



THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Together



A Transforming Discipleship Movement

The MCSA Mission Unit's presentation to the

date



Brief history/background

- ❑ Formerly named **The Wesleyan Church of South Africa;**
- ❑ Originated through the mission work of the **British Conference since 1814 on the African continent.**
- ❑ **In 1882 the South African Conference was constituted;**
- ❑ **The South African Conference became independent in 1927 under the name of The Wesleyan Church of South Africa**
- ❑ **In 1932 the Primitive Methodist Connexion of Britain and the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of South Africa unite to form The Methodist Church of Southern Africa (MCSA)**



Brief history/background

Geographical Area of Operation:

**South Africa; Swaziland; Lesotho;
Botswana; Namibia; Mocambique**

Divided into 10 Districts

**Central, Cape of Good Hope;
Grahamstown; Queenstown; Clarkbury;
Kimberley-Bloemfontein & Namibia;
Highveld & Swaziland; Limpopo &
Botswana; Mocambique**



The MCSA Mandate

Vision

- “a Christ-healed Africa for the Healing of Nations”

Mission Statement

- God calls the Methodist people to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ for Healing and Transformation



Our Mission Imperatives

**Evangelism &
Church Growth**

**Justice &
Service**

SPIRITUALTY

**Education &
Christian
Transformation**

**Human &
Economic
Development &
Empowerment**



Our Mission Calls

**A recommitment
to Environmental
Justice**

**redefinition &
authentication of the
vocation of our
clergy**

**A deepening
Spirituality**

**A resolve to be
directed by God's
mission**

**re-emphasis of
servant leadership**

**commitment to be
"one so that the
world may see**

**rediscovery of the
priesthood of all
believers**



MCSA Organisation that drives our Vision

- **Presiding Bishop**
- **District Bishops**
- **Ordained Ministers**
- **Local Preachers**
- **Deacons**
- **Evangelists**
- **Laity**
- **Conference**
- **Connexional Executive**
- **Units & Organisations**
- **Districts**
- **Circuits**
- **Local Societies**



THE MISSION UNIT (MU)



Rationale of the existence of the Mission Unit

The MU exist to facilitate, co-ordinate and support the work of Mission within our Connexion and to build partnerships with other Methodist Connexions and Ecumenical formations and NGO's



Our mandate

The MU is directed to:

- Promote and encourage theological reflection and study in the area of mission;**
- Stimulate and encourage theological reflection and programmes of action on issues and proposals concerning Evangelism & Church Growth; Development & Economic Empowerment; Spirituality; Justice & Service; Renewal & Inter-faith Relation in contemporary society.**



Our mandate (cont.)

- Be a channel of communication between Districts & Connexion on relevant mission matters;**
- Promote research on moral & ethical issues which affects civil society & the church;**
- Amplify the prophetic voice of the MCSA through advocacy, lobbying and monitoring organs of civil society**
- Networking (other churches, agencies, etc)**
- Monitor and facilitate work of Connexional Mission coordinators**



Our Programmes & Projects

- Justice & Service Desk**
- HIV & Aids Desk**
- Child Desk – children's homes**
- Methodist Against Substance Abuse**
- Homes for the Aged**
- Partnerships**



MU Governance

- Led by a Director- appointed by Conference**
- Responsible to Presiding Bishop & reporting to Conference**
- Unit is assisted by an Advisory Board, chaired by a District Bishop**
- 10 District Mission Co-ordinators**



BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE MISSION UNIT DESKS



HIV & AIDS Desk

Mandate

- **Enhance Community church membership capacity through resource investment & Skills**
- **Collaborations /partnership interventions on “gender inequality and HIV “with church organisations and government**
- **Develop and Implement stigma eradication programmes around key populations**
- **Enhance informed leadership support in our response to HIV and AIDS & TB**
- **Promote Treatment as Prevention (TAsP) in all HIV burdened countries of the MCSA Connexion**
- **Enhance prevention efforts to ensure spread of HIV is curbed amongst age-group of 16-24 yrs.**
- **Mobilize funds for the printing and distribution of the newly revised booklet “MCSA HIV IMPLEMENTATION PLAN & STRATEGY”**



HIV & AIDS Desk:

