

BUSINESS OF THE 13TH SESSION OF THE SAAC.

THEME : “ HERE I AM LORD” ISAIAH 6:8

Thursday 17th 2016

Morning worship service @8:45am

Liturgist, DS M.N. Sali

Opening hymn 110 Xhosa

Scripture reading, Isaiah 6 1:9

Closing hymn 11 Xhosa

Sermon by the Assistant to the Bishop Reverend Mills Maliwa.

Prayer by Reverend M. Figlan

Holy Communion @9:45am

Opening hymn 293 Xhosa, Holy Communion was served. 67 members came to the table to receive the bread.

Announcements by Secretary of Conference, hymn 405 Xhosa was sung and the Bishop announced benediction. Conference adjourned for breakfast. Khayaletu DS M.N. Sali invited the Bishop together with the conference to accept the beast from the Khayaletu district men as the token of welcome. Bishop thanked the Khayaletu district men, she said they have shown that they are African men; who would go hunt to provide for the family.

Call to order @10:45. Mrs Tutu from Cape Coastal led the conference in devotion. The bar of the conference was set, roll call was called. All the conference officers were present except for the **Conference chair who tendered his apology via the Bishop’s email. All districts were represented, 23 clergy personnel included the DS’s; and 27 lay personnel was reported. 4 clergy tendered their apologies, and 3 lay members. Bishop granted districts permission to use a substitute in case one of their members is holding two positions. The secretary introduced visitors from Mozambique; those were Mr Sambo statistician from Mozambique South annual conference. Mr**

Maluluve conference lay leader from Mozambique South annual conference. Conference agenda was presented and corrected, it emanated that the lay servant ministries report was not included on the agenda. Secretary apologised and promised to find slot which will be communicated to the director of lay speaking ministries. Conference rules were also tabled and explained in depth.

Episcopal address @13:05 Bishop J.F. Nhanala in her address she appealed to members of SAAC to try and work independently erase the word “we fall under”. She said it was possible for the SAAC to grow as we’ve managed to reach the annual conference status. She appreciated work done by various committees during the quadrennium ending 2016. Bishop urged the conference to start thinking about acquiring the conference centre which will be built within the area where it can be convenient for people visiting South Africa. She said this was possible.

Election of nomination committee, the Bishop wanted to know what criteria we wish to use to elect these members. There was a suggestion that we have 8 members and the 9th member shall be the chair which is the Bishop. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the committee should comprise of the following; chair, 1 clergy, 6 lay delegates which will include UMYF & UMYA. The following members were elected; Rev D. Mucherera, Mrs Mthombeni, DS Sali, Mrs Ndzandzeka, Ms Potso, Sist Sithembu, Bro N.Maboee and Mrs Tutu. Connectional ministries report by Reverend M. Maliwa. The following items emanated from his report, lay member’s behaviour from certain districts is questionable. At Cape Town Circuit, a pastor which was appointed by the Bishop was refused entry from January till end May, meanwhile an outsider was by lay leaders permission to preach. The visit of Steven Bryant from the div; Rev K. Mabhe was acknowledged to come report. Rev, K. Mabhe reported that their meeting was about the producing of the hymnal book, and their meeting was fruitful as we speak the hymnal book draft is at the printers. Dr C. Akale’s visit; Mrs Mtalana the UMW president was asked to share with the conference. She highlighted their discussions and the training obtained. She said that the exco will be visiting the districts to share what they have learnt from Dr Akale. The full report will be presented during the UMW report. There was a general concern as to what was done to the

circuit that has defied the Bishop's orders. Bishop's response was, because this was the first offense of this nature; she acted as a parent however we all need to know that if people are going to behave in an unruly manner; drastic steps will be taken against those members. Bishop also reiterated the importance of knowing that if people leave the church and latter returns. That person automatically forfeits the position as the position was given to them by the church. She also mentioned that should they decide to return to church, they will be required to renew their baptismal rights. Some of the words that were not understood in the report were clarified, and the report was accepted with. Hymn 404 Xhosa was sung, benediction by Bishop Nhanala. The conference adjourned for lunch. From lunch Bishop suggested that BOLA and Clergy will meet separately, they will have a closing prayer from there and retire for the night.

