

Our Bishop

Rev. Bongani Patrick Skiet is originally from Quzini location in King William's Town in the Eastern Cape Province. He is the second out of five children born to Mrs. Nozukile and the late Mr. Bango Skiet. At an early age his grandparents presented him for baptism, the late Jackson Skiti in The Methodist Church of Southern Africa, KWT Circuit to the late Rev GGF Ntolosi in Mqgakhwebe Methodist Mission Station.

He started his Primary School education in Luyteville Lower and Higher Primary School and matriculated in Siyakhula Senior Secondary School. During his High School life, he became active in Student Christian Movement [SCM] and was elected as the President for two consecutive years.

After matric, he enrolled for Diploma in Administration from MSC College and acquired it in 1999.

Rev Nkosinathi Ngema confirmed Bongani as a full member in communion with UMCOSA. He joined Wesley Guild, YMG and the robing ceremony was conducted by Bishop Sisa Sambudla who influenced him to love the Church and the Lord. Later, he became an Accredited Local Preacher under the leadership of Rev. Thanduxolo Mgidlana who played a pivotal role in exposing him in Circuit administration, leading Church services and reading skills for Holy Communion.

In 2000 he responded to the call for full-time Ministry and the robing ceremony was conducted by Rev Dinga Mjali. He was sent to Nonesi Circuit as a prospective candidate under the superintendence of the late Rev Calley Khuselo Saliwa, "CK"

He obtained the following qualifications:

- Certificate in Theology - Dumisani.

- Prison Ministry Certificate – UNISA
- Marriage Officer Certificate - UNISA.
- Diploma in Theology - Dumisani.
- Bachelor of Theology Honours Degree - Fort Hare.

In 2003 he was Ordained in a Conference in Orkney under the Presidency of Bishop Cecil Msekeli Maqungo.

He served the Church in the following positions:

- Connexional CCD Ministerial General Secretary 2004.
- Director of Education for Ministry 2005 – 2011(two terms).
- Secretary General 2011 – 2017 (two terms).
- Kwa-Komani District Bishop 2018 - 2020.

He served the Church industriously and diligently in the following Circuits:

Nonesi, Seplan, Colesburg, Bojane, Ngqeleni, Tsomo, Mpukane, East London, Lady Frere and Cradock Circuits.

In the Ecumenical life, Rev Skiet served in SACC from 2007 to 2017 and he served one term as a Provincial Youth coordinator under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Mpumelelo Qwabaza (CEO) and President, Bishop Andile Mbete.

The 2018 Evaton Conference deemed it fit to elect him to be the Presiding Bishop for the term 2020 to 2023. It was in the middle of the term where he was invited and decided to transfer to The Methodist Church of King William's Town as the Superintendent Minister in 12 December 2021.

Gxarha is married with Nomvuyiseko daughter of Mrs. Nosamkelo and the late Mr. Wiseman Mpondo of Phakamisa Township in King Williams Town. In their marriage, they are blessed with three kids, Buhle, Liviwe and Liyema.

He has been in Ministry for at least 22 years. He is recorded as the longest serving Secretary General (SG) of UMCOSA and youngest Presiding Bishop in the history of the mainline Churches in the Republic of South Africa. He is now

leading KIMEC with vast, extensive and gigantic experience with different types of skills and expertise to the Church.

To everyone out there we present to you the Man of God, the Chief Pastor appointed to lead this Church for the term 01 January 2022 – 31December 2026.

Amen !