy and active years together. Despite being retired, John never stopped serving his Lord. His commitment was total and between the years of 1936 and 2011, (75 years) with one exception he always stood in a pulpit on Christmas Day celebrating the Holy Birth with all. The exception was when he celebrated his 90th birthday with his family in Krugersdorp in 2008. Brenda passed away on 5th June 2006 after a short illness.

John never complained, neither did he look for recognition or status. He never needed to tell others that he was a Christian or a Minister as his words and actions left no doubt as to his commitment and standards. John never served in a community as a spiritual leader only. He was always fully involved in upliftment projects, as well as the development of Christ's kingdom in a practical manner. He was a firm believer in Christianity being a Joyful religion and with very few exceptions his sermons always had at least one joke which was applicable to the subject. He also strongly believed that faith without works is dead.

John William Minty, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and friend, we were blessed to share in your life and you have left us with many, many memories. We look forward to the day when we are reunited in Heaven.

REV. BRIAN CECIL JENNINGS

Born 3 January 1942; Died 7 August 2013

Brian Jennings was born in East London on 3 January 1942, the oldest of three children born to Cecil and Marjorie Jennings. His early years were spent in Dannhauser (Natal) and Dunnottar (Transvaal), where his father worked on the mines.

From Standard 4 he went to Dale College in King William's Town in the Eastern Cape, and after school, worked for Edgars in Johannesburg as a credit controller. He then moved back to King William's Town to work in a textile factory, and later went out on his own as a sales representative.

Brian met his wife Loraine Gladwin, while they were both still at school. Their schools were next to each other and they would often walk home together with a group of friends. They were married on 16 January 1965 in the St Augustine's Cathedral in Port Elizabeth, and their relationship has remained strong throughout the 48 years of their marriage. He liked to refer to Loraine fondly as his "fairy queen". They have four children, Gene, Michele, Mark and David, and there are now seven grandchildren.

Brain committed his life to Christ while he was still at school. He felt a call to the full-time ministry for some years, but, on the advice of their minister, Rev Bob Stead, waited until Loraine felt the same way before candidating. They joined the Order of Christian Service, under the Rev Jack Cook, and he was appointed as a lay pastor to Salem in the Seven Fountains Circuit.

He candidated in 1968 and spent a year in Parys as a Probationer Minister. He went to Rhodes University in Grahamstown, and afterwards was stationed in Upington. From there he went to study at the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, S. California, where he majored in Church Growth and obtained his Doctor of Mission degree. On their return to South Africa he was invited to Bedfordview, and whilst there, was seconded part-time to the Mission Department as a Church Growth co-ordinator, travelling around the country with John Tooke running seminars on Church Growth. This became a full-time appointment.

He and Loraine returned to the United States for four and a half years where he worked in the Alhambra United Methodist Church, in California. When they came back to South Africa he worked in the corporate business world with his brother for two years. He decided to return to the pastoral ministry and was stationed St John's in Port Elizabeth. After St John's he was seconded to Focus on the Family for a while and then spent four months with the Methodist Church in Maputo, Mocambique. He

was seconded by the Mission Unit to Graaff-Reinet to do Church Growth research in the Little Karroo. He came to Trinity Methodist Church in Springs in 2002, where he spent five very happy and successful years.

He was elected Bishop of the Highveld and Swaziland District, a position which he held for two years, 2007/8. In 2009 he went to Kenton-on-Sea in the Eastern Cape for three years, and ended his active ministry at Colchester (Sundays River).

Brian has always been an excellent pastor and has cared deeply for his people wherever he went. He had fine academic abilities and has served the MSCA well at many levels. He had a lovely sense of humour and was also a gifted teacher, with a wonderful ability to explain difficult things in simple ways that ordinary people could understand. He was a person of great integrity and he lived this out in the Church and in all his relationships.

Brian was diagnosed with cancer two years ago in 2011. He has undergone extensive treatment during this time which has not been easy for him or his loved ones, but he has managed to remain positive and caring toward others throughout this difficult time. He passed into the greater dimensions of God's presence on Wednesday, 7 August 2013.

