

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

CONFERENCE 2021

LAY MINISTRIES TRAINING REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

- The work of training and capacitating the laity in our church remains a critical aspect for sustaining the life of the MCSA.
- The growth, effectiveness and survival of the Church are greatly dependent on the mobilisation and utilisation of the laity for ministry and mission.
- It is therefore important that the work undertaken by laity is taken seriously and receives as much support as possible from Methodists in every Society and Circuit so that growth can be effected.
- The scope of the Lay Training portfolio of the EMMU is to train Local Preachers, the members of the Order of Evangelism and equip all Methodists for Christian Service. The training is undertaken in line with the policies and doctrine of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa
- The year under review has not been the most productive one due to the COVID-19 pandemic that disrupted and affected our work.



ORDER OF EVANGELISM

- Candidates Screening
- Review on the training needs of the Order
- Graduation 2021
- Part –Time category of the Order
- Training 2021



LOCAL PREACHERS TRAINING

- Categories for Local Preachers' Studies
 - Higher Certificate of Competence in Ministry (HCCM)-Grade 12 or equivalent (Former Standard 10), Offered by SMMS
 - Certificate of Competence in Ministry (CCM)-Grade 6-Grade 11 (Former Std 4-Std 9), Offered by EMMU.
 - Foundation Certificate in Ministry (FCM)-Grade 0-Grade 5 (former Std 0-Std 3), Offered by EMMU and facilitated by the Synod.
 - Higher Certificate- Grade 12 or equivalent, offered by TEEC.
 - Diploma in Theology Grade 12 or equivalent, offered by TEEC.
 - Degree in Theology Grade 12 or equivalent, offered by TEEC



FCM COURSE STRUCTURE

FIRST YEAR	COURSES
	Biblical Studies 1(BIB101)
	Introduction to Theology (THEO101)
	Community Development (DEV101)
	Wesley Studies (WES 101)
SECOND YEAR	COURSES
	Biblical Studies 102 (BIB 102)
	Biblical Studies 103 (BIB 103)
	Introduction to Homiletics (PCM 101)
	Church History 101 (HCC 101)



CCM COURSE STRUCTURE

FIRST YEAR	COURSES
1 st Year –First Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Introduction to the Bible (BIB101)* Introduction to Christian Theology (THEO101)
1 st Year Second Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Community Development (DEV101)*Wesley Studies (WES 101)
SECOND YEAR	COURSES
2 nd Year First Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Biblical Studies 102 (BIB 102)*Biblical Studies 103 (BIB 103)
2 nd Year Second Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Introduction to Homiletics (PCM 101)*Church History 101 (HCC 101)



HCCM: Higher Certificate in Christian Ministry with SMMS

	First Semester	Second Semester
Year 1	Biblical Studies 1 An Introduction to Scripture (BIB101) Overview of the Bible	Biblical Studies 2 Old Testament Theology and Exegesis (BIB 102) Genesis, Exodus, Psalms, Prophets,
	An Introduction to Church History (CHH 101) Including History of Christianity in Africa	An Introduction to Community Development (DEV 101) Working with Communities
YEAR 2	Biblical Studies 3 New Testament (BIB 103) Synoptic Gospels and Pauline Epistles	Introduction to Homiletics (PCM 101) Preaching, Liturgy and Christian Worship
	Theology 1 An Introduction to Christian Doctrines (THEO101) Creation, God & Christology; Soteriology & Eschatology	Distinctive Denominational Studies/ Contextual Theology (PCM 102) As requested by specific Church Traditions Elective 1: Wesley Studies and Spirituality Elective 2: Doing Theology in Context or Equipping Partners of Ministers in Ministry



DIPLOMA COURSES WITH TEEC

FIRST YEAR	COURSES
	Ethics 1(85260) Practical Theology 1 (85370) Proclaiming our Faith (86378)
SECOND YEAR	COURSES
	Systematic Theology 1 (85240) Spirituality 1(85250) Getting to know the Bible(85100) Wesley Studies through EMMU



BTH COURSES WITH TEEC

FIRST YEAR	COURSES
	Engaging with people pastorally and ethically (7002)
	Exploring our Christian Foundation(7155)
SECOND YEAR	COURSES
	Growing spiritually, thinking theologically (7003)
	Interpreting Texts: Biblical & other sources (7004)
	Wesley Studies through EMMU



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Connexional Confirmation Class Curriculum
- Christian Formation
- Every Member in Ministry
- Children's Ministry Curriculum



CHALLENGES

- Recognition/robing of preachers and members of the Oder by local arrangements when they have not undergone training or who have not completed their studies
- LPD and LPA Confusion
- **Lack of integrity** of some superintendents and supervisors of studies when it comes to registering preachers according to their level of education and age
- **EMMU website not visited to get information**
- Applying for certificates without checking if preachers have fulfilled the requirements
- Appointment of supervisors of studies who are themselves not accredited local preachers
- Undermining of the Unit



CONCLUSION

- The recognition and empowerment of lay people in the church remains an important undertaking if we are to re-imagine healing and transformation as we are guided by God's mission .
- ***“Lay persons are not assistants to the pastor, to help him do the work. Rather, the pastor is to be their assistant; he is to help equip them for the ministry to which God has called them”*** Elton Trueblood