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Rt Rev Dr Amon Kasambala
Moderator, General Assembly

Dear Partners in Mission,

It is remarkable that we are already in the fifth month of the year—Easter has come and gone.

I have recently been reflecting on our UPCSA constitution, commonly known as the Manual of Faith and Order, and in particular why it is expressed in that sequence—“Faith and Order”—rather than “Order and Faith.” There is wisdom in this arrangement. It reminds us that our order—our structures, systems, rules, and ways of doing things—must flow from our faith, that is, our beliefs, confessions, and doctrine.



From The Desk of The Moderator of General Assembly

FAITH AND GOVERNANCE

FAITH AS THE FOUNDATION OF ORDER

In the UPCSA, everything we do in terms of church structure, church council processes, and discipline should be grounded in our understanding of the Word of God, which remains our supreme standard of faith. When “order” stands alone, detached from faith, it can become rigid and even harmful to relationships and progress. Rules without spiritual grounding can become lifeless and burdensome. True order draws its meaning and vitality from what we believe and profess as Christians.

THE DANGER OF SEPARATION

Conversely, faith without order leads to disorder and confusion. This is why the Apostle Paul reminded the Church in Corinth that “God is not a God of disorder but of peace” (1 Corinthians 14:33). He also cautioned that “the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life” (2 Corinthians 3:6). When our systems and procedures begin to overshadow our faith, they can become disruptive and even damage relationships within the Church.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE MANUAL OF FAITH AND ORDER

It is therefore significant that the Manual of Faith and Order begins with our doctrinal foundation—our understanding of Scripture, the Church, the sacraments, and our confessions—before outlining governance, discipline, procedures and rules. This structure is both intentional and instructive. It emphasizes that our governance—marked by accountability, responsibility, transparency, equality, and justice—must be rooted in our faith.



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FAITH AND GOVERNANCE

UNDERSTANDING PRESBYTERIAN GOVERNANCE

From my observation, much of the conflict we encounter in congregations and church councils arises from a limited understanding of how our Presbyterian governance system operates. What we do, and how we do it, should always reflect what we believe.

I encourage you this month to reflect on the relationship between faith and governance. Where conflicts arise, it may be helpful to examine whether there is a disconnect between our faith and our practices—whether our governance is truly being shaped by what we believe and profess.

PRAYER REQUEST: EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

I kindly request that you keep the upcoming Executive Commission in your prayers, scheduled to take place in Johannesburg from Saturday, 13th to Wednesday, 17th June 2026. Alongside the General Assembly, the Executive Commission is one of the key governance structures that unite the UPCSA in both faith and practice, and even our history.



Pray for smooth preparations and for God's guidance over all proceedings. I look forward to meeting commissioners from the DRC Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa, who have been sent (commissioned) by their Presbyteries to participate in this important gathering.

A CLOSING ENCOURAGEMENT

May our faith always inform our order and governance. In doing so, we will be better able to find one another, even in moments of misunderstanding or differing interpretations.

Your Partner in Mission (PIM),



Rt Rev Dr Amon Kasambala
Moderator, General Assembly



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EDITORIAL



This Edition of *Presbyterian Link* is published at a time when Christians all over the world just emerge from a very important period in the calendar of the church. The Easter period is very important to us in many ways, not only to Christians, but even to those who still have doubts about the Messiah. Often, our church services are abuzz with visitors, some of whom who never set their foot in a church in the past fifty-two weeks. It is a period where we also see an abundance of politicians flooding our church services. As Christians we respond differently, some very angrily, while some in a welcoming manner. Be that as it may, our attitude must not be negative, but we must welcome every opportunity to whisper to people who do not care about Jesus and preach the good news to them. But Easter is also about family. It is the time where families come together in worship for a sustained weekend. This Edition of *Presbyterian Link* will share with you the various activities which were happening in our church over this period.



On a sad note, we come from a period where we lost one of our Ministers in Zambia. Rev Allan Mchulu's death caught many of us by surprise. It came so suddenly, unexpectedly and as a shock to many. As we mourn his passing on, even after his burial, we remain proud of the Presbyterians throughout Southern Africa. We particularly commend the church in Zambia for the wonderful work they did to give Rev Mchulu a befitting funeral. Our special word of appreciation goes to the Moderator of General Assembly in which by, The Right Rev, Dr Amon Kasambala for not only attending, the funeral, but most importantly for being there for the family when they needed him most, and of course the entire Presbyterian Family. Our Ministers in Zambia, who attended in their numbers must be commended, together with the Synod Moderator and other Moderators of Presbyteries. On behalf of the *Presbyterian Link* Team and the Communications Committee, we also take this opportunity to send our heartfelt condolences to the Mchulu family.



The Communications Committee held its annual strategy workshop in some few weeks ago. The workshop was meant take stock of the work which the Committee had set itself in 2025. An in-depth SWOT analysis was conducted, with a view to identify areas in our communications space within the UPCSA. One of the areas which we identified as a challenge is the inability or unwillingness of some Presbyteries to appoint Presbyterial Communicators. The problem is that without these communicators, reportage of Denominational programs and activities will run short in those Presbyteries. We still hope that those Presbyteries will have a change of heart and do as requested.



This Edition of *Presbyterian Link* will share the activities which took place within the UPCSA during the Easter period. We continue to be proud about the work done by our Denomination, especially the creativity of some of our Presbyteries. We will also share on some of the Fellowships conferences which took place during this period.



