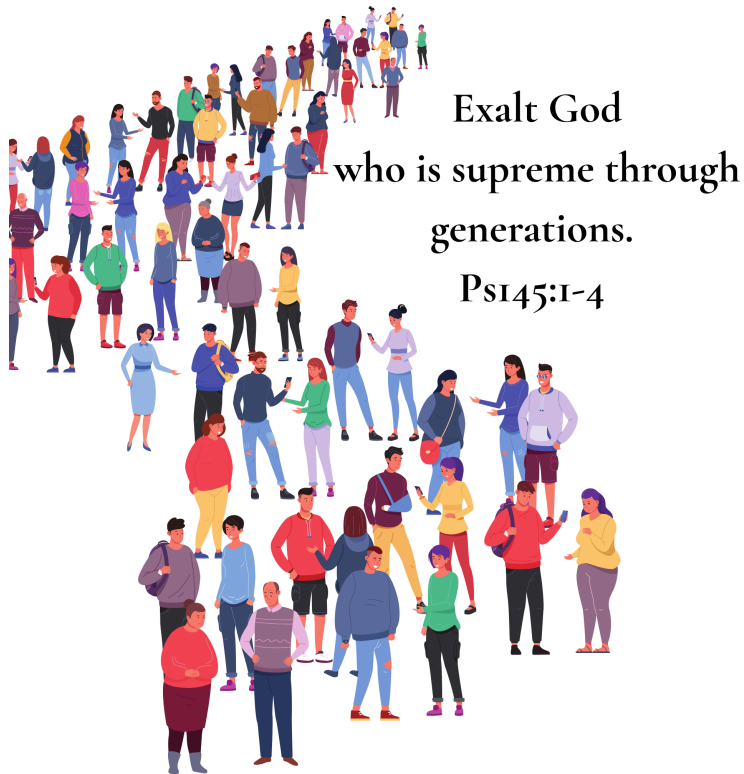


Women's Ministry Network of the Baptist Union Assembly Report Book 2026



Reports 2025

"The vision of the WMN is to be a Christ-like body of women fully committed to using our gifts and resources to ensure a dynamic impact on our churches and communities for God's glory."



Mrs Marianne Soal
2025/2026



Notices of Meetings

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 29th September 14:30 p.m. – 17:00 p.m.

INDUCTION OF BWD PRESIDENT

Tuesday 29th September 14H30-17H00.

PASTOR'S WIVES LUNCHEON

Wednesday 30th September @ 1:00 p.m.

LAY LEADER'S WIVES' LUNCHEON

Wednesday 30th September @ 1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

Wednesday 30th September @ 10:30 a.m.



OFFICERS 2025/2026

PRESIDENT:	Marianne Soal
PRESIDENT-ELECT:	Thozama Lwana
PAST PRESIDENT	Nomandithini Selina Khapha
DIRECTOR:	Patricia Ihlenfeldt
TREASURER:	Juliana Dreyer
ACCOUNTANT	Andrea Graham

NETWORK PRESIDENTS 2025/26

BAPTIST NORTHERN	Mrs Marianne Soal
BORDER	Mrs Luluma Gayiya
EASTERN PROVINCE	Mrs Eloise Thomas
FREE STATE	Mrs Tebogo Monageng
KWA ZULU NATAL	Mrs Nwabisa Gwilisa
NORTHERN CAPE	Mrs Keleabotsoe Anna Sello
WESTERN PROVINCE	Mrs Mischqa Moses

Ministry Leaders

HIDDEN TREASURE MANAGEMENT TEAM: - (Position on Board)

Patricia Ihlenfeldt
Eileen Olver
Sheena Coetzee

Hidden Treasure Developer
Sheena Coetzee

MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE Women Equip (Position on Board)

Patricia Leripa
MISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR
(Position on Board)

PASTOR'S WIVES SUPPORT NETWORK (Position on Board)

Ursula Matthei

MINISTRY FUND AND WIDOWS FUND ADMINISTRATOR (Position on Board)

Winnie Zinyoke

PROJECT DORCAS CONVENOR

(Position on Board)

Marianne Soal

BIBLE WAY CONVENOR

(Position on Board)

Patricia Ihlenfeldt

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(Board Position)

FINANCE BOARD

National Board, Treasurer; Director; President;
Bookkeeper; Ministry Fund Coordinator

BIBLE WAY

National Board, President; Director;

MINISTRY FUND

National Board, Ministry-Fund Coordinator, President, Director,
Treasurer

PASTOR'S WIVES'

National Board, Coordinator, President, Director, Committee for
each College

MINISTRY

National Board, Treasurer; Director; President; Bookkeeper

MARANTHA CONERENCE

Director, Treasurer and BU Administrator

CENTRE

Les Roos

Jeanette Mashigo

L.A.C.E.

GBV Ministry

(Board Position)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NETWORK WEEK OF PRAYER Each area allocated a three-year period to be responsible for the program. Present Committee: WCBN 2026-2029	BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER Women's Dept. of the Baptist World Alliance. Program prepared by the BWAWD administrative Committee 3 November 2027
ALL AFRICA BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER Women's Department of the All-Africa Baptist Fellowship Program prepared by the AABFWD First Thursday of February	WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Women's World Day of Prayer Committee Program prepared by various countries. First Friday of March

(Non-Board PoPosition)

Ellah Ndlovu

Patricia Ihlenfeldt

(Interim Chairperson)

Juliana Dreyer

NATIONAL MINISTRY BOARDS 2025/2026

PRAYER

STANDING COMMITTEES 2025/2026

NANCY PERRY FUND

BWD Treasurer and Registrar of BTC Randburg

HOPE CHAPMAN MEMORIAL FUND

BWD Treasurer, Principal, Registrar CTBS Seminary

SEMINARIUM FUND

BWD Treasurer, Principal, Registrar of Seminarium

LAURA RIEMER MEMORIAL FUND

BWD Treasurer (Convener) & all Area Presidents

BWD WEEK OF PRAYER

BANC (Area President Convener)



PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINEES 2026



Mpho Leripa

Mpho is married to Ps. Khutlang Solomon Leripa and they have two children Rethabile (girl) and Rethabisitswe (boy). They are currently serving in the Makong Church in the Free State. Mpho is self-employed.

She is a dedicated Christian leader, Pastor's Wife, and community servant with a passion for empowering women, strengthening families, and advancing the work of God's kingdom through leadership, mentorship, and outreach initiatives. She has served in various leadership positions within the Baptist Women's Network at both provincial and regional levels, demonstrating a strong commitment to spiritual growth, stewardship, and community development.

Mpho has a passion for her community and the Basadi Ha Re Bueng Club a Women empowerment and encouragement to speak, support, and pray for one another. She also ran a children's Holiday Club Ministry reaching out to children around Qwaqwa and the neighbouring towns, introducing them to the word of God through interactive activities, and building positive relationships and developing confidence at a young age. She also hosts annual women's events encouraging self-love, sharing knowledge and skills, building confidence and mentoring upcoming entrepreneurs. She seeks to serve God faithfully by empowering women, nurturing children, supporting church growth, and extending Christ's love through compassionate leadership, stewardship, and community outreach.



April Dawn Moreo

April is a committed Christian who has faithfully served in church ministry for 34 years. She seeks to honour God through a life marked by service, integrity and compassion. April was born in the United States of America and moved to South Africa as a missionary in 2003. She has been married to Pastor Obakeng Moreo for 21 years and is the mother of three children ages 21, 18 and 15.

She is an active member of Calvary Baptist Church Mmabatho and serves in various leadership roles in her local church and local area network. Over the years, she has been actively involved in children, women and worship ministries, supporting others, participating in outreach initiatives and contributing wherever help is needed.

April currently serves in the educational ministry of her church currently as the principal of Noah's Ark Academy the primary and secondary school ministry of her church. She is passionate about building Godly leaders for tomorrow through children, youth and women. Her passion is to share the love of Christ with those she meets so they may come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

April has a genuine love for people and a strong desire to see the church grow spiritually and work together in unity. With a servant's heart and a willingness to listen and learn, she hopes to continue serving for the advancement of the kingdom of God.



Eloise Bonita Thomas

Eloise Thomas' spiritual journey started at the tender age of 8 years old. She loves our Lord Jesus Christ with all her heart, she wants to serve Him until her last breath here on earth.

She is a widow and the mother of 3 young adults: Stephen, 33, Lael 28 and Caryn 28. At present, she serves at Rosedale Baptist Church in Uitenhage, Eastern Cape. She is the secretary of the church, deacon and as leader of the Children's Ministry. Eloise also leads our Women's Prayer group, called War Room.

She is a member of our local church's Women's Ministry Committee and is the immediate Past President of EPBWMN and member of the same Committee.

Her heart's desire is to see women of all walks of life reach their full potential; spiritually, physically, emotionally and in all other facets of their lives. The main thing she would like to see, is for lost, broken, hurting women to come to know our Lord Jesus as personal Lord and Saviour of their lives. Furthermore, she would like to be there for such women as a mentor and see them become mentors for others. Coupled with this, Eloise would like to see the younger generation of women rise to take up their place in God's army and live out their gifting wherever He may place them in life.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING



DEPARTMENTAL LEADER'S & MINISTRY REPORTS

President's Report

On 8 October 2025, Marianne was inducted as the BU WMN's President by the past-president Selina Khapa who pinned the beautiful antique brooch onto her lapel. Family and friends celebrated with her and have not stopped backing her with encouragements and prayers.

Throughout this year, she has managed to develop the theme of "Faith, Maturity and Faithfulness," highlighting the most-needed concepts in each context visited. Hebrews 3:13 - "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." This verse has spurred her on in the Read-thru-the-Bible WhatsApp group, the Tuesday morning Zoom Prayer meetings and the weekly short, videorecording of encouragement.

It has been a huge honour and blessing for her to have served in the Presidential capacity, and she has seen the Lord's hand on her life, and that of her family, and have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and serve the diverse women of our WMN.

