

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A: QUESTIONNAIRE

1. *What is your gender?*

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2. *How old are you?*

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3. *How long have you been a member of your church?*

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4. *Do you hold any position of responsibility?*

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5. *How often does the preacher include the following themes; transformation, development and healing of society in his /her sermons?*

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6. *What have you experienced as the role of sermon/ homily in your church?*

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7. *Would you say in your church transformation and development is taking place or has been neglected?*

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8. *Do you still perceive your church as a healing centre for empowering people to improve quality of life?*

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## Appendix B

### THE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. *What is your gender?*

Male

Female

2. *How old are you?*

16 – 21yrs

21 – 45yrs

45 – 65yrs

65 – 90yrs

90 and Above

3. *How long have you been a member of your church?*

1 – 5yrs

5 – 10yrs

10 – 20yrs

20 – 35yrs

35 – 60yrs

4. *Do you hold any position of responsibility?*

Yes

No

Name your portfolio: \_\_\_\_\_

5. *How often does the preacher include the following themes in his sermon?*

(a) **Transformation:**

Very Often

Not Often

Not at All

**(b) Development:**

Very Often  Not Often

Not at All

**(c) Healing Of Society:**

Very Often  Not Often

Not at All

6. What have you experienced as the role of sermon/ homily in your church?

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7. Would you say that transformation and development is taking place or has been neglected in your church?

Occurring  Neglected

Fairly Applicable

8. Do you see/ perceive your church as a healing centre for empowering people to improve quality of life?

I see the church as empowering  I see the church as a healing centre

I see the church as failing



## Appendix C

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
NORTHERN DIOCESE  
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The Transformation Task Team

All Deans

All Circuit Councils

All Church workers

All Parish Councils

All Congregational Leaders

All Congregations

All Church members

Dear fellow believers

## **Re: Introductory Circular: Basic Information on Transformation**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. I greet you through Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." This is at the centre of all transformation activities in the Northern Diocese.

Transformation starts only when one accepts Christ as Saviour and Lord of his/her life. It is only when Christ has changed you into His child that you can live in continuous faith in Him. But after Christ has changed your heart, something must still happen. According to Romans 12:1-3, you should,

***offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is---His good, pleasing and perfect will.***

The time has come for all Lutherans in the Northern Diocese to reflect on their lives. The questions need asking are: Are you a new creation? Have you offered your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God? Do you understand what the will of God is, His good and perfect will?

Transformation is about continuity and change, continuous asking what the central mission of God is with your life and the world, not the German, American, African, the Bishop's, the pastor's or your mission. **But God's Mission**. Finding the perfect will of God for His world and people today. This we do as true African Christians, reflecting our own Africanness and allowing God to affirm us as Africans who were changed by the word of God and living our faith in the world we live in, making a difference through the outcome of our faith, prayerfully, reading the word and humbling ourselves before God.

In the process we change foreign symbols of colonialism such as the White Christ and black devil so as to affirm who we are. Europeans affirmed themselves and symbolized what they believed in their own imageries. And we reflect a black African crucified Christ on the cross that saves Africans who come with their creative art and musical instruments to worship Him according to Psalm 150, where they have to praise Him with all they have. A drum (moropa/murumba) is a sign of African expression of praise and dance. It is only that missionaries demonised our clothes and means of expression such that anything African was viewed as backwards and pagan.

We are aware that for others it would have made sense if a symbol of worship would be a European instrument. It is our intention to change all imageries and symbols to reflect a Christ who became flesh and dwelt among us. The old ELCSA emblem is still part of our symbols. We cannot throw everything away just because we are transforming.

We also need to make it very clear that we are not venerating ancestral worship in the church. African ancestral worshippers and traditional healers need to be clear as well, that transformation is not a platform opened to their practice and that it is an opportunity open for them and like all

are also invited to be confronted by Christ and His love. We are convinced that the church is composed of forgiven sinners who have been changed by Christ.

The consequences of “I believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth, and in His Son Jesus Christ...and to the Holy Spirit, are emphasized. Your whole life and property therefore belongs to God. You have to participate in God’s mission to save the world. It is for this reason that we want this church to be God’s mission purposeful driven, and financial viable in order to carry His mission on earth. And we affirm the decision of ELCSA that Tithe is the responsibility of all Lutheran church members for God’s mission to be possible.