We also in this Edition review a book written by one of the sons of the UPCSA. The book, written about the lives and times of Rev Mautji Pataki gives an account of the ecumenical journey of Rev Pataki in the UPCSA and in the ecumenical space. *Presbyterian Link* will henceforth review books written by some of our own members, as they seek to share their wisdom and knowledge about various aspects.



Again, we continue to call upon all of Presbyterians to share information with us which we can share with others on our platforms. The dictum says: "information empowers" and we can make this real when we share.



Enjoy this Edition of *Presbyterian Link*, and please where you can give us your feedback and suggestions with the contacts reflected at the back page.

Elder Benny Boshelo

Convener: Communications Committee

GENERAL SECRETARY'S

Column



The beginning of April brought the Lenten season to an end at Easter and heralded in Eastertide. The American Presbyterian author, Frederick Beuchner, wrote so beautifully:

“The symbol of Easter is the empty tomb. You can't depict or domesticate emptiness. You can't make it into pageants and string it with lights. It doesn't move people to give presents to each other or sing old songs. It ebbs and flows all around us, the Eastertide. Even the great choruses of Handel's Messiah sound a little like a handful of crickets chirping under the moon. He rose. A few saw him briefly and talked to him. If it is true, there is nothing left to say. If it is not true, there is nothing left to say. For believers and unbelievers both, life has never been the same again. For some, neither has death. What is left now is the emptiness. There are those who, like Magdalen, will never stop searching it till they find his face.

We never stop searching for his face. And as the days and weeks have rolled on since Easter this year, I have had the privilege to experience so much of the Lord's face in His people and communities around the UPCSA. First, in the congregation at **Midrand**, in eGoli, where I was invited to preach on Easter Sunday. What a joyful people in 'jam packed' full services on that day. Then, at the **Fellowship of Church Choirs and Musicians**, held at Tiyo Soga congregation in Langa, Western Cape, where the annual meeting with its business agenda was punctuated with song. What a pleasure to experience such joy.

In between, there has been a maelstrom of activity led by the Clerk and Business Convener, together with the staff in the Central Office, to collate and organise the reports sent in by General Assembly committees, information provided by Presbyteries, and the Overtures and Petitions, in a format ready for this year's Executive Commission.

The Commission, which is a smaller legislative and administrative structure which meets in the year Assembly does not meet, will convene from **13 to 17 June at Gateway Presbyterian Church in Kempton Park**, in the Presbytery of Highveld.

In the last week of April, a team of Office Bearers met to read and consider all reports to assure that committees had met and that their work would be presented to the Executive in an appropriate manner. The Agenda and Standing Orders were finalised and the Local Organising Committee, led by the Rev Wayne van Heerden reported that they were ready to receive us in June. Even the budget for the event was discussed. Again, the face of the Lord could be discerned in the provision Christ has made for many needs and for the way Jesus is "making straight our paths" to Kempton Park.



The Church Office Committee is in the final stages of recruitment for the position of **Clerk of Assembly**. The final stages of interview have taken place during this month. The Lord is good to us.
Christ will make sure His Church is well supplied.



As I write this column, the General Secretaries of eight mainline denominations (including ours) has met with South Africa's minister of Home Affairs. In this meeting, we shared the many frustrations of our ministers who act as Marriage Officers and the challenges they face in registering to perform those duties and the frustrations in attempting to register these marriages when they are complete. Also, we raised the issue of work permits when transnational churches like ours try to "move" ministers between countries or to work in the Central Office. **A way forward is being negotiated with the Minister of Home Affairs (RSA) making an undertaking to work with us toward solutions.**



There is so much of the year still to come and we look forward to find our risen Lord there also. In Revelation 1-3, we read about the Lord walking among the lampstands. These lampstands are interpreted as the seven congregations in a circular pattern on the East coast of the Aegean Sea (from Ephesus to Laodicea) (Rev 1:20). **I have made it a practice to look out for Jesus among the Lord's people and around the Saviour's congregations.**

Happy Eastertide.

Rev. Dr George Marchinkowski
GENERAL SECRETARY



FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCH CHOIRS AND MUSICIANS (FCCM) **#WeSingForChrist**

The Fellowship of Church Choirs and Musicians (FCCM) invites you to their 5th Denominational Conference, taking place from 17th to 19th April 2026, hosted by the Western Cape Presbytery. Join us as we worship and deliberate on the theme "**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord**" (Psalms 150:6).

The FCCM unites UPCSAs members across diverse groups and backgrounds, promoting the Denomination's vision and mission through unity and service. We wish to inspire everyone to join in fulfilling the UPCSAs's purpose, building a community of purpose among choirs that fosters Christian character, discipline, and glorifies God through music and action.

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

DATE : 17th-19th April 2026

VENUE : Tiyo Soga Memorial Congregation,
28 Lerotholi Avenue,
Langa, Cape Town,
Western Cape Presbytery

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EAST GRIQUALAND PRESBYTERY

Eldership Workshop

A well attended Eldership Workshop held at Thomas Gillespie Memorial Presbyterian Church of the UPCSA within the bounds of the East Griqualand Presbytery on the 11th of April 2026. A word of gratitude to Rev. T I Masikane for facilitating the Workshop. The East Griqualand Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. L J Ruka for the official opening, the Education & Training Committee for the well organization and all E G Presbytery Elders from the respective Congregations who made it a success





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eTHEKWINI PRESBYTERY

Hillcrest Congregation

The Presbyterian Youth Camp was a memorable and spiritually uplifting experience held at the beautiful Nyala Pans campsite on the banks of the Umkomaas River. Throughout the camp, we enjoyed a variety of exciting activities, including fun games and tubing on the river, which created moments of joy, teamwork, and friendship among the youth. The camp was also filled with powerful worship sessions, inspiring and challenging messages that encouraged spiritual growth, and delicious meals that kept everyone energized. Overall, the camp provided a perfect balance of adventure, fellowship, and faith-building experiences that left lasting memories for everyone who attended.