God surrounded Marianne with denominational leaders who supported her, and she especially appreciated the weekly phone call with the WMN Director, Patricia Ihlenfeldt.

Renew 2026 - Pastor's Wives

From February 20-22, Marianne had the privilege of ministering with the Fresh Start team, consisting of Gigi Kotze, Carlie Murray and Gail Wingreen. They were so encouraged by the turnout and testimonies of transformation that took place during the Pastor's Wives' retreat at Maranatha Retreat and Conference Centre.

NLC Meeting Representation

Together with Patricia Ihlenfeldt, Marianne represented the WMN at the twice-annual NLC meetings in Roodepoort. Marianne so appreciated God's provision of wisdom displayed amongst our Council members.

Visits

Starting with meetings in the Northwest with an invitation from April Moreo, then serving as President-Elect, to a Christmas meeting at Waterkloof Baptist to a BNA Winter Getaway at Teach-Every-Nation near Vaalwater to ministry opportunities at Brakpan Baptist, Jeanette Masgigo's cluster ladies, BANC and BNA Limpopo Women's Conferences, to an impromptu visit of encouragement in the Port Elizabeth area with Crystal Geduld, it has been a busy year. Marianne has been well-received and enjoyed the Christian hospitality. She was also able to pop in at various Hidden Treasure Stores around our country.

Marianne indicated that this has been a tremendous blessing to serve our Women and see God in action all over our country and she is grateful for this wonderful experience.

With the love of Jesus
Marianne

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Marianne Soal has served as the president of the network during the last year. Her theme has been "Faith, Maturity Faithfulness" based on Heb 3:13. She has encouraged us weekly by sending clips of encouragement and leading a monthly prayer meeting for the Women's Ministry Network. Marianne has focused on the Baptist Northern Network and the Baptist Network of the Northern Cape during her ministry year with a What's app group communicating with the ladies weekly as well as visiting special events organised by these Networks. More than Sixty people have signed up for the daily Bible Reading program with Marianne. She has participated in the Renew Conference, as well as attending the NLC and BECAM Net meetings as the WMN BECAM representative.

Many churches have active women's ministry programs; however, a few of the suburban churches have indicated that they no longer have a women's ministry program or no longer want to engage with other women on a national level and contribute financially to this network.

Pastor's Wives Support Network continue to seek to be of assistance to Pastor's wives, with representatives in each of the networks and associations. The Manse and Widows Fund fall under this umbrella with Winnie Zinyoke administering the funds and encourages pastors' wives and Gaye Austin assisting with encouragement to pastoral widows with regular messages of encouragement. Ursula Mathei, Marianne Soal and Patricia Ihlenfeldt serve on the Pastoral Support Team. Ursula Mathei has regular contact with the many pastor's wives throughout the country. This team have once again organised a Pastor's Wives' luncheon and Lay leader's Wives' luncheon at the Assembly this year.

The Hidden Treasure shop in Alberton gives 25% of their profit to the widow's fund and 25% of their profit to the Pastoral Support Team. The Hidden Treasure shop in East London continues to contribute 50% of their profits to the Manse Fund which ensures that all pastor's wives and widows receive a small gift on their birthday from the women's network. The Hidden Treasure shop in Gqeberha has moved and we hope that they will be able to support the widow's fund as they have in the past.

Hidden Treasure – We have fifteen stores currently. Patricia Ihlenfeldt, Juliana Dreyer, Eileen Olver, and Sheena Coetzee ensure that this ministry continues to run smoothly. As a department, we are so

grateful to the Lord for this wonderful ministry that assists us as a department financially to meet the growing ministry needs. This ministry has been able to give gifts to support pastoral families, widows, and support various other ministries of the WMN, BU and interdenominational ministries.

The annual **RELOAD Conference** took place in May at the Maranatha Retreat Centre. Mrs Jane Mwangi, was the plenary speaker for the weekend speaking on the “ Legacy.” The National ministry Leader Rev Greg Matthei led the communion service and shared his vision for the Baptist Union during the Saturday evening program. In the evening, we held an evening program called “A stitch in time” and “Worship through the ages”. All the details for the conference can be found on the Reload Conference website <https://nationalreloadconference.co.za/>

Bible Way ministry is so grateful for the opportunities that the Lord continues to bring across onto their path. Les Roos continues to steer this growing ministry. We have been blessed this year to start revising the Bible Study material and introducing a new book called “Creation to Revelation’ with the help of Mr Brad Bell. We have also started a new centre at the Krugersdorp Correctional centre.

Women Equip leadership ministry is under the leadership of Patricia Leripa. We are in the process of exposing our ladies to the new format of leadership training that has recently been developed.

The **Missions ministry** coordinator Marianne Soal has been staying connected with BECAM Net on behalf of the WMN. The Hidden Treasure shop in Alberton continues to contribute to the Missions Fund. We are planning a trip to Lesotho in November to encourage the ladies to develop their ministry in the country.

Project Dorcas CWJC skills program have nine functioning sites currently in Amalinda, Engcobo, Tsomo, Xonya, Colesburg, Dikeni Trinity, Dikeni Ngqele, Debe Neck and Qonce. Despite the many needs in the community many churches have not seen the opportunity to assist unemployed and unskilled people in their communities. Please contact the WMN office if you are interested in receiving and setting up a skills project in your church.

We have been privileged to have been the beneficiaries of a generous grant from OGHS for the last three years. This grant has enabled us to give financial assistance to the various site for equipment and some start-up capital.

Maranatha Retreat Centre renovation project - The Trust Fund loan payment has continued but we have also had to readvance the loan to repair the pool on the property. The continued cost of electricity and water are currently a huge drain on the resources of the MRCC. The team under the leadership of Colleen Geyser have done well in improving the Retreat centre. Rev Trevor Basson has increased the visibility of the centre with the promotion of the ministry.

Training Resources - We continue to provide the churches with an annual program guide to use with ministry suggestions that form part of the Presidents theme. The training resources that have been prepared for pastor’s wives have been published as an e-book on Amazon kindle app.

Blog for the Women’s Department is still operational, and all the resources and correspondence are available on <http://baptwomen.blogspot.com/>.

L.A.C.E. ministry has been undergoing a process of revisioning under the leadership of Mrs Ellah Ndlovu.

GBV for the last three years the department has been involved with highlighting the plight of the victims of GBV. We have participated in the 16 Days of Activism campaign in November under the leadership of Juliana Dreyer. We have also sent resources to the churches highlighting Elder Abuse Awareness Day on the 15th of June. Patricia is currently coordinating the Baptist Women of South Africa campaign Standing Together against GBV.

Here is the link for the BWADV resource page if you are interested in finding out more <https://standagainstdv.net/> Here is the link to the local resource blog <https://baptistwo2gbv.blogspot.com/>. GBV workshops have been held at Reload, Assembly, West end and Austerville churches. Some of the costs for these events and resources have been covered by the OGHS grant.

Ellah Ndlovu continues to serve as the secretary of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa Southern Region Women's Department. Patricia continues to serve on the Continental leadership team as the editor of the Organ of New for the next year.

As a network we have been so grateful for the leadership of our outgoing president Mrs Marianne Soal. She has led the department using her gifts, talents, and love for God's people in many ways. She has brought her years of wisdom and life experience to the role and has been able to reach many women for the Lord.

Mrs Thozama Lwana will be inducted as the president at the assembly, and her theme will be based on Ps 145:1-4 "Exalt God who is supreme through generations"

We look forward to seeing how the Lord is going to use Thozama and her talents among the women in the coming year. Mrs Juliana Dreyer, our treasurer. Mrs Busi Ngubelanga, Andrea Graham and Ellah Ndlovu make up the finance team.

We have been blessed with a board of ladies who love the Lord and who love to serve Him. It has made my task so much easier as the director, and I would like to publicly acknowledge their service to the Lord with gratitude.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge my husband Reuben. He continues to be the IT guy, the fixer upper of things, sounding board for the sad, mad, and bad moments of ministry and helps with ideas that need to be implemented. He often runs our home as I am way or involved in ministry. I would not be able to do as much as I do if it were not for the support of Reuben. It continues to be my privilege to service the women of the Baptist Union.

God Bless,
Patricia Ihlenfeldt



RELOAD CONFERENCE 2026

Theme: Legacy

Our Devotional Speaker was our president Marianne Soal who blessed the women with her encouragement to live their faith and to input into the lives of those we can influence for the Lord.

The Plenary Speaker was Jane Mwangi from Kenya. Jane is the current President of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa. She challenged the ladies on the following topics:-

- Stages of Growth in our spiritual journey;
- What does growth look like for you?
- Where are you on your journey.

The following workshops were presented over the week:-

Prayer is an essential component of WMN	Eloise Thomas
Pastors Wives - Basic How to Help Yourself- Amazon books	Patricia Ihlenfeldt
Counselling (make appointment with Patricia)	Marianne Soal/ Thozama Lwana
Safe Space -GBV Session	Patricia Ihlenfeldt
Basic Administration in WMN	Nosipho Jali



How to use women's ministry as an outreach	Iris Phiri
Pastor's Wives	Ursula Matthei & team

Friday Craft evenings-"A Stitch in time" the ladies watched a program on using sewing skills in a prison and then learnt to embroider a servette.

Saturday evening – "Worship through the ages" The networks prepared a presentation on the various decades of worship until 2026 and then Rev Greg Matthei presented his vision for the next five years to the women.

The ladies enjoyed Communal Prayer and Bible Study in the morning. After breakfast they studied the revised Bibleway book "A Responsible Christian". The Worship Team lead by Crystal Geduld was such a blessing to us all. We were blessed to have the President from the Baptist Women's Union of Southern Africa joined us for this year's conference.

The Pastors Wives had a special session and were blessed to be together.
We had a blessed time together.
Thank you to the team.

MINISTRY FUND & WIDOWS FUND

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the Ministry Fund Co Ordinator, it is my great pleasure to give gifts to the pastor's wives and widows. We deposit birthday gift into an account based on the records we have for the ministry wives and widows. The money is transferred into your account during the first week of your birthday month. This gift is sent with love and prayers from the ladies of the Women's Network of the Baptist Union.