- **Portuguese translation of the CUAHA training manual complete**
- **MCSA awarded the Global Fund Round 2 9-Phase 2 funding as from Oct. 2013- Sept 2016**
- **2013 WAD events held in 3 district**
- **Natal Coastal Northern Region HBC Training for 28 caregivers from 4 sites at Eshowe**
- **Connexional Youth HIV- TOT-eMseni**
- **Seth Mokitimi Seminary - Pietermaritzburg**
- **Women's Triennial – Klerksdorp**
- **Queenstown Regional Youth Consultation-Cofimvaba**
- **2 x Connexional Superintendents Training – eMseni**
- **Grahamstown District candle-lighting commemoration – Ayliff, Peddie**



HEALTH CARE DESK





HIV/AIDS TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION





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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

4-14 action for CHILDREN

Participação

Apoio e Cuidado

Sobrevivência

Desenvolvimento e Educação

Proteção

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
PROJECT A CHILD
PROTECT A CHILD

"Winning young souls for
Jesus Christ"

PRODUCED BY THE MISSION UNIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



MCSA CHILDCARE DESK



Child Desk:

Mandate:

- **Align Child Care policies and protocols of the Church and State.**
- **Coordinate children's work towards compliance with the children's act.**
- **Encouraging and supporting the formation of districts & local church structures for children's work & encouraging programmes that ensure the interests of children is taken seriously.**



Child Care Desk



Child Care Centres, Training & Visits



Crèche buildings in Progress



Site Visitation and Inspection



CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Realeboga-Bakubung Training & Development Agency



in association with

The Methodist Church of Southern Africa



and The Methodist Church
in Britain

are pleased to certify that

María Baleka Chilombo

attended the training on

How Children Develop and Learn

including:

A basic understanding of child development

Care for babies, toddlers and young children

Preparation of the environment for babies,
toddlers and young children

Interaction with babies, toddlers and young children

Maintenance of records and reporting

from 30 April to 8 May 2014

Facilitator M.A. Phirime

Managing Director Realeboga-Bakubung Training & Development Agency
and MCSA KNB District Childcare Coordinator





Justice and Service Desk



Justice & Service Desk:

Mandate:

- **Develop a theological rationale for Justice & Service Work.**
- **Monitor issues of justice and violations of human rights**
- **Gather information on issues of concern**
- **Develop responses to issues requiring a prophetic voice/intervention.**
- **Equip MCSA constituency to take action on issues of justice**
- **Commission Research on justice issues.**



Justice & Service Desk:

Some Programmes/Activities:

- Reflective Session on Palestine & Israel**
- Church Response to Marikana Conflict**
- Reflective Session and Responses to Abuse**
- MCSA Responses to Evictions**
- Methodists Against Substance Abuse**
- MCSA Says NO to Xenophobia and intervention**

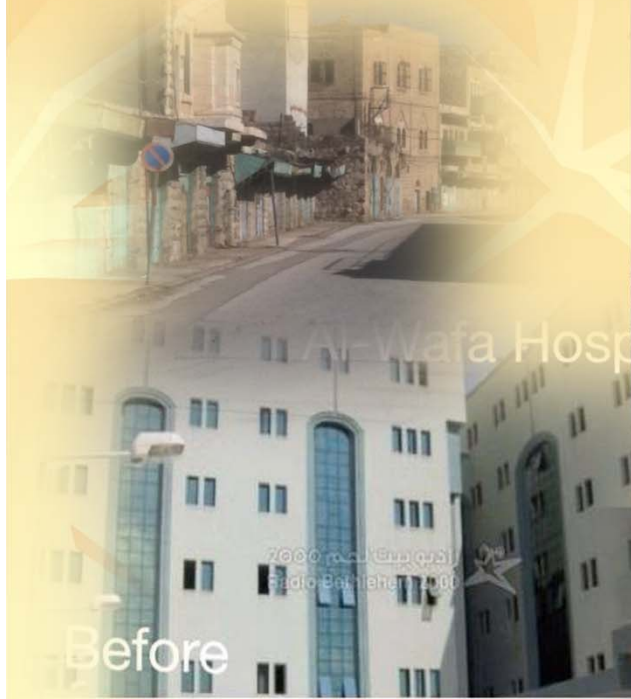
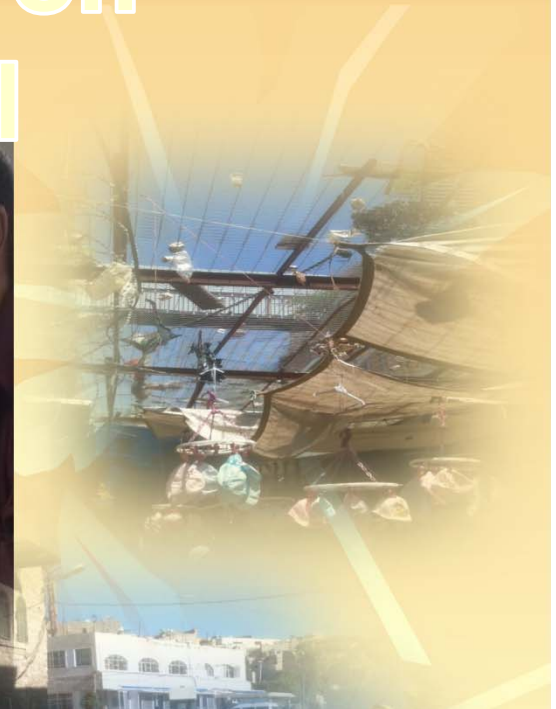