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TSHWANE PRESBYTERY

Induction Of Rev M Mtyhobile

Induction service of Rev M Mtyhobile as Minister of the new St Andrews Pretoria Central Congregation in the Presbytery of Tshwane on the 12/04/2026



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement that brings together Christian women from diverse denominations to unite in prayer and action for peace and justice. On Saturday, the 21st of March 2026, an ecumenical celebration was held at the Church of the Beatitudes, Roman Catholic Church, in Zwavelpoort, Pretoria East. The gathering brought women from various communities together to focus on supporting women in Nigeria, who are facing significant challenges. This support took the form of collective prayers and awareness campaigns aimed at highlighting the difficulties experienced by Nigerian women and advocating for their rights and wellbeing. The event's emphasis on Nigeria stemmed from the fact that this year's materials were prepared by Nigerian women to draw attention to their country's unique struggles and responsibilities, which reflect the wider experiences of women globally. Through these actions, attendees demonstrated solidarity and sought to inspire meaningful change, showcasing the importance of unity and compassion in addressing issues of peace and justice for women everywhere.

The World Day of Prayer is an annual ecumenical event that brings together Christians from various denominations to pray for global issues, and the Unity Candle symbolises the shared commitment to unity and peace. During the ceremony, the Rt Rev. Dr Vicentia Kgabe, (Anglican Bishop of the Pretoria Diocese) ceremonially lit the Unity Candle. She then presented it to Bishop Elect Rev. Amos Mabuti Masemola of the Catholic Church, who will have the honour of hosting this year's observance.



Several churches, including the Anglican Church, Catholic Church, Congregational Church, Lutheran Church, Methodist Church, Uniting Presbyterian Church, Uniting Reformed Church, Rhema Church, and Reformed Church, alongside organisations such as UN Women and the WWDPSCA national office, collaboratively expressed their solidarity with women in Nigeria regarding the challenges and difficulties they are currently facing.

Welcoming words from the national office of the World Day Prayer.

Ms Ducusy Lekoro, General Secretary of WWDPSCA, extended a warm welcome to all attendees and clergy present at the service. She encouraged women across the country to engage with her office, expressing her willingness to offer support whenever invited. Ms Lekoro also noted that pertinent information is regularly shared on Facebook, Instagram, and the organization's website. Women are invited to connect with her from any location via email at wwdpsa@gmail.com or by calling 082 450 9305 during office hours.



Rev. Storia Seitisho, Minister Emeritus of the Methodist Church from Soweto, was the guest speaker for the event. She highlighted the considerable challenges confronting women, observing that societal expectations frequently require them to support their families irrespective of prevailing economic circumstances.

The Power of Prayer and Remembrance

Dr Noncebo Mashalaba, an elder in the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA), offered a poignant reminder to the women gathered. She called upon them to remember the Cross (glass portrait) that South Africa received in 1994—a symbol representing the nation's journey towards democracy and the global prayers that supported this transformation. At that time, women from around the world united in prayer for South Africa, marking a significant moment of solidarity and hope.

Dr Mashalaba also paid tribute to Dr Brigalia Bam, highlighting her instrumental role in organising women to pray during this pivotal period. Dr Bam's efforts not only brought together women in collective prayer but also paved the way for her later appointment as the head of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), demonstrating the lasting impact of faith-driven leadership.



The living Word proclaimed

During the ecumenical celebration the Rev. Father Hugh Patrick O'Connor, General Secretary of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, delivered a heartfelt message to the assembled congregation of women and clergy from various denominations. He drew upon the Scripture passages Matthew 11:28-30 and Zechariah 9:9-10, emphasising that everyone carries heavy burdens in life and highlighting the importance of mutual support through prayer as a way of proclaiming the risen Lord.

Father O'Connor explained that Matthew 11:28-30, where Jesus invites those who are weary and burdened to come to Him for rest, serves as a reminder that faith offers solace and relief from life's hardships. Similarly, Zechariah 9:9-10 speaks of a king who comes in humility and brings peace, reinforcing the message of hope and spiritual comfort. By connecting these passages to the themes of the event, he encouraged attendees to support one another in prayer, demonstrating unity and compassion in facing the challenges of daily life—especially those affecting women in Nigeria and around the world.



