



Bryanston Methodist Church Wesley Guild Report

PERIOD ENDED October 2023

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Overview



- Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- Our membership analysis details growth in the movement with 51 affiliated members to-date for the year vs 37 in the prior year though we note members also relocating and moving on for different reasons.
- General Meetings (3) have taken place during the year to take stock of the movement and align on the key discussions on reflection and planning ahead
- The calendar has been pretty packed looking at Society, Circuit and District events which can be challenging for Young people in a big city. That said, we thank the Almighty for His presence amongst us helping us grow to deal with these challenges as individuals in learning how to prioritise what is important to our spirituality and the world demands
- We continue to meet regularly virtually and physically (in-person) on Wednesdays. When we meet, we keep to the 4 C's, we praise and worship as a group. Most importantly, these gatherings allow us to connect as to what is happening in the lives of our brethren sharing in the joys, trials and tribulations of fellow young people. This gives us the opportunity pray for each other, thanking the Lord for the blessings he bestows upon us and ask for His spirit to intervene in all that life that throws at us, as it will.
- In the Youth Month, the Wesley had a lot of activity moving across the Circuit. This included a service at BMC – we thanks BMC members for their support in the collections and fund-raising (boerie sales) having taken place on behalf the Wesley Guild in the Circuit
- We are grateful to the Almighty for his blessings to the His congregation and Young people. May we all continue to grow in His grace and learn the lessons that will make better people of us for the benefit of our broad the communities.



“Here we are Lord, send us!”
(Theme for 2023)

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Executive Committee Standing



- BMC Wesley Guild Executive committee is led by:
 - President – Rev Boitumelo Makgamathe
 - Chairperson – Br Thabiso Mavuso
 - Secretary – Br Ayasanga Besman
 - Recording Secretary – Sr Othilia Dlamini
 - Treasurer – Sr Tshegofasto Kole
 - Convenor (Com Dev & Consecration) – Sr Kamogelo Lesabe
 - Convenor (Creativity & Comradship) – Sr Siyasanga Jam-Jam
- **The term for this executive** comes to an end this year with a new executive to be elected at the October general meeting
- Guilders are encouraged to ready themselves prayerful for to support those who will lead and to see potential leaders amongst themselves who may be entrusted with the responsibility of continuing the work of the movement.
- *This is the last year of this committee's term. As such, we will look to elect a new committee in General Meeting in Oct/Nov this year.*
- *As we look forward, we encourage Guilders to find it in themselves to look to play an active role in the leadership of the movement.*
- *Please keep all those in the leadership of this movement in the society, circuit and district in your prayers.*
- *Ours is only to serve faithfully and we can only do so with your support, participation and presence in keeping this movement align and well*

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Membership Update



Affiliated Members: 53

On-trail Members: 18

WhatsApp Group: ~90 people

- *Should you still wish to affiliate, financially or non-financially, please reach out to the Treasurer, Chairperson or the Secretariat*
- **The Movement** continues to renewed growth and interest in on-trials and full members transferring from other societies as the church sees renewed growth. The new faces seen also come in with a lot to offer in the gifts that each of us e granted by the Lord.
- **Removal or Visiting notes** are still outstanding on some members journey with us. We continue to engage proactively on this matter noting that there is steady progress being made. Currently we have 4 removal/visiting notes outstanding (initially 12).



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On-trials & Robing



- **On-trial members** have continued to grow in 2023 as the membership. We have 18 remaining on- trials noting 2 groups of confirmed Guilders during year of 4 each at Easter (Apr-23) and during Youth Month (Sep-23).
- **Classes** took place pre and post Easter and will continue for the remainder of the year.
- Classes focus on ensuring fundamental understanding, spiritual growth and readiness for screening of the members eligible for robing in September
- We continue to encourage discipline and commitment in the on-trial members as we request and encourage existing full members to be a positive influence and example to follow for our on-trial brethren



We are grateful to the general members for the guidance and support shown to the on-trials with a special thanks to Br Kanyiso Tapula for his continued service in leading the On-trial classes

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Community Begins at Home



Society Social – Mushroom Farm park (May-23):

- The Society Social was geared towards fostering comradery among Guilders so that new and old would meet and socialize in a comfortable setting. Guilders gathered on the day to take part in a number of activities that encouraged both a sense of community as well as self reflection. This was geared at creating and maintaining relationships between guilders in a social and laid back environment.



Annual Spiritual Retreat (Jul-23)

- Guilders reflected on Psalm 129 devotion focusing on “finding proximity with Christ” and took part in a team building exercise focusing on different mental and physical games to draw Guilder closer together in understanding each other . A meal was shared and the day concluded with Game day activities at Monte Casino to help old and new Guilders form bonds outside of the formal construct of church to strengthen the brotherhood and sisterhood through this spirit-filled and fun retreat



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Cross-organizational Collaboration



- **BMC Soup Kitchen - Wesley Guild Sandwich Drive:** Guilders took time to gather, donate items and make sandwiches that were shared by the Society Soup Kitchen outreach (May-23)
- **BMC Young Men's Guild – Gala Dinner:** supporting as ushers and waiters to make the night a success
- **BMC Saturday Woman's Manyano – Alex Hospice Outreach:** members contributed to the outreach, donating items to be added to the work that ooMama had committed themselves to
- **Our Hope:** to look at how we can integrate with the Youth Ministry within BMC to allow us to foster environment where there is a clear journey for teens to feel at home within the church as they become young adults



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Outreach – Charlotte Maxeke Hospital



- Guilders visited the Paediatrics Department of the Charlotte Maxeke Hospital on the 3rd June
- The department is conducting pro-bono procedures for those who would otherwise not be able to afford the life changing procedures. The children range from ages 1-16 years old.
- The programme for the day included prayer, scriptural segment, a tour of the facilities and the handover of parcels from Guilders
- For more information on the work of the department, please visit <https://www.instagram.com/p/C1M6HJNkgI/?igshid=M164MmM1YmlZNG==>



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Fund-raising Initiative – BMC Golf Shirts



- Thank you to all the members for the congregation for the support given in the journey towards the fund-raising initiative
- This initiative would not have moved forward or succeeded without your assistance
- We look forward to seeing BMC members in their BMC golf shirt in the future
- God bless you all



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