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Methodist Church of Southern Africa

SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

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Theme: *The Church: An invitation to be life giving water. Ezekial: 47:1-12*

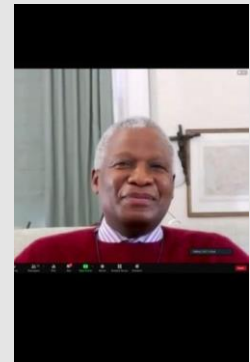
Six MCSA Delegates led by the General Secretary Rev Michel Hansrod attended the Hybrid SACC Triennial Conference

Extracts from The General Secretary's report"

"The stated SACC mission today says: "The SACC works for moral reconstruction in South Africa, focusing on issues of justice, reconciliation, integrity of creation and the eradication of poverty and contributing towards the empowerment of all who are spiritually, socially and economically marginalised." It is to this end, that we

uphold the SACC vision as stated on our website: The SACC, as part of the Body of Christ, is a communion on a pilgrimage to promote justice, dignity and the fullness of life. It is unpacked further in the spirit of programme implementation to say: The SACC will be a consistent social justice witness, and agency for a just social, economic, and ecologically sustainable society, enabled through engaged churches-in community, for a reconciled South Africa; and a just national, sub-regional, continental and global society. Our report to National Conference Mr. President and esteemed delegates, is informed by these aspirations of the SACC public ministry; driven by a public witness agenda based on the commitment to the ideals of **The South Africa We Pray For.**"
The full version is available on the SACC webpage) [South African Council of Churches](https://www.sacc.org.za) ([sacc.org.za](https://www.sacc.org.za))

We congratulate Archbishop Thabo Makgoba on his election as President of the South African Council of Churches



We give thanks to former MCSA Presiding Bishop Ziphosihle Daniel Siwa the outgoing President of the South African Council of Churches, who together with his team took over when the SACC was in ICU. Thank you sir for your continued persistence and resilience to bring SACC to a place of high care.. next step, healed regeneration ...

Ecumenical Snippets from the MCSA Connexion



.... a wonderful ecumenical moment.
**Dutch Reformed youth visiting
Methodist Youth yesterday afternoon
with singing, dancing, and learning
each other's' traditions. At Windhoek**

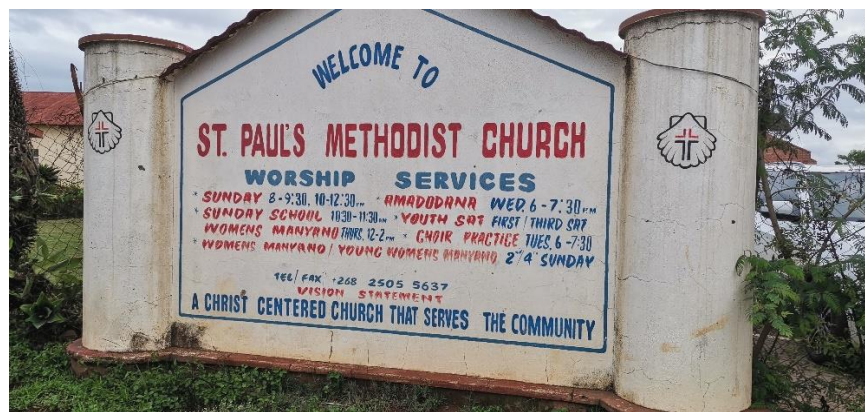


Clarkebury District – Koinonia Council of
churches gathering (That moment when
everyone takes off their facemasks)

VIST TO ESWATINI

Under the leadership of the Presiding Bishop Rev Purity Malinga and a MCSA team visited eSwatini (28/29 October 2021). Our conversations and engagements with our eSwatini Methodists and the Council of Swaziland Churches, civil society coalition of opposition political parties, the Premier was enlightening & empowering for us. This has given us a sense to know how we should be responding more appropriately. The team prayed with the wives of opposition party leaders who were incarcerated. The worship service was powerful. Present were the family of the first student to be shot and killed by police together with some of the students who were shot. Some still have bullets lodged in their bodies... Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers... **If one part of the body suffers, we all suffer** (1 Corinth 12) (Look out for official reports from the PB's office). Check the MCSA FB page

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**With Rev Shabalala
General Secretary of the
Council of Swaziland
Churches**



Shalom
Mike Vorster
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MCSA Ecumenical Affairs Unit working with others toward implementing:
Church Unity
Ecumenical Diakonia
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