

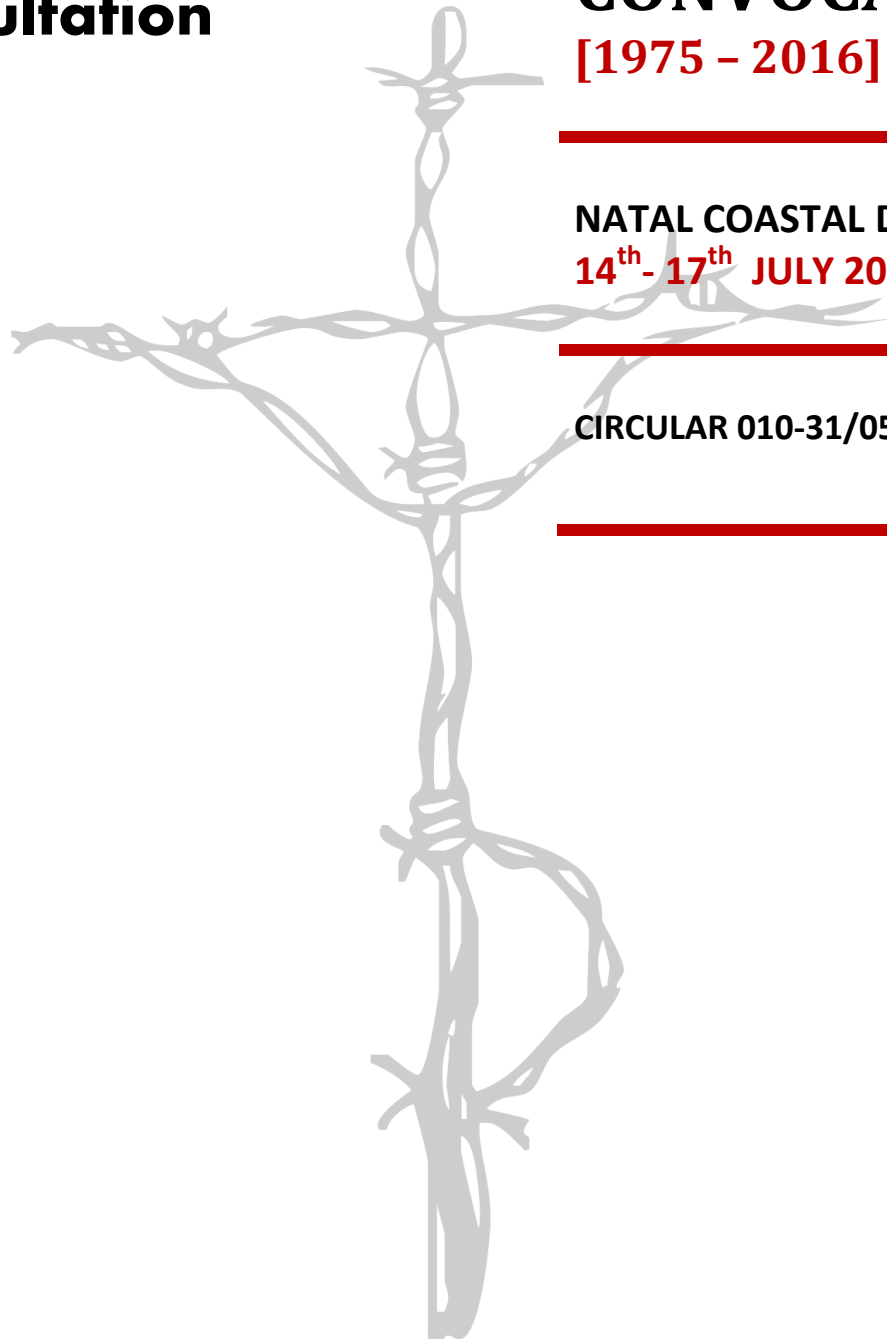
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**Black Methodist
Consultation**

**2016 JULY 41st
CONVOCAATION**
[1975 - 2016]

NATAL COASTAL DISTRICT.
14th - 17th JULY 2016

CIRCULAR 010-31/05/2016



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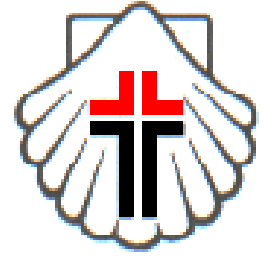
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CIRCULAR 010 – 31/05/2016 BMC ANNUAL JULY 41st CONVOCATION [1975 – 2016] NATAL COASTAL DISTRICT 14 - 17 JULY 2016.