REV. SANDILE MANTINI

Born 10 August 1951; Died 03 September 2013

U-Sandile walibona ilanga ngomhla we 10-08-1951, ezalelwa eWhittlesea. Uzalwa ngutata wakhe uRev. S.E. kunye nomama wakhe I.N. Mantini abangasekhoyo. Ungumntwana wesithathu kubantwana abahlanu, amadodana amabini, kunye neentombi ezintathu, abathathu kubo sebalandulela eli, kushiyeke udade wabo omnye kubo.

Amabanga akhe aphantsi uwafunde eBeaufort West amabanga akhe aphezulu wawafunda eVictor– Poto H.School. Waze wadlulela e-Unitra eyokwenza izifundo zeTheology. Bakhe kulapho ke emva koko athe wazimanya ngeqhina lomtshato nentombi yakwa Mvikweni uNozie. Apho baye balizwa ngabantwana abahlanu, amadoda amabini, nentombi ezintathu, enye kuzo sele ilandulele (uKhanyi). Uye waxelenga kwezindawo zilandelayo; mva kwethutyana ebeyi Prison Warder, uyewangenela ubufundisi wathunyelwa Namaqua, waya eTinarha, Qobo-qobo, Ulundi, Perksdale, East London Circuit 314, Emarhubeni, Ludeke, uye waphumlela kwi Circuit yase Brooksnek eKokstad.

Uye wophukelwa yimpilo waze walishiya eli ngomhla we 3 September 2013. Ushiya ngasemva abantwana abane uLuxolo, uKakaletu, uViwe kunye noAyabulela, umakoti onguZamajama, umamazala wakhe (umama kaNozie), nabazukulwana abathathu, abatshana bakhe kunye nodade wabo uNdumie osele kusele yena. Uphinde watshata noNobesuthu kunyaka ophelileyo ka2012. Siyawuhlala simkhumbula ngoncumo, amancoko akhe. Iintshumayelo zakhe ziguqule abaninzi, iingoma ebezicula ngezwi elimnandi zivuselele abaninzi, iimfundiso zakhe zikhulise abaninzi.

Ndiva ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi kum: Bala ukuthi; banethamsanqa abafileyo, abafeleyo enKosini kwa kaloku nje. Ewe, utsho uMoya, ukuze baphumle kuyo imizamo yabo.

**PHUMLA NGOXOLO MNGXONGO, NTSUNDU, SOPHITSHO,
NGQOLMSILA, YEM YEM, ZODWA, NOTHANDO LWAKHO KUNYE
NEENCOKO ZAKHO SOHLALA SIKUKHUMBULA**

REV. MBULELO PHILIP MVUNYISWA

Born 30 March 1941; Died 4 September 2013

The Reverend Mbulelo Philip Mvunyiswa was born in Johannesburg on the 30th March 1941, the third of five sons of Saul and Janet Mvunyiswa. He was raised by his grandmother and later his uncle after his mother died in 1945.

His early schooling years were in Orlando, Soweto. He then moved to Herschel where he attended school at St. Teresa and St. Johns and became one of the top achievers in the District. Due to lack of funds he exited formal schooling at standard eight and had to seek formal employment, first as a bus conductor, a mining clerk and later a court interpreter to generate school funds whilst studying by correspondence with Unisa. Then his aim was to study law but he accepted the calling into Ministry and was trained at the Fort Hare Theological Seminary in Alice.

Just before going into Ministry in 1967, he met the love of his life, friend and spiritual partner Vuyelwa Irene Dubule whom he fondly referred to as Rene to the end. They were blessed with six children (five girls and a boy): Nompumelelo, Yolisa, Nomfanelo, Nontando, Phunyezwa, and Bhongolethu. He served the Church with Rene by his side for over forty years and post retirement as well.

His Journey within the Ministry of the MCSA: 1970-2013

He offered for ministry at the Namaqualand Circuit in the Cape of Good Hope District and was accepted by the Conference of 1970.

1971-1972: He was appointed to the Springs/Brakpan Circuit as a probationer, stationed at Delmas which was a semi-rural township with surrounding farm societies and one mining Xhosa community. The local language was Ndebele and the community was very cultural especially with circumcision, which was a challenge for ministers who were against the practice. He served within a staff consisting of three ministers, two ordained and himself a probationer. For him this became a time of exposure to growth and understanding of the demands of the ministry before being sent to the seminary.

