

International Saint John Church Women's Conference

NEWSLETTER



16 August 2025

Hosted By: Lady Bishop N.Gcebe



"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." – Proverbs 31:25

This verse reminds us of the strength, grace, and wisdom that God has placed within women. A Proverbs 31 woman is not only hardworking and prayerful, but she is also a source of encouragement, leadership, and light to those around her.

Vision of the Church:

Go into the world to lead all who are willing into a mature relationship with Jesus Christ through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28: 18-20; Luke 9:23-26; Acts 2:37-47; 1 Peter 4:10-11).

Mission of the Church:

To be a great representative for the name of Christ in our church and, more importantly, our doors, reaching out to those beyond the church, agree to be "above reproach" so that world will see, hear, and respond to the grace of Jesus Christ.

Core Values:

- 1. Godliness and Spiritually (we will conduct ourselves in Godly manner)
 (2 Corinthians 1:12-16)
- 2. Empathy (compassion and caring in action) (Galatians 6:2)
- 3. Needs driven (Philippians 4.19)
- 4. Excellence (strive for excellence in all areas of Christianity)

(2 Corinthians 8:7)

- 5. Selflessness (serve selflessly) (Mark 10:45)
- 6. Integrity (serve with integrity, Adhering to morale and principles)

(*Proverbs* 11:3)

7. Servant leadership (Matthew 20:25-28 and Mark 10:42-45)



INTRODUCTION

The International Saint John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church places great importance on the empowerment and spiritual growth of women. The International Women Manyano Conference, hosted by Lady Bishop N. Gcebe, served as a platform for women of the congregation to gather in fellowship, worship, and learning. Women are the pillars of the church and their role in nurturing families, guiding communities, and strengthening the faith is invaluable. By creating a space dedicated to their growth and unity, the church continues to honor and uplift women, ensuring that they walk boldly in their spiritual calling.

The Women Manyano Conference not only offered encouragement but also provided guidance on how women can strengthen one another and improve their spiritual lives. Through teachings, discussions, and prayer, women were reminded of their God-given gifts and their vital role in building the church. A highlight of the conference was the impactful life coaching session, where women were inspired to look within, embrace their worth, and understand that lasting change must begin with themselves. This empowering message ignited a renewed sense of confidence and purpose among the women.

Furthermore, the conference created a space for women to actively engage in discussions about the challenges they face within the church. Under the leadership of Rev. T. Lekoape, the workshop allowed women to openly reflect on issues, identify practical solutions, and commit to fostering unity. This not only strengthened the bond among the women but also empowered them to take collective action towards growth, harmony, and a deeper walk with God.

In conclusion, the Women Manyano Conference stands as a vital gathering in the life of the church. By investing in the empowerment, leadership, and spiritual growth of women, the church continues to build a strong foundation for generations to come. The celebration of women is a reminder that they are not only caregivers and leaders, but also light-bearers, equipped to transform lives and communities for the glory of God.





THEME - FOR YOU WERE ONCE DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD...EPHESIANS 5:8-20.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: EVANGELIST M SIBISI SCRIBE: LADY REVEREND T LEKOAPE HOST - LADY BISHOP N GCEBE

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09:00	OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON - LADY BISHOP N GCEBE WELCOME & INTRODUCTION - EV. M SIBISI
10:00	PURPOSE - WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CONDUCT ANNUAL CONFERENCES WITHIN THE CHURCH? - LADY BISHOP N GCEBE
10:30	SPECIAL PRESENTATION (RECAP PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOPICS) - BRING IT HOME - LADY REV T LEKOAPE
10:45	PURPOSE OF SERVING IN THE CHURCH? WHO IS QUALIFIED TO SERVE? SPIRITUAL GIFTS- LADY REV I NAKANA & M MODISE
11:00	ETHICS AND CONDUCTS WITHIN THE CHURCH - EV. G MAPHOTO & EV. B PHALATSE
11:15	CONFLICTS EMERGENCE WITHIN THE CHURCH & MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE RISKS - LADY REV G NTSANA & EV. MABUZA
11:30	GROUP DISCUSSION - TEAM OF 3 [EACH TEAM MUST WRITE DOWN ISSUES PRESUMED TO BE ENCOUNTERED BY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN] TEAM LEADER WILL PRESENT THEIR ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS
11:45	COACHING SESSION - SPECIAL GUEST

LUNCH BREAK

RECAP ON THE PRESENTED TOPICS - EV. M SIBISI

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION PLAN/INTERVENTIONS - LADY BISHOP

PRESENTATION - CONSTITUTION LADY REV T LEKOAPE

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS - EV. M SIBISI

CLOSING:

PRAISE & WORSHIP

VOTE OF THANKS

CLOSING PRAYER

THE END!

