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## CHURCH UNITY COMMISSION

*that they may be one as we are one – so that they may be brought to complete unity.’ (John 17:22-23)*

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Dear Friends

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Ascension to Pentecost 2022

You are invited to join the Christian Churches in the Southern Hemisphere in the prayer for Christian Unity over the period from Ascension Day (26 May) to Pentecost (5 June). The Christian Churches in the Northern Hemisphere observe the week from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, though separated by time, in the Spirit, we join together as the Christian Church all over the globe in this prayer and reflection symbolizing our unity in Christ.

The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was developed by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon, and it refers to Matthew 2:2 – “We saw the star in the east, and we came to worship him.”

*The star that shone in the east, the Middle East, two thousand years ago still calls us to the manger, to where Christ is born. It draws us to where the Spirit of God is alive and active, to the reality of our baptism, and to the transformation of our hearts.*

As we are being drawn to the activity of the Spirit of God, we also remember the flame of Pentecost that draws people from every tribe and tongue in unity.

During this period we will host a service at Emseni on the Ascension Day, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May to launch the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Thereafter local congregations and regional leaders are encouraged to observe the week and be joined in prayer for the unity that our Lord Jesus prayed for, and to which the Spirit is leading. Material for this period can be downloaded here below

Grace & Peace

Rev KM 'Sikawu' Makubalo

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