We pray that you will continue to serve the Lord faithfully as He leads you. God knows everything about you; He knows your struggles, your difficult situations that you face in the ministry. We pray that you don't give up serving the Lord as you begin a new year of your life and ministry. We want you to know that you are a blessing to your family, church, and community at large.

Hebrews 3:13. "Encourage each other every day while you have the opportunity. If you do this, none of you will be deceived by sin and become stubborn."

May God richly bless your Ministry
Yours in His service
Winnie Zinyoka

MARANATHA RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

We are so grateful to the Lord that we have been to minister to the various groups that have come to the MRCC ministry this last year. Baptist Union churches are also using the Retreat Centre more and for that we are so grateful.

Trevor Basson recently shared this information with the team about the occupancy of the centre:-

Jan - Jun 2026 estimated number of guests - 1160

July - Dec 2026 estimate number of guests – 1940

Recently we hosted two school drum majorette groups at the Conference Centre for the National competition that took place on the West Rand.

Staff: - The team is working well.

Financially :- MRCC has started repaying the loan and has covered some of monthly electricity accounts and are making process with regards to becoming more financially viable. We are grateful for the NLC for having the assembly at MRCC for the last few years despite challenges it has helped cover some of the expenses of the electricity and water.

Maintenance and upgrades:- Due to the age of the campsite maintenance needs to take place daily and unfortunately this does become pricey. The staff are resourceful and creative and use what they have before we buy any equipment. Our focus for this year was to repair and reviving the swimming pool area. However, we are currently having to replace geysers and shower doors on a regular basis. The NLC approved a readvance of the MRCC BU loan of R60 000 to start the repair of the big pool. We are still trying to find funding to repair the small pool of R25 000. The WMN will be proposing to the WMN

AGM that the MRCC once again be the beneficiary of the annual Thanksgiving Offering to update the linen and the dining room next year.

Marketing and promotions:- Rev Basson continues to promote and market the Retreat centre.

Conference Room upgrade:- Rev Greg Matthei was able to raise funds and make improvements to the conference room for which we are very grateful for.

This project is more than one person, and it takes a village to make it work successfully and I am so grateful for the help of the whole MRCC team, the finance team, property committee, WMN board and BU leadership for their hard work and commitment to the success of the Retreat Centre.

“And so, I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus.”

God Bless

Patricia Ihlenfeldt

On behalf of the MRCC team

BWD WEEK OF PRAYER REPORT

The annual Week of Prayer, which took place from 20th September to 27th September, was a time when Baptist Women throughout the country were called to pray for the ministries which the Lord has entrusted to our Union.

It is also a time to pray for the BU Assembly and the WMN AGM, that delegates may know the mind of Christ in all the decisions and discussions that take place. This year the program was compiled by the Western Cape Women's Ministry Network. The theme for this program is “Faith, Maturity and Faithfulness” based on Heb 3:13.

BAPTIST WOMENS DAY OF PRAYER

The **2025 Day of Prayer** program was prepared by the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department.

The theme was Living the Good News.

This program was made up of a Bible Study outline with many different ideas on how to present a program on the 3rd^{of} November 2025.

The first purpose of this meeting is that Baptist Women all over the world pray together on the same day, the second purpose is for Baptist t all over the world to take up an offering which is sent to their continental union to support project in that area. A certain percentage of money is then sent to the Baptist World Alliance to contribute to the ministry internationally. Please try and participate in this program. If you do take up an offering, please let our treasurer have this so that she can contribute on our behalf to these two bodies of which we form part of. If you do not have a meeting, please consider sending in R25, 00 as a contribution from the Baptist Women Union of Southern Africa. We are all one in the Lord and this is just a small way in which we can contribute to God's Kingdom here in Africa.

The date for this year's day of prayer will be the 3rd^{of} November 2026 with the theme of “Living the Good news: Faith in Action” based on “James 2:17”

Download complete program from <https://www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer-this-year>

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord and saviour

Jeanette Mashigo represented the WMN at the AGM was held on the 6th of August 2026 at 10h30 with a word of prayer and devotion.

A Workshop was held to explain the history of WWDP and its guiding principles as requested by the members. After the induction of the National committee elections of the chairperson, the finance committee and additional members were held.

The WWDP organisation is sustained by contributions from the participating churches and by printing and selling programmes. This enabled the women's committee to donate R 30000.00 to the Bible society.

The Future Themes programs until 2030 were discussed by the meeting. The theme for 2027 is “United In prayer for peace and justice” and this program will be prepared by WDPIC and is based on 1 Samuel 2:1-10& Luke 1:35-55.

It was exciting to have a few young ladies attending the AGM meeting. We are praying the Lord will send more young ladies to join WWDP organisation.

New monthly meetings have begun in Southwestern township in Johannesburg. It has been encouraging to see the increase in attendance at these meetings.

It is a privilege to represent the Baptist Women on this committee.

Jeanette Mashigo

PASTOR'S WIVES SUPPORT TEAM NETWORK REPORT

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. The pastors' wives must be commended for their unwavering faith in the Lord and their unselfish dedication to their spouses and respective congregations and various ministries. It is my distinct honour and privilege to be part of the Women's Ministry Network to encourage our pastors' wives.

Messages of encouragement, devotions, condolences and prayers for healing or some personal or family challenges are sent out in support of our pastors' wives. I believe that these messages often come at an appropriate time when it is much needed, judging from the many positive responses and kind words of appreciation.

It was such a pleasure to have about 60 pastors' wives attend the **Fresh Start** conference at Maranatha Retreat and Conference Centre (MRCC) in February arranged by our Women's President, Mrs Marianne Soal. The conference exposed our women to confront and deal with '**the issues of the heart**,' based on Proverbs 4:23 '**Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.**' The weekend was a wonderful time of fellowship and introspection, especially for pastors' wives who were first time attendees.

In May the Women's Ministry Network (WMN) hosted our annual **Reload Conference** and once again it was indeed a time of refreshing in God's presence and renewed friendship. At this conference Mrs Jakavula, from the Baptist Theological College, in Randburg encouraged our pastors' wives to enrol at the College to further equip them for ministry.

Our WMN Director, Mrs Patricia Ihlenfeldt, promoted Heather Sullivan's book on Leadership. The book is available on Kendall via Amazon and is free of charge. Please use this valuable tool to upgrade your leadership skills as you equip yourself and others in your area of ministry.

The WMN is sensitive to the needs of the Manse Family and try, as best as we are able, to support when a need is identified. Our greatest privilege is to pray with and for each other in the various ministries we believe God has called us to.

It is my profound honour to be God's servant and a sister servant to you. Your labour of love in the Lord is never in vain.

Yours for His Glory

Ursula Matthei (Pastors' Wives Facilitator)

HIDDEN TREASURE CHARITY SHOPS

What a privilege to come to the end of another year of ministry within our Hidden Treasure Shops where we could serve our communities being unashamed of our Master, our Mission and our Message and look back and testify to the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2026 began with excitement and shock when on Tuesday, 3 February a bakkie reversed into the Westville shop. We are forever thankful that there were no customers in the shop and none of our staff were injured. Rona, the staff and church members worked hard at cleaning up so much glass and fixing shelves and rails to reopen their shop.

After the Hidden Treasure presentation at the 2025 Assembly the Pastor of Durban North Community Church approached Patricia regarding the possibility of opening a shop on their Church property. Monday, 22 February staff and volunteers gathered in the Church auditorium with much anticipation and excitement to receive training and prepare for the opening of our 15th shop. After a week of training, painting, unpacking, sorting and marking stock the Durban North Shop opened their doors on Sunday, 1 March after the church service. It was a time of rejoicing and celebration for all that the Lord had done

and a blessing to observe the sense of community as stock arrived and as Pastor, church staff and members rallied and showed their support. We continue praying for an awareness of the shop in the community, an increase of customers and donations and a sense of the presence of the Lord in the shop.

With the retirement of Mrs. May Shenton, Mrs. Eileen Oliver joined the Ministry Team. Eileen Oliver has been overseeing the Gauteng stores since January and visited each of the stores to establish relationships with the staff and to determine their strengths and struggles. She continues to support and work closely with the overseer/manager teams to map out a plan of action to improve anything that is lacking in the stores.

The staff attended "RELOAD 26" for training, fellowship and to be spiritually refuelled and refreshed. One of the highlights was the Hidden Treasure "POP UP" shop, stocked with stock from every shop and ladies enjoyed a shopping experience where they found beautiful stock, for beautiful women at beautiful prices. Part of the training included GBV awareness, and the staff were encouraged to display an empty chair with a red cover in their shops.

Every day is a step of faith relying on donations and at the right time God makes it happen, providing the stock and customers, (some to purchase, some to chat and some who need ministry). PLEASE remember to drop all your unused and unwanted goods at a Hidden Treasure near you and pop in and enjoy the shopping experience.

We thank our dedicated, devoted, diligent staff and volunteers for showing up for every shift. Without your presence, smile, your pair of hands, sweet aroma and the love of Christ displayed through you we would not be able to bless the beneficiaries. Profit is the reward of your faithfulness and hard work bringing glory and honour to God. May you experience more joy and strength in serving and in the year ahead.

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Patricia Ihlenfeldt, our director for her faithful love, patience, support and encouragement throughout the year and for her dedication to the ministry and the Lord Jesus. May the Lord reward and richly bless you and continue using you for His glory.

We give God the glory, we give God the praise for He is worthy. Our prayer is that we will plan our days with wisdom, work with excellence, speak with kindness, treat with respect and cover everything with prayer and remain faithful.

With so much to be thankful for
The Hidden Treasure Team

LADIES AFTER CHRIST EXAMPLE (LACE)

Greeting in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Here are the various highlights of this ministry from the various networks.

BANC NETWORK

The current Coordinator is Lavis Mangaliso. This network hosts Regular Fellowship Meetings. The ladies gather for fellowship and spiritual growth. However, across most regions, maintaining consistent meetings remains a challenge. The Petrusville group remains committed and continues to hold regular meetings every Friday. These gatherings focus on prayer, encouragement, and strengthening unity among the ladies.

