



Newsletter July 2025

## St Columba's Presbyterian Church Mutare

### **C**hristian Stewardship: A Calling and a Commitment.

Christian stewardship is more than managing finances—it's a lifestyle of faithful response to God's grace. It's about recognizing that everything we have comes from God and using our time, talents, treasures, and influence to honour Him. The Bible teaches that stewards are not owners but caretakers, entrusted with the care and cultivation of God's creation.

Let's explore S.T.E.W.A.R.D. as a powerful acronym to understand the essence of Christian stewardship:

#### **S – Service**

Stewardship begins with a heart for service—using our resources to meet the needs of others and glorify God.

#### **T – Thankfulness**

An attitude of gratitude reminds us that all we have is a gift from God and keeps us humble and generous.

#### **C**alendar highlights

Sun 6 July	9 am	<b>Communion Service</b> - Handfull of Rice
Sat 12 July		<b>Women Fellowship</b> Mubatanidzwa Sakubva
Sat 19 July	10 am	<b>Session Meeting</b>



## **E – Excellence**

Doing all things as unto the Lord with integrity and diligence reflects our reverence for Him.

## **W – Wisdom**

Managing our time, finances, relationships, and environment in a thoughtful, God-honouring way.

## **A – Accountability**

We are accountable to God for how we use what He has given us—and He delights in faithful stewardship.

## **R – Responsibility**

We are called to care for God’s creation, serve His people, and be proactive in meeting needs.

## **D – Devotion**

True stewardship is an act of worship—reflecting a heart fully devoted to God.

### Scripture Reflection

*“Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”*

— 1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)

This verse reminds us that faithfulness, not just fruitfulness, is what God seeks in His stewards. Whether we’re entrusted with little or much, our devotion in the small things honours Him.



## **A**n interview with the Moderator Rt Rev Lydia Neshangwe

**What were some of the significant challenges you faced during your term and how did you overcome them?**

*There was the challenge of time and opportunity to visit various parts of the UPCS denomination since it's a denomination that is spread out in 4 countries that is Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa and DRC. So, it was not possible to attend to various congregations and issues that were brought to the table.*

**How did your experience as a moderator impact your personal faith and relationship with God?**

*I found that I grew spiritually, because by necessity I needed to consult God on many things and aspects along the way, they were choices, decisions, how to respond, vision issues that I needed to consult God on. As I was doing this I found out that my relationship with God grew and I relied more on Him as well as my global intercessory group.*

**What advice would you give to young adults in the church who are considering taking on leadership roles?**

*Firstly, when God calls you to leadership, human considerations must submit to God's will, human considerations such as your background, history, social standing or anything else that could get in the way of fulfilling your leadership position. Secondly, you also need the strength to be humble because it takes strength, maturity to be humble*



**What were some of the rewarding moments or accomplishments during your term, and what made them so meaningful?**

*I would say the General assembly in Harare where I was inducted as the moderator is a highlight because it was spiritually fulfilling, I experienced God in a way that was new to me. In addition to that I had family and friends from all over the world who came. A second accomplishment has been the launching of the revival campaign in the denomination which culminated in the online revival services and these were well accepted and people joined the services and to this day people are continuing with the revival. Thirdly, I have had much exposure to what God is doing in different parts of the world through this role of being the moderator of the denomination.*



**Rt Rev Lydia Neshangwe**

**How do you believe your experience as Moderator has prepared you for future ministry or leadership opportunities?**

*I want to say that this role has already supported my other leadership roles, it was during the time that I was moderator of the denomination that I was also the moderator of the Council World Mission (CWM) as well as the president of the All-Africa Conference of Churches (AACC). What I found is that my moderatorial roles fed into my other leadership roles in a very positive manner and helped to give me perspective, experience which I took into these other roles. I believe there is more to come as I am continuing to be equipped for various types and levels of leadership engagement and I continue to look to God to fulfil my calling and I am open to whatever God has in store for me in the future.*

**Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



# **UPCSA fellowship of women**

The Fellowship of Women is made up of women belonging to the United Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA). The women are driven by the spiritual desire and passion to promote the unity and heritage of our church. We are devoted to peace, justice and equality of all women before God.

We have declared our commitment to the vision and mission of the UPCSA, and thus we formed this fellowship through which these will be actualized.

The Fellowship of Women also subscribes to the values of integrity, honesty, openness, diligence, morality, peaceful co-existence, love, reconciliation, sharing, justice, commitment and responsibility.

## **Aims and objectives**

1. To strengthen and deepen our Christian Faith and fellowship through BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER and WORSHIP, so that we lead lives that are exemplary to others, in accordance to Christian values.
2. To be channels of God's love by ministering to the NEEDY, be they sick, bereaved, very young, very old, very poor, lonely or in any other kind of distress.
3. To care and nurture children in God's way.
4. To empower and train women by promoting self-worth, confidence and assertiveness so that they can play a constructive role at home, Church and in Society.
5. To encourage inter-denominational co-operation in prayer and work. (Ecumenism).

## To be a member

Members of the fellowship can be Uniformed and non-uniformed (badged) women who are members in full communion of the UPCSA and who fall under the AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH and have affiliated with the Fellowship of Women.

To be a member, one starts off as a probationer.

1. Probationers are unrobed and un-badged women in full communion of the UPCSA who are prepared to accept and abide by the aims and objectives of the Uniting Presbyterian Fellowship of Women as set out in the constitution Bi-Law.
2. The probationer for the full membership of the Fellowship enters a probation period once the desire to take such full membership will have been expressed.
3. Once the desire to take full membership has been expressed, the candidate is subjected to a continuous period of probation for six months.
4. While serving probation the candidate attends and participates in all general meetings of the fellowship.
5. The probationer exercises the right to speak but not vote.
6. A probationer does not hold any office of the fellowship of women while on probation.

