



WEDNESDAY, 07 MAY 2025

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"We would see Jesus and be transformed into His Likeness"

Dear Friends,

I commend to you the elder nominees below. The Session approved three nominees for election as elders. There being no objections to the doctrine opinions or character of the nominees, we will proceed with a vote for each nominee after worship on Sunday the 18th of May.

With love,

Iain

Nominees for Elder Ordination 2025



Hi friends, my name is **Hlanga Mamaregane**. I am a 23 year old finance student, currently in my final year. Hailing from King Edward VII School, I am a massive sports fan. That goes for most sports, football, rugby, basketball, cricket, boxing, baseball you name it. Which is why after a Sunday service, 9 times out of 10 you are likely to find me drinking COFFEE, talking about how Chelsea is the greatest football team ever to anyone willing to listen. Considering the fact that I am a numbers guy, studying finance, my interests also include crypto and stock investing. Along with that, I play a bit of video games as well.

My faith journey began immediately at birth considering that I was born to devout Christian parents and fellow members of Trinity, Abey and Pumeza Mamaregane. To describe my journey throughout my childhood years in one phrase I would say "going through the motions" and not in a bad way. This just sheds light on my upbringing as a Christian and going through the traditional rites of passage that come along with it i.e. baptism and confirmation. The truth is, besides the loss of my grandmother at age 13, through the grace of the Lord and thanks to my parents I did not face much serious hardship in my childhood years. So my story is not an experience akin to one finding the Lord through tough

times, like many other people have, but rather one of cultivating and nurturing a relationship with God where the foundation had been laid from birth. With my lack of serious hardship in my childhood years, I never really questioned

my faith or second guessed my relationship with the Lord, because in my mind he had kept the path clear for me all these years, so much so that at times I would take it all for granted but only realized this as I grew older and matured.

My journey at Trinity Presbyterian began in 2013 as a young 11 year old boy. I remember my first day coming to Sunday school, meeting Ross and seeing how fun he made learning about our faith. I was sold immediately. My brother and I told our parents we loved the church and wanted to stay and so we did! So began a long journey, which is currently ongoing, that has played the biggest part in shaping my faith. When I think of my faith and Trinity, to me, they are so intertwined that they are one and the same.

2020, the year everyone remembers for a life-changing pandemic that kept us indoors, took away loved ones and ruined livelihoods. This is also the year when things started to take a turn for the worst in my story. Through late 2020 and 2021, I lost both my grandfathers, my uncle and my aunt, all in the space of 9 months. This in turn put my mental health in a dark place and really put a strain on my relationship with God. I asked all sorts of questions, including questions that saw me evaluating my faith like whether God was real or “what was the reason for faith if things like this could still happen?” It took a lot of work to pull myself out of that dark place. I have my family and friends to thank for that, but I also have the Lord to thank. He put me on this path so that I could see how strong I actually was. 2 Corinthians 12:9- My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak. Coming out of this in one piece, made me more intentional with everything I do regarding my faith.

This all brings us to now in 2025, my mental health is thriving, I am proud of the healthy relationship I have cultivated with the Lord and I now stand before the church, ready to be a servant for the Lord. Eldership was not even on my mind as a young 23 year old, but when Iain shared the idea with me, through prayer I felt that this was my call and it felt like a no-brainer in terms of the timing of my faith journey as well. Ending this I would like to quote scripture. 1 Corinthians 1:9- God is faithful, and he has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



My name is **Lara Gerber**, I'm 24 years old, and I've been part of the Trinity Presbyterian Church family for as long as I can remember—well over 20 years. I studied Industrial Engineering at the University of Pretoria, graduating in November 2024, and began working as a business consultant in December that same year.

Trinity has been a constant in my life, from Sunday School and Holiday Clubs to Confirmation and now leadership. I was confirmed on 24 September 2017, and that journey played a big role in shaping my personal faith—teaching me not only the history and theology behind our beliefs but also challenging me with honest conversations that helped deepen my understanding of what it means to follow Christ. Holiday Clubs have always held a special place in my heart, which is why I've been involved as a leader since 2014 and continued to help out in the years that followed. I've also had the joy of teaching the Lambs in Sunday School, mentoring confirmees, serving on the Youth Committee, and actively helping run and plan events for Trinity Young Adults (TYA),

including managing the social media.

Becoming an elder would be a deeply meaningful step for me—a way to serve the church community I love in a new capacity. I feel called to support and guide the younger members of our congregation, helping them grow in their faith and feel seen, known, and loved. For me, being an elder isn't just about leadership, but about being present, prayerful, and willing to walk alongside others through both the joys and struggles of life. I believe in building strong, authentic relationships rooted in Christ, and I hope to bring my energy, reliability, and care to this role.