UPCSA Tshwane Elders

Ms Gloria Spelman, Dr Noncebo Mashalaba and Ms Kgomoitso Kgwale



General Secretary of the Dutch Reformed Church

Rev. Dr Nioma Venter



TSHWANE Emmanuel Fellowship

President: Ms Kgomoitso Kgwale
Vice President: Ms Nonhlanhla Ntuli
Rev Lentikile Mashoko



From L to R: Rev Fr Tshepo Moriti (Catholic), Rev Fr Hugh O'Connor (General Secretary of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference), Rev Hermy Damons (Rhema), Rev Lentikile Mashoko (UPCSA), Rt Rev Dr Vicentia Kgabe (Anglican Bishop of Pretoria Diocese), Rev Fr Amos Masemola (Catholic Bishop Elect), Rev (Emeritus) Storia Seitisho (MCSA), Rev Dr Nioma Venter (General Secretary Dutch Reformed Church), Rev Fr Bonaventure Mashata (Catholic), and Ms Ayanda Mvimbi (UNWomen)



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SYNOD OF ZAMBIA

Induction Of Rev M Mthyhobile



The Uniting Presbyterian Church of Zambia ministers' retreat held in Makeni has concluded after two days of reflection, fellowship, and strategic engagement, with church leaders describing it as a significant step toward strengthening ministry and unity. The gathering focused on key areas such as effective committee management, fellowship coordination, and sustainable income-generating projects aimed at improving church operations. Rev Jane Nyirongo said the retreat provided a meaningful platform for ministers to connect on a personal and professional level, emphasizing the importance of understanding each other's wellbeing, successes, and challenges across congregations.

She noted that the meeting also offered an opportunity to appreciate God's guidance in ministry while sharing experiences from church, family, and personal life. Rev Dr Chris Mkandawire described the retreat as impactful and called for it to be institutionalized as an annual event, while also paying tribute to the late Rev Allan Mchulu. Synod Moderator Rev Edward Chirwa reiterated the need for a well-equipped and intellectually grounded clergy, urging continued collaboration in advancing the church's mission.





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MUNALI PRESBYTERY

Raising Godly Children

We give all the glory and honor to God Almighty for the wonderful Blousing and Rededication Ceremony held today. It was truly a joyful and blessed occasion as 91 new members of the Boys and Girls Auxiliary were officially bloused and enrolled. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the growth we are witnessing in the lives of these young ones as they commit themselves to the work of the Lord.

We sincerely appreciate the presence of the Moderator Synod, Rev. Chirwa, for gracing the occasion and for the encouragement given to both the children and the church at large.

May God continue to guide and strengthen all our children as they grow in faith and service.

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CHURCH BIDS FAREWELL TO REV. ALLAN MCHULU: A LIFE OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

The United Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (Synod of Zambia) has paid a heartfelt and solemn tribute to Rev. Allan Mchulu, a devoted servant of God who passed away on April 9, 2026. His passing marks the close of a remarkable chapter of faithful ministry, characterized by compassion, humility, and unwavering commitment to the Gospel.

The funeral service, hosted by Kabwata Presbyterian Church, rich in the symbolic colours and traditions of the Presbyterian Church, brought together ministers, congregants, and representatives from sister churches. Mourners gathered from across various presbyteries and congregations, united in grief and gratitude, to honour a life that had profoundly impacted the Church and community at large.



The funeral service of the late Rev. Allan Mchulu was marked by a strong sense of unity, faith, and international fellowship, as highlighted by the presence and message of The Rt Rev. Dr. Amon Eddie Kasambala, the General Assembly Moderator.

Arriving directly from the airport, the Moderator first visited the bereaved family at the funeral house, offering words of comfort and solidarity. During the funeral service, he noted that the occasion was not only local but global in reach, being followed by congregants in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and across Zambia—an indication of the far-reaching impact of Rev. Mchulu's ministry.

He expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Church and specifically acknowledged the various congregations where Rev. Mchulu had faithfully served as minister in charge, recognizing their presence and support during this time of mourning.



Preaching under the theme "My Redeemer Lives," the Moderator drew from Psalms 16:8–11, Job 19:25–27, and John 11:21–27.

In his sermon, he posed a reflective and profound question: What do those who go through death see at the close of their lives?

He concluded with a message of hope and assurance, affirming that those who believe behold their Redeemer—one who never abandons them, but faithfully reveals Himself even in the face of death.

The message brought comfort to mourners, anchoring their grief in the enduring promise of Christ's presence and victory over death.



Rev. Mchulu was widely remembered not only as a pastor, but also as a teacher, mentor, friend, and father figure.

Tributes painted a consistent portrait of a man whose character was as impactful as his calling. One family member described him as "ever jovial, ever friendly, a true timekeeper and friend," reflecting a personality that brought both warmth and structure to every space he occupied.

Those who had the privilege of serving alongside him spoke of his steadfast dedication to ministry. He was known for his readiness to guide and uplift others, offering wisdom with humility and leading with quiet strength. His ministry was not confined to the pulpit; it extended into the daily lives of those he served, where his presence became a source of comfort and encouragement.



Former congregants from St. Columbus Presbyterian Church in Mchinga Presbytery recalled a shepherd who was deeply present—particularly in times of need.

Whether through pastoral care, teaching, or simple acts of kindness, Rev. Mchulu shaped lives in lasting ways. His leadership reflected a deep sense of calling and responsibility, grounded in faith and expressed through service.



While his passing leaves a significant void within the Church, his legacy endures in the many lives he touched.

The fruits of his ministry are evident in the strengthened faith, nurtured communities, and inspired individuals who continue to carry forward the values he embodied.

As the Church reflects on his life, it does so with both sorrow and gratitude—sorrow at the loss of a beloved servant, and gratitude for a life faithfully lived in service to Christ. Rev. Allan Mchulu will be remembered as a shepherd who walked closely with God and with His people, leaving behind a testimony that will continue to inspire generations to come.