During the Easter Conference LACE had a meeting where ladies from different regions met and a LACE committee was formally elected. The committee was tasked with coordinating activities, improving communication across regions, and overseeing preparations for upcoming LACE Conference in Upton. Preparations have started for upcoming LACE Conference. The conference aims to bring ladies from the various regions for empowerment, spiritual growth, and fellowship. Further details regarding logistics, contributions, and participation will be communicated in due course.

BBN

The coordinator is Mrs. Yaphi. During this year the following activities have been organised:-

- Hogsback weekend of 17th - 19th October 2025 where 20 ladies attended.
- LACE Conference held on the 20th - 22nd March 2026, in the King Williams Town Cluster, the meeting was held at New Creation Baptist Church. The Guest Speakers were Ms. M. Ncinitwa and Ms. Pearl Melani under the theme "Anchored in His Love".
- Another event is planned for October 2026, a weekend away trip to Queenstown.

KZN

The coordinator is Lindiwe Mbhele, the following events have been planned for this network:-

- Ladies Picnic - 28 March 2026 – was not done
 - High Tea – 25 April 2026 – was not done
 - Outdoor Adventure - 29 August 2026 – to be held at Paradise Vally Nature Reserve.
 - Bring a Bestie and Braai – 26 September 2026
 - Lunch-on – 31 October 2026
 - I am All Women Celebration – December 2026
- The KZN Coordinator is busy with a strategic plan for the 2027

Western Cape

The network has various groups operating in local churches.

Beacon Valley Baptist Church Coordinator is Larna Ford . they have organised the following events during the year :- a lovely programme on Saturday, the 27th of June 2026. The theme was "Come Rain, Come Shine" and was centred around keeping the LACE ladies' eyes fixed on the Lord no matter the storms and struggles that comes their way. This meeting was well attended by new and old members who have not recently attended.

Athlone Baptist Church under the leadership of Chantel and her team held the following events. They held an outreach Saturday, 27th of June 2026, at Hannah's place of safety for orphaned and abandoned babies. It was such a blessed time for the LACE ladies, they got to pray with them and offered some needed donations.

Our plans for 2026, was to visit BANC Network, but it was not successful.

Our prayer is to launch this ministry to the network that don't have a LACE ministry and relaunch the ministry to those groups who are no longer active. It was with great sadness that we received resignation letter from Courtney Wehr, on the 03rd of August 2026 from the WCBN team.

The report compiled by Ellah Ndlovu

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN

The Women's Ministry Network (WMN) continues to bring awareness to the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV). As time progresses, new areas of concern and support needs are highlighted, requiring the Church and the broader community to continually evaluate how we respond to GBV.

The WMN remains committed to raising awareness, equipping individuals and communities, and creating spaces where victims and survivors can find hope, healing and support.

A Growing Area of Concern: Pastors' Wives

This year, a new area of concern has increasingly come to the forefront: GBV and the treatment of pastors' wives within the pastorate and the Church.

The recent documentary *The Death of a Pastor's Wife* has generated significant discussion, with social media being inundated with commentary, opinions and debate. While individual experiences and circumstances may differ, the discussions have highlighted a reality that cannot simply be ignored.

GBV is prevalent in many areas of society, and sadly, the pastorate and the Church are not immune to this reality.

Pastors' wives can experience various forms of mistreatment, emotional abuse, pressure, neglect and disrespect. They are sometimes treated with disdain or expected to carry unrealistic expectations simply because of their position as a pastor's wife. The impact can be significant, leaving a woman feeling injured, hurt, unhappy, isolated and emotionally exhausted.

This is a difficult topic to address because there is often a fear of being perceived as disrespectful towards church leadership or the pastoral office. However, acknowledging that this reality exists is not an act of disrespect. Rather, it is an opportunity for the Church to examine itself honestly and compassionately.

If we are committed to standing against GBV perpetrated against women, children and older persons, we must also be willing to acknowledge and address GBV and harmful behaviour within our own churches and pastorates.

The Church should be a place of safety, dignity, support and healing. Pastors' wives deserve to be treated with the same dignity, respect and care that we advocate for all women.

16 Days of Activism Against GBV

As part of the WMN's ongoing awareness initiatives, short GBV awareness clips are shared each day during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. These clips are distributed across our social media platforms with the intention of reaching beyond the WMN and extending the conversation into churches, communities and the broader public.

Through this initiative, we seek to:

- Create greater awareness of GBV
- Encourage conversations around issues that are often silenced
- Educate individuals and communities
- Encourage people to recognise signs of abuse
- Empower victims and survivors to seek help
- Encourage bystanders to act
- Challenge attitudes and behaviours that contribute to GBV

GBV Training Workshops

The WMN is available to provide GBV awareness and training workshops to churches. These workshops are designed to equip attendees with practical knowledge and skills that can be applied within their churches, families and communities.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the workshops are to:

- Empower individuals.
- Empower communities.

Expected Outcomes

The workshops aim to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased awareness and knowledge regarding GBV
- Positive attitude and behavioural changes
- Empowerment to seek appropriate help and support
- Improved bystander intervention skills
- Increased participation within the community
- Increased confidence and willingness to speak out against GBV
- Development of practical action plans

We encourage our churches to consider booking a GBV awareness workshop. For bookings and enquiries please contact:

Patricia Ihlenfeldt Juliana Dreyer

patricia@baptistunion.org.za julianadreyer29@gmail.com

Women's Day GBV Awareness Initiative

As part of our commitment to speaking out against GBV, churches were encouraged on Women's Day this year to dress in black as a visible statement against Gender-Based Violence, and specifically against rape.

Many churches participated in this initiative, demonstrating their willingness to stand together and raise their voices against violence and abuse.

This visible act of solidarity reinforced the message that GBV cannot be ignored or treated as someone else's problem. It is an issue that requires the involvement and commitment of the entire Church and community.

Our Ongoing Commitment

As the WMN, we are serious about standing against Gender-Based Violence, and we seek to demonstrate this commitment in practical and meaningful ways.

We will continue to be activists against GBV, raising awareness, challenging harmful attitudes and encouraging the Church to become a place where victims and survivors can experience hope, healing, dignity and support.

Our commitment extends beyond awareness. We desire to equip women to serve effectively within their churches and communities, enabling them to recognise GBV, respond appropriately, support those affected and become advocates for change. We believe that silence cannot bring healing. Awareness, education, compassion and action are necessary if we are to see meaningful change.

The WMN therefore remains committed to creating awareness, opening difficult conversations, equipping the Church and standing alongside those affected by GBV. Gender-Based Violence remains a serious concern in our society and within our communities of faith.

As new areas of concern emerge, the Church must be willing to listen, learn and respond.

Juliana Dreyer

Women's Ministry Network (WMN)

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES

BECAM-NET

Herewith the most recent news since the Reload Board meetings:

Please be in prayer for:

- Elriza Visser - recovery after hospitalisation
- Marilyn Eayrs - recovery after surgery
- Christeen Moller - visiting her mom in East London and preparing one of their daughters for university in 2027.
- Please consider motivating your churches and ministries to support Paulette Mwenga-Mwadi in the outreach ministry amongst French speakers in Pietermaritzburg. May the Lord continue to protect her amidst the xenophobia.
- Lauren Alexander is working shifts in Mauritius as a medical practitioner. Please pray for the family as they make relevant adjustments to the new daily routines. Clayton is currently in South Africa visiting with his mom (Sheena), as she has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. They have now been on the field in Mauritius for 3 years.
- Jose and Maria Cell are ministering amongst the Spanish speakers in Cape Town. They have relocated to new housing, and Jose is anticipating cataract surgery.

Updates from our missionary families :

- Elriza has written Bible study material which is to be on sale at the Assembly.
- Errol and Michelle Muller expressed gratitude for the donations that were shared with them from our Hidden Treasure stores, which Marianne managed to deliver on her way to the Northern Cape Women's Rally in Petrusville.
- Christeen and Keith Moller celebrate 30 years of missionary ministry in Malawi, this year - praise the Lord!

Ministry news.

- In 2025, 250 individuals graduated in the Bibleway program in Kenya.
- After some private BECAMnet interviews, Lima and Maria Zamba are wanting to go back to minister in Angola, early in May 2027.
- Preparations have been made for the BECAM-Net 'Week of Prayer' 6-11 September.
- Churches should receive electronic communication.
- A mission to Lesotho is being organized from 20-22 November. Please contact Patricia Leripa or Marianne Soal for further info.
- BECAM-Net continues to be grateful for the profits shared from Alberton Hidden Treasures.

With the love of Jesus

Mrs Marianne Soal

WE- WOMEN EQUIP

Greetings Ladies in the wonderful name of our Lord ad Saviour Jesus Christ

It is with great joy and gratitude that I present the Women Equip Ministry Report.

Key Scripture

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Timothy 2: 2

“To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up”. Ephesians 4: 12

The awareness of the Women Equip Ministry is gradually increasing.

The Ministry exists to equip, empower, and encourage women to grow spiritually, discover their God given gifts and effectively serve Christ in their homes, churches, communities and workplaces.

The purpose and existence of Women Equip Ministry are outlined in the presentation. The four sections with 8 lessons are covered as follows:

Section 1

- Identity
- Purpose
- Belonging & Authenticity

Section 2

- Rooted in Christ

Section 3

- Spiritual Gifts
- Ministry Passion

Section 4

- Christian Leadership

We had an opportunity to present to the Women’s Ministry Network Board on 14 May 2026.

The FSBWN had their rally on 13 – 14 June 2026 at Intabazwe Baptist Church in Harrismith and the presentation was made to 141 women.