BMC District Executives, Connexional Task Teams, Ex-Officio's, Elders and All Dearest Methodists!

Re: Formal Invitation, Announcement and Confirmation of the Annual July 41st Convocation to be hosted at Natal Coastal District from the 14th to the 17th July 2016.

Warm greeting to all in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the risen saviour.

This is a written confirmation, per subject matter **as announced** at the Grahamstown **February Meeting** that was held **26th to the 28th PE North Circuit**, same later confirmed with more details on the **Key Decisions of the same Feb Meeting per communique dated April 4th, 2016**.

The Annual July 2016 – 41st Convocation shall take place as follows:

DATES: 14th until 17th JULY 2016; [starting at 10:30 on Day One (1) Thursday the 14th; finishing at 11:00 Sunday 17th]

VENUE: UKZN - Edgewood Campus, Marianhill Road, Pinetown, Natal Coastal District [121 Marianhill Rd, Durban, 3605]

1. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMONDATION

- Registration per member at the Annual 41st July 2016 Consultation is **R730.00**;
- Commitment Fee is **R90.00**;
 - **Total Per Member July 2016 = R820.00**

i) Early/Pre-Registrations **OPENS 1 JUNE – CLOSSES 1 JULY 2016**; ii) Late Reg starts **2 July ends 11 July**; then **STRICTLY** - iii) Onsite & Walk-Ins thereafter the 11 July

- We encourage **early registration (pre-registration)** using the supplied template, [to be sent back to BMC ConneX Secretariat & Treasurer with Deposit Slip fully reconciled lists and money deposited by **1st July 2016 at 18H00**]
- Please **register all delegates according to Districts (in blocks)** and deposit money either as a District Cheque or Hard Cash **as Districts 'Blocks'** into the **BMC Connexional FNB Account** detailed below ...

- Let's minimise handling of cash at the registration desk for obvious risks associated with cash handling – **PRESENT DEPOSIT SLIP ON REG DESK 'AND CASH if not avoidable'; ALL REGISTRATION CHEQUES to be DEPOSITED AS EARLY REG** “Risk of Dishonoured/Unpaid Cheques on the increase, no post-dated cheques shall be accepted”
- Given encouraged Early/Pre-registration, **Districts would be allowed to deposit registration in two/three blocks** to ease pre-registration **UNTIL 1 JULY 2016 18h00; LABEL EACH BLOCK CLEARLY e.g. HISWA REG 1.; CoGH REG 2; IN BLOCKS/GROUPS (7 or more) NOT INDIVIDUALS – MONEY DEPOSITED EQUALS EACH BLOCK**
 - Beyond 1 July 2016, 18h00 **Then What?** Its **Late Registrations** on a **Separate Late RSVP LIST Clearly Labelled LATE**, thus 1 July 18h01 Until 11 July 10h30; **even if there was No Early/Pre-REG those dates 2-11 July are LATE REG**
 - Beyond 11 July 2016, 10h30 **Then What?** Its **Onsite Registrations and Walk-Ins** even if the money is deposited **No More Emailing of Lists as Conferencing starts in 72hrs or so – rather** Present Deposit Slip and an already completed ONSITE/WALK-INN REG FORM with a deposit slip or hard cash;
 - **ALL Individual Registrations** Irrespective of Timing of Cash Deposit WILL BE **WALK-INS at REGISTRATION DESK.**
- A registration desk would be manned at the consultation from **Wednesday 13 July at 16h00** by **ALL DISTRICT TREASURERS**, no post-dated cheques would be accepted on registration – *preferable only deposit slips* and cash for on-site registrations and Walk-ins
 - **All District TREASURERS** or Delegated with full evidence of hard copy lists and deposit slips ... not either but BOTH (even if was emailed, thus a soft copy; bring Hard Evidence) and be seated at Registration Desk from Wednesday 16h00 and Available at hand **to VET and CLEAR** own members per Block of Reg and **Handle Name Changes/Substitutes and Related Faces to ease Task for the HOSTS.**
 - Hosts will not be calling any District EXCO's to VET and CLEAR the above **if absent** own members arriving early must either make alternatives for accommodation until District Treasurer or delegated arrives or Register On-Site as WALK-IN.
- The BMC FNB Connexional Bank Account is: **MCSA - Black Methodist Consultation, FNB, A/C No 622 260 643 35; Branch [251445] PRETORIA.** *Clearly Reference* – e.g. Lmpo Reg 1.; KNB EBF; GRHST REG 2; CLBRY REG 3; CoGH EBF etc.
- **District Treasurers** *must* liaise with the 'Co-opted' *Connexional Treasurer per FEB 2016 Meeting Mandate* “for further information, clarities finance related” -