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SYNOD OF ZAMBIA

A Life Of Faithful Service





Rev. Chala Habasila
MODERATOR

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Presented to the May M'chinninga Presbytery at Matero Presbyterian Church.

Period Covering February - May

A PERIOD FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONES

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Dear Commissioners, Ministers, Elders, Leaders of the Fellowships, and beloved members of the M'chinga Presbytery, I greet you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we gather for this Presbytery meeting, we do so with hearts full of gratitude to God for His faithfulness, mercy, and sustaining grace upon our Presbytery. The past three months since our last Presbytery gathering have been filled with many activities, milestones, joys, and also moments of sorrow. Through it all, the Lord has remained faithful to us.

The period under review was indeed full of many activities within our Presbytery. Among the notable events was the successful hosting of the retirement service of our beloved Reverend, now Emeritus, Rev. Jane Nyirongo. This was a historic and emotional occasion for our Presbytery, as we celebrated her many years of faithful and sacrificial service in the vineyard of the Lord.



MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Presented to the May M'chinga Presbytery at Matero Presbyterian Church.

Period Covering February - May



This was followed by yet another significant event, when the Synod also hosted a retirement service for Rev. Jane Nyirongo within the bounds of M'chinga Presbytery. We are deeply honored that our Presbytery was entrusted with hosting such important occasions. We thank all congregations, departments, fellowships, and individuals who contributed financially, materially, spiritually, and physically toward the success of these programs.

Furthermore, we successfully hosted the two-day Synod Meeting within our Presbytery bounds. Once again, our people demonstrated commitment, hospitality, organization, and unity of purpose. Allow me to commend every commissioner, congregation, committee, and volunteer who sacrificed their time and resources to ensure that these gatherings were successful.

During this same period, our fellowships held their rededication, blousing, and jacketing celebrations. These events were not merely ceremonial but were spiritual moments of recommitment and renewal of service unto God. We thank God for the continued growth and dedication of our fellowships within the Presbytery.

We also witnessed another great milestone with the establishment of a newly constituted Girls' Auxiliary and Boys' Auxiliary Branch at St. Columbas Congregation. This was followed by a successful Presbytery GA and BA Conference held in the Silver Rest area. The conference was a huge success and a testimony of what can be achieved when God's people work together in unity.

Bravo and kudos to everyone involved.

All these strides and joys were made possible through teamwork and joint effort. Time was sacrificed in preparation for these programs.

Congregations gave beyond their planned budgets in order to support



MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

"As Moderator, I take my hat off to you, commissioners and congregations of our Presbytery, for the role you played in making these activities successful."



the work of the Presbytery. As Moderator, I take my hat off to you, commissioners and congregations of our Presbytery, for the role you played in making these activities successful. Your dedication, commitment, and sacrificial spirit are deeply appreciated.

Another joy worth mentioning is that St. Columbas Congregation has graciously provided us with space to host our Presbytery Office as we continue working toward acquiring permanent offices for our Presbytery. This is a significant step forward for the administration and coordination of Presbytery affairs.

My office, together with the Clerk's Office, the Finance Office, and the Resources Department, will look into what is needed to ensure that we establish a functional and operational Presbytery office.

However, during the time under review, we also experienced a dark cloud within our Presbytery through the passing on of our Reverend, Rev. Allan Muchulu, who went to be with the Lord.

On behalf of the Presbytery, I wish to sincerely thank all of you for the prayers, emotional support, financial assistance, and spiritual encouragement rendered to the family during this difficult period. Your love and unity during moments of grief reflected the body of Christ in action. May his soul rest in heavenly peace.

At the end of this address, we shall observe a moment of silence in his honor.

Dear Commissioners, in the coming months I have scheduled visits to all preaching stations within our Presbytery as part of my Moderator's Tour of Duty. These visits are in line with our 2025–2029 Vision Goals Number 1 and Number 5: To encourage growth and vibrant worshipping communities within our preaching stations.



MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

"...we can help each preaching station acquire at least one keyboard, this will greatly contribute to growth and vibrant worship within our congregations."



One of the major cries from many preaching stations is the need for musical instruments, particularly keyboards. If we can help each preaching station acquire at least one keyboard, this will greatly contribute to growth and vibrant worship within our congregations.

We must discern the times in which we are living. Today, many people are also drawn to the quality of worship and the seriousness demonstrated by church leadership. As a Presbytery, I therefore urge us to help and support our preaching stations in acquiring keyboards in the coming months if we truly desire to see these preaching stations grow exponentially.

My office, together with the Finance Office, the Clerk's Office, the Resource Mobilization Department, and the Mission and Discipleship Department, will need to run with this matter seriously.

The growth of our Presbytery is and must remain a priority to all of us as commissioners and members of this Presbytery, as outlined in Bullet Number 1 of our Six-Bullet Vision.

To achieve this, we must pay close attention to how we manage and utilize our Church Development Evangelists. In this regard, I urge the Mission and Discipleship Department and its directors to undertake a scheduled review of the work being done by our evangelists. Where there is need for reassessment or redeployment, let us do so prudently and strategically.

I would further recommend to the Mission and Discipleship Department, through its directors, to explore the possibility of recruiting and training more evangelists so that we can establish a structured system for planting more churches and growing our Presbytery in line with Bullet Number 1 — "Going for Growth" — of our Six-Bullet Vision.