Outside of church and work, I love spending time with friends, going to concerts, baking, playing padel, and just enjoying life's lighter moments—which I believe are gifts from God too. I'm excited about the possibility of serving as an elder, and to continue growing alongside this community that has shaped so much of who I am.



Hello Trinity Family, my name is **Themba Ngwira** and I am 22 years old. I sense a calling into eldership because I believe that God is leading me to serve His Church in a deeper and more profound way. As time has passed, my love for the local church has grown significantly, subsequently leading to me being drawn to help shepherd others, support the leadership of the Church and be part of discerning God's will for our congregation.

My faith journey has been far from straightforward, with my spiritual foundation being far from consistent as I went through periods of uncertainty. This led to me being distant from God as I struggled with purpose in my life. My grandmother introduced me to Trinity Presbyterian Church in 2021 and it was here where I encountered a genuine and loving Christian community. My faith has gone from strength to strength from the various mentorship and learning programs that Trinity has to offer.

Granny has been a pillar of strength and has played an important role in my life- both spiritually and personally. Her faith, wisdom and care has been a source of guidance during difficult times in my life. I come from a close-knit family that includes my twin brother (Bekhi), younger sister (Temwani), two cousins (Joseph and Sibule), uncle (Robert), mother (Sibonile) and aunt (Daisy), who all worship at Trinity apart from my mother and aunt. My family has roots in Zambia with my Aunt Lindiwe residing in the Copperbelt province, situated in the Northern part of the country.

At Trinity, I serve as a live streamer and youth leader. I currently work at Hoerskool Birchleigh, in Kempton Park, as a groundsman and coach with the idea of transitioning into teaching in the near future.

I am grateful for all that God has done in my life so far and really committed to continuing this journey of service. I firmly believe that this step into Eldership is a continuation of God's work- not only in my life- but in the life of the congregation as well. I am ready to serve with humility and faithfulness, fully trusting that God will use me to help build up and care for His people.



MAKING MELODY IN MY HEART

Song of the week

(By Betsy Lawrence)

The Saturday workshop held at Bedfordview Methodist Church “Together to The Cross”, was a gathering of women from all backgrounds and races, joining together as one, worshipping and reflecting on Easter.

It was Holy Week rolled into a one-day workshop with different stations of individual personal activity and prayer. It reminded me of our very own Boiler Room.

I found the whole experience very moving and personal.

The final hymn was Somlandela, prayerfully sung by beautiful voices, representative of the rainbow nation, lifting their voices in praise and worship and declaring "We will follow Jesus".

“Love is Calling-Somlandela” – performed by Joy Nishi & Eric Lige -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1dtcF9eeZY>

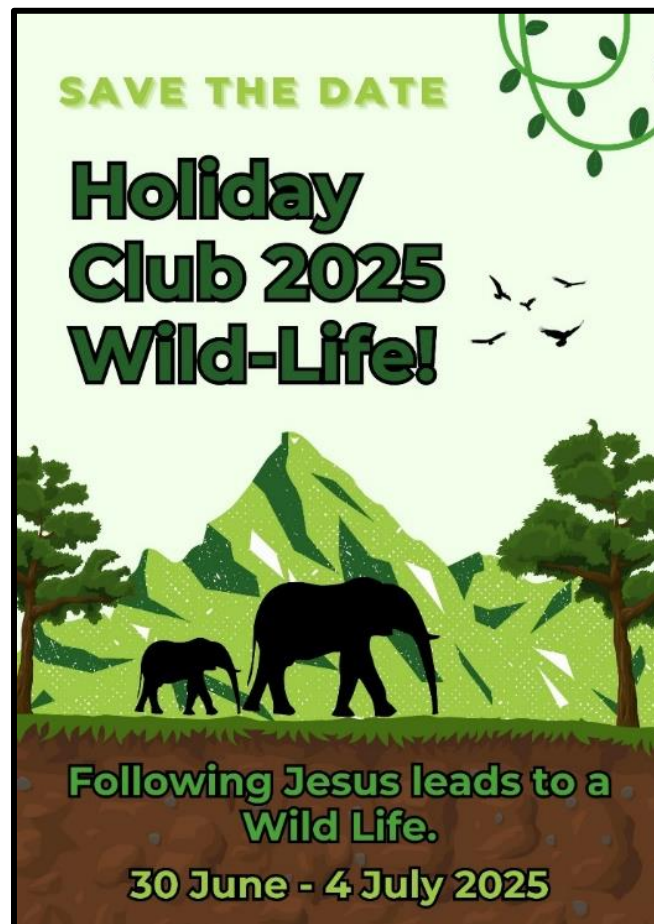


“Our Purpose is to GROW DEEPER! Grow deeper with God, in Relationships with each other, by creating Opportunities for ministry and as Witnesses.”