FRIDAY 19TH, 2016

Opening hymn 14 Xhosa

Prayer; Rev, A.Z. Boti

Scripture reading 2 Corinthians 13 v 5 "Examine yourself to see whether you are in Faith". Prayer by Mr Tembile Mtalana. Closing hymn; 405 Xhosa and DS P.N. Maboe pronounced the benediction.

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Minutes of the 12th session together with the 1st 2 days of session 13 were presented by Secretary of conference.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- **Bishop wanted to know what is the latest about Klerksdorp preaching point? DS Maboe responded by saying that the response is contained on her district report.**
- **Bishop also wanted to know if there is any person who might have any report regarding the Sikhumbule project, as the people who reported it are all not present at the conference? No one had any knowledge.**

- The children's ministry certificates which DS Maboe and Mrs Mbatha has promised the Christian Education department; were handed to Rev, M. Figlan.
- The issue of circumcision which was reflecting on the syllabus, did BOE discuss with relevant stakeholders? The Director of Education advised that the matter is contained in her report.
- The material which was reported as gathering dust at the office, were these distributed to the districts? Rev Nomdebevane will elaborate when presenting Publications report.
- The resolution adopted by session 12, of youth members to be groomed as interpreters. The Bishop advised that we should continue with this resolution.
- Bishop asked the treasurer if she did receive any thing in regards to the Assistant to the Bishop's welfare. The treasurer's response was that she did not receive anything in that regard.
- Correction on Hebron's pastor should be Kabangaidze not Jeremia. The minutes were adopted with omissions.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES REPORT:

The Bishop apologised to the conference for not having this report; this was due to the bereavement of the chairperson's family member. She also noted that this was the first time the conference did not receive the council on ministries report.

CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT: The report was tabled for deliberations by DS P.N. Maboe. The Central district was commended for the hard work and the signs of growth. However the Bishop advised the district to go back and come up with a new name for the new circuit formed in Rustenburg; as this is going to create confusion within the district. She also commended the district for setting the day for fasting for the General Conference. Bishop noted that there was no mention of harvest in this report. The delegates responded by saying the entire district do observe this day and contributes towards harvest. There was also an outcry about the number of the Lay Servant Ministries members robbed in at Central District, which does not tie up with the number reported by the district to the Conference Director of Lay

Speaking ministry. Bishop urged all districts not to under report number of its members as this is wrong. Central District was requested to please submit the correct number of its lay servants together with their fees. The report was accepted with omissions.

CAPE COASTAL DISTRICT REPORT: Was tabled by the Assistant to the Bishop on behalf of the district. In this report it emanated that there are problems within this district. Some of the problems is that there is an exodus. The delegates were given opportunity to advice what needs to be done at this district as it is not for the 1st time they ill-treat pastors assigned to them. The first to resign was DS Figlan, followed by DS Khonza then DS Sali who ended in hospital, after he was assaulted by some of the members. Bishop advised that we need to be vigilant when handling the Cape Coastal issue, as sometime when she attended the court case; she met with Mr Tobie who told the Bishop he wished to come back to the church. The same people who now allowed him to come officiate in some of the services refused Mr Tobie to return. Therefore we have to be sure if it is the entire congregation or individuals who did this. Also we have to make sure that in any decision taken the church property is not lost. Bishop advised all the members to kindly adhere to church protocols. Report accepted.

KHAYALETHU DISTRICT REPORT: DS M.S. Sali presented the report of Khayaletu. Bishop commended Khayaletu district for investing in properties; however she urged them to insure that all the properties have title deeds and be registered in churches name. The district wished that they should be divided into three (3 districts). Questions were raised pertaining to their financial strengths, stats and how are they going to be divided. After a lengthy discussion, the recommendation was accepted with omissions. Refer to resolutions.