Marikana Mining Dispute





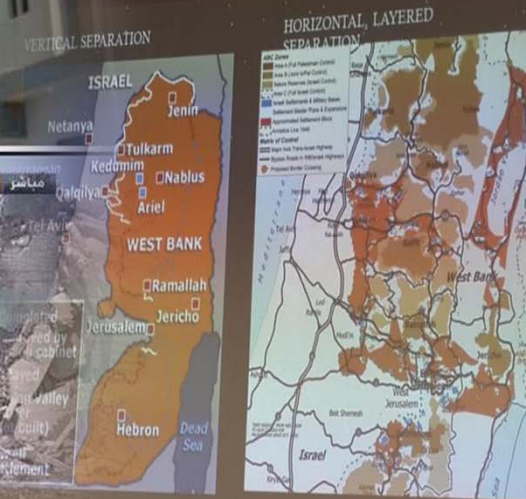
Reflective Sessions on Palestine & Israel



Before



After



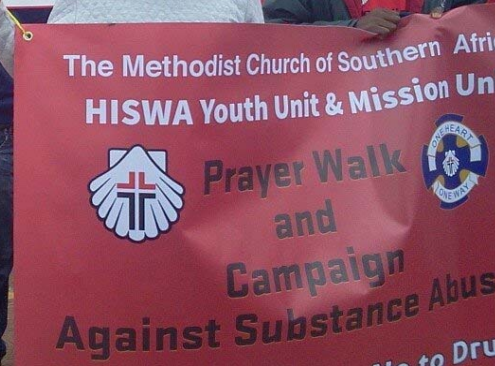


Reflective Sessions on Abuse





METHODIST APPOSED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE





MCSA XENOPHOBIA RESPONSES





Mu highlights



PARTNERSHIPS:

Methodist Church in Britain supports:

- **Connexional Youth Unit**
- **MCSA Parliamentary Liaison Officer**
- **Ministers in Maseru (Lesotho) and Rundu (Namibia)**
- **Justice & Service Desk as well as**
- **Child Care capacity building project**

Volunteers





PARTNERSHIP:

**Evangelische Mission Werk (EMK) Supports:
Volunteers:**

**Who have contributed significantly to the MU
with projects:**

- **Franziska Zucker & Irina Thamm (Natal
West & Natal Coastal Respectively)**
- **Nora Eschmann & Stephanie Koerner
(Windhoek)**
- **Juliana Thater (Ikageng Soweto)**
- **Lea Hoffman**
- **Dieter**



Choir tour Germany





PARTNERSHIPS

General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM)

- **Michelle Wood:**
Researching unaccompanied children from Zimbabwe crossing into South Africa.
- **Rebekha Phillips:**
assists with developing skills for food gardeners who provide for OVCs.



