

### **A Justice Champion for the Marginalized and Abused**

Ms Nancy Herron was born in Nancefield Johannesburg. She was born to parents who were among those who pioneered the birth of St. Andrew Society Methodist Church. Nancy has therefore had a strong Christian Methodist upbringing. Her involvement in the life of the church at a very early age instilled in her a passion to serve God's people, especially the marginalized.

Nancy has through the years also showed and demonstrated passion to deal with issues of justice. In 1986 her passion and leadership were sharpened by her attending the National Youth Leadership Training Programme. She was immersed into justice issues when she was employed by the Natal Coastal District and Justice and Service Reconciliation Field worker and reported to Bishop Mike Vorster.

This work brought her closer to work among victims of violence in the township during Apartheid times. In 1989, Nancy served in the Christian Citizenship Department heading the Ubulongisa Programme, where she worked with both the late Austin Mercy and late Jimmy Palos. She was also involved in The Education for Democracy Programme. In this position Nancy again showed her passion for justice and to walk alongside the down trodden.

Nancy's involvement with communities on issues of justice and health attests to her passion and commitment to justice and service. All those who have worked with Nancy will confirm her spirit of resilience, compassion and empathy. In her work she goes beyond the call of duty. She does not get threatened by those in high places when source's life is violated and threatened. She had stood alongside uprooted communities, abused children, and bereaved families whose children have been killed. She has done this as a committed Christian and in the name of the Methodist Church. She does nothing to seek glory but to serve God.