1973-1975: Fedsem in Alice 73/74. During this period he experienced a challenge of understanding theological concepts and doctrines of the Christian church and separation from his family. It was a time of development and maturing in all aspects of his life. At the beginning of 1975 the Seminary was expropriated by the Apartheid government and had to move to Umtata hosted by St Bedes Anglican and Ncambedlana Community Centre. This was at the rise of Black Consciousness and Black Theology. Soon thereafter conflict emerged with the Matanzima Homeland

Government and at the end of 1975 the Seminary had to move to Edendale for 1976. Philip completed his three year training in 1975.

1976: He was appointed to the Watervalboven Circuit under the Superintendency of the Witbank Circuit. This circuit was about to close down due to financial constraints. The first four months showed signs of growth in this regard. Unfortunately in May the manse mysteriously caught fire and was burnt to the ground. It was a wood and corrugated iron structure built in 1903. He lost everything he owned except for the saving of his three children aged five, four and two years old, together with his sister-in-law who had a three week old baby. His wife Irene was in hospital at the time. He had to build a five room shack for his family in two weeks for a home. His predecessor had no furniture. The last Insurance premium had been paid in November the previous year and therefore the church insurance would not pay his claim. The circuit could not afford to rebuild the manse and therefore had to close down at the end of that year.

1977-1978: He was stationed at Nelspruit African Circuit, Kabokweni Society, as an ordinand. This was also a developing township with a rural society as well. The Swazi people were very cultural and respectful in the true sense of the word. They lived mainly on farming in the rural areas. They were very open to education and committed to the mission of the church. He was beginning to enjoy the work when he was transferred at the end of the year 1978.

1979-1981: He was appointed Chaplain to the Turfloop Society (University of the North) in the Pietersburg African Circuit. The chaplaincy involved the University, three High schools and two Teacher Training Colleges plus circuit work. In 1980 he was appointed superintendent of the circuit and for two years he served the circuit alone, with twenty-nine preaching places in addition to the chaplaincy. The circuit was struggling financially consisting of two urban societies whilst the rest were rural. With a concerted effort the society managed to grow financially and was able to meet its financial obligations. This time was the climax of his ministry in terms of growth and strength. It was post 1976 and the University students were politically motivated against the government of the time. Resistance politics were rife and the chaplaincy required support for the youth as time and again they were harassed and detained for questioning. Due to the separation from his family, as Irene never got a teaching post, he lived with four minor children while she stayed with the two elder children and they could only join each other at the end of the month. He could not accept an extension of a further invitation due to the separation from Irene and the elder children and thus at the end of 1981 he accepted an invitation to Johannesburg for 1982.

1982-1986: He was stationed in the Fordsburg Section which was part of the Johannesburg African Circuit. This section consisted of mine and domestic workers

(rural people in the city). This section had suffered a severe loss of members due to the Transkei schism. His predecessor had joined the Transkei church taking almost the entire membership along with him. God helped to gradually rebuild this community and some members came back. The mines soon closed down leaving the community with domestic workers. The people were strong both in faith and commitment. The section was able to meet its financial obligation to the circuit. He was appointed superintendent of the circuit in 1985.

1987-1994: Geographical Circuits came into being and a merge occurred with the Central Methodist Circuit which later became the Central Methodist Mission under the superintendency of Rev. Peter Storey. The merge was not easy, but relationships were built over a period of time between the two communities. This was another era of growth for him as he began to be exposed to white members' problems (e.g. conscription to the army and personal commitment to the politics of the country). City mission was shaped for the homeless and the unemployed.

1995-2006: He was appointed to the Roodepoort Circuit and stationed at Dobsonville. During his tenure five new societies were established, namely: Silvertown (Doornkop), Mathole, Vlakfontein, Tshepiso and Braam Fischerville. Relationships among the members and the leadership were very good, and also with him.

He came to retirement in 2006 and retired in high spirits because he was leaving good relationships and a satisfactory level of work.

