

KIMEC PROFILE

Background

The Methodist Church of King William's Town well known as KIMEC was established on the 18 January 1998. The Church was formed by a group of members who were not happy with the ill-treatment of ministers by some members of The Methodist Church of Southern Africa in circuit 312, who were always ensuring to kick out Ministers before the end of their term in serving the Circuit.

KIMEC membership is comprised of people who are mostly from the rural areas and black townships where there is a high rate of unemployment in the Eastern Cape Province.

The church has 27 active societies or out stations in the Eastern Cape with a total of approximately 850 members.

1. Dimbaza society
2. Frankfort society
3. Ginsberg society
4. Gwaba society
5. Hleke society
6. Jubisa society
7. Kwalini society
8. Luyteville society
9. Mamata society
10. Masingata society
11. Mgqakwebe society
12. Mlungisi society

13. Mxaxo society
14. Mgwali society
15. Ndakana society
16. Ndevana society
17. Nonkcampa society
18. Peelton society
19. Qhugqwala society
20. Ramnyiba society
21. Rhayi society
22. Scenery park society
23. Sweetwaters society
24. Toise society
25. Upper-Mngqesha society
26. Zeleni society
27. Zondeka society

Our Vision

The vision of the church is “To be a Caring Church that seeks to assist the needy and preach the word of God.

Our Mission statement.

Our purpose is:

- To give spiritual care for every member of the Church
- To make congregants through worship, singing and teaching to be faithful permanent members of the Church.
- To lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Our Values

- Truth
- Honesty
- Reconciliation
- Consistency and
- Good conduct

The Legal status of the Church

KIMEC is registered as an NPO with the department of Social Development. The Church is also registered with the National Register of the Independent Churches.

The Church is a member of the South African Council of Churches in the Eastern Cape. The Church is also registered with the South African Revenue Services.

Governance and management

The Church is administered by active Board members. The board is the ultimate decision-making body of the Church. The board meetings are held once per quarter. The board delegates its powers to the Church council in between the board meetings to ensure the implementation of the decision taken by the board meeting. There is also a Church constitution that guides the Church council at large at performing the duties of the Church. The Church council hold its meeting once per month. There is also a Church Executive committee which is delegated to carry out the daily operations of the Church. The Church executive committee holds its meetings weekly.

The leadership of the Church is led by the Superintendent Minister who is also the spiritual head of the Church. The two circuit stewards are the head of the administration of the Church.

There is also a Church office which is supervised by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Church. The office is run by the Office Manager with the assistance of the Office Administrator and Office Assistant; these employees are employed by the Church to ensure the smooth running of the office. The Church has Internal Control measures and policies to safeguard the use all its resources.

The Church has also different sub-committees that are responsible for performing different important tasks and carry out the outreach programmes of the Church. These sub-committees are as follows:

- Disciplinary committee
- Property and assets committee
- Internal audit committee
- Health committee
- Education committee
- Legal committee
- Ecumenical committee
- Mission and evangelism committee
- Communication committee
- Social development committee
- Finance committee
- Catering committee
- Doctrine and Tradition committee

There are also manyano's or departments committees that are responsible to lead all the different manyano's of the Church. These manyano's are vehicles to grow the spirituality of the Church members. These departments are as follows:

- Local Preachers Association
- Young Men Guild
- Women's Manyano
- Young Women's Manyano
- Kimec Wesley Guild
- Children's Ministry & Teen Church
- Church choir

There are also spiritual workers that include Evangelists and Bible Women. They also play a critical role in uplifting the spirituality of the members and providing support to the sick and bereaved families.

The Church is well known of its sound music which is played almost every week by some radio stations, including Mhlobo Wenene FM.

VIEWS OF FAITH

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe that:-

The Church of God has been ordained and established by God for calling human beings into fellowship with God and with one another according to God's eternal purpose in Our Lord, Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.

The Church is the company of the Disciples of Jesus, who confess Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, accept Him as their Saviour and Lord, love one another and unite in the fellowship of those who serve in His Kingdom on earth.

This Church is created by God Himself through His Holy Spirit who changes the heart of a believer issuing in a new birth, in a conscious personal experience of the forgiving of sins, and the spiritual glow of a "joy unspeakable and full of glory" as the present privilege of every believer in Jesus Christ.

Although the Church is at present gathered in many folds they all belong to the "One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic" Church so that they are "a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached and the Sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's ' Ordinance'";

The Holy Scriptures were divinely inspired and contain the record of Divine Revelation. We accept them as the Supreme Rule of faith and practice.

God has revealed Himself also through the tradition of the Church. We therefore accept the fundamental principles of the historic Creeds, the reformation and the Evangelical Revival lead by John and Charles Wesley and their fellow workers.

God speaks to man through the preaching of His Word and invites them to fellowship with Him and with one another in Prayer and in celebration of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and privilege of all members to avail themselves of every opportunity afforded to partake

reverently and in faith in the Supper of the Lord. In His Sacraments the Spiritual presence of Christ is truly realized in response to the obedient faith of His people.

Methodism was raised up to spread Scriptural Holiness universally by the proclamations of the Evangelical Faith. Members are therefore urged towards the necessity of a living fellowship in the realities of the Christian experience to nourish the life of God in the soul and to enrich the Body of Christ that grows by “that which every joint supplied” unto “the building up of itself in love”.

In the universality of the grace of God and we therefore preach the gospel of “a free, full, present salvation” for every human being who repents, believes, and accept the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour.

In the universal priesthood of all believers: that, although some of our members are called by God and are ordained and separated to the Holy office of ministering within the Church, these hold no priesthood differing in kind from that which is common to the preaching of the gospel or the care of souls. Those, whom the Church recognizes are called by God and therefore receives into its Ministry, shall be ordained by the imposition of hands, as the expressive of Church’s recognition of the Minister’s personal call.

Only infants born in Christian families and those born in families in which there is guarantee of Christian nurture can be baptized. Such children should be guided and given Christian training to secure their personal decision for Christ so that they can be confirmed as full members of the Church. Adults will be baptized upon their confession of Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour.

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