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## **Methodists Call for Dialogue in the Kingdom of Eswatini**

The Methodist Church of Southern Africa (MCSA) has observed with deep concern and alarm the current volatile political situation in the Kingdom of Eswatini as reported in the media wherein there have been recorded protests calling for democratic and economic reforms.

We appeal to the Government of the Kingdom and its citizens to choose non-violent conflict resolution methods and enter into peaceful dialogue on the issues that have led to and resulted in the current stalemate, instability and violence.

We implore the government to give a listening ear to its citizenry and call for broad, multi-sector engagement and dialogue in a bid to find sustainable solutions to the current crisis. The destruction of public property and violence is self-defeating and retrogressive for an economy that is already stretched.

We call on all Methodists in the 6 countries of our Connexion, including the Kingdom of Eswatini, to joint prayer for wisdom, peace and understanding, as the country seeks to find meaningful and long-lasting solutions to its political and economic challenges.

Our vision and mission remains that for a Christ healed Africa for the healing of all nations.

**Released on behalf of the Presiding Bishop of the MCSA**

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