Other areas of service included the following: 1984-1985 Y.M.G. Triennial Secretary, 1986-1988 Central District YMG President; for a second time 1990-1992 District President. District Youth Co-ordinator in 1984-1987. District Music Association Chairman 1984-1990 and Connexional Music Association from 1992-1996. He served the Central District for 25 years stationed in two circuits. He also served in a number of District Committees.

Supernumerary Service:

From 2007-2009 he was stationed at Virginia to rebuild church relations and develop better working systems. This was achieved and he was able to hand over the reigns satisfactorily at the end of 2009. In 2010-2013 he was asked to assist in the Jabavu Circuit to offer ministerial support. This opportunity enabled him to serve within a vibrant congregation under the astute leadership of Rev. Tsosane. Overseeing the two societies coupled with Pastoral Care brought renewed fulfillment in his passion. This was a spiritually uplifting period in his life and it is with great joy that he was able to attend his final services at both Societies.

Lastly, he was always grateful to God for the spouse He gave him. She has borne all his sorrows, joys, and been a source of encouragement and strength throughout

their ministry. His six children have equally grown to understand the problems of ministry and have sacrificed a lot for his sake. He has a very intimate family. May God bless them all. He looked forward to the rest ahead and was full of thanks and praises to the Almighty.

REV. ELIJAH JOSEPH MOHLALA

Born 14th April 1914; Died 7th September 2013

Elijah Joseph Mohlala, was the first of seven children of the late Joseph and Johanna Mohlala, born on the 14th April 1914 at Tswele in the Sekhukhune area. The family relocated from Tswele to Madibaneng (Ga-Kgoshi Mohlala).

He began his primary education in Modiketsi Primary School where he completed sub A to standard 5. He completed his Standard 6 at Marishane Tribal School at Ga-Marishane. He then attended Kilnerton Training Institution where he trained as a teacher. It was while studying at Pretoria that he lost his father Joseph.

He was employed by the Modiketsi Primary School as a teacher, and then later he taught at Mphahlele Primary School for one year. He then moved to a Primary School at Boroka Ga-Mametja for a period of three years. He entered into holy matrimony in 1945 while he was teaching at Boroka Ga-Mametja with Makhoela Andronica Ramogayane who preceded him in death. They were blessed with seven children, three boys and four girls. One of his sons, the late Jonathan Makgalane, offered for the ministry of word and sacrament and served the Church with humility and respect.

It was in 1949 while he was teaching at Boroka Ga-Mametja that he responded to the call and became an Evangelist. The MCSA then sent him as an evangelist to Phokoane where he served for a period of 3 years. He was again called into the fulltime ministry of word and sacrament and accepted by the MCSA annual Conference of 1952 held in Port Elizabeth. He was stationed in Louis Trichardt from 1953 to 1955 as a probationer and was then sent for training at the Federal Theological Seminary at Fort Hare, Alice. He was ordained in 1958 and accepted into Full Connexion at the Pietermaritzburg Conference during the Presidency of the Rev Edgar Wilkinson.

He served in the following Circuits with zeal, humility, respect and caring:

- The Old Lesotho Mission (Quthing; Qachasnek): 1959 – 1963
- Mafeteng: 1964 – 1967
- OFS Goldfields (Virginia): 1968 – 1978
- Sekhukhune (Marishane): 1979 – for a period
of 6 months

It was in the Sekhukhune Circuit while he was attending the annual Synod at Garankuwa, that he was attacked by robbers who damaged his eyes and he lost his eyesight. This tragedy was what forced him to retire because of disability.

He was also involved in serving the community in the following Circuits:

- Mafeteng: In healthcare issues, ministerial alliance, school board member and conflict Management
- Goldfields: In the INDAMASA, conflict resolution/management

Ever since the accident he lived in faith with no sight and his health deteriorated slowly. On the 7th September 2013, in the 99th year of his life and the 60th year of his ministry, he was called to a higher service. The Rev EJ Mohlala is survived by his 6 children, 21 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

REV. RAMOKOE JAMES MAZWI

Born 16 April 1941; Died 11 September 2013

Rev. Ramokoe James Mazwi was born on 16 April 1941 in a small village called Tswaing, Ga-Mphahlele. He was the third child of the eight children of the late Jack and Meisie Mazwi.