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MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: [10] If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.... Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12 NIV

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In addition, I wish to recommend the possibility of stationing evangelists in congregations without ministers, considering the slow rate at which the Church is currently training ministers. Rather than congregations relying solely on interim moderators, many of whom already oversee two or three preaching stations, evangelists may provide much-needed relief and continuity in leadership.

This arrangement could greatly help congregations without ministers, as well as preaching stations that currently do not have resident evangelists. Lastly, fulfilling our 2025–2029 Six-Bullet Vision remains a priority for our Presbytery. We had intended to hold a consultative and planning meeting at Mungule Farm last Saturday, but due to clashing programs, we were unable to meet. The Clerk will advise the Presbytery on the new date in due course.

As I conclude, I call upon every commissioner and every member of our Presbytery to step forward whenever help is needed. The work we are doing is not unto man, but unto the glory of God.

Let us continue serving faithfully, sacrificially, and joyfully, knowing that our labor in the Lord is never in vain.

May God continue to bless M'chinga Presbytery.

May He strengthen our congregations, our leaders, and our ministries.

And may all that we do bring honor and glory to His holy name.



*Thank you.
Rev. Chala Habasila
Moderator, M'chinga Presbytery*

28TH APRIL KK HOLIDAY: THE ENDURING LEGACY OF KENNETH KAUNDA



A Nation Must Never Forget

There are moments in the life of a nation when it must pause—not to mourn, but to remember; not merely to celebrate, but to reflect. Today is one such moment. As Zambia commemorates Kenneth Kaunda Day, we are reminded that nations are not built in a vacuum. Every road we travel, every school we attend, every freedom

we enjoy, and every dream we dare to dream stands upon foundations laid by those who came before us. A nation that forgets its forefathers loses its memory. A nation that dishonours their sacrifices risks losing its future.

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THE MAN WHO DREAMED FOR A FREE ZAMBIA

Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda—fondly known as KK—was more than Zambia’s first President. He was a visionary, a freedom fighter, a statesman, and a father of the nation.

Together with his team of brave and determined men and women, KK gave his life to the struggle for independence. They endured hardship, opposition, sacrifice, and uncertainty so that Zambia could stand proud and free.

a committed nationalist, mobiliser, and Rupiah Banda, who served Zambia with humility and diplomacy; and Vernon Mwaanga who was then one of Zambia’s young distinguished diplomats and statesmen.

THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND THE STRUGGLE

While Kenneth Kaunda stood as the face of the movement, he did not walk alone. He stood shoulder to shoulder, side by side with patriotic men and women who sacrificed greatly for Zambia’s independence.

Among these were Simon Kapwepwe, a powerful nationalist and close ally in the independence struggle; Mainza Chona, a key architect in shaping the nation’s political direction; Nalumino Mundia, who played an important role in governance and leadership; and Grey Zulu, a steadfast freedom fighter and mobiliser.

We also remember Munyama Chiume, Elijah Mudenda, Sikota Wina played a significant role in Zambia’s independence struggle as



We honour women such as Mama Betty Kaunda, whose steadfast support and resilience strengthened the nation’s first family during difficult years; Princess Nakatindi Wina, a fearless nationalist and advocate for women’s participation in politics; and Chibesa Kankasa, one of the first women to hold high political office in independent Zambia.

And beyond these names were countless unsung heroes—ordinary citizens, activists, church leaders, women, and youth—whose courage and sacrifice helped secure the freedom we enjoy today.

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WHAT THE FOREFATHERS DESIRED TO SEE - THE VISION FOR ZAMBIA

The vision of our forefathers was not just political liberation; it was national transformation. The forefathers wanted to a Zambia marked by peace, unity, dignity, and diverse opportunities.

Today, that vision is still echoed in the spirit of our National Anthem:

**Stand and sing of Zambia, proud and free
Land of work and joy in unity
Victors in the struggle for the right
We've won freedom's fight
All one, strong and free.**

**Africa is our own motherland
Fashion'd with and blessed by God's
good hand
Let us all her people join as one
Brothers under the sun
All one, strong and free.**

**One land and one nation is our cry
Dignity and peace 'neath Zambia's sky
Like our noble eagle in its flight
Zambia, praise to thee
All one, strong and free.**

**Praise be to God
Praise be, praise be, praise be
Bless our great nation
Zambia, Zambia, Zambia
Free men we stand
Under the flag of our land
Zambia, praise to thee
All one, strong and free.**

Those words are more than lyrics; they are a charge to every citizen to protect and preserve the inheritance secured by sacrifice.

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

Every generation builds upon the work of their forefathers.

We are where we are because our forefathers laboured before us. We are educated because our forefathers built schools before us. We have professionals, engineers, doctors, and leaders today because our forefathers before us invested in education and training.

KK and his generation established universities, introduced free education, and sponsored some of Zambia's earliest technocrats and professionals. They laid the groundwork for national development.

No forefather is perfect—but wise generations learn both from their strengths and from their mistakes. To ignore history is to repeat its failures.

To honour history is to build wisely.



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BIBLE LESSON: WHEN FOREFATHERS ARE FORGOTTEN

The Bible offers a sobering warning about what happens when a generation despises the wisdom of those who came before them.

When Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, became king, he rejected the wise counsel of the elders who had served his father. Instead, he listened only to his peers—the young men of his generation. He believed “new” was better. He thought strength was found in arrogance.

He ignored wisdom, dismissed experience, and dishonoured the foundation laid before him.

The result was catastrophic.

