



Good day Bishop,

We greet you in the Matchless name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for the opportunity to engage with you and our Presiding Elders on the proposed split of The Cape Annual Conference.

From our discussion on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April '16 it is clear that:

- A proposed split was initiated by Bishop McCloud. However, the rationale was not clearly defined and the proposed split was voted down by the respective Presiding Elder Districts at the time.
- Due process was followed with regard to submitting legislation after the delegates at the 2014 Cape Annual Conference voted in favour of a proposed split. **HOWEVER**, the delegates who voted in favour of the split had no mandate from their local churches **since no prior discussions took place from local to Presiding Elder District levels**.
- There is still a lot of confusion at local church as well as Presiding Elder district levels, since there was no broader consultation or discussion to grassroots level.
- We respectfully acknowledge your comment that the **details** can be worked out at a later stage, but strongly feel that this is a back to front rather than a methodical approach.
- There is no documentation or supporting documents available that relates to the **impact** the split would have on the Conference.

We remain of the opinion and recommend that the status quo remain the same and that:

1. A committee be established to deal with the negative and positive implications of the split of The Cape Annual Conference
2. Proper discussion and deliberations take place from local church to Presiding Elder district levels
3. Said committee (1 above) draft a recommendation deriving from deliberations (2 above), to the 2016 Cape Annual Conference

In view of the above, we reserve the right to raise our objection to the proposed legislation dealing with the split of The Cape Annual Conference.

May God continue to shine His favour on your Ministry,

**The Cape Annual Conference Lay Organization**