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New Presiding Bishop of REACH-SA Elected

At this year's historic National Synod, The Rev. Dr. Siegfried Ngubane was elected as the eighth Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Evangelical Anglican Church of South Africa. There was great celebration and thanksgiving to God for a prayer filled and Spirit led election process.

The Synod was held at Christ Church, Umhlanga, from 11th to 13th September. At this gathering, delegates also elected three new Area Bishops for the largest regions (dioceses) in REACH-SA. The Rev. Mbulelo Maliza was elected as Bishop of Gauteng, The Rev Goodenough Mthembu as Bishop of Kwa Zulu Natal, and The Rev. Peter Makapela as Bishop of the Western Cape.

Siegfried Ngubane graduated from REACH-SA's seminary, GWC, in 1998, and has a distinguished record of ministry in REACH-SA. He served as Rector of Christ Church Khayelitsha and has also been a minister and mentor to many up-and-coming pastors in the denomination. He currently serves as Regional Director of SIM and has a long history of mission leadership. Dr. Ngubane holds a PhD in Missiology (UFS) as well as two masters degrees - Mathematics (Stell Uni) and Missiology (SATS).

There were four candidates nominated for the Presiding Bishop position and the voting went through the full three rounds before the Rev. Dr. Ngubane was elected with a clear majority in both the house of clergy and laity

REACH-South Africa is part of a wider province of Reformed Evangelical Anglican churches, numbering about 250 congregations in South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Southern Angola and the DRC. A formal Concordat between the REACH leadership in these countries was also signed at this year's Synod. These churches are also all signatories to the GAFCON Jerusalem Statement 2008.

The current Presiding Bishop, Glenn Lyons, will officially hand over the leadership at a Consecration and Installation ceremony, the date of which is yet to be announced.



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The Rev. Dr. Siegfried Ngubane
and his wife Maureen



REACH-SA Synod 2023
opening service.



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REACH-Southern Africa Concordat Signing Ceremony

