

Website Introduction to the Justice and Service page

The key outcomes of the Mission congress outline the objectives of the Justice and service pillar as being the following¹:

- To combat racism, sexism and all other forms of discrimination.
- To develop a vigorous response to social issues.
- To become a church in solidarity with the poor.

The Justice and service desk was established out of the necessity of the objectives of the Mission congress of the MCSA held in 2004.

The Justice and service desk of the MCSA is an advocacy and awareness desk on social justice that is aimed at ensuring that the MCSA is a prophetic voice for healing and transformation². The priorities of the desk include human rights, economic and environmental justice, moral transformation, poverty, inequality, prophetic awareness, gender justice, advocacy, lobbying, networking and citizenship. The role of advising the Presiding Bishop on informing and speaking out publicly on issues lies within the Justice and service desk³.

The mandate of the desk can be summed up as follows:

- Develop a theological rationale for the Justice and Service Desk
- Monitor issues of justice and violations of human rights
- Gather information on issues of concern
- Develop responses to issues requiring a prophetic voice/intervention
- Equip MCSA constituency to take action on issues of Justice
- Commission research on justice issues
- Develop resource materials on contextual theology for use by local churches.

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¹ Key outcomes of the Mission Congress document, 2005, p9

² MCSA Yearbook 2009, p87

³ MCSA Yearbook 2012, p175