## Full membership

1. Full members pay an affiliation, payable annually to the branch on or not later than the 2nd week of March (Rededication Day) and due to reach National Office General Executive Committee and Presbytery by the 31 March annually.
2. New members pay affiliation fee upon submission to membership immediately after full membership is awarded.



# Stronger Together

It's so important to share. And not just your stuff! You can share your time, a kind word, your experience and insight, all kinds of things! God made us to be stronger together! We need you and you need us.

Having no one to help you can be a pretty terrible thing. I think we all know that, but it's important that we recognize that we can do something about it. We can help others by sharing our time, talents, and treasures! It's pretty easy to recognize when we need help, but it takes some practice to notice when others need help. Sharing is so important, our need for others is part of how God made us. We are so much stronger when we all work together and we all help each other and share with one another. And, helping others doesn't have to be that hard, you don't have to take the burden of the whole world, just do what you can. When we all chip in and do our part, we can make the world a better place and shine the light of Christ into the darkness.

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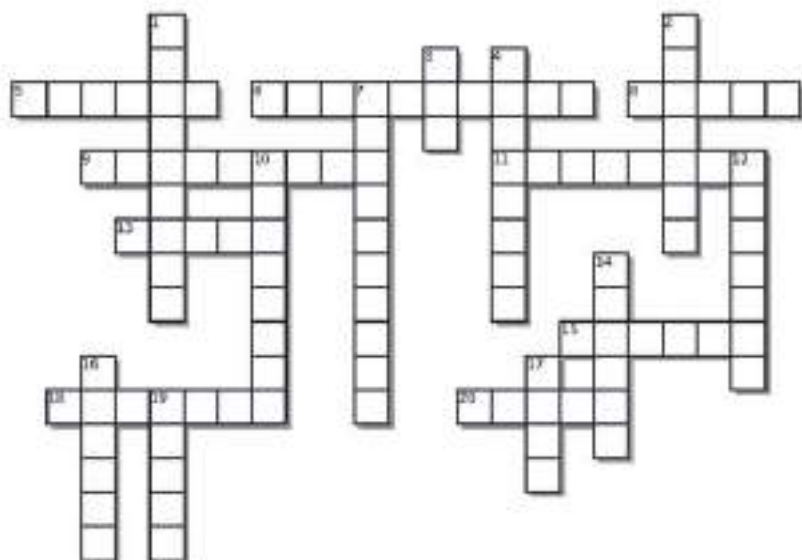
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# Make a Joyful Noise!

## Be Grateful, Pray, Serve, Share



### ACROSS

- 5 A most important responsibility of a steward
- 6 To give a large portion of our blessings out of love and appreciation
- 8 The most perfect steward
- 9 Thankfulness
- 11 Caring for this is one of the first things we need to consider as a Christian steward
- 13 To give 10% of your income to charity
- 15 "Parable of the Talents" (Mt:25:14-30) character who leaves and then returns
- 18 To share in a fair and loving manner
- 20 To do this with others is a way to imitate Jesus' love

### DOWN

- 1 Jesus' greatest gift to us
- 2 To handle with great love and care
- 3 The first two servants in "The Parable of the Talents" were invited to share their Master's ?
- 4 To be a follower of Jesus by living as a steward
- 7 God is the rightful owner of this
- 10 The monies in our care
- 12 To care for God's blessings so they can multiply
- 14 Important to being a good steward of our relationship with God
- 16 In the "Parable of the Talents" the third servant did this with the blessing he was given
- 17 A perfect model of stewardship
- 19 To believe God will give you what you need



# List of Ministeries

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## SERVICES:

Sunday Service 9 am

Communion Service and 'Handful of Rice' - 1st Sunday of the month

Kids Church - Sunday 9 am

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## BIBLE STUDIES:

### *Ladies Bible Study*

Mon 10-11am, Jenny Paterson, Cntct Wietske Mushonga or Jenny

### *Homegroup men&women*

Mon 5.30-6.30pm, Liffy Gorton, Contact Gavin&Sue Young

### *Bible Study*

Tue 2-3pm, Liffy Gorton

### *Alpha Course*

Tue 6pm, Simon & Katie Bowen

### *Homegroup*

Wed 6.30pm, Mark and Jenny Paterson

### *Homegroup men&women*

Wed 6-7pm, Albert Masvongo and Colin Brandt

### *Ladies Bible Study*

Every 2nd Thu, 10-12am, Marie Sacconi

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## CHURCH MINISTRIES:

- **CALLED 2 CARE (Skills Training Outreach)** Daily, Onie & Wendy Mususa
  - **GILLS (Growing In Love Ladies)** *Last Saturday of the Month, 9am – Lys Sheiky*
  - **FELLOWSHIP OF WOMEN** Every 2nd Sunday after Church
  - **MEN'S MINISTRY** Every Saturday, 7am - Colin Brandt
  - **BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADES** Every Saturday at the church, 2pm - Fiona Botes
  - **YOUTH MINISTRY** Every Saturday, at the church, 2pm - Munya Kamunda and Ashley Mususa
  - **MUSIC MINISTRY** Every Friday 4.30 PM Contact Josphat Mususa
  - **YOUNG ADULTS** Monthly, cntct Kuda Musanu & Simba Mangore
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bringing some work*

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