UMW REPORT: The UMW president tabled the report for deliberations. It was noted that the UMW has appointed the task team to revisit and review the current constitution; as it has emerged that some of the items are no longer relevant for our nature. A delegate wished to know who are those members, are they given a time frame to report back their findings? A

question pertaining to the projects that the UMW are having and the issue of PineTown site, was raised. The UMW president response was that she was told that they have met, and are still going to meet for the 2nd time. Only then they will report back to the exco. As for the Pinetown project they are not sure about the progress, they will know once they meet with the old exco. The only project they are aware off is what they have discussed during Dr Akale's visit. Report accepted.

MAYORAL ADDRESS: Bishop Joaquina welcomed and also introduced Councillor Mr Phuphuma. Bishop explained to him why the annual conference was sitting at Blythswood. She also outlined the formation of our Episcopal area, and the global membership of the UMC. Mr Phuphuma thanked the Bishop for the opportunity given to come and welcome the conference delegates. He emphasized the role played by the church within the community and government. He also revealed to the Bishop that his office is currently busy with preparations to come donate furniture at Blythswood charge. This was due to the fact that the UMC in that area is the only church that always opens their doors for community gatherings. Therefore it is their duty to thank them. Bishop conveyed a word of gratitude to Councillor Phuphuma for this kind gesture. She explained that it is the UMC policy to work with government for the betterment of community. Bishop also shared with the Councillor some of the political leaders produced by the UMC. Those are President George Bush, Mrs Hillary Clinton and Mrs Graca Mashel or etc. Bishop then invited the Councillor to join them for lunch. Hymn 405 and the Bishop pronounced benediction.

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UMM report was tabled for deliberation and was accepted.

UMYF REPORT:

The report was presented and received.

UMYA REPORT:

The president tabled the report. She was commended for presenting a spectacular report. And report was accepted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Reverend Figlan tabled the report. The issue of circumcision which appeared on the previous minutes, the director reported that some of the districts did not provide dates to visit hence not all the districts have been addressed. Report was accepted.

Closing hymn 405 Xhosa, Bishop announced the benediction.

BISHOP'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION @19:30

The chairperson of Episcopacy Mr T. Mtalana recognized Rev, M. Figlan to lead the celebration in prayer. Organization, districts and private entities all responded to this call. The celebration went well. After Bishops response, hymn 406 was sung she then pronounced benediction. The conference retired for the night.

SATURDAY 20TH, 2016

Morning worship service by Rev, K. Mabhe. Hymn 175 Xhosa was sung. Rev, M. Figlan prayed. Scripture reading from the books of Luke 20v . Reverend B. Spiva was asked to do a closing prayer, thereafter hymn 404 was sung and DS P.N. Maboe pronounced benediction. Conference adjourned for breakfast.

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BOARD OF PENSIONS REPORT:

The report was presented on-behalf of the chairperson of BOP as she was not present at the conference. The report was accepted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT:

It emanated from this report that there was nothing reported about the conference vehicle, its maintenance, mileage and life span. Also the fact that the car was not present at the annual conference, this suggested that there are problems with the car. One member suggested that if the car is now giving problems, BOT should look into trading it in and purchase a new car

with a smaller engine. The chairperson apologised for not mentioning anything about the vehicle, reason being he was not feeling well. After preparing the report he forwarded same to the office and requested that the office should peruse the document and make amendments. However he acknowledged that the current vehicle has now started giving problems. Report was accepted with omissions.

LAY SPEAKING MINISTRY REPORT:

It appeared that the lay servant's statistics reported by the DS of the Central District, did not tie up with what the director of lay speaking ministry has in his report. DS Maboe response was that the number which appeared on her district report; was the number of lay servants who renewed their licences. Bishop advised that all the lay speaking licences should be renewed at the district where the district is meeting. Licences are not renewed at the circuit. Also prior renewing all licences, the lay servant should be in a good standing position within the district, by attending gatherings and financially active. If members does not attend the meetings or contribute, then their licences should not be renewed.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

The director reported that there was a communications training called ICD4, which was presented by the department of communications from New York. The training was about setting and sending texts to larger audience at a cheaper rate. On completion of the training, the participants were awarded certificates of competence. The director was also handed laptop, cellphone, and a portable solar panel unit which can be used in remote areas where there is no electricity. The unit uses sun to produce power, and can charge up to four cellphones, and also provides light. All leaders were urged to provide the director with their contact details. They should also use this facility as the communications department will be monitoring each conference provided with this system, if they do use it or not. Therefore the only time this can be used is when the districts or conference officers send some information to the director. Report received.

