

Associations Imbizo.

Mission & Discipleship

Vision & Mission.



# Our Mission from Scripture

- Philip the Evangelist. (Acts 6, 8 & 21)
  - Mission as SERVICE
  - Mission as TRANSFORMATION
  - Mission as ONE-TO-ONE EVANGELISM
  - Mission to the NEXT GENERATION

# SERVICE

- Practically meeting needs in our congregations, neighbourhoods and through the Presbytery.
  - Feeding Schemes
  - Pastoral Care
  - Fund-Raising
  - Community Projects (Paint a fence, clean up a park, repair facilities, etc)

# TRANSFORMATION

- What needs fixing in your community?
  - Kids that need help with homework?
  - Elderly folk that need care?
  - Drug pushers that need to be exposed?
  - HIV-Aids related needs?
  - A Clinic that needs helpers?

# ONE-to-ONE EVANGELISM

How are you spreading the gospel in your community?

- Have you equipped your members to share the gospel? (Resources on [www.upcsa-mad.org.za](http://www.upcsa-mad.org.za))
- Is your congregation ready to receive new believers?
- What can you do to bring people to your local congregation?

# THE NEXT GENERATION

- Are you even thinking about the next generation?
- What “holy cows” are you willing to leave behind if you could reach the next generation?
- Today's generation are hungry to make a difference. They want to change lives. Are you ready for their passion?



# Learn from the Bicycle!

- Maintenance provides the Drive

- Mission Provides the Direction

*Movement gives stability*





# UPCSA: Vision, Mission, Priorities

**VISION**: To be a reconciled community of Christians exercising a prophetic witness to Christ.

## **MISSION**:

We will proclaim our Triune God in Southern Africa through:

- Bearing witness to the saving love of Jesus Christ
- Building vital, reforming congregations for worship, ministry and discipleship
- Visibly proclaiming the Kingdom of God through unity, justice, peace and love.

## **Priorities**:

- Evangelism
- Development of missional congregations
- Health, well-being and securing justice
- Engaging in reconciliation and unity
- Stewardship

## **Values**:

Love, Holiness, Scriptural, Integrity, Spiritual Growth, Servanthood

# PRESBYTERY

## **VISION:**

A Presbytery that is integrated, united, caring and efficient.

- Using all its resources for equipping and supporting congregations. So that they become strong, vibrant, loving and growing congregations that are outward looking and resource sharing.

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

Presbytery exists to Unite and Empower  
congregations

# CHALLENGES:





# 1. Get the Sequence Right!

- The Local Congregation is the “hope of the world”
- Your Neighbourhood
- Then the Presbytery and the Assembly



## 2. The Associations and Maintenance and Mission in the Congregation:

1. Around Mission:  
Recognise the four areas of mission:

- SERVICE
- TRANSFORMATION
- EVANGELISM
- NEXT GENERATION

2. Around Maintenance:  
Maintenance is the health of the Local Community.

- the vibrance of our service,
- the genuineness of our pastoral care,
- the depth of our teaching,
- the sincerity of our relationships.

# 3. Maintain the Values of our Denomination.

Love, Holiness, Scriptural,  
Integrity, Spiritual Growth,  
Servanthood

## 4. Work in Unity

- With one another
- With your minister and session.
- With other associations
- With your community
- Leverage each other's strengths.



# 5. Finally and Most Importantly: Focus on the rider – The congregation member and Association Member.

- **Teach** them to read the Word and to Pray
- **Equip** them to share their faith by Word and Example
- **Inspire** them to look outward
- **Transform** them by involving them in events that will give them the boldness to try.

# THREATS:

- No Movement – You will fall over
- No Maintenance
- No Mission
- No Unity
- Not relevant to your context
- Forgetting to Serve
- Not Transforming
- Neglecting Evangelism
- Ignoring the Next Generation

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread wide, against a clear blue sky. The dove is positioned centrally, with its wings extending towards the top and bottom edges of the frame. The text is overlaid on the image.

Finally:

**“Not by MIGHT, not  
by POWER, but by  
my SPIRIT”  
declares the Lord.**