Ms Buhle Sigabi; 082 737 8215; buhle.sigabi@royalcanin.com Or buhle.sigabi@gmail.com

- All delegates coming to the July Consultation are strongly encouraged to register and give commitment fees
- **Accommodation** would be secured at two UKZN students residences that are outside the Main Campus - Edgewood:
 - **The Holzner Gardens** - is situated on 32 Holzner Road, 2km from Edgewood and accommodates 200 people and
 - **Kingswood Student Centre** which is 2.8km away and accommodates 500 people.
 - **There is NO LINEN at all – Bring Own Linen as needed**
 - *The UKZN to loan BMC-Natal Coastal their shuttle buses to transport delegates from residences to the conference venue*

Kindly INDICATE ATTENDANCE by pre-registration in blocks per District from Wednesday 1st June 2016 until 01st JULY 2016 [Latest]. There will be no extensions to this deadline, All registrations after will be LATE until 11 July 2016 then on-site beyond 11th July ...Can deposit money But no more emailing of RSVP lists beyond 11 July rather present all lists and deposit sleep on site; deposit slip must be reconciled with RSVP List per Block; avoid substituting names ...

- District Executives are urged to exercise strict control on 'RSVP Lists Version Control, not simply add names on 1 list but separate list per Block and also split **Pre-Reg; Late Reg and On-Site** Clearly marked as informed by the dates.
- Failure to **INDICATE ATTENDANCE by pre-registration** and or miss deadline *and or provide wrong information* as to the number of people expected to come ... attracts financial costs and unnecessary inconveniences to both the hosting district and the Connexional Executive.

2. INTRODUCTION TO THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE [LOC] – DIRECTIONS AND RELATED OPERATIONAL LOCAL LOGISTICS

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+++Miss Zola Makhathini; Mrs Baso Majola; Mrs Mpume Mhlongo.

3. NEARBY/ALTERNATIVE *PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION – COST TO MEMBERS*

- **Premier Hotel Pinetown** (10min drive); 65 Kings Rd – 031 701 0130
- **Imvubu Guest House** (± 18 min drive); 11 Grace Avenue – 031 266 8388
- **Ingwenya B & B** (±18 min drive); 15 Baden Road – 031 266 9372
- **Red Tudor Bed & Breakfast**; Address: 23 Saint James Avenue, Westville, 3629; Phone: 031 267 2202

[Should the above be fully booked given **International World Aids Conference starting 15 July** further list and recommendations could be obtained from the above contacts. While Pine Town have plenty more accommodation that could be explored via **online search engines**]

Given current registration costs are by far too low in comparison to the actual costs of conferencing and hosting; members who opt for private accommodation would not be subsidised by way of discounted registration. R730pp Registration is a flat rate irrespective of accommodation option, early or late registration.

4. AWARDS NOMINATIONS

We call upon districts to submit their nominations in the following categories:

- **Seth Mokitimi Award -**
Methodist and Non-Methodists for outstanding service and loyalty to society in general and the black church in particular.
- **Daphne Tashe Memorial award –**
To districts that has shown commitment, dedication and drive towards the eradication of the social ills prevalent in our daily life.
- **Amos Gadi Memorial Award –**
To Districts with more recruitment, committed and sustained membership.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE AWARD NOMINATIONS IS 01 JULY 2016
Ernest Bartmaan Fund [EBF] and Shield –

The shield is given to the District that raise more funds for the Fund.

We encourage all districts to make **meaningful efforts towards EBF**, in order to resource various BMC programmes. EBF contributions can also be deposited directly into BMC FNB Connexional Bank Account: **MCSA - Black Methodist Consultation, FNB, A/C No 622**

260 643 35; Branch [251445] PRETORIA. Clearly Reference – e.g. NFSL- EBF; CoGH – EBF etc.