The kingdom was divided—north (Judah) from south (Israel)—and what had once been united crumbled into chaos.

So it is with nations today: when the wisdom, sacrifice, and lessons of forefathers are forgotten, disorder follows.

HONOURING KK

Today, we honour KK not because he was perfect, but because he was faithful to his generation.

We honour his courage.

We honour his sacrifice.

We honour his vision.

We honour the team that stood with him.

We honour the countless unnamed freedom fighters whose blood, tears, and labour birthed this nation.

To celebrate Kenneth Kaunda Day is to celebrate Zambia's story.

It is to remember where we came from so that we can know where we are going.

GOD AT THE CENTRE OF NATION BUILDING

In all his public life, KK consistently pointed to moral values, human dignity, and unity.

And as a Christian nation, we know this truth: unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Our forefathers fought battles for political freedom.

This generation must fight for moral strength, national unity, integrity, and spiritual renewal. God must remain at the centre of all we do.

A CHARGE TO THIS GENERATION

As we celebrate Kenneth Kaunda Day, let every Zambian rise with gratitude and responsibility.

Let us not merely sing about freedom—let us preserve it even as we head to the general elections this year.

Let us not merely praise unity—let us practice it.

Let us not merely honour our forefathers with speeches—let us show gratitude of our country with action.

May we build where they built.

May we improve where they began.

May we protect what they handed to us.

Today we remember.

Today we honour.

Today we celebrate.

May God bless Zambia.

May God bless the memory of KK and his team.

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From the Editors' Desk

As we reflect on the remarkable achievements of our schools in the Presbytery of Zimbabwe, we are filled with gratitude and pride. The stories shared in this edition of our news bulletin showcase the unwavering commitment of our schools to excellence in academics, sports, leadership, and infrastructure development.

From dominance in sports and spiritual growth to innovative approaches to education, our schools are truly making a difference in their communities. The Southern Region Schools Board's collective induction of SDCs at David Livingstone High School demonstrates the

power of unity and collaboration in driving positive change. The electrification of Lekkerwater Primary and Secondary schools, courtesy of the Rural Electrification Agency, is evidence of our commitment to providing modern learning environments even in the so called underprivileged societies. We applaud the achievements of all our schools in various competitions, showcasing the talent and potential of our students.

As I pen this editorial note with my co-Administrator, Rev. Nhlanganiso Moyo, we are reminded of the importance of our roles as administrators in supporting

and guiding our schools. We are grateful for the dedication of our Executive Boards, teachers, parents, and communities in ensuring that our children receive the best possible education.

Let us continue to work together to nurture excellence, promote innovation, and build a brighter future for our children.

Rev. Simbarashe Nota
Northern Region Schools
Administrator

Rev. Nhlanganiso Moyo
Southern Region Schools
Administrator



"It's Gloag on the Globe, it Grows as it Goes"



Presbyterian Schools - One Mission, Different Locations

It is an undoubtable fact that the majority of schools under the leadership of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe Education Trust are dominating in Sports, Spiritual Growth, and Infrastructure Development

Sports News

As the first term came to an end, learners in all the various schools were buzzing with excitement as institutions continue to excel in various areas, cementing their position as top-performing schools in both regions.

In thrilling displays of athletic prowess, the schools emerged victorious at the Zonal Athletics competitions, District, Provincial and even National level. This impressive feat earned Presbyterian Schools in Zimbabwe a high regard among many. Particularly, Gloag High School fielded 4 athletes into the Provincial Team to compete at National competitions in Harare. Three of the athletes got bronze, silver and gold medals in Shot Put and High Jump respectively. From this achievement a motto was born, *"It's Gloag on the Globe, It Grows as it Goes"*

Spiritual Matters

In a bid to foster leadership and spiritual growth, Presbyterian schools under the trusted guidance of school chaplains continue to instil positive Christian values and ethos through devotions, chapel services, guidance and counselling as well as lifestyle training camps.

SDCs Contribution

Meanwhile, School Development Committees (SDCs) are making significant strides in infrastructure development, with construction work as an indispensable call to action for them. This bulletin profiles some of the ongoing infrastructure developmental projects taking place across the spectrum. These range from teachers cottages to dormitories, classroom blocks, ablution facilities and fowl runs among others.

Of particular mention, the Southern Region Schools Board held a landmark ***All-schools SDC orientation and induction workshop*** at David Livingstone High School, marking a significant milestone in the region's educational journey. The event brought together School Development Committee (SDC) members from across the region, fostering a unified vision and collective efforts towards improving education through sustainable development in the Southern Region.

Rev. Nhlanganiso Moyo, Northern Region Schools Board Administrator, praised the Southern Region's

progress, highlighting the workshop as a crucial step towards collaborative growth. The event showcased the region's commitment to excellence, with discussions focusing on best practices, challenges, and strategies for improvement. The gathering demonstrated the power of unity in driving positive change, setting the stage for continued success and development in the Southern Region's schools.

Development beyond the margins

The PZET through the Northern and Southern Region Boards remains a beacon of hope and better livelihood to communities on the other side of the poverty datum line. Development has never been the preserve of the few, but a concern for ALL. Positive development is visible in schools such as Mnondu, Redbank, Robert Sinyoka and Lekkerwater Primary and Secondary schools among others. There are visible construction efforts in the aforementioned schools as catalogued later on in this publication. Striking examples are Lekkerwater Primary and Secondary schools in Marondera which are on the cusp of a major development, with the Rural Electrification Agency (R.E.A) set to bring electricity to the institutions. As a prerequisite, the schools successfully completed wiring and tubing of the administration office and one classroom, paving way for the electrification programme to proceed at least by May 2026, God willing.

