



METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

**SNIPPETS OF ECUMENICAL WORK FROM SYNODS IN THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

Our **United Church** in Okahanja is still operating, at the moment under Methodist leadership. Leadership changes 2-yearly between Methodist and Congregational. The United Church in Oranjemund is under Rhenish leadership at the moment, and will revert to a Methodist Minister in 3 years' time.

Furthermore, we are in the beginning stages of conversations with other denominations about work in Otjivarongo and possibly Tsumeb, and will see where these lead us. There are various factors to consider, and more

**KwaZulu Natal Christian Council and Thukela Majuba uMzinyathi Christian Council (TMCC) work together in discouraging people not to steal and burn factories and shops because that add and or increase unemployment for our people.** As Ecumenical all church leaders were asked to preach at their churches to discourage people from stealing the Ten

than one way of cooperation to contemplate.

**The Christian Council of Namibia** has in the past few weeks, after a meeting, ushered a media statement that was widely circulated, in which the churches thanked front line workers, urged people to be vaccinated, and for government to approach churches to do co-

**The goal of mission is unity: which means equity for all humanity; dignity for all humanity; opportunity for all humanity and access to resources for all humanity. The way to unity is through reconciliation, transformation and healing. Therefore racism; sexism; ageism; xenophobia; homophobia; economic deprivation are all the antithesis of God's Oikumene**

operative work in terms of the Covid-19 pandemic. Circuits are involved in local ecumenical gatherings, and some

community projects.

Commandment Law is very relevant at this period that is, "You shall not steal" and also that people must have good morals.

The KZN Christian Council and TMMC Council of Churches have the programmes to help on voter education for coming local elections in October 2021, since people have to register online. As Ecumenical we are praying for peace and stability within the

*All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds [ to all, as any had need. (ACTS 2 44:45)*

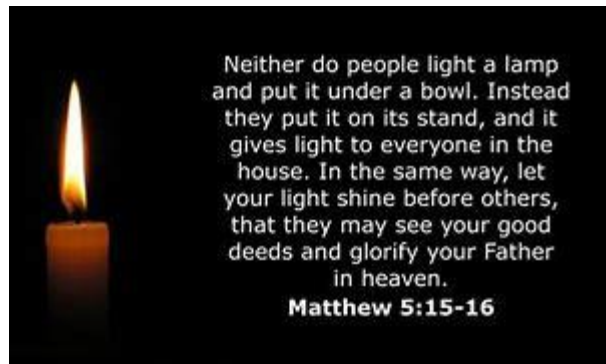
**...His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility (Ephesians 2:15 and 16)**

**Bishop Charmaine Morgan, Namibia Synod**

Province of KwaZulu Natal towards local elections.

As Ecumenical we encourage people to vaccinate for Covid 19. And also wearing mask, sanitizing and have social distancing, at the gatherings to observe Covid 19 regulations.

**Shalom!  
Rev. L.K. Zulu, Natal West Synod (KZN)**



**We live in a dark and yet wondrous time.** – Rev Bruce Epperly

*Greeting in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I would like to report on the work here in the Grahamstown Synod. As the Covid Pandemic is leaving many congregations powerless against its effects. The Bishop of our Synod is very involved with the fraternal of the city, they are assisting in supplying food parcels to more than 500 pastors in the city that was not able to meet for any religious gatherings and has lost there income during this Covid 19 pandemic.*

*There is also a project to assist communities with a gardening project known as Farming God's way to assist with empowering as to help with food shortages. In our town our fraternal has had a prayer meeting to pray for unemployment in our Town, Poverty, for businesses. A worship service was held outside of our hospitals was greatly welcomed as prayers for the staff, medical personal and doctors, as well as the patients. The Community also come together to stand together against saying (NOOW) (Not On Our Watch). This was a gathering of the Municipalities, emergency personal, from the community we saw a motor cycle club as well as the taxi association. This was well received and we give thanks to God that no looting had taken place in any of our cities. We thank you for your prayers.*

**Yours in Christ, Rev John Gertze, Grahamstown Synod**

### **Activities in the Cape of Good Hope Synod:**



#### **On the Homefront**

Weekly **Virtual Vestry Hour** with Bishop Moses on Wednesday mornings from 8h30 - 9h30. A Hybrid Synod were held. Conversation and Training Evenings with the COVID 19 Advisory Team on the readiness of opening of churches for Worship.

**Thank you. Blessings.  
Rev Moira Prince  
Cape Of Good Hope Synod**

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SACC



**On the Ecumenical front**

Synod Ministers receiving the Vaccine with Emeritus Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The hanging of the **Basic Income Grant** advocacy/awareness banner by Bishop Yvette Moses (MCSA) and Archbishop of Cape Town Thabo Magoba (Anglican).

**Church Unity Commission** virtual conversations with SACC member churches and other stakeholders on GBV and Children, food security and Clergy & families.

**Thank you. Blessings.**

**Rev Moira Prince  
Cape Of Good Hope Synod**



**May our Universal Church family awaken and become the avatars of God's peace and justice**

**Shalom**

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