He received his early education in Lesetsi/Malemati primary schools, and completed his Junior Certificate through private studies, after which he went to work at Penge Asbestos Mine and at Castle Breweries at Isando, Johannesburg.

As a child, Rev. Mazwi attended Methodist Sunday School and was later baptised and confirmed by the Rev. Alfred Montjane in Majjane Methodist Church. He became a YMG member and a preacher through the witness of the Mphahlele Circuit. In 1965 he felt a call to become an Evangelist and was accepted through Rev Norman Hudson's recommendation into the Order of Evangelists. He was sent to Umtata Evangelist's Training Centre, whereafter he was appointed to Boschplaats station in Mphahlele Circuit. During his ministry as an evangelist, he felt a call to the ordained ministry, and he was accepted by the 1973 Methodist Conference.

Before theological training he served two circuits: Sekhukuniland for two years and Zastron for one year. After College training, he served the following circuits: Kunwana (one year); Carletonville (one year); Jabavu (five years); Sekhukhune (five years); Potgietersrus – Mogalakwena (five years); Soutpansberg (four years); Postmasburg (one year). He retired in 2001.

Throughout his ministry Rev. Mazwi was supported by his late wife Rekgopetswe, whom he married in 1967. They were blessed with five children: Molly, Lerato, Jack, Patrick and Khutso. Rev Mazwi was humble, kindhearted, hardworking, a preacher and a devoted man of God. In 1996 he became passionate about organising groups of Christians from different denominations to visit and explore the land of the Bible, Israel. He has managed to take more than 200 Christians on this amazing experience. He also participated in community activities, including establishing a computer school in the Lebowakgomo area, and involvement in numerous associations for pensioners and home owner groups in Polokwane.

He passed away on 11th September 2013 after a short illness. He is survived by two daughters, three sons, one son-in-law, two daughters-in-law, six grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

**MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!
GAFELA A HLABIRWA**

REV. ASHLEY MOHAPI MALEBYE**Born 10 October 1922; Died 21 September 2013**

His mother Lydia, besides being a poet, (mmoki) was a deeply spiritual person who used to pray for the sickly, in the mould of Mother Theresa. She influenced his outlook in matters spiritual. In 1951 Ashley received a call to offer for ministry in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. In 1952, the Conference of the Methodist Church accepted his request and in 1953, he was sent to Potgietersrus (now Mokopane) where he had his first formative experience in ministry. He stayed in Mokopane until 1955.

In 1957 the Church sent him to the University of Fort Hare, Alice in the Eastern Cape, where he met lifelong friends, the late Rev. Ananias Lekalaka and Rev. Levi Masombuka. He graduated with a diploma in Theology.

In 1959, the Conference sent him to Zambuk, part of the Pretoria Circuit. Then in 1964, the Church leadership in Warmbad, now BelaBela, invited him to serve them. He duly accepted and served in Warmbad from 1964 until 1972. The Conference then sent him to Mobieskraal, Rustenberg, in 1973, where he stayed until 1980. He was then sent to Zebediela in the Mokopane region, where he spent only one year. The Church leadership in Makapanstad invited him to serve which he accepted and served as Superintendent for Makapan Circuit, working with Rev. Thema, who was based in Thembo, Kudube.

In 1984, he retired from the ministry of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. During his retirement, he was always available to serve as and when requested by other Circuits. He served in Lebotlwane, Benoni, and again in Warmbad. He was the Minister of Waterberg in general, and Warmbad in particular.

He left this world, to join his Maker on the 21st September 2013.

**MODIMO A NNE LE LONA, MOLOKO LE
METSWALLEGOMOTSEGANG
MOKGATLA O DIRILE!
A PULA E NNE**

REV. R M BUBU

Born 10 April 1947; Died 10 September 2013

Ridgie Mboniso Bubu was the first born son to the late Nozipho and Bonakele. Born in Zele Village at Nyandeni Municipality on the 10th April 1947, Riggie started his schooling at Zibungu and Maxhaka Primary Schools. He then proceeded to Corana Senior Secondary (Misty Mount) for his senior education. Whilst at school he participated in sports, partaking in soccer and rugby.