EVANGELISM REPORT:

The report was presented and received.

LAY LEADERS REPORT:

The report was read and accepted even though there were no detailed functions completed by districts or the conference.

NOMINATIONS REPORT @13:59

The secretary of nominations Mrs Tutu presented the nominated names on behalf of the committee. However the elections were postponed for the later stage. Below are the names nominated for various boards?

1. BOE

Mrs Tutu	Cape Coastal
Mrs Zameko	Ikhwezi
Ms B. Ndedwa	Khayaalethu
Mrs Ntoa	Khayaalethu
Ms N. Phuphuma	Ikhwezi
Pastor E. Musakwa	Central
Mrs N. Nomdebevane	Khayaalethu

2. BOH

Mrs Ndzandzeka	Khayaalethu
Mrs Majova	Khayaalethu
Mr Chinyerere	Cape Coastal
Mrs D. Fikeni	Ikhwezi
Mrs Z. Mangaliso	Khayaalethu
DS P.N. Maboee	Central

3. BOP

Ms N. Mafatse	Central
Mrs G. Mbonisweni	Khayaalethu
Mrs G. Skhutshwa	Central
Ms Z. Masiza	Ikwezi
Mrs N. Mthombeni	Ikwezi
Rev B. Spiva	Khayaalethu
Rev M. Kwinana	Khayaalethu

4. DISCIPLESHIP

Mrs F. Tshehlane	Ikhwezi
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| Mrs N. Mpethi | Cape Coastal |
| Mr I. Kwananzi | Central |
| Mr P.N. Tata | |
| Rev A.Z. Boti | Khayaalethu |
5. BOT
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| Mr T. Nodolo | Ikhwezi |
| Mr Gojo | Khayaalethu |
| Rev T.T. Letuka | Central |
| Ms L. Sithembu | Khayaalethu |
| Mrs A. Dayeni | Cape Coastal |
6. EPISCOPACY
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| Rev D. Mucherera | Central |
| Mrs R. Langa | Ikhwezi |
| Mr C.V. Mdlalo | Khayaalethu |
| Ms N. Mgojo | Cape Coastal |
| Ms S. Mguzulwa | Ikhwezi |
| Mrs N. Sixishe | Ikhwezi |
| DS M.S. Sali | Khayaalethu |
7. CONFAD
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| Mr A Sebotsa | Central |
| Rev M. Magura | Central |
| Ms N. Ndedwa | Khayaalethu |
| Ms N. Potso | Khayaalethu |
| Mr A. Mandeya | Central |
| Mr Malimke | Cape Coastal |
| Mrs X. Magxala | Khayaalethu |
| Mrs N. Mkizwane | Khayaalethu |
- And all the district treasurers shall form part of the committee.
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| Bro N. Maboee | Central |
| Mrs N. Mkhizwane | Khayaalethu |
| Ms B. Ndedwa | Khayaalethu |
| Rev B. Nomdebevane | Khayaalethu |
| Rev K. Mabhe | Khayaalethu |
| Pst T. Maloi | Ikhwezi |

Pst Bekaphi	Khaya lethu
Mrs N. Msiya	Ikhwezi
Ms L. Ntoa	Khaya lethu

EPISCOPACY REPORT @ 14:29

It appeared on this report that there is nothing contributed towards the Bishop and her assistant by the conference. The chairperson also thanked those districts that headed the call to contribute something towards the Assistant well being, even though it was not enough. The assistant to Bishop also explained that members have a notion that the Bishop's salary comes from the GCFA. However we need to know that there is something called Episcopal fund, this assist the Bishop when travelling around the episcopacy. Therefore this fund is funded by the episcopal members. The conference was also informed about the move of the office to 391 Anton Lembede (Smith Street) Metropolitan Building. The move was prompted by the breakings at the old office, which have resulted in the loss of so many office items. Report accepted.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE REPORT:

This report highlighted the debt of the SAAC to the ACC. Bishop Nhanala asked the conference secretary to read a document which was showing the exact debt (\$13.000). The conference discussed how is SAAC going to repay this debt? Bishop also advised that the above figure is not the only debt for SAAC, there is another GC debt of \$9707.00. Various speakers came with different suggestions until all the delegates resolved that, circuits should go back home and start paying all the outstanding apportionments from the 2016 budget. This should be done by July 2017. These funds will be routed to ACC and GC to cover the debt. The conference was also informed that Mrs A. Majova has been elected as a finance secretary of the ACC. Bishop Daniel Wandabula was elected as the Bishops President of the Africa Central Conference. The number of youth member's should be increased at all levels. It was also reported that the ACC recommended to be divided into four Central Conferences by 2020. The manner this is going to be done will be

determined by the languages and geographical setup of Episcopal areas. Below is going to be formation of these three Central Conferences in Africa.

- 1) East Africa Conference
- 2) South west Africa Conference
- 3) South East Africa Conference
- 4) Central Africa Conference

The next ACC will be held in Mozambique in 2020.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT:

This report contained controversial issue of whether the LGBT's should be accepted to serve within the UMC. Members deliberated on this matter and Bishop allayed the member's fears, by advising the conference delegates that the Council of Bishops have appointed a commission to look into this matter. However members were advised that the matter at hand was still under discussion, no solutions has been reached as yet. Bishop's term of office was also part of the report. The report was acknowledged.

BOOM REPORT: @18:10pm

Reverend D. Mucherera tabled the report and it emanated that all the SAAC pastors are in good standing except for the one. Refer resolutions. In this report it was also reported that the SAAC has received two candidates namely; Mrs Ruth Mataruka (married), Ms Neliswa Mafatsa (widow) and a lay pastor Tata (married). Pastors were also reminded that they should continue contributing towards their pension fund. The report was accepted.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT:

This report was presented by the Finance Secretary on-behalf of the chairperson. However while he was tabling the report it was noted that this was not a report but communication between two individuals. The conference requested that he should stop presenting; in this case there was no finance chair report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: By the Conference Treasurer.

Report was tabled and issues rose about circuits who do not uphold their conference obligations. After a lengthy discussion and taking into consideration that the SAAC has a huge debt owed to ACC and GC. It was resolved that all the circuits which did not pay their apportionments in full for 2016; should insure that the outstanding balances be paid by end June 2017. The conference treasurer was commended for working hard under stressful condition; and the statement was received.

The assistant to the Bishop urged all those members who are in leadership not to cause confusion by instigating. Leaders should work together not against each other. By so doing church will grow in numbers and in health.

The outgoing secretary thanked the SAAC for entrusting her with such a huge responsibility; she also urged the conference members to kindly support the person who will take over the baton. In order for her/him to work effectively, people should not compare that person with her; as each and every person is unique. With the conference support the new secretary will serve and deliver desired results.

ELECTION OF NEW CONFERENCE OFFICERS: @ 20:35

STATISTICIAN :- Ps T. Maloi & Miss Bongwe Dlamini

SECRETARIAT :- Mrs Nosipho Mpheti & Mr Dazimeta Mutandawaka

TREASURER :- Mrs Nomvo Mkizwana

CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS:- Mr Tembile Mtalana & Mrs Hlubi Mofokeng

Disciplinary questions was tabled and accepted. The venue of the next conference shall be Ikhwezi District.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS:

- The financial aid for the Assistant to the Bishop will be included in the circuit budget.
- Dominion which was part of Gauteng circuit of the Central district will now become a preaching point.
- New church organized by Gauteng circuit of the Central district; shall be called Johannesburg North.