We call on all of you to help establish Transformation Committees at all levels of our church to enable us to inform all decision-making structures of the church other than traditional structural voices. All of you are also invited to share your ideas without fear in the transformation structures. I am also available for invitation to your circuits, parishes and congregations. Please help me to compile a database of all congregational contact addresses.

I remain,

Your fellow transformer,



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Kindly multiply this circular and distribute to as many Lutherans as you can

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Appendix D

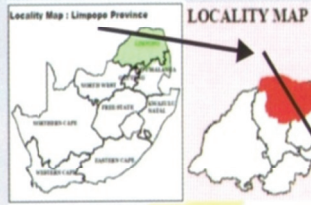
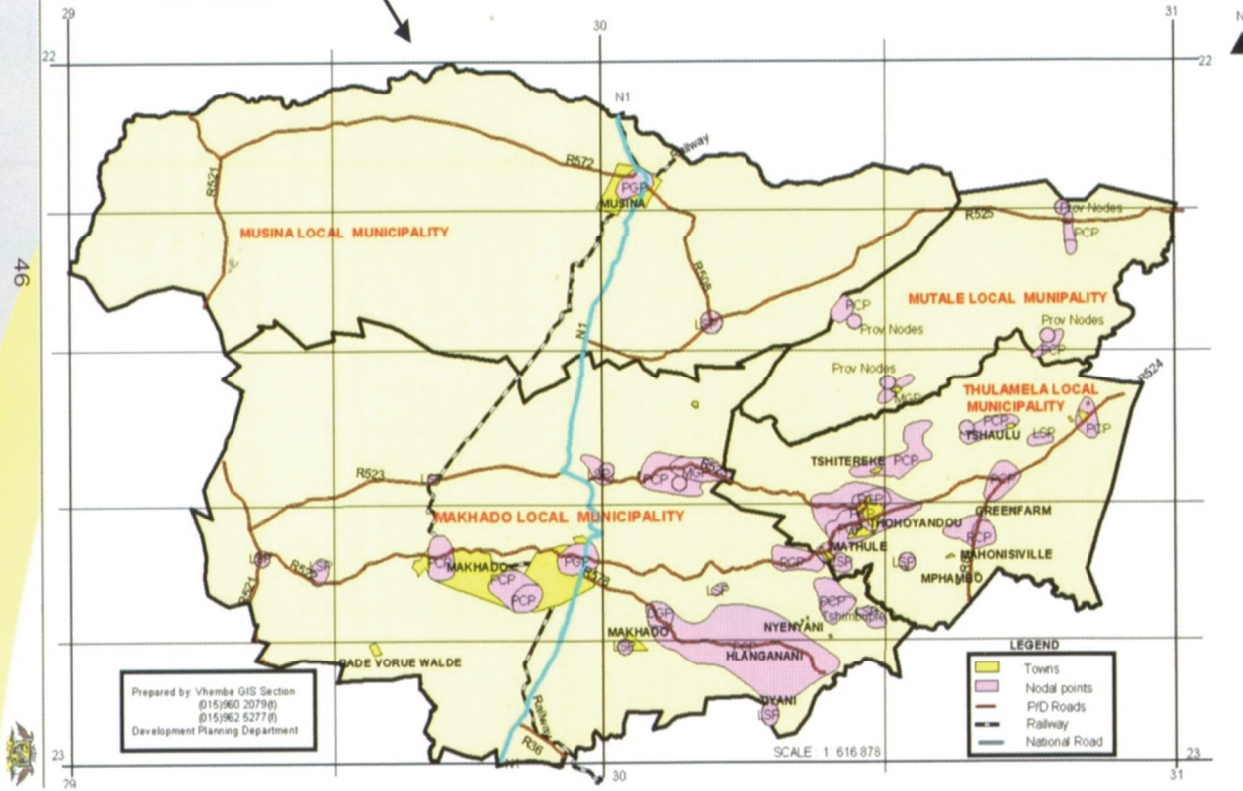


Figure 7: LIMPOPO PROVINCE AND VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MAPS



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