



WELCOME TO THE URCSA CAPE REGIONAL SYNOD 2018



Rev Peter Groove opens the synod with scripture from Colossians 1:9-23 and focusses on verse 13. "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves."

1. Christ is not only a forensic work of paying the price for our sins; it is also the victory over all powers that enslave humankind. Christ has enacted a rescue project and accomplished what we could not do.

2. Christ has demolished the domination system of the powers that keep us in subjection. He brought us over into the realm of light and of Christ.

3. The powers of darkness manifest itself in multiple ways. Today I single out our fear of the devil and his henchmen, the whispers of the occult and the anxiety towards unseen forces. These powers has been exposed, overthrown and subjected by Christ.

A second power is the force of culture that is elevated to authority even above the commands of Christ.

Culture is a gift to enrich us, not to enslave us. Christ reigns over all cultures and transforms it into blessing.

A third power today is the power of the body and of desire. People claim that their bodily experience defines their identity. But that is to displace the authority of Christ in our lives. In the reflection and debate about gender and sexuality we must be guided by the authority of Christ. We cannot understand our bodies and desires apart from Christ. He interprets our experience.

4. As the church of Christ we have been transferred into the kingdom of the Son. We are God's window through which the world sees the strange ways of God. We must not succumb to the old unregenerate ways.



Chief Nkosi Mahala welcomes all the delegates at the 7th Cape Regional Synod meeting that is taking place at Fort Hare, Alice, Eastern Cape. The Synod will end on Saturday 1 July 2018.

MEET THE TEAM

COMMUNICATION TEAM

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SECURITY

Please ensure that you have a yellow car disc to gain entrance at the security at the University. All vehicles must produce this car disc. You need this car disc to move in and out of the university.

OUTSTANDING SYNODICAL OFFERINGS OR R5 000.00 CONTRIBUTIONS

Very important, congregations who submitted credential letters but did not make either payments, please take note as per instruction from the Commission for Order, you are more than welcome to attend the Synod meeting. The congregation will unfortunately not receive the Synod package, accommodation and meals. **BANKING DETAILS** ABSA Account name: VGK Streeksinod Kaapland Account number: 340581393 Branch code: 632005 Reference: SYN2018(Congregations name)

DRESSCODE

There is no specific dress code for Synod. We do request that all delegates please wear their official black & white on Wednesday 27 June 2018 for the official Synod photo.

SPECIAL SYNOD COLLECTION / PLEDGE

Please bring along your collection that was made on Sunday 17 June 2018 during the special prayer day for Synod. We request all church council members to make the pledge during the opening service of Synod.

HISTORY OF FORT HARE UNIVERSITY

Originally, Fort Hare was a British fort in the wars between British settlers and the Xhosa of the 19th century. Some of the ruins of the fort are still visible today, as well as graves of some of the British soldiers who died while on duty there.

During the 1830s, the Lovedale Missionary Institute was built near Fort Hare. James Stewart, one of its missionary principals, suggested in 1878 that an institution for higher education of black students needed to be created. However, he did not live to see his idea put into operation when, in 1916, Fort Hare was established with Alexander Kerr as its first principal. D.D.T Jabavu was its first black staff member who lectured in Latin and black languages. In accord with its Christian principles, fees were low and heavily subsidised. Several scholarships were also available for indigent students.



Fort Hare had many associations over the years before it became a university in its own right. It was initially the South African Native College attached to the University of South Africa. Then as the University College of Fort Hare associated with Rhodes University. In 1959, with the passing of the Promotion of Bantu Self Government Act, higher educational institutions would be strictly segregated along racial lines and saw Fort Hare becoming a black university in its own right in 1970, strictly controlled by the state government.

It was a key institution in higher education for black Africans from 1916 to 1959. It offered a Western-style academic education to students from across sub-Saharan Africa, creating a black African elite. Fort Hare alumni were part of many subsequent independence movements and governments of newly independent African countries.

Several leading opponents of the apartheid regime attended Fort Hare, among them Nelson Mandela, Govan Mbeki and Oliver Tambo of the African National Congress, Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Robert Sobukwe of the Pan Africanist Congress, Desmond Tutu, and others African country presidents Kenneth Kaunda, Seretse Khama, Yusuf Lule, Julius Nyerere, Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo. Mandela who studied Latin and physics there for almost two years in the 1940s, left the institution as a result of a conflict with a college leader. He later wrote in his autobiography that "For young black South Africans like myself, it was Oxford and Cambridge, Harvard and Yale, all rolled into one."

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