- Khayaletu be divided into two districts namely; Khayaletu and Khayaletu South. These two shall be divided as per the geographical order of the charges. DS Mcebisi Syndicate Sali will continue leading the two districts until further notice.
- Fletcherville circuit of Khayaletu district, changed name to Nkululekweni charge.
- Bethel Cross mission congregation is accepted to be part of Khayaletu district.
- The conference agreed on locating the area where a vacant site will be purchased. The site will be developed into conference centre. A task team was also appointed to carry out this mission. It was also agreed that each member of the SAAC shall contribute a sum of R50 quarterly towards this cause. Members whom were too eager to see this mission accomplished started contributing these R50, the total amount was R550. The conference finance committee was assigned to open up a different bank account, where all these funds will be deposited. The account number to be shared with the districts.
- Reverend Nehemiah Pheto be removed from the SAAC clergy roll.

SUNDAY 21ST, NOVEMBER 2016

Opening hym 269 Xhosa and Reverend Maureen Figlan led the conference in prayer. Scripture reading from the books of Isaiah 6 v 1-10. Memorial service in honour of Mrs Kholeka Letuka was observed. Bishop in her closing sermon quoted “My lips are unclean and I stay with people with unclean lips”. The Bishop was highlighting the importance of meeting God, once a person has come into contact with God. That person will never see wrong from other people instead of him/herself. After the closing worship service, Bishop Joaquina Nhanala thanked all the outgoing conference officers, and welcomed the newly elected officers.

APPOINTMENTS:

CAPE COASTAL DISTRICT:

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| ➤ District Superintendent | - Reverend Mills Maliwa |
| ➤ Cape Town circuit | - Reverend Velelo Makaluza |
| ➤ Hebron circuit | - Pastor Elijah Makaigaidze |

- Delfth preaching point - Pastor Loyiso Mgojo

CENTRAL DISTRICT:

- District Superintendent - Reverend Puleng Norah Maboe
- Gauteng circuit - Reverend David Mucherera
- Joburg/Soweto circuit - Reverend Puleng Maboeend
- Johannesburg North - Reverend David Mucherera
- Tshwane circuit - Reverend Miriam Magura
- North West circuit - Pastor Easter Musakwa
- Phelandaba circuit - Pastor Rebecca Galinamoje Mokirisi
- Vaal circuit - Reverend Theodore Thabiso Letuka
- Wesburg circuit - To be visited

IKHWEZI DISTRICT:

- District Superintendent - Under supervision
- Pine town circuit - Reverend Mills Maliwa
- Effingham circuit - Pastor Thobekile Maloi
- Ndumisweni - visited

KHAYALETHU DISTRICT:

- District Superintendent - Reverend Syndicate Mcebisi Sali
- Katkop circuit - M. Sali, Lay Pastor Tata
- Inkululekweni - To be visited
- Khulani - Visited by Reverend Matara
- Colana - Reverend Ntambozoxolo Nkomo & Pastor Bekaphi
- Lundini - Reverend Stanley Kakana
- Langeni - Reverend Khonza
- Booksnek - AZ Boti
- Ncura - Reverend Majija
- Balasi - Reverend Mvuzo Khwinana
- Bizana - Reverend Blossom Spiva
- Uitenhage - Reverend Khayakazi Mabhe
- Sterkspruit - To be visited

- **Blythswood** - Reverend Bafana Nomdebevane
- **Nkwenkwezi** - Reverend Bafana Nomdebevane
- **Bethel Cross** - Reverend Mdingi

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:

- **Assistant to the Bishop** - Reverend Mills Maliwa
- **UMW Advisor** - Carol Maliwa
- **Director of Evangelism** - Reverend Maureen Figlan
- **Director of Communications** - Miss Nandipha Mkwalo
- **Director of Christian Education** - Miss Bulelwa Ndedwa
- **Conference Coordinator** - Reverend Nyameko Khonza
- **Projects Director** - Mrs Ruth Langa
- **Health Coordinator** - Mrs Fikeni
- **UMYA Advisor** - Mrs Khuliswa Mbatha
- **UMYF Advisor** - Mrs Zandile Mbonisweni
- **UMW President** - Mrs Mtalana
- **UMM President** - Mr Mdlalo
- **UMYA President** - Sister Sharon Mguzulwa
- **UMYF President** - Brother Ezile Ndlaku

Hymn 404 was sung and the Bishop pronounced the closing of the 13th session annual conference with a benediction.