



International Saint John Church  
Youth Robing Service

**NEWSLETTER**



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*Uniformed for Christ: The Youth Robing Service*



### *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)*





On the 21st of September 2025, the International Saint John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church proudly celebrated a historic milestone, the very first Youth Robing Service, marking the youth not only in their official blue and white uniforms but also as the first youth to be ordained as church chaplains. This day was a remarkable moment of pride, joy, and spiritual dedication, as the church recognized the commitment, discipline, and faith of its young members.



Each youth shone individually, reflecting their own journey and devotion. Ongezwa Mhatu, Candice Mabuza, Karabo Makgatho, Owami Duma, Kamva Mpahlana, Sinenhlanhla Mabuza and Philasande Sigantsa each brought their own light and spirit to this historic occasion. Their individual portraits now frame the page, celebrating their dedication and service as young leaders in the church. This service was more than a ceremonial event; it was a declaration of purpose, growth, and commitment.



The youth were recognized not only for wearing their uniforms but also for receiving their belts, badges, and certificates, symbolizing their ordination and pledges to serve faithfully. Through this historic Robing Service, St. John's youth set a shining example of devotion, courage, and leadership — a moment that will be cherished as a foundational chapter in the life of the church.





## *Before and After: A Moment to Remember*

The youth entered the service already in their uniforms, standing tall with pride and anticipation. The defining moment came when each youth was ordained with their blue and white belts, marking their official role as church chaplains. During the ceremony, the youth also made heartfelt pledges and vows, committing their lives to God's service with no turning back. In addition to the belts, the youth received chaplaincy badges and official certificates, symbolic reminders of their calling and achievements. The congregation witnessed this transformative moment with joy, celebrating the youth as they embraced their responsibilities with pride, faith, and determination.





## Words of Wisdom from Our Reverends

The youth were blessed with heartfelt and inspiring guidance from Lady Reverend T. Lekoape, Lady Reverend G. Ntsana, and Lady Reverend Nakane. They reminded the young members that age is never a barrier to serving God faithfully and that even as young people, they can be strong examples of leadership, integrity, and devotion. Drawing from the wisdom of Scripture (1 Timothy 4), the reverends emphasized the importance of living lives that reflect Christ in every action, word, and decision.

They encouraged the youth to embrace responsibility, not just within the church but in every area of life, reminding them that their choices today shape the leaders they will become tomorrow. The reverends spoke about the value of discipline, humility, and perseverance, urging the youth to remain steadfast in their faith even in challenging times.

The guidance also highlighted the spiritual gifts God has placed within each individual and the responsibility that comes with using them wisely. They reminded the youth that service is not just about wearing a uniform or holding a title, it is about living a life of love, compassion, and commitment to God's work. By setting a strong example in conduct, character, and faith, the youth can inspire their peers and the next generation, becoming beacons of hope and leadership in the church and community.

In essence, the reverends encouraged the youth to carry themselves with confidence, grounded in faith, knowing that God equips every willing heart with the wisdom and strength needed to fulfil His calling. Their words were both practical and spiritual, leaving a lasting impression on the youth and inspiring them to step boldly into their roles as the first chaplains among Saint. John's youth.



## *The Preachings of the Youth*

### *Ongezwa Mhathu(Psalm 29:11)*

Ongezwa shared from the depths of her heart about the spiritual journey leading up to the robing service. She reflected on how the days before the ceremony were not just about preparation, but about surrender, learning to lean fully on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. She acknowledged that the enemy often tries to sow doubt, fear, and discouragement in moments of transition, but she testified that this week was a turning point for her faith. Through prayer and focus, she realized the importance of silencing the voice of the enemy and tuning her ears to the whispers of God. Her message reminded us all that spiritual growth comes when we choose to walk in step with the Spirit, rather than being distracted by lies or negativity.



### *Candice Mabuza (Isaiah 41:8–20)*

Candace spoke with boldness and assurance, drawing from Isaiah 41:8–20. She emphasized the power of standing firm in the face of challenges, declaring that no trial, no enemy, and no circumstance can overcome a child of God. With confidence, she expressed that she will face every obstacle head-on, never shrinking back or hiding, because she knows the Almighty stands by her side. She affirmed the promise that no harm will befall her and no disaster will come near her, for the Lord is her fortress and defender. Her message was one of courage, faith, and unwavering trust in God's protection. Candace reminded everyone that as long as we lean on the Father, we walk with victory already secured.



### *Karabo Makgatho (Galatians 5: 22-23)*

Karabo's message was a heartfelt call to live by the Spirit and not by the flesh. She spoke about the Fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control — and how these virtues shape a believer's life. She encouraged the congregation to be obedient to God, recognizing that our flesh often pulls us away from His will. By choosing to walk in the Spirit, we demonstrate not just faith but maturity in Christ. Karabo's preaching reminded the youth that true strength is found in obedience, and that when we yield to God, He cultivates His character within us. Her words left a lasting impression, urging everyone to lean on God daily and let the Spirit guide their path.





### *Owam Duma*

Owam's preaching was filled with gratitude. She took a moment to pause and acknowledge every blessing, both big and small. With humility, she expressed her thankfulness for the opportunity to stand before the congregation, for the support of her family, and for the chance to be part of such a historic service. Her words carried a gentle reminder that gratitude shifts our perspective, helping us see God's hand even in the smallest details of our lives. Owami encouraged the youth to never overlook the "little things," for in every breath, every opportunity, and every moment, God is present. Her message was a testimony of humility and thankfulness.