MISSION:

EMPOWERING WOMEN TO FULFIL THEIR DIVINE PURPOSE THROUGH SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP
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VISION:

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF WOMEN DEEPLY ROOTED IN FAITH, EQUIPPED WITH LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND UNITED IN THEIR COMMITMENT TO SERVE GOD AND OT HERS, TRANSFORMING LIVES, AND FOSTERING A CULTURE OF EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSIVITY IN THE CHURCH.

PURPOSE

TO EQUIP, EMPOWER, AND ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO EMBRACE THEIR UNIQUE GIFTS AND TALENTS, TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN CHURCH GOVERNANCE, TO NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP, AND TO CULTIVATE A SUPPORTIVE SISTERHOOD THAT UPLIFTS AND STRENGTHENS ONE ANOTHER FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, ALL GUIDED BY THE COMMANDMENT OF JESUS IN MATTHEW 28-19 20 TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING HE HAS COMMANDED.



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We will fill this house with glory





Towards the end of the conference, we held a practical workshop led by Reverend T. Lekoape. This session allowed us to openly discuss the challenges faced by women in the church and identify areas where growth and unity are needed. It was a safe and empowering space where every woman's voice was valued.



During this workshop, we explored the issues affecting fellowship and spiritual development. Together, we reflected on how misunderstandings, conflicts, and lack of communication can sometimes hinder progress. Yet, in love and prayer, we recognized that these are not obstacles too great to overcome.



Most importantly, we worked on solutions. The women suggested ways to strengthen unity by fostering open dialogue, promoting mentorship among younger and older women, and ensuring that each member feels seen, valued, and included. We left with a renewed sense of sisterhood, determination, and faith that as women, we can uplift the church and help it flourish.



Ordination NEWSLETTER



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We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Evangelist M. Modise (left) and Evangelist M. Sibisi (right), who were both ordained this past weekend. The ordination service was marked by joy, worship, and thanksgiving as the congregation witnessed the appointment of these two faithful servants into the vineyard of the Lord. Their families were present to support them on this special occasion, standing as a testament to the love, sacrifice, and prayers that have carried them to this point. The church rejoiced, giving thanks to God for raising men and women who are willing to dedicate their lives to His calling, and we also acknowledge with gratitude the presence of our spiritual leaders, Bishop and Lady Bishop Gcebe, who guided and assisted throughout this sacred service.

During the service, words of encouragement were delivered by Lady Rev. T. Lekoape and Lady Rev. Nakana, under the leadership and direction of our Bishop and Lady Bishop, who supported and prayed over the newly appointed Evangelists. They reminded them of the great responsibility entrusted to them through the Word of God, drawing from 1 Timothy 1:12 – "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service."

Supporting scriptures such as Ephesians 4:11-12, which reminds us that Christ gave "apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service," highlighted the special role Evangelists play in strengthening the body of Christ. Likewise, 2 Timothy 4:5 – "Do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry" – served as a charge, encouraging them to remain faithful and steadfast in their new calling. As Evangelists Modise and Sibisi step into their new roles, we pray that the Lord may grant them wisdom and courage as they spread His Word, and that their ministry may bear lasting fruit.













As a church, we are deeply grateful to God for blessing us with new leaders who will carry forward His mission. The ordination of Evangelist M. Modise, Evangelist M. Sibisi, and Lady Rev. G. Goitsemang is not only a celebration of their calling, but also a reminder of God's faithfulness in raising leaders in every generation. We thank our Bishop and Lady Bishop Gcebe for their steadfast leadership, prayers, and guidance throughout this process, and we wish the newly ordained the strength to persevere, the humility to serve, and the wisdom to lead with love. May their ministries bring honor to God and impact countless lives for His glory!

