

LAY TRAINING REPORT

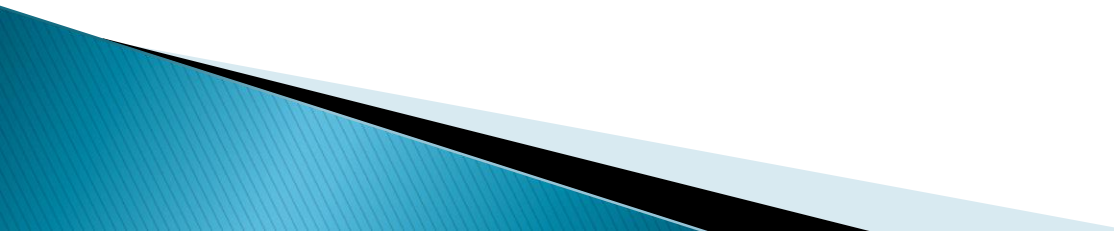
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KEY PERFORMOMANCE AREAS

- ▶ Training of members of the Order of Evangelism
 - ▶ Local Preachers Department
 - ▶ Christian education
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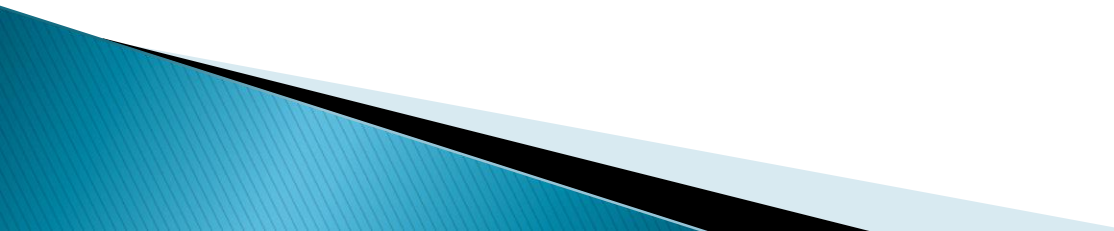
ORDER OF EVANGELISM

- ▶ There are currently 7 Members of the order that will commence 1st year in training in October 2017
- ▶ There are currently 9 Member of the order who will commence their 2nd year of training in October 2017.

ORDER OF EVANGELISM CURRICULUM

1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction to Methodist Doctrine, Vision and Mission2. Introduction to Church Planting3. Introduction to Evangelism (New Ways)4. Introduction to Small Groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction to Pastoral Counselling and Crisis Counselling2. Pastoral Counselling and Crisis Counselling3. Evangelism (Faith Sharing)4. Methodist Doctrine5. Church planting6. Small groups as tools of Evangelism

LOCAL PREACHERS

- ▶ The MCSA Continues to outsource training of lay preachers to SMMS and TEEC
 - ▶ All preachers without matriculation may only study through SMMS
 - ▶ Preachers with matric may study through TEEC or through SMMS
 - ▶ Current TEEC students without matric or an equivalent qualification must conclude their studies by the end of 2018
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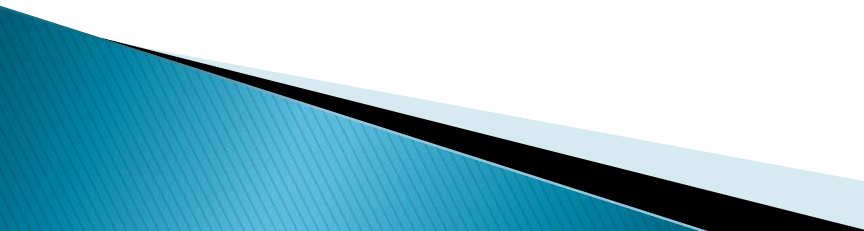
LOCAL PREACHERS PROGRAMMES

INSTITUTION	QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENTS
TEEC (Theological Education By Extension College)	Higher Certificate Diploma Degree	Grade 12 or Equivalent (Former Standard 10)
SMMS (Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary)	HCCM (Higher Certificate in Christian Ministry)	Grade 12 or Equivalent (Former Standard 10)
	CCM (Certificate of Competence in Ministry)	Grade 6–Grade 11 (Former Standard 4–Standard 9)
	FCM (Under Development)	Grade 0–Grade 5 (former Standard 0–Standard 3)

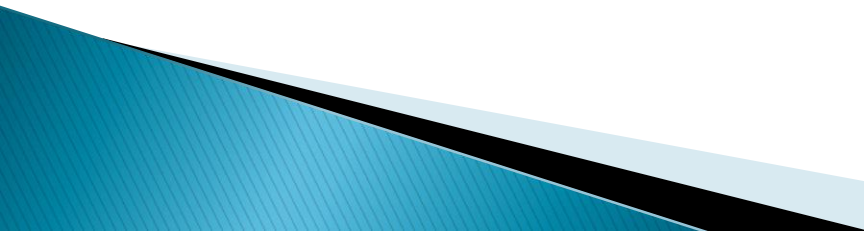
INTAKE 2017

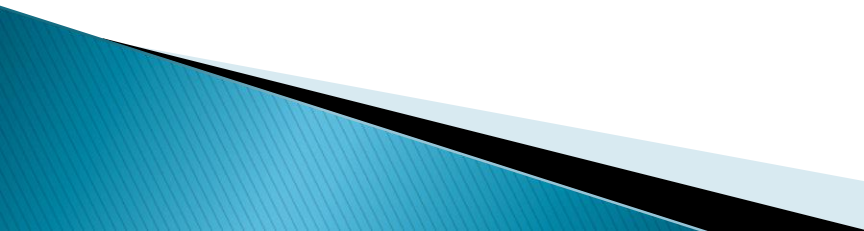
PROGRAM	INTAKE	COST
HCCM	89	R2 420
CCM	133	R1 200