His formal working life started in Krugersdorp, Westrand Mines, working as a clerk in 1972. In 1978 he entered into marriage to Nolungiso Gcelu, daughter of the late David and Mangcoya Gcelu. They were happily married, blessed with four sons, Nkumbulo, Masakhane, Sipehele and the late Mawande, and 2 daughters, Nombhedesho and Ndileka.

He responded to his calling into ministry in 1988 while in Mamelodi East, Pretoria. He started serving the ministry as a probationer for the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in 1990 at Blikana Circuit. During his term as a probationer he played a pivotal role in the founding of Tweespruit and Archbell Circuit. In 1994 he was ordained as a Minister at the Durban Conference.

Reggie was a dedicated, humble and loyal servant of God. He fed the Lord's sheep in the Circuits of Blikana, Vaal River, Thaba-Nchu, Tweespruit and Archbell, Cancele, Pamlaville, Cwecweni, Balasi, Tsitsana-Katkop, Hlabathi, Ntshunge-Mqanduli, Mandileni and Ndlovu.

In 2011 he took early pension due to advice from his doctor regarding his ill health. By mid-2011 his health had deteriorated and he was admitted to hospital several times due to chronic renal failure. Riggie, a humble servant of the Lord was called to rest on the 10th September 2013 whilst being treated in hospital for hyperventilation and shortness of breath.

He is survived by his wife, 5 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 siblings.

**“WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT,
ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER”**

LalangoxoloNyathi, Budede, Nogixa

**YOU HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT,
FINISHED THE RACE AND KEPT THE FAITH ...**

Sohalasilukhumbula!!

REV. JONAS BUTITYI WEZA

Born 26 November 1945; Died 27 September 2013

Jonas Butityi Weza was born and bred in Bloemfontein. He was the second of five children born to the late Kleinbooib and Montsheng Weza. His parents were committed Christians and staunch Methodists. As such Joe was raised in a church-loving family and with strict Christian rudiments.

He began his primary education at Springfontein Primary School up to Standard 4, after which he went to Mangaung for His Higher Primary education. He was then sent to the Eastern Cape town of Alice where he matriculated at Lovedale High School in 1967. Straight after matriculation he went to work for the Friend newspaper, where he wrote under the pseudonym "Mandlenkosi". In 1968, whilst working for the Friend, he obtained a scholarship to study Freelance Journalism at the Literary College in Kitwe, Zambia.

On 11 July 1969 Joe entered Holy matrimony with Siziwe, daughter of Mr Sbushwana and Mrs Selina Mpambo of eNtsimekweni, Hershel. Their marriage was solemnized by the Rev. WWK Mrwetyana. A lot of Joy was added to their lives as they were blessed with three daughters, Nomathamsanqa, Xoliswa and Zimkhitha. He would later be blessed with four grand-children.

Joe started as an unqualified teacher, teaching at a night school in Bloemfontein. Eventually, in 1977, he went to Lovedale Teacher Training College. He was part of the move when the institution relocated to Lennox Sebe Teacher Training College, where he qualified in 1978. His first post as a qualified teacher was at Vulamasango High School where he taught English and isiXhosa.

He left teaching in 1982 and joined Old mutual as a Sales Representative and later as an Administrative Clerk. He stayed with Old Mutual only until 1984 when he responded to the call.

Joe seized the opportunity to serve his community by getting involved in organisations that sought to add value and bring significant changes to the lives of people and families. Some instances in which he served are: The South African National Council on Alcoholism and drug dependence, where he served as its first chair person; Family and Child Welfare Association, as Vice-chair; and Committee Member of the Cripple Care Society. He also served as a committee member on the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Re-integration of offenders.

Joe had been for all his life, a staunch Methodist and a Member at the Bicentenary

Society, where his parents also worshipped. Here he took active part in the life of the church and attended upon the Means of Grace. He experienced the divine Call to the Christian ministry in the years leading up to 1984. He was blessed to have the Rev. Simon Gatsha Mabunda, not only as his resident Minister but also as a mentor and spiritual director. He often spoke proudly of other ministers who contributed to his formation, the likes of Rev. Levi Masombuka, Rev. GTT Mareka, the late Rev. Dr. Mazizandile Guwa.