5. EFFORTS TO REDUCE PRINTING AND STATIONERY – SAVE TREES AND REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT

BMC Conferencing often includes thousands of paper printing for conference packages that attracts huge costs. **In 2016** we appeal to districts to kindly indicate 'on pre-registration' how many people registered to attend have continuous internet access either IPad or Note Pads then conference package would be made available to them electronically 'on registration' to follow proceedings.

Alternatively CD-ROMS loaded with Conference package for those bringing laptops (no need for continuous internet access, only laptop)

For instance on pre-registration each district gives a one sentence summary: **Out of the above 10 registered candidates: 3 Laptops; 3 IPads/Notes – Only need 4 paper conference packs.**

6. DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORT PICK-UP'S

These would be confirmed in writing on or about the END June 2016

7. PROGRAMME CONTENT

Consider the attached draft programme for the upcoming 41st Convocation; it is work in progress with few names to confirm and other possibilities explored.

To God Be the glory, great things He had done!

Yours in Christ Service



Mr Xhanti T. Mhlubulwana

Secretary General



Rev Mzwandile Molo

Chairperson

ANNEXURE A: DAFT PROGRAMME CONTENTS OVERVIEW

THEME: “ ”



NATAL COASTAL DISTRICT

14th – 17th JULY 2016

UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU NATAL

EDGEWOOD CAMPUS

PINETOWN

KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 14th JULY 2016

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
8:00 – 10:30	Arrival and Registration	All
10:30 – 10:45	Worship	All

10:45 – 11:00	Worship Continues, Prayers and Procession Begins	All
11:00 – 11:30	Consultation Opening Divine Service	Natal Coastal District Bishop – Rev Michael Vorster
11:30 – 11:45	Welcome to Natal Coastal District	Hosts
11:45 – 12:00	Roll Call; Apologies and Acknowledgements	Secretariat & Chair
12:00 – 12:15	Adoption of the Agenda	Chair
12:15 – 12:30	Appointment of Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions Committee • Listening Committee • Scrutineers • Precentors • Time Keeper • Letter Writers 	Chair
12:30 – 12:50	Notices of Motion - Received	Chair
12:50 – 13:15	Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising/Action Plans	Chair & Secretariat

LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
14:00 – 14:45	Chairpersons Address	Rev M Molo
14:45 – 15:00	Engagements, Questions & Answers	All
15:00 – 15:45	Organisational Secretariat Report	Mr. Xhanti T. Mhlubulwana
15:45 – 16:00	Engagements, Questions & Answers	All
16:00 – 16:30	Financial Report	Ms Buhle Sigabi
16:30 – 16:45	Engagements, Questions & Answers	All
16:45 – 17:30	MCSA – Presiding Bishop's Office and engagements	Chair; PB – Rev Z Siwa and GS-MCSA Rev C Morgan
17:30 – 18:00	Bursary Committee	Mr Sbu Nxasana & Co..
18:00 – 19:00	Memorial Service	<i>Rev OT Dlamini</i>

SUPER! SUPER! SUPER!

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 15th JULY 2016

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
06:45 – 07:45	BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST!	
07:45 – 08:00	Worship	All
08:00 – 09:00	BIBLE STUDY 1	Rev Purity Malinga
09:00 – 09:30	Elections; Elections – EXCO 2017/18 – 2019/20	<i>tbc</i>
09:30 – 11:00	Reflections & Conversations, Synods 2016 & Discernment Journey Report PB – Term 2018-22	Ms L Madlala; Mr M Caba & Co...
11:00 – 11:30	40 th Public Lectures – Final Report	Rev S Motlhodi & Co...
11:30 – 12:30	Black History Project - PUBLIC LECTURE – HONOUR Of Rev Dr TSN Gqubule	Prof. Lizo Jafta
12:30 – 13:00	Engagements, Questions & Answers – Key Note Speaker	Chair and All

LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!