COST OF TRAINING

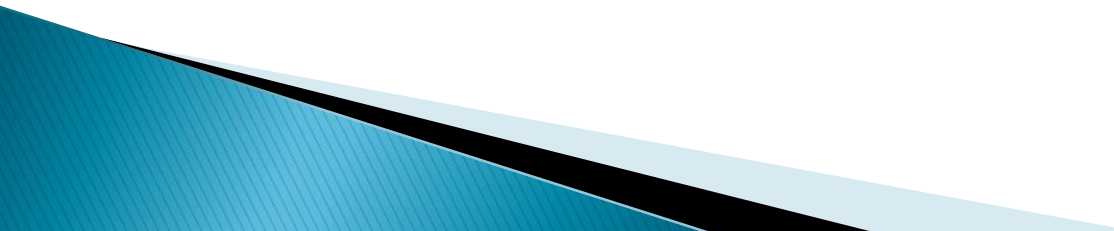
- ▶ The cost of academic formation for our laity (Incl Local preachers/ Evangelists and Bible Women) continues to be an area of great concern especially since the unemployment rate in Sub-Saharan Africa is high (Stands at 7.2%)
 - ▶ EMMU and our service providers (TEEC and SMMS) have been very stringent in their budgets and costing so as to accommodate members of the MCSA. There has been no fee increment for 2018.
 - ▶ However, Circuits, Departments, Associations, and orders are encouraged to find creative ways of assisting individuals who desire further education and development
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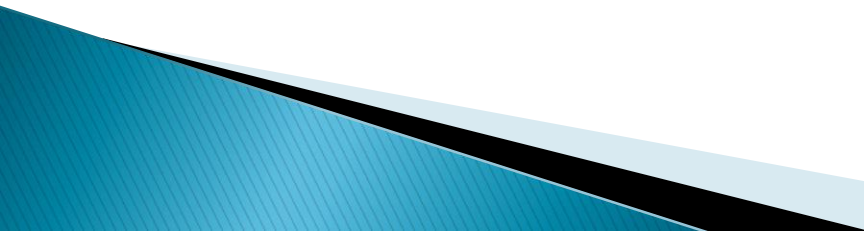
LOCAL PREACHER SUPPORT

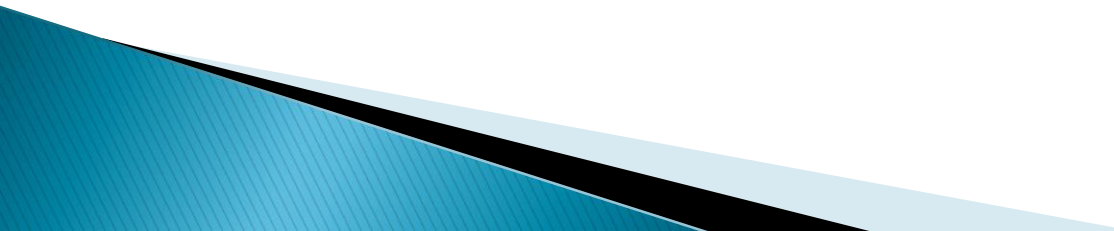
- ▶ Every District has appointed a Local Preachers Department Secretary (LPD Secretary). The task of the Secretary is to provide support and guidance to Circuits in their respective Districts, organise tutorials and regular workshops which will assist the preachers
 - ▶ Furthermore, each Circuit has a Circuit Supervisor of studies who provide academic support to the students.
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- ▶ The Connexional LPD Secretary has been invaluable in support and guidance to students
 - ▶ The Co-ordinator for lay training also plays an integral role in student support
 - ▶ Various Districts were visited in 2017 so as to provide guidelines and clarity on Local preachers studies after the launch of new programmes.
 - ▶ There is an urgent need for translation of the study material into the languages of our Connexion. This is a project that requires financial support, creativity and human resources.
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ▶ The preservation of our basic Christian doctrines is of fundamental importance.
 - ▶ Developing and availing material that is doctrinally and theologically sound forms part of this work
 - ▶ Efforts to begin this work have been multi pronged:
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- 1) Wesley studies continues to be offered by EMMU. This course is not just for those desiring to be Local Preachers but it is open to all Methodists
 - 2) The uploading of sound Bible Study Material for small groups
 - 3) The Co-ordinator has developed a Wesley Study guide for SMMS
 - 4) Facilitation of Circuit Lay training events
 - 5) Facilitation of Districts Lay training events
 - 6) Involvement with the “Every Member Ministry initiative” and future involvement with Lay Leaders
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- ▶ These are all steps in the right direction in ensuring that our lay people are not only members of the MCSA but are also Wesleyan in ethos.
 - ▶ Districts and Circuits are encouraged to call on the Co-ordinator for Lay Training to facilitate training events as per contextual need
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RESOLUTIONS REFFERED BY CONFERENCE

- ▶ Conference 2015 Resolution 2.35 Conference affirms its policy to be open to people with disabilities and notes the prior efforts in developing suitable material for visually impaired preachers. Conference requests EMMU to continue the development of audio material and other such aids. All congregations are encouraged to be sensitive to this need

RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION 2.35

- ▶ The LPD structure (Including District LPD Secretaries) is looking into this matter and cases will be dealt with individually and as per request
 - ▶ We applaud Circuits who have found innovative ways to accommodate and affirm preachers living with disabilities
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