He responded to the Call and offered for the ministry in 1984. His Call was affirmed and accepted by the 1984 Conference that met in Pretoria, during the tenure of the Rev Peter J Storey as President of Conference. The same Conference directed that he be sent to the Federal Theological Seminary in Pietermaritzburg the following year. He graduated from Seminary at the end of 1987 having successfully completed the Diploma in Theology. He was then sent back to circuit work and did In-Service training in 1988. He was ordained in 1989 at the Cape Town Conference when the Rev. Dr Stanley Mogoba was at the helm.

Joe served his church with great diligence, dedication and devotion. True to his ordination vows, he traversed the Connexion, went where he was sent without complaint and laboured with distinction and great acceptance in the following circuits:

- 1998-1991 Northern Free State & Lesotho District (Welkom)
- 1992-1997 Seplan: Queenstown District
- 1998-2002 False Bay: Cape of Good Hope District
- 2003 Bothaville: Northern Free State & Lesotho District
- 2004 Maseru: Northern Free State & Lesotho District
- 2005-2007 Qwa-Qwa: Northern Free State & Lesotho District
- 2008-2011 Palmerton: Clarkebury District

In Palmerton he was instrumental in the establishment of the Palmerton Place of Safety. This place became the sanctuary for young girls who had to run away from being abducted for forced marriages which were becoming rife in the area. During his Christian ministry he had the opportunity to serve the church and the people of God in the following positions and capacities:

- During his tenure at Seplan he was Chaplain and Lecturer at Lumko College.
- From 1994 to 1997, he was YMG President in the Queenstown District.
- In 1995 the YMG Triennial was hosted in King Williamstown during his tenure.
- From 1999 to 2002, he was YMG president: Cape of Good Hope District.
- In 2001 the YMG Triennial was hosted in Cape Town during His tenure there.
- In Cape Town he was a member of the following instances: SGB: Cape of Good Hope Girls High, Habitat-Harare and Operation Hunger.
- From 2003 to 2005 he was Vice Chair of the Northern Free State & Lesotho District.

Joe shared his gifts with the church wherever he was. He was gifted in many areas of ministry but also employed his skills from the teaching field and time as a Journalist to advance the mission of the church. All these and his wonderful sense of humour sustained him during tough times. It is at such times that he would joke and say to Himself “Joe, you are now a victim of vocational confusion”.

He was a proud author of two books: “Yizani sense umnqophiso” (2000) and “Kuqala kube mnyamaxakuzakukhanya”(2008). The latter was prescribed by the Western Cape Department of Education in 2010 for grades 9 to 10.

He enjoyed the ministry of preaching. He spent time preparing sermons and loved preaching them. Even during his vacation leave he would look for opportunities to preach. Above his head on his bed, hung these words: “Sunday worship is the summit towards which the activity of the church is directed. At the same time it is the foundation from which all His power flows”.

He retired from active ministry at the end of 2011. He had retired but would not rest. He was called out of retirement to respond to a Macedonian call from the John Wesley Circuit, where he again laboured with passion and diligence.

Throughout his ministry, Joe enjoyed the support of his family, friends, and fellow Methodists. His wife Nomzwakhe, was a faithful helpmate to him. She often travelled great distances to be by his side and to work alongside him as a loyal partner in ministry.

In the 68th year of his life and the 29th year of ministry, this humble servant of the most High God was suddenly called to higher service and went into eternal rest. He was taken away in the afternoon of the 27th September 2013, while working with his wife in their garden.

He leaves behind his wife of 44years, his three daughters, four grandchildren and his two sisters.

LalangxoloMdzaka, Hala, Ntsundu, Velabambentsele

REV. PENDLETON GOODENOUGH NGXOLA

Born 3rd November 1936; Died 27th October 2013

Rev Goodenough Pendleton Ngxola was born in Mount Frere, EasternCape, on 03 November 1936. He was born to Mr William Mxolisi Ngxola and Mrs Edith Nomakhosi Ngxola, uMaRhadebe. He was born in a rural village called Lugangeni, in a place known as Hagwini. He is the fifth of seven children of the second wife, MaRhadebe. There were five brothers and two daughters.