It will be appreciated if the networks could commit to invite the coordinator to their rallies. We thank God for the measurable progress made in introducing the Women Equip Ministry and remain dedicated in ensuring that women are effectively equipped to serve as mature disciples of Christ in every sphere of influence

Yours in His Service

Patricia Leripa

PROJECT DORCAS

Project Dorcas has been operating since 2011 in **Qonce**. Since we started this site more than 250 men and women have participated in the program. The participants have learnt God’s word through the Bible Way program; have been taught life skills and small business management. The participants have learnt

to Sew, Bake, operated Computers, and made Beaded jewellery. This site leadership team have also been teaching Bible classes and basic hand sewing and computer classes for the students at Teleios School at the Bethany Emmanuel Church. .

Tsomo site has been operational since 2024 and the participants have learnt to sew, bake and make beaded jewellery as well as grow vegetables. The participants have been excited to spend time in God's Word through the Bible Way ministry. This program has been an effective outreach tool into the community and folk have started participating in the church program.

Xonya is a small village program where they have successfully grown vegetables, sewing and baking. They have sold the crops they have produced and baked goods to fund their project.

Engcobo church started their site in 2024 , by teaching the ladies to sewing, bead and bake. They have since started growing vegetables. Some of the participants have found formal employment and others have started small cottage industries. This site also has a computer centre where people are taught the basics of typing and operating a computer. This site has also made items which they have sold and made school uniforms for a local school.

Amalinda church started a site in 2025 and teach their participants to become baristas and have taught the ladies to sew and bake.

Colesberg church also started in 2025 and have taught the ladies to bake, sew and grow vegetables besides Bible Study and Life skills training. This site is planning on partnering with the Dept of Social Development to run a soup kitchen for the community.

Dikeni Trinity have two sites, one in Dikeni town and on in the Ngele village, At the town site the ladies sew and are planning on teaching Baking. In the village they do sewing, beading and run an aftercare and homework program for the children in the village. They also grow vegetables and have just harvested their first spinach and carrots.

Debe Neck is in process and have just set up their water tanks. This site will be focusing on teaching farming, basic electrical training for men and sewing and baking for the ladies. They have had two young people from their community attend an Isivuno Early Learning Teachers training event in KuGompo recently.

We are so grateful for the One Great Hope grant and Hidden treasure East London that has made it possible for the sites to develop.

God bless.

Project Dorcas Team

BIBLE WAY CORRESPONDENCE MINISTRY

Ephesians 4:2 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. "

NEW BOOK feedback:

Ongoing revamp of Bible Way books 7 of 9 books are done plus 1 new title was written by Brad Bell-Honeyridge B C **Vetting completed:** English books: Rev Greg Matthei (B U NML) vetted "Who is Jesus?" and "Mark Part 1" and "From Creation to Revelation" Prof Godfrey Harold (CTBS) vetted "Mark Part 2", "God's Wonderful Plan", "Basic Bible Teachings" and "The Life of Paul"

FIRST TRANSLATION: isiXhosa "A Responsible Christian": Dr Mluleki Mnyaka(Bible Society) has redone the translation.

PRINTING NEW books:

FIRST prints English- New title: English: "From Creation to Revelation " and Mark Part 1 and Part 2 and the first print of isiXhosa: "A Responsible Christian" is due, as there has been a call for this translation. **Reprint:** English: "A Responsible Christian"

EDITS OF TRANSLATIONS OF NEW books sent in by volunteers: 1.) Afrikaans: Who is Jesus? done

by Mrs A Trollip- & Mark Part done by Ms H Roelbl. 2.) S Sotho: A Responsible Christian done by Mr N Xaba.

CHECKS OF TERMINOLOGY LISTS: seTswana has been done by a Board Member: Thank you
Tebogo Monageng

NEW OUTLETS FOR NEW BOOKS:

1. “ A Responsible Christian “.

1)1 GAU: Randfontein Goal B C. 1) 2 Jeanette Mashigo 1)3 E C: the BBN ladies (English and isiXhosa)

2. “From Creation to Revelation ” Ridgecrest B C Ladies Bible Study

2. Computer translations: Brad Bell is working on combining AI programmes with the Bible Way terminology lists to improve & refine these RELOAD Seminar Feedback: new book: “A

Responsible Christian” was used successfully in Devotion times. After the Seminar, Devotion Leaders opted to continue to meet for bi-monthly Bible Study online to go through the remaining Lessons of the book. The shared teaching load has been a blessing. Thank you for contributing Marianne, Les, Patricia, Thozama L, Crystal and Winnie.

BIBLE WAY’S PRISON MINISTRY:

POSSIBLE NEW PRISON MINISTRY: GAU: Krugersdorp. Contact was by Mr Brad Bell (Honeyridge B C) who met with the Krugersdorp C C authorities. He has now submitted a motivation letter and is waiting for a response.

PROMOTING PRISON MINISTRY : BBNWMN Day Conference in Qonce was held in March 26 and Mr Evertse did a presentation about Prison ministry alongside Les Roos.

ONGOING PRISON MINISTRY:

1.) 1 GAU: Jhb Honeyridge B W Centre. For the Period Jan-June '26, this hard-working team had 160 enrolments and 94 “graduates.” They sponsor the books and give Bibles in the language of the inmates. They find many different denominations and faith groups enrol. The Courier team visiting the facility, who take the books in and out, as well as teach, which enhances the ministry. The collaboration with the EMMAUS SA Prison ministry continues, to offer more studies. Mr Brad Bell (Honeyridge B C) is in the process of writing more study books to extend the B W study course.

1.) 2 GAU: Bethany B C Lyttleton are back on board. Slow post hampers the ministry, but some responses were received so they picked up the work for which we praise God.

2.) BORDER: The E L Beacon Bay Centre is a vibrant Centre. The Correctional Centres where they serve, makes for busy admin and the report is, they are doing well. Mr Evertse has explained his Prison ministry to the Cambridge Methodist Church Bible Study who supply “Daily Breads” for the inmates to have extra Bible Studies. Their interdenominational synergy is pleasing.

3.) W CAPE: 3.) 1 Mosselbay Centre ministers consistently in a Juvenile CC. the long-term plan is to supply new books in Eng and Afr for theses inmates. 3.) 2 George Centre serve at the Awaiting-Trial C C and do good work.

4.) E CAPE: G.Q remain busy in their Prison_Ministry work with regular new enrolments. 5.) KZN: N G Church (Utrecht) are back ministering at the Waterval Juvenile CC

BIBLE WAY IN Active COMMUNITIES BEYOND S.A.: -

Maseru: Lesotho REVIVING A MINISTRY Mission trip. Mrs. Marianne Soal and Mrs. Patricia Leriipe are finalizing for a trip to Lesotho.

ONGOING MINISTRY: Mozambique, Mr. Teddy Marimuthu from KZN (AFRICA MISSIONS NETWORK) has ordered another set of Portuguese books for a Teaching Mission later this year.

BIBLE WAY IN THE Active COMMUNITY: -

1) **DORCAS Ministry Outreach:-** Participants do the mandatory Bible Study at Bethany Emmanuel B C, Qonce, Tsomo, Xonya, Engcobo, Colesberg, Amalinda and Debe Nek . Others in process are Dikeni, Trinity, and Dikeni Ngqele. Thanks to Patricia for channelling our material for use in the DORCAS ministry and thanks to the Leaders who are commitment to present B W Bible Studies in this ministry

2) **New Local:** - 2) 1 Gau: Randfontein: purchased A R C book for the Men for Father's Day. 2)2 Board member: Jeanette Masingo offers books Klipspruit W B C 2) 3 E C Adelaide Mr. Sparrow for farm workers.

3.) **Other Local:** Bible Study groups 3) 1 GAU Roodepoort-Ridgecrest B C Ladies Bible Study 3) 2. BBN –BBN President Mrs. Gayiya used the books at the AGM “A Responsible Christian” theme in August- the new Xhosa plus English were ordered. 3)3 Bethany Emmanuel morning Bible Study group using the new book “Creation to Revelation”.

Praise .3. Community: individuals study as a result of our ministry featured in the Baptist Today Magazine.

PLEASE pray... 1) for our NEW updated versions of books’ roll out:1.) 1 for Brad Bell who has helped so generously to revise books & is working on the refining of the Computer translations,1.) 2 ...for Volunteers have sent in edits of translations, 1) 3 ...for favourable pricing of printing 1).4 ... for the translation by Dr Mluleki Mnyaka(Bible Society) 1.) 5 ... for individuals and those in groups who will study B W books1.) 6 for a sizable donation from a private, anonymous donor for the B W ministry, pinpointed for the production / translation of new books.

2) ...for a possible new prison ministry.

3.) ...for our Portuguese books going into MOZ

4.) ...for our studies in new DORCAS centres

Prayer : 1.) ...for Volunteers are busy with edits of translations 2.) ,... for people who have decided to use our books 3.) for new books to go into churches. 4) ...for the authorities to permit a new prison ministry at Krugersdorp and for volunteers to help.

Now retired, thanks was expressed to to Godfrey Hood our post handler & to Naomi Scheepers for the support at Central Office for many years. Two members of Roos Nursery Staff members helped with the moving B W material upstairs in Baptist House. We acknowledge Rev Nelson Abrahams posthumously for his Mission efforts to spread the use of B W books.

THANK YOU for support We appreciate constant support from Patricia Ihlenfeldt, BU WD Director) ,Dreyer.... for regular Donors (DOKE FUND, KNYSNA B C) ...for printers who give us good costing...each voluntary helper in this ministry.

Les Roos



ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS

BANCWD

1. Introduction

This report outlines the activities, programmes, and developments of the Northern Cape Baptist Women's Ministry Network. It highlights key events, training initiatives, and strategic efforts undertaken to strengthen women's ministry across various churches.

2. Women's Rally

Women from various churches gathered at Van der Kloof Dam in Petrusville, which hosted the Women's Rally held from 08 to 10 August 2026, during the Women's Day celebration weekend.

The rally programme featured different speakers who conducted workshops on topics previously covered at the past reload. The teaching informative, uplifting, and spiritually revitalizing for all attendees. Mrs Marianne Soal participated in the weekend program. During the rally, the Northern Cape Baptist Women's Department (NCBWD) elected and officially inducted a new committee, marking a new phase of leadership and direction for the ministry.