13:55 – 14:00	Silence! Silence! Followed by Prayer	Chaplaincy
14:00 – 14:20	Introduction to SCHOOLS “Desired Learning Outcomes”	Secretariat
14:20 – 15:50	SCHOOLS! SCHOOLS! SCHOOLS! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctrine, Ethics and Worship • Revisions in the MCSA • Structures of the MCSA • Trust and Property in the MCSA • Ministerial Formation/EMMU 	All Facilitators - tbc
15:50 – 16:35		
16:35 – 16:50	EPILOQUE	TBC
17:00 – 18:00	Ernest Baartman Fund	TBC

SUPER! SUPER! SUPER! Until 19:00

19:00 – 20:00 EXTRA CLASSES & Critical Conversations.

FRIDAY 15th JULY - 19:00 – 20:00 EXTRA CLASSES & Critical Conversations.

EXTRA CLASSES [Open to ALL, no member limits]:

1. Being a Stewardship Movement – tbc facilitator
2. Liturgy Design in Context – tbc facilitator
3. Classes/Small Group/Cell Groups: Importance, Challenges and Functionality in the 21st Century – tbc facilitator
4. Circuit Stewardship – Administrative Centre of the Black Church - tbc facilitator
5. Understanding Ministries within the MCSA and essential requirements to date - EMMU - tbc facilitator

EXECUTIVE GROUPS – Started in Feb 2015 Continue Parallel to the above:

6. All District Chairpersons and Deputies Meet CONNEXIONAL CHAIR;
7. All District Secretariat meet CONNEXIONAL SECRETARIAT; and
8. All District Treasurers meet CONNEXIONAL TREASURY.

Note: There will be no report back from Extra Classes

DAY 3 – SATURDAY 16th JULY 2016

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
06:45 – 07:45	BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST! BREAKFAST!	
07:45 – 08:00	Worship	All
08:00 – 09:00	BIBLE STUDY 2	Rev Purity

		Malinga
09:00 – 09:15	Engagements, Questions and Answers	All
09:15 – 10:30	Resolutions! Resolutions! Resolutions	Convenor
10:30 – 11:30	Women Empowerment & Gender Equity “Towards an MCSA Women’s Charter”	Ms L Luti, Mr MK Caba & Team
11:30 – 12:30	KEY NOTE SPEAKER	Advocate Vusi Pikoli
12:30 – 13:00	Engagements, Questions and Answers	All
LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!		
14:00 – 14:10	Silence! Silence! Followed by Prayer	<i>Chaplaincy</i>
14:10 – 14:40	Research Progress: Only Black Ministers are on the foot of the station; Many circuits in the black churches are closing stations	Ms N Bongoza, Dr C Dali & Rev M Caba
14:40 – 15:10	In quest and search for Black Unity – Feedback and Proposals “Tribalism, Ethnicity – BMC, MCSA ...”	Rev Sidwell R Mokgothu & Co..
15:10 – 15:40	In Anticipation – the next MCSA Mission Congress “What’s critical for the BMC – input/influence agenda”	Rev M. Seekoei, Rev A Nyobole; Mr T Piyose; Ms Zulu & Ms Z Fanele.
15:40 – 16:40	BMC in Conversation on Its Work “Programme Implementation; The Matrix; Measurements; Reporting & Accountability	All
16:40 – 17:00	Evaluation; Evaluation – Forms Completed and Submitted	All
17:00 – 17:30	Closing Devotions – Marks Ends of Business	TBC
17:30 – 18:00	BREAK/TEA – PREPARE RECEPTION	
18:00 – 21:00	RECEPTION! RECEPTION! – AWARDS	
DAY 4 – SUNDAY 17th JULY 2016		

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
8:30 – 11:00	Divine Service	Rev M Molo
BRUNCH! BRUNCH! BRUNCH!		
THE END		

HOSTING ROSTER – ANNUAL JULY CONSULTATIONS		FEBRUARY GENERAL COMM/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	
YEAR	DISTRICT	YEAR	DISTRICT
2016	Natal Coastal	2017	Cape of Good Hope
2017	Grahamstown	2018	Natal West
2018	Cape of Good Hope	2019	KNB
2019	Natal West	2020	Northern Free State and Lesotho
2020	Kimberly, Namibia & Bloemfontein	2021	Queenstown
2021	Northern Free State and Lesotho	2022	Clarkebury
2022	Queenstown	2023	Limpopo
2023	Clarkebury	2024	HISWAZI
2024	Limpopo	2025	Central
2025	Highveld & Swaziland	2026	Natal Coastal
2026	Central	2027	Grahamstown