Friday night Youth – Junior and Senior Youth on Fridays

Check out the WhatsApp group or contact Ross for more information

Sunday morning children’s worship at 9am - all ages welcome



Art craft donation list for holiday club 2025

Circular pebbles (hand size) x 4 bags



Plastic jars x 100



Soap detergent bottles 1,5/3/5l x 100



Clear Glue 5l x 5



Wool (mixed colour) x 6



Borax powder x 10



Food craft donation list for holiday club

Green Meringues x 150



Choc chips x 4 boxes



Large marshmallows



Marie biscuits x 6 packs



Flings x 3 bags



Jelly babies x 4LG bags



Flap jack mix x 6



Finger biscuits x 15



Tongue sweets



Whispers/malt balls x 3 bags



Brat strips x 10





***SENIORS SOCIAL
08 MAY 2025 @ 9:30AM***

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- 
- ❖ **Join In A Board Game Or
Enjoy Each Others Company
Over A Cup Of Tea / Coffee**
 - ❖ **Delicious Snacks Served**
 - ❖ **Listen To Music By Ian**
 - ❖ **Participate In Pilates By Viv**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **Ann 083 556-7487**
- **Margie 082 384-9278**

Trinity Presbyterian Raffle

The Social Concern is launching their Annual Raffle.

The Raffle aims to support various charitable causes.



Social Concern Raffle

R10 tickets available from
Saturday 10th May

- Exciting prizes to be won.
- Join us in making a difference through this raffle initiative.

Beautiful quilt crafted
by June Robinson



1st Prize

A week at Villa Royale
for 6 people



2nd Prize

GWS 2000 – Bosch Angle Grinder



3rd Prize



Save the date!
Saturday, 10th May
 8am -12pm at Trinity

DAY OF SERVICE & CAKE SALE



- Blanket knotting
- General maintenance
- Gardening
- Painting

Please let the office know if you can assist on the day.



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*Social Concern Committee &
 Trinity Presbyterian Church
 invite you to our annual*

Mother's Day Cake Sale Fundraiser!

Saturday 10th May
(during Day of Service 9:30am - 12pm)
 &
Sunday 11th May
(surplus after Church Service)



All proceeds go towards the Social Concerns Committee projects.

2025
Jersey Drive

Keeping
spreading
the warmth!

Get knitting...

Get sewing...

Spring clean your
clothing cupboards...

Donate winter woolies!

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Drop off all items at church

Display Date: 24 May

Packing Date: 31 May

Delivery: 2-6 June

**Donations of double-knit wool
appreciated**

Giving

Please take note:

EFT Payments

We would like to ensure
that the payments made to
Trinity towards tithing,
retiring offerings, food bags
etc are allocated correctly.

In order to do this, please
would you ensure that the
reference shown on your
payment has the correct
beneficiary.

For Tithing, please use the
following methods:

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
STANDARD BANK
CURRENT ACCOUNT
NUMBER: 42 448 2088,
BRANCH: 016 342

Zapper QR Code

Scan the QR code
with your phone
camera to go to
either our
Facebook or
Instagram pages.



TO ALL IN THE UPSCA,

Find below the advertisement for a vacancy at the AACC. Qualifying individuals are encouraged to apply. The closing date for applications is the 15th May 2025

Blessings



The Rev Dr George Marchinkowski

General Secretary

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HIRING**

POSITION

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE
GENERAL SECRETARY**

JOIN OUR TEAM

<https://aacc-ceta.org/en/work-with-us>

APPLICATION DEADLINE

15 MAY 2025

The Application deadline for this post is 15th May 2025 and the starting date is 1st June 2025 or the earliest possible day after 1st June 2025.

Here's the link to the online information: <https://aacc-ceta.org/en/vacancy-announcement-executive-assistant-general-secretary>

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E-mail: communication@aacc-ceta.org Founded in 1963, the All Africa Conference of Churches is an ecumenical fellowship representing more than 200 million Christians in 43 African countries working to make a difference in the lives of the people of Africa through ministries of advocacy and presence on the continental, regional and local levels. The General Secretary is Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.