3. Project Dorcas Training

A Project Dorcas training was conducted in Kimberley from 04 to 06 December 2025. A total of 21 women from different churches attended the training.

Following the training, the Women Ministry in Colesberg initiated a Project Dorcas Programme. This initiative has proven beneficial to both the committee and the women in the church. It has brought women together to share the Word of God while equipping them with practical skills that contribute to personal growth and family development.

4. Prayer and Spiritual Activities

Women from various churches participated in the World Day of Prayer, demonstrating unity, faith, and spiritual commitment.

In addition, churches in Kimberley established a monthly prayer meeting, fostering ongoing fellowship and spiritual growth among women across congregations.

5. Committee Activities and Strategic Planning

The committee held a meeting in February in Kimberley to discuss the way forward and to plan strategically for the continued growth of the Women's Ministry. They committed to visiting churches that are not active in the Women's Ministry, with the aim of encouraging participation, strengthening relationships, and revitalizing ministry activities.

6. Establishment of LACE

The Women's Ministry committee met with the ladies during the Easter gathering held at Ipeleng Baptist Church in Kimberley. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the establishment of a LACE ministry in all regions and to appoint a committee that will oversee its operations. It was agreed that LACE Northern Cape will hold its first meeting in Upington, ahead of the upcoming Women's Rally.

7. Community Outreach Initiatives

Mareetsane Baptist Church hosted a revival service where children were taught how to trust and rely on the Lord. As part of community outreach, the ladies donated school shoes to needy children and provided sanitary pads to young girls. This initiative addressed both spiritual and practical needs within the community.

8. Conclusion

The Northern Cape Baptist Women's Ministry Network continues to grow through collaboration, training, outreach, and spiritual engagement. The activities outlined in this report reflect a strong commitment to empowering women and uplifting communities, while strengthening unity among churches across the region.

BNAWD

Marianne Soal has co-ordinated this network and have met with the BNA leadership team and created a communication what's up group which has created a new sense of community. We were encouraged that the largest group at the Reload Conference was from the BNA.

Eastern Region

Marianne visited Brakpan Baptist Church on the 8th of March 2026 where she shared with the WMN and the events that run for example Women Equip, LACE etc. We had ladies from Reiger Park Baptist join us for this event and shared lunch after the service

Jenny was invited to lead devotions at the ladies meeting at Reiger Park on the 27th of June where about 65 ladies were in attendance from other churches. She shared about trees being planted by the water which was the devotion from our ministry manual.

The Reiger Park ladies hosted Marianne recently and Jenny represented Brakpan Baptist Church at this meeting.

Western Region

Jeanette Mashigo has started a new ladies meeting in the Southwestern township. They meet once a month and are seeing an increase in attendance from the ladies. Marianne Soal visited with the ladies and encouraged them for Mother's Day.

Limpopo Region

On August 14–15, 2026, the women of the Baptist Northern Association (BNA) in the Limpopo Region gathered at Tivumbeni for the annual conference. The host site welcomed all one hundred and

thirty-two (132) women with warm hospitality, joy, and love throughout the weekend. We thank God for such a wonderful turnout and a blessed time together!

The theme of the conference was *"Women Empowerment in Christianity."* Our national president, Mrs. Marianne Soal, shared a powerful message on forgiveness based on Matthew 18:21–35, reminding us to extend the same forgiveness we have received from God. She encouraged us to love one another just as Jesus commanded, emphasizing that because Christ forgave our sins, we are called to forgive each other freely. She reminded us that true restoration begins within each of us. We learned that the language of forgiveness says, *"Cancelling the debt,"* while the language of unforgiveness demands, *"Pay me what you owe me."* Grounded in Proverbs 4:23, she urged us to guard our hearts above all else, for it is the wellspring of life. She left us with these memorable words: *"We are forgiven, we must be forgiving, and we will be free."* On Sunday, BTC Principal Dr. Darryl Soal wrapped up the weekend's messages with an inspiring sermon that encouraged women to serve the Lord. He pointed out that during Jesus' trial and crucifixion; it was faithful women who followed Him every step of the way.

On Saturday, the ladies broke into dedicated group sessions for older women, sisters, and pastors' wives. After these discussions, they enjoyed a hands-on needlework activity where each woman could express her God-given creativity and talents. It was truly wonderful to see the incredible work God accomplished among the women of Limpopo!

Northwest Baptist Women 2026

The women of the Northwest Region under the Baptist Northern Association (BNA) held their annual meeting the weekend of August 7 to 9 2026 in the village of Tweelagte. The hosting church "Prince of Peace" welcomed all the ladies with grace and dignity. There were around 60 ladies in total for the weekend. This year the theme was Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. Our president for the area Mrs April Moreo spoke passionately about the need for us to be rooted in the Word of God. Highlighting that the Word of God has also been and will always be the primary source we should use to grow and strengthen our faith. She also used the story of the Samaritan woman at the well to show how we are transformed only by the Grace of God. Pastor Obakeng Moreo preached the Sunday sermon and eloquently wrapped up the conference sharing with all present that we are equipped and called to serve.

The highlight of the weekend was the small groups where the ladies who attended Reload Conference led discussions from the Bible Way Book, "The Responsible Christian". The ladies loved the depth and time they were able to share together to really dig into the word of God. On Saturday afternoon the ladies enjoyed cupcakes and cool drinks during a Sip and Paint session where they also tried out their creative talents with a small free painting project.

The northwest ladies were unable to meet as an area other than the rally due to distance between the churches and the high expense of travelling costs. However, they did manage to have a good representation of ladies at Reload Conference in May, and we are excited to see more ladies interested to attend in the future.

BBNWD

Greetings Brethren in the Name of Christ.

I thank God for the opportunity to share the report of the Women Ministry Network in the Border Baptist Network.

We are grouped into six clusters namely; The King William's town, the East London, the Queenstown, the Alice, the Butterworth and the Mthatha clusters. Each cluster has its own Chairperson and leadership committee members.

We gather together twice a year as the BBNWMN for the Retreat and for the Conference which we usually host in August. We equip each other through Prayers Bible studies and different themes to support each other emotionally and spiritually.

We have projects that are running like the Project Dorcas in Engcobo, Tsomo Alice; Ngqele and King William's town. Women are trained effectively for skills like sewing; gardening; beadwork; baking; and computer literacy etc.

Pastor's wives held their retreat in February this year at King William's Town and it was well attended. They also had their day of Prayer.

Lace is doing well they held their conference at King William's Town cluster in March this year. It was a great success we thank God for the provision.

During this year our President Mrs Gayiya has attended the Opening function of the Women's department of the King William's Town cluster which was held at Bisho Baptist church. We were spiritually nourished through many activities. The Theme was 'Saved unto good works' Ephesians 2:10.

She has also been to the Queenstown cluster and attended the Day conference at Nxololo Baptist Church. We enjoyed the preaching of the Word and reaching out to other sister churches.

The leadership is reaching out to other inactive women's groups in our Network. Recently the team visited Amalinda Baptist church ladies and Cambridge Baptist church ladies. We had a wonderful time together.

We are still lacking in leadership skills and discipleship. We are planning to equip our ladies more in this year 2027. We also have a challenge of accommodation for conferences. We are looking to find accommodation for our ladies in our Area.

We thank God for the dedicated ladies serving within our committee with the help of Cluster leaders and the chairpersons from the local churches.

We have been blessed in our Network by having a Deputy President elected by the Baptist Union of SA Women's Ministry during the 2025 Assembly Mrs TP Lana who will be the next President of the BUSA Women's Ministry in 2026.

Blessings to all
Lulama Gayiya.BBN

EPBLM

I greet you all in the wonderful, All-powerful Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

AUGUST 2024

On Friday, 9 August 2024, the incoming President of the EPBWMN, Eloise Thomas, was inducted at Rosedale Baptist Church in Uitenhage. The new presidential theme is "Anointed and Appointed." It was a very blessed time as the ladies celebrated this wonderful time in the Presence of the Lord.

SEPTEMBER 2024

On Saturday, 7 September 2024, the EPBWMN hosted our Spring Fest at West End Baptist Church. The turnout was very good, as many ladies attended who represented different churches. Beautiful rose, lily, and succulent bouquets adorned the whole building. We were especially blessed to have our National President, Ella Ndlovu, as our speaker as well as our one of our very own Past Presidents, Karen Mortimer. We were so blessed by the messages they shared with us from God's Word. All the ladies looked beautiful in their stunning, floral outfits. Lovely, sweet, and savoury confectionery as well as fruit were served and enjoyed by the ladies. It was a unanimous decision to make this Spring Fest an annual event on our calendar.

NOVEMBER 2024

Our annual National Day of Prayer took place on Saturday, 8 November 2024 at Malabar Baptist Church. It was a very rainy day but despite the weather, 28 ladies from 8 churches turned up. This is always a very special time of prayer as we join our voices in prayer to intercede for our Baptist sisters around the world. Currently, we also make sure to take up a special offering to support this essential ministry of prayer and intercession. This year, the offering amounted to R1 500.

FEBRUARY 2025

It was such a blessing to go hiking in a combined effort between our LACE (Ladies After Christ's Example) and our more mature ladies. This hike took place at Maitland's Nature Reserve on Saturday, 8 February 2025. We were 15 ladies ranging in ages from 18 to 65, representing 4 churches. New

friendships were forged, a special time in prayer was spent, and our fitness levels were surely elevated because of this hike! We are looking forward to more occasions like this to spend time with each other as sisters, no matter what our age.

MARCH 2025

On Saturday, 8 March 2025, 3 EPBWMN committee members had a lovely breakfast at Two Pairs Deli in Newton Park with 3 LACE ladies. The result of this meeting was a fresh plan for LACE ministry and exciting new gatherings for the rest of the year. We thank the Lord for breathing new life into this ministry and for our young ones who are so eager to grow and reach others their age for the Lord.