The MU is responsible to manage and administer the following Funds:

- ❑ The Methodist Relief & Development Fund**

- ❑ Mission & Extension Fund**

- ❑ The Pula Fund**

- ❑ The Global Fund**



Angolan Relationship





Mission Unit and SMMS Training





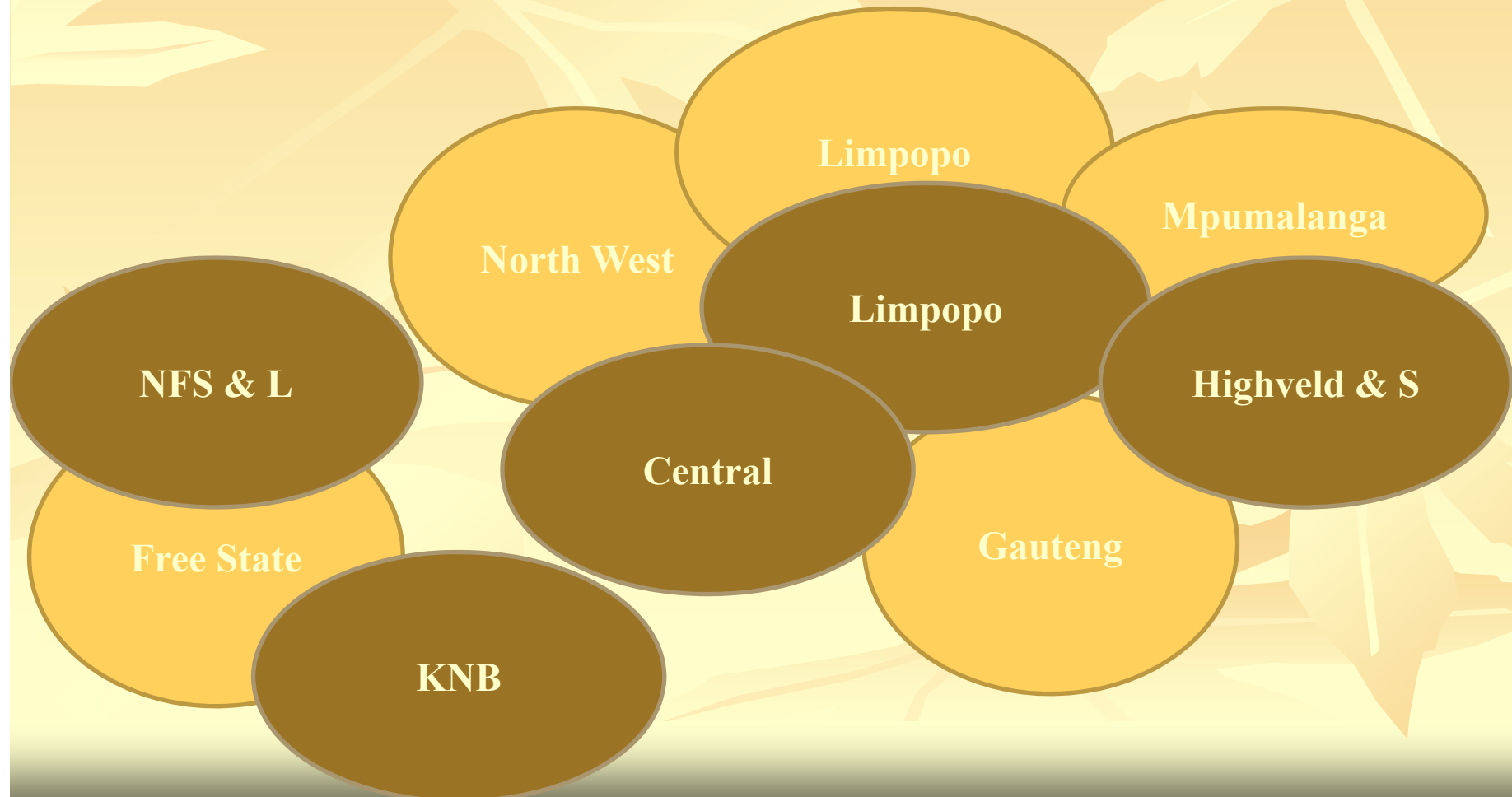
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Global Fund Programme

Provinces and MCSA Districts









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