Such milestones are significant steps towards enhancing the learning environment and providing students with access to modern amenities.

Commercial Ventures

The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education is adamant about pushing further the agenda

of turning schools into hubs for commercial ventures under the Presidential mantra of ***'Leaving No one and no place behind'*** Meanwhile, the Northern Region Board is leveraging agricultural resources to boost food production. Currently, 7 hectares of maize and 3 hectares of sugar beans are under cultivation, with harvest imminent. The produce will

benefit Presbyterian High School, and Lekkerwater schools. This has also opened doors of employment creation for neighbouring villagers.



Infrastructure Boost

The Northern and Southern Region Schools' Boards are driving sustainable infrastructure development across all schools. Here's a snapshot of ongoing projects:



Glog High School New Girls Dormitory

*Building schools,
building the nation*



Presbyterian High School Semi-detached Teachers Cottage courtesy of SDC

*Partners in
Mission: promoting
Education for ALL
through
infrastructure
Development.*



Mnondu Secondary New Classroom Block



Red Bank and Robert Sinyoka completed Blair Toilets



Mnondu Secondary New Classroom block

Setting up of David Livingstone Clinic

Living Pure in A Crooked Generation

Our school chaplains in all the Presbyterian schools are doing an excellent job in moulding character and positive attitude in the learners, especially in a society that is torn apart by a plethora of social ills including but not limited to abuse of drugs and harmful substances. The following images chronicle the unending chorus sung in word and in deed by various stakeholders in trying to build responsible citizens.



*Human Capital
Development*

*"If you believe,
and I believe,
and WE,
TOGETHER
Pray, the Holy
Spirit must
come down and
Zimbabwe shall
be saved"*



“Presbyterian Schools Huchi!”



Soccer kit donated to Presbyterian High School by Mr. Tendai Bwanya a former student who finished in the 90s and is now based in the United Kingdom

As we shift our focus from Athletics in Term One, to ball games come second Term, we are excited for the **Presbyterian Games** that will be hosted by the Southern Region. Representatives from all the schools under the PZET are working together in organizing this momentous event.



Presbyterian High School Head, Mr. R Mapiko and the Chaplain, Rev. S Mumba awarding a certificate to Gamuchirai Gwede after a sterling performance sports.



David Livingstone Primary kids receiving their accolades at the recently held athletics competitions





**The Trust Chairperson
Mr. F.M Chigwida**

Today, we take an opportunity to recognize the remarkable achievements within our schools. Firstly, let us celebrate the outstanding academic results achieved by our students in Primary, Ordinary, and Advanced Levels. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off. We must also commend our students for their success in sports, particularly in athletics and field events. Their determination and talent reflect the spirit of our educational community.

Additionally, we are excited to highlight the significant infrastructure developments at Mnundu Secondary School, Gloag High School, and Presbyterian High School. These upgrades will greatly benefit our students and enhance their learning environments.

We extend a warm welcome to Rev. Simbarashe Thompson Nota, the Administrator of the Northern Region. His presence adds great value to the life and work of the schools, and we look forward to his insights.

I must also take a moment to address a somber topic - the recent demise of a Form 3 student at Chitemere Secondary School. Our thoughts are with the family and friends during this difficult time, and we must support one another as a community.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce the progress in infrastructure, specifically the newly established A-Level classroom at Chitemere Harold Munro Secondary School. This addition demonstrates the Trust's commitment to enhancing educational facilities for our students. It is truly uplifting to witness the progress we are making in our educational facilities, including construction work at Robert Sinyoka Primary School and the recent installation of Blair Toilets. Additionally, we are excited about the new office complex for David Livingstone Memorial High School.

On behalf of the UPCS, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the three key partners who have played a crucial role in the successful implementation of educational services in Zimbabwe. We thank the Government of Zimbabwe, particularly the Ministry of Education, for their unwavering support and leadership in advancing educational initiatives. We appreciate the dedication and hard work of parents through the School Development Committees. Their involvement is invaluable, as it fosters a strong foundation for our students' success. We also acknowledge the Responsible Authority, PZET, for their commitment and collaboration in ensuring our educational programs are effective and sustainable.

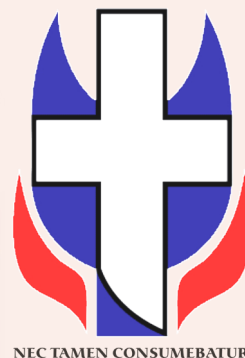
Together, we have made significant strides in providing quality education, and we look forward to continuing this partnership for the benefit of our students and communities.

I would also like to recognize the outstanding efforts and progress made by the two Trust Administrators in our regions. Their dedication has been pivotal in motivating our schools to come together and revive the Sports Competitions for the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa under the PZET during the 2nd term of 2026. This initiative truly exemplifies the spirit of unity and is indeed a blessing for all involved.

Lastly, let us celebrate the establishment of the New PZET, Northern Region Central Office at No. 5 Stoney Road, Greencroft Harare. This move signifies our ongoing commitment to growth and community engagement. Many thanks to Greencroft UPCS for creating space for us.

Let us continue working together for the betterment of our schools and communities.

FRED MATTHEW CHIGWIDA



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