We are so privileged to minister to the women of the Eastern Cape through the EPBWMN. It is also our heart's desire to reach our surrounding areas like Humansdorp, Jeffreys Bay, Cradock, etc. for the Lord. May the Holy Spirit continue to let His anointing flow through us to reach lost, broken and hurting women for the Kingdom of God.

We felt the need to conduct a much-needed workshop with all the ladies' leaders of our churches and their committees. This took place on Saturday, 29 March 2025 at Trinity Baptist Church. The mission and vision of the EPBWMN was highlighted. We also conducted a S.W.O.T. (Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats) analysis with the ladies, which filled them with enthusiasm and new hope as they pledged to do the same in their local ladies' groups.

MAY 2025

A new and exciting conference theme, "RADIANT", was birthed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This theme would bring a fresh outlook to the identity of EPBWMN gatherings and spur our ladies on to participate more in the women's ministry. Our theme verse is found in Psalm 34:5, "Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces will never be covered with shame." We had over 200 ladies in attendance, represented by 18 churches. Another highlight of our launch on Thursday, 1 May 2025, at Lighthouse Family Church, was that 7 of our LACE ladies formed an integral part of our programme. They gave a Scriptural and detailed layout of the word "RADIANT" in a letter-by-letter fashion. Bloemendal Baptist dance group blessed us with a vibrant praise dance. The Presence of the Lord was evident as we worshipped and honoured our Lord together. A warm cup of coffee and muffins were enjoyed during a time of fellowship.

July 2025

A follow-up workshop with our ladies' leaders was held on Saturday, 19 July 2025. This workshop preceded our AGM. At the workshop, we explored the S.M.A.R.T. Analysis. We undertook for our activities to be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-framed. A very informative session was held where our leaders were shown how to utilize online resources to enhance their local programmes to keep their ladies more engaged.

Also, at our AGM, we co-opted 3 of our LACE ladies to be more visible in our monthly committee meetings. This will greatly assist them to be more informed about our activities and to be more effectively serve our younger ladies. It will also prepare our younger ladies to take up leadership in the future.

September 2025

The Spring Fest took place at "The Barn" on Saturday, 14 September 2025. Fiona Cloete was our guest speaker. She blessed our hearts as she spoke about the power of the anointing in our lives.

There were 94 ladies in attendance, who looked lovely in their Spring outfits.

The theme was "The Aroma of God" coupled with fragrances of herbs and essential oils.

The programme was fun and the atmosphere was beautiful.

One of the highlights was the spiritual dance, which was ministered by the Bloemendal Baptist ladies, Alabaster Box.

What a glorious time of fellowship as we enjoyed the awesome Presence of the Lord.

November 2025

During the month of November, different ladies' groups clustered together to pray for our Baptist sisters world-wide. Many testimonies were received and many ladies requested that we have more prayer sessions like this. As usual, we collected the annual offering to support the work of the Lord.

March 2026

Our first ever RADIANT CONFERENCE was held at West End Baptist Church on Saturday, 7 March 2026. There were 114 ladies in attendance. Our theme verse was Psalm 34:5. Eloise Thomas "unpacked" this verse and encouraged the ladies to focus on Jesus as He is the Ultimate Source of our radiance. The Lord used Nozipho Swart, our guest speaker, in a mighty way. The lives of so many were touched and changed as they received the Word of God. We were challenged to love each other in the way our Saviour did and so radiate this love together to the world around us. Her anchor Scripture was John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

April 2026

Our LACE ladies took us outdoors on Saturday, 11 April 2026. We were so blessed as we spent time with our young ones. A lovely picnic was shared after the hike of about 10 kilometres. We have hosted a GBV Workshop at West End Baptist Church which was facilitated by our National Director, Patricia Ihlenfeldt, on Saturday, 18 April 2026. We had close to 100 ladies in attendance. Our ladies were truly inspired, informed and transformed by the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

I just want to honour the Lord for seeing it fit to lay His hand on me to be President of the EPBWMN for these past two years. On Saturday, 11 July 2026, at our AGM, I handed the baton over to my sister, Crystal Geduld, the incoming President. The official induction of our new President took place on Saturday, 18 July 2026. What a blessed time we shared in the presence of the Lord!

It was a time of allowing His Spirit to minister to the women of the Eastern Cape through my life. It was indeed a time of experiencing new things with the ladies. I also glorify Him for the awesome team of EPBWMN Committee members who stood with me through thick and thin. May the Lord pour out His abundant blessings over their lives. All glory, praise and honour to my Lord, for He alone is worthy.

Eloise Thomas
EPBWMN President

FSBWD

Our mission as Free State Women's Ministry Network is to win people to the Lord Jesus and to foster the Spirit of fellowship, intercession and service among women, to promote unity, brotherly love and spiritual growth by encouraging corporative synergy amongst members of the Free State women's ministry. Our Report covers activities of the three regions in the Free State.

Third - Fourth Term 2025

Eastern Region Rally was held at Intabazwe Baptist Church Scripture Theme - Exodus 32-35
The Northern Region Rally was held at Moneymaking Baptist Church. The Ladies' contributions saved throughout the year were shared among six churches in the region.

FSBNWD CAMP - NOVEMBER 2025

The camp was held at Gordins Tropical Hotel Durban.
Camp Theme - Running the Race of Faith, Hebrews 12-1-3

First Term 2026 (Central Region)

The CEBWD had their Mini Rally on the 21 March 2026 at MT Calvary Baptist Church, Me Choma was the Speaker under the theme "The Good Shepherd" Psalm 23

Northern Region Rally was held at Zamdela Baptist Church, all local churches attended. Graduation Ceremony to acknowledge ladies that graduated academically was held, honouring their endurance in the house of the Lord.

Bereavements

The Eastern Region - Letshelemaduke - Pastors Wife - Pensioner - Me Pule.

Northern Region - Boitumelong Baptist Church - Mrs Kodi

Appreciation of the Elderly

Thabong Baptist had an appreciation ceremony for an elderly grandmother Granny Davidson at Church.

Eastern Region Mini Rally

The Rally was held at Makong Baptist Church.

1st Session - Mrs Mpho Leripa was the Preacher, and she shared on the topic of "Graced Women of Strength" Luke 1 - 26-45

2nd Session - Regional General Meeting

FSBWN RALLY

These meetings were held on the 13-14 June 2026 at Intabazwe Baptist Church

The Theme of the Rally was "The Journey of a Kingdom Women - Esther 4-14"

CRBWD Fellowship Revival

The Aim of the fellowship is to revive, uplift and encourage struggling churches. The first Revival Fellowship was held at Botshebelo Baptist Church Fellowship and a whole night prayer meeting was held.

Women's Day Celebration

Both Thabong and Harmony Baptist Church celebrated women's month at Thabong. They wore wear black to comply with the GBV awareness theme.

Mrs Monageng (FSBWN President)

KZNBMN

Women are very active in their churches. They look after the Children's Ministry as well as some cleaning and maintenance responsibilities. Different churches reported that they meet once a week for Bible study, outreach and some handwork (knitting and other handworks). Churches support their pastors' wives financially for registration and traveling expenses to the regional and national Women Ministry gatherings like Rallies and Reload Conferences.

The KZNB-WMN held their bi-annual conference at Skogheim in November, attendance was not as expected but we were blessed by our speaker Nozipho Swart. We also had an inauguration of our new president and QGM at Durban Central B.C. Attendance is always a challenge in our gatherings.

The KZN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP Women's Ministry also held their annual conference at Camp Jonathan. It was well attended and the ladies were blessed and joyful and enjoyed the fellowship and worship together.

A new Hidden Treasure shop was also opened in Durban north at the Durban North church.

We have a very few churches who are committed to paying membership fees of R350 per to KZNB-WMN. Most churches do not pay their affiliating fees to the national women's ministry. We are now not sure if their churches are still members of the Baptist Union or not. Our new president and the committee are busy doing the awareness of affiliating to the regional and national women's ministry networks.

A Gender-Based Violence awareness was held at the Austerville Church for the KZN churches on the 12th of September by the national Director Patricia Ihlenfeldt.

Mrs Slindile Ndlovu was inducted as the new KZNB-WMN president, and her president elect is Mrs Sandra Maxwell. They shall represent the women's ministry in the KZBN Steering Committee as well as in the women's national ministry board.

A one-day fellowship event will be held at the Botanical gardens on the 14th of November 2026, and Mrs Marianne Soal our past President will be attending this event. Ladies have already been sent invitations to join this event.

The committee meets virtually every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

God Bless

Slindile Ndlovu

WCBNWD

Greetings in the wonderful and matchless Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on my year serving as President of the Western Cape Baptist Women's Network, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for His faithfulness, His guidance, and the many opportunities He has given us to serve, fellowship, grow, and minister together.

It has truly been a great year, filled with many meaningful moments and opportunities to see God at work among the women of the Western Cape. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege working alongside our ladies and serving them through the different ministries, programmes, and initiatives of the Network.

Women's Seminar – 27–29 March 2026

One of the highlights of the year was our Women's Seminar held from 27–29 March 2026 at Rocklands Campsite in Simon's Town, under the theme: **"Arise, Bride of Christ, Your King is Coming."**

The seminar was a tremendous success, with **108 ladies in attendance, together with 5-day visitors.** The weekend commenced with a beautiful banquet on Friday evening, setting the tone for fellowship, celebration, and spiritual preparation.

On Saturday, our guest speaker, **Rev. Marissa September**, facilitated a meaningful workshop focusing on the Bride of Christ and what this represents in the lives of believers. Her teaching was impactful, challenging, and deeply enriching.

Saturday evening was particularly special as **LACE** participated in leading the programme. This was a significant moment of participation and empowerment, with many women actively contributing and ministering throughout the evening.

The seminar concluded with a sacred time of Holy Communion. We were honoured to have our National Ministry Leader, **Rev. Gregory Matthei**, present to serve Communion to the ladies. It was a fitting and powerful conclusion to a Spirit-filled weekend.

