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## RATIONALE AND PROOF FOR THE CREATION OF THE BOLAND DISTRICT

The Leadership of the Cape Annual Conference of the 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church met and made the decision that it was necessary to divide the Cape Conference in two and create a new conference out of the Cape which is to be called the Boland Annual Conference. The Cape Conference has become too large an area for one conference to administer and the decision was that better oversight could be offered by operating in the present Cape Conference and the newly created Boland Conference.

After discussion, it was determined that the Conferences would have a greater opportunity for growth and impact on community if the present Cape Conference was divided into two. The newly created Cape Annual Conference would consist of three (3) Presiding Elder Districts: Cape Town, Lansdowne, and Piketberg. The new Boland Annual Conference would be comprised of four (4) Presiding Elder Districts: Worcester, Paarl, Montagu, and Beaufort West. These new configurations were discussed and agreed to in the Cape Annual Conference, 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Planning and Mid-Year Meetings, and in GDC meetings. The 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District believes that this is the best way for us to manage, develop, and grow the area which is presently configured as the Cape Annual Conference.

The process of dividing the Cape Annual Conference was started in the time when Bishop E. Earl McCloud, was the Bishop of the 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District. Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr., introduced the discussion in 2013 at our Annual Conference at Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Mitchell's Plain. A decision was made at the 2014 Annual Conference at St Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church in Carnarvon and the Legislative task force was established and a recommendation was put before Annual Conference endorsing the division of the Cape Annual Conference into two (2) Annual Conferences namely the Boland Annual Conference and the Cape Annual Conference.

In the 2015 Annual Conference at Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Worcester final decision was made and it was approved and endorsed by the Cape Annual Conference. In all of the decisions in endorsing the division of the Cape Annual Conference there was **NO OBJECTION FROM ANY DELEGATE OR ORGANISATION** in approving the division of the Cape Annual Conference.

We as the Cape Annual Conference Presiding Elders therefore endorsed and approved the dividing of the Cape Annual Conference into two(2) Conferences namely the Cape Annual Conference and the Boland Annual Conference.

Presiding Elder, Beaufort West District - Rev. Joey Volmink \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Elder, Worcester District - Rev. Willem Burger \_\_\_\_\_

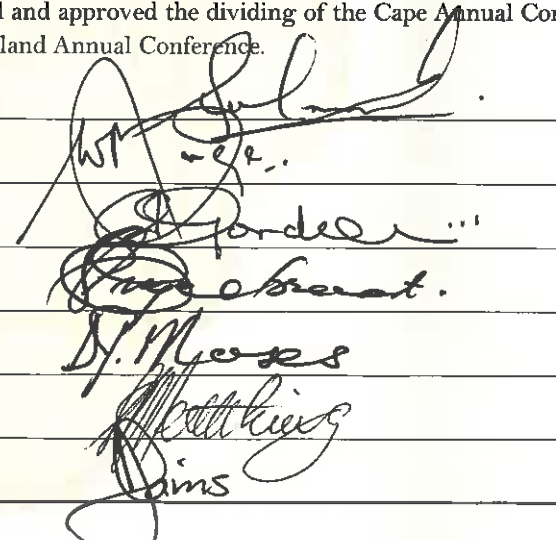
Presiding Elder, Cape Town District - Rev. Jerome C. Gordon \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Elder, Paarl District - Rev. Samuel G. Engelbrecht \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Elder, Montagu District - Rev. Dawid Moses \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Elder, Lansdowne District - Rev. Abraham Neethling \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Elder, Piketberg District - Rev. Juliana Wiliams \_\_\_\_\_



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