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### *Kamva Mpahlana*

Kamva's testimony was a powerful reminder that God truly works in mysterious ways. She shared how her journey with the church began in the most unexpected way, through discovering it on TikTok. What may have seemed like a simple moment of scrolling became the beginning of a new chapter of faith and belonging. She spoke about how God leads us to where we need to be, even through unlikely paths, and how her life has been transformed since becoming part of the church family. Her preaching showed that God's hand is always at work, orchestrating divine encounters and guiding us to our purpose.

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### *Sinenhlanhla Mabuza*

Sne's message was rooted in heartfelt gratitude and acknowledgment. She took time to give thanks to her family, her fellow youth, and the church as a whole. With sincerity, she honored everyone who played a role in supporting her and standing by her side. Her words reflected humility and recognition of the fact that none of us walk this journey alone. Snare reminded us that expressing gratitude strengthens bonds, uplifts spirits, and glorifies God, who places people in our lives to help us grow. Her preaching was a gentle call to appreciate those around us and to never take support and love for granted.

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### *Philasande Sigantsa (Jeremiah 29:11)*

Philasande shared a profound word on God's protection and guidance. She reminded the congregation that just as God is our shield and stronghold, the fathers of the church serve as spiritual coverings, leading and protecting the flock. In her preparation, Jeremiah 29:11 stood out to her: *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* With passion, she emphasized that even when life seems uncertain, God's plans are perfect. She encouraged the youth to trust fully in His design, leaning not on their own understanding but on His promises.





## *A Special Thanks*

This unforgettable service would not have been possible without the dedication of our leaders. We extend heartfelt gratitude to our Bishop and Lady Bishop, who not only presented the youth with their belts but also designed the chaplaincy badges and issued the official certificates, symbolizing the youth's commitment and accomplishments.

We also give special thanks to the Youth Leader, Lady Evangelist Sibisi, whose tireless coordination ensured the smooth running of the service. From preparing the youth's uniforms to guiding them throughout the ceremony, her leadership and support were instrumental in making this celebration a success.









## ***Congratulations to the Chaplains in Training!***

The Robing Service also marked a significant moment for our church chaplaincy. We celebrate Reverend Ntsana, Reverend Lekoape, and Lady Evangelist Sibisi, who received their chaplaincy badges as chaplains in training. Their dedication, guidance, and service inspire the youth and the entire church community, and we pray for God's continued blessing upon their ministry.





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## TŠEBELETSO EA TŠEBELETSO EA BACHA KEREKE: 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

International John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church e rata ho fana ka liteboho tsa rona tse tsoang botebong ba pelo ho bohle ba ileng ba tšehetsa le ho kenya letsoho katlehong ea Tšebeletso ea Kereke ea Youth Robing ea haufinyane. Bopelotshweu jwa lona le boineelo jwa lona di dirile gore tiragalo eno e nne e e sa lebalesegeng le e e kgethegileng.

Re rata ho lebisa liteboho tse khethehileng ho ba faneng ka lijo le lino bakeng sa ketsahalo ena. Linyehelo tsa lōna tse monate li ile tsa ananeloa haholo ke bohle ba neng ba le teng 'me tsa thusa ho etsa hore letsatsi leo e be le thabisang le ho feta. Bopelonomi jwa lona le bopelotshweu jwa lona di ne tsa lemogiwa, mme ruri re leboga thekgo ya lona.

Hape re rata ho leboha Sehlopha se Hlophisang ka mosebetsi o boima le boitelo ba bona ho rala le ho phethahatsa Tšebeletso ea Bacha. Tlhokomelo ea hau ea lintlha le boitlamo ba ho sebetsa ka bokhabane li netefalitse hore ntho e 'ngoe le e' ngoe e tsamaea hantle le hore Bacha ba rona ba shebahala hantle ka ho fetisisa letsatsing lena le khethehileng. Boiteko ba lōna bo ile ba hlokomeloa, 'me ruri re leboha sohle seo le se entseng ho atlehisa ketsahalo eo.

Ka kakaretso, Tšebeletso ea Kereke ea Youth Robing e bile katleho e kholo, ka lebaka la tšebetso le tlatsetso ea batho ba bangata ba inehetseng. Ruri re lehlohonolo ho ba le phutheho e babatsehang hakana ea batšehetsi ba kereke, 'me re leboha e mong le e mong oa lōna.

Ke leboha hape ka tšebetso le seatla se bulehileng sa hau. Botho ba hau le boinehelo ba hau bo ananeloa e le kannete, 'me re lebeletse ho tsoela pele ho sebetsa hammoho ho sebeletsa sechaba sa rona le ho phatlalatsa molaetsa oa tumelo le lerato.

Yours in Christ,

  
Bishop M. Gcebe  
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## YOUTH CHURCH ROBINING SERVICE: 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

International John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who supported and contributed to the success of our recent Youth Robing Church Service. Your generosity and dedication made the event truly memorable and special.

We would like to extend a special thank you to those who provided food and drinks for the event. Your delicious offerings were greatly appreciated by all in attendance and helped to make the day even more enjoyable. Your kindness and generosity did not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for your support.

We would also like to thank the Organizing Team for their hard work and dedication in planning and executing the Youth Service. Your attention to detail and commitment to excellence ensured that everything ran smoothly and that our Youth looked their best on this special day. Your efforts did not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for all that you did to make the event a success.

Overall, the Youth Robing Church Service was a resounding success, thanks to the support and contributions of so many dedicated individuals. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church community of supporters, and we are grateful for each and every one of you.

Thank you once again for your support and generosity. Your kindness and dedication are truly appreciated, and we look forward to continuing to work together to serve our community and spread the message of faith and love.

Yours in Christ,

  
**Bishop M. Gcebe**  
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