He started his education at Mbonda Primary School where he completed standard 6. He proceeded to Makaula Senior Secondary school where he completed his Junior Certificate (JC). He studied through correspondence at the Wits night school and he matriculated while working in Johannesburg.

He started his full-time employment at the South African Institute of Medical Research (SAIMR) as a Lab Technician. He joined the then newly opened SAIMR Branch at Baragwanath (presently known as Chris Hani Baragwanath) Hospital.

He married Ms Daniswa Thabitha Ndenza. It was at this time that he received his Ministry calling. He was enrolled at the Pietermaritzburg College to study Theology. Rev PG Ngxola started practicing as a Minister at Ohlelo Circuit in KwaZulu-Natal. He proceeded to the Nkandla Circuit, KwaZulu-Natal.

He later moved to Piet Retief in Mpumalanga (then EasternTransvaal). He moved back to KwaZulu-Natal, Lamontville. His last touch in KwaZulu-Natal was his deployment at Stanger, in the KwaDukuza Circuit. His unwavering commitment to serving God drew the attention of the Methodist church leadership who decided to post him to KwaThema Central Methodist in the Springs District. It was while he was in KwaThema that he retired from the Ministry. He, however, continued to do community work, counselling, praying for and guiding the people of God. Due to ill health, he was admitted to hospital for what was hoped to be a brief period. His health suddenly deteriorated. Due to his age, his immune system could not respond positively to the treatment (chemotherapy). His condition became worse on Friday, 25 October 2013. On Saturday, he was constantly monitored by specialist Doctors. His family left him asleep on Saturday at about 22:00. He passed on Sunday, 27 October 2013, at about 04:00.

He is survived by his younger brother, younger sister, his seven children and eleven grandchildren.

**Lalangoxolo, Dlabazana, Njyela, Magaba, Zibaya, Ndzanga,
Nyawozineswekile, Mbabal'enkulueyahlul'eziny' ehlahini.**

REV. SYDNEY JONES

Born 23rd May 1923; Died 31st October 2013

Sydney David Jones was born on 23 May 1923 in Cape Town. He was one of eight boys, two of whom died at an early age. He commenced his schooling at Retreat Secondary School and completed it at Lansdowne High School. During these school years, he became involved at Retreat Methodist Church, attending Sunday school and youth meetings as well as teaching Sunday school.

After school, he spent six years in secular employment and then felt God calling him to full time service. He commenced his training in 1948 with the Africa Evangelistic Band (AEB). After completing his training at the AEB, he spent 9 months serving as a lay pastor at the Beaufort West Methodist Church.

During his time at the AEB, he met and fell in love with Chrissie Constantine. They were married at the Wynberg Methodist Church on the 14th October 1950. Together they felt the call to serve their Saviour on the Mission Field in the Belgian Congo. In preparation for this they spent some months in Northern Natal working with the local AEB staff and preaching the Gospel to the local people. Just after their return to Cape Town, their first son was born. On the 15th of May 1952 they left for the Congo and after two weeks of travelling, they arrived at the mission station in Kondji, Belgian Congo. They spent eight years in the Congo before having to leave in July 1960 due to the civil war. During these eight years, Rosalie and Mark were born.

After returning home to Cape Town, Sydney spent time working in the Methodist Churches in Strand and Somerset West. He was ordained in 1965 whilst pastoring the church in Worcester. During the following years, he spent time serving God in Parow, Mossel Bay and Beaufort West. He then retired to Bathurst as a supernumerary where he and Chrissie spent the last few years of their full time ministry. They settled in Queenstown and then, due to Sydney's ill health, they moved to Centurion in Pretoria to be closer to their children.

In December 2012, they settled at the Village of Golden Harvest retirement village in Hermanus Western Cape.

Sydney passed away peacefully on the 31 October 2013 at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife Chrissie and his three children, Robin, Rosalie and Mark. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren.

We give thanks to God for a loyal and faithful servant whose lifelong goal was to give his best for the God he so dearly loved.

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