Reload Women's Conference – May 2026

In May, I had the privilege of attending the National Women's Ministry Board Meetings from **12 May**, followed by the **Reload Women's Conference from 14–17 May 2026.**

The conference was an amazing time of worship, fellowship, learning, and spending time in God's presence. With **over 200 ladies in attendance**, it was wonderful to see women from different regions coming together with a hunger for God and a desire to grow.

We were especially proud to have **12 ladies from the WCBWN** attend the conference and represent our Network. The conference opened with **"Hymns Through the Ages,"** led by our very own Sister Sheena. She blessed us tremendously and set a beautiful tone for the days that followed.

On Friday evening, we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and learning through **"A Stitch in Time,"** where the ladies had the opportunity to learn the skill of embroidery.

Saturday brought us **"Worship Through the Ages."** What made this particularly special was the opportunity for us to come together as the WCBWN and participate as our very own choir. Singing together in unity was a joyful and memorable experience, and it was wonderful to see the ladies participating wholeheartedly. For the first time, we also had a **7:00 a.m. Communion Service on Sunday morning**, which was served by our very own National Ministry Leader, **Rev. Gregory Matthei.** It was a deeply meaningful way to conclude a wonderful conference.

Missions to Pniel 18th July 2026 – Love in Action: A Women's Outreach Rally

Another significant highlight of the year was our **Missions to Pniel – "Love in Action: A Women's Outreach Rally."**

This outreach brought together **over 200 women from across the Western Cape**, representing different regions and churches. It was truly a wonderful expression of what can happen when women put their faith into action and come together with a common heart for mission.

This outreach holds a special place in my heart. It brought me great joy to see the hunger and thirst among our ladies to reach beyond the walls of our churches and to serve, encourage, and share the love of Christ with others. Seeing women from different regions and churches come together in unity was a powerful reminder that we are stronger when we work together. The success of this outreach was not only measured by the number of ladies who attended, but by the willingness and passion of women who said, **“We want to serve.”** I believe this is something we must continue to nurture within our Network a heart for missions, outreach, and being the hands and feet of Jesus wherever God places us.

Regional Engagement and Building One Another

Throughout the year, it has been encouraging to see our regions continue to come together, building, encouraging, and edifying one another.

I had the privilege of participating in various regional activities, including speaking at **region 5’s Open Mic, “This Is My Story.”** It was a blessing to share and engage with women as they shared their testimonies and experiences of God’s faithfulness. These opportunities have reminded me of the importance of creating spaces where women can be heard, encouraged, supported, and strengthened in their walk with Christ.

WCBWN had the privilege of hosting the retired pastors/wives and widows with a lunch at Athlone Baptist church, 3 course meal was served to the 35 who attended.

This year our regions/churches had individual celebrations for the month of August. There is great excitement amongst the ladies in preparation for women’s month. I was invited to share God’s Word at Lakeview Baptist church on 16th August and 30th at Eureka Baptist church.

AGM June 2026: New Executive for 2026 / 2027

President-Elect: Mrs. Vanessa Clayton- **Currently vacant**

Secretary: Mrs. Samantha Porthen

Treasurer: Mrs. Amanda Arries

Ministry Leaders:

Parkhaven: Mrs. Evelyn Pascoe

Hidden Treasure: Mrs. Sheena Coetzee

LACE: Mrs Juanita Gawie

Regional Representatives:

Region One: Mrs. Zelna Swartz/Robin Louw

Region Two: Mrs Emily Newman

Region Three: Mrs. Sandra Francis

Region Five: Liesl Dreyer

Region Six: Desiree Jonkers

Region Ten: Roslyn Bowler

Future Dates:

19th September 2026 WCBWN Big walk

General Meeting: 8th November 2026

WCBWN Seminar 2-4 April 2027

CONCLUSION

As this calendar year as President comes to an end, I can honestly say that it has been an **absolute honour and privilege to serve the women of the Western Cape Baptist Women’s Network.**

There have been many wonderful moments throughout the year, but what stands out most to me is the **women** their faith, their commitment, their willingness to serve, their hunger for God, and their desire to make a difference.

I am grateful for every lady who participated, every regional leader who served, every ministry that contributed, and every woman who simply said, **“Here I am, Lord, use me.”**

I am also deeply grateful for the Executive who journeyed alongside me throughout this year. Their support, commitment, sacrifices, and willingness to serve have made this journey so much more meaningful.

As we come to the end of this season, my encouragement to the women is simple:

Do not stop. Keep going. Keep praying. Keep serving. Keep reaching. Keep building one another up.

Let us continue to be women who are passionate about God, passionate about His Word, passionate about one another, and passionate about reaching those who need to experience the love of Christ.

And above all, **to God be all the glory for what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will continue to do through the women of the Western Cape.**

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you.

Warm Greetings with love, prayer and blessings.

Mischqa Moses



**MINUTES OF THE HUNDREDTH THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S
DEPARTMENT OF THE BAPTIST UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, 7th
OCTOBER FROM 14:00 – 17:00 AT MARANATHA RETREAT CONFERENCE CENTRE**

1. INDUCTION AND DEVOTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Mrs Soal was inducted by Mrs Khapha, her children had sent a greeting presentation and her husband Dr D. Soal prayed for her. Due to time constraints Mrs Soal just opened the meeting in prayer.

2. REGISTERED DELEGATES AND PERSONAL MEMBERS

2.1 Delegates- 46

2.2 Board members not representing churches - 6

2.3 Postal Votes – 9

Total – 61

3. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

3.1 Minute Secretary – to be recorded

3.2 Scrutineers and Helpers Mmes Jeanette Mashigo, Mancy Magadlela, Anna Sello

4. WELCOME

4.1 Past Presidents; - 10 ladies were present.

Area Co-coordinators' Wives; 2 Wives were in attendance.

New Pastors' Wives 9 were in attendance and a special mention Rev Bell.

4.2 Wives and Presidents; 6 new leaders were attending for the first time. Delegates; Visitors

5. GREETINGS AND APOLOGIES

Bev du Bois sent a letter of apologies and greetings to the meeting as she had a fall and was unable to travel.

6. TRIBUTES AND OBITUARIES

Mrs Khapha read the in memorium and Patricia Ihlenfeldt prayed for the families.

6.1 Mrs Heather Sullivan

6.2 Mrs Ronnie Rae

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME OF ELECTIONS

Explanation of the voting was given to the delegates.

8. WELCOME BY ENTERTAINING BWD

9. PRAYER FOR ELECTIONS – Mrs Ursula Matthri prayed for the voting.

10. ELECTIONS

Director Patricia Ihlenfeldt was re-elected for another term.
President – Mrs Lwana was elected after a second vote with Mrs Jali.

11. ANNUAL OFFERING

2025 – Bible Way – an amount of R19000 was collected to date.
2026 - Baptist Theological students
Offering was taken after the presentation of the financial reports.

12. REPORTS

12.1 Treasurer – Mrs Juliana presented the financial statements by using a presentation. The meeting accepted the financial statements
12.1.1 Financial Statement
12.1.2 Trust Funds
12.2 President – a presentation was shown of the year of the president and Selina read a letter of thanks .
12.3 Director – the presentation included the directors' activities and the activities of the various ministries and networks.

13. PRESIDENTIAL MATTERS

13.1 Itineraries:

President 2025/26 – BNN

2026/2027 - KZN

14. CONFIRMATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES – accepted by the meeting.

15. CONFIRMATION OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS – accepted by the meeting.

16. MINISTRY REPORTS

16.1 BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

16.2 BWD WEEK OF PRAYER

16.3 MANSE FUND

16.4 WIDOWS FUND

16.5 HIDDEN TREASURE REPORT

16.6 SEMINAR

16.6.1 SEMINAR 2025

16.6.2 SEMINAR 2026

16.7 MISSIONS AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

16.7.1 WOMEN EQUIP

16.7.2 PROJECT DORCAS

16.7.3 MISSIONS

16.7.4 DOLM

16.7.5 WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

16.7.6 BIBLE WAY

16.9 PASTOR'S WIVES

16.10 MARANTHA RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

16.11 L.A.C.E.

The reports were accepted by the meeting.

17. SUGGESTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

18. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Day of Prayer on the 3rd of November. Offering was sent to the BWUA and the BWA.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

20. OTHER BUSINESS

21. PERMISSION TO SIGN MINUTES - the meeting gave permission for the President to sign the minutes of last year's AGM.

22. VOTE OF THANKS - Mrs Tebogo Monageng gave the vote of thanks.

23. CLOSING PRAYER - Mrs Ursula Matthei closed the meeting in Prayer.

**AGENDA OF THE HUNDREDTH FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S
DEPARTMENT OF THE BAPTIST UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 29th
SEPTEMBER 2026 AT MARANATHA RETREAT CONFERENCE CENTRE**

1. INDUCTION AND DEVOTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

2. REGISTERED DELEGATES AND PERSONAL MEMBERS

3. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

3.1 Minute Secretary

3.2 Scrutineers and Helpers

4. WELCOME

4.1 Past Presidents; Area Co-coordinators' Wives; New Pastors'

4.2 Lay leaders Wives

4.3 Wives and Presidents; Delegates; Visitors

5. GREETINGS AND APOLOGIES

6. TRIBUTES AND OBITUARIES

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME OF ELECTIONS

8. WELCOME BY ENTERTAINING BWD

9. PRAYER FOR ELECTIONS

10. ELECTIONS

11. ANNUAL OFFERING

2025 – Bible Way

2026 – MRCC – Linen and Dining room

12. REPORTS

12.1 Treasurer

12.1.1 Financial Statement

12.1.2 Trust Funds

12.2 President

12.3 Director

13. PRESIDENTIAL MATTERS

13.1 Itineraries:

President 2025/26 - BNN

President 2026/27 – KZNBN

14. CONFIRMATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

15. CONFIRMATION OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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17. SUGGESTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

18. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

19. CORRESPONDENCE

19.1 Application for personal membership

20. OTHER BUSINESS

21. PERMISSION TO SIGN MINUTES

22. VOTE OF THANKS

23. CLOSING PRAYER

