



BMC YMG Organizational Report 2023

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1. Chairman's Report – 2023

A new executive was elected in November 2020 and started its work effectively in January 2021. It comprised of the following members:

The members of the EXCO are as follows

- President - Reverend Monoametsi
- Chairman - Keagile Moloabi
- DDSR - Khulu Ntshingila
- Education Convenor - Thamsanqa Kunene
- Research Convenor - Luvuyo Mali
- CDC - Bongani Godlwana
- Secretary - Pambili Booi
- Recording Secretary - Malefane Monyaki
- Treasurer - Bantu Ndamase

The Treasurer relocated from Gauteng due to work commitments in 2021. The Recording Secretary closed the gap and was endorsed by the General to takeover that office. Further, the Education Convenor also had to relocate due to work commitments. The Exco decided to co-opt two members to fill up the vacancies of Recording Secretary and Education Convenor. Bros Litha Gqobhoka and Mako Mokhesi accepted to serve in the positions respectively and those names were tabled in the General Meeting and the members accepted such. The process of leading became quite challenging and long and some of our Exco members withdrew their services due to other commitments that they had within their journey of life. As the executive a decision was taken to work around those challenges as it was only a few months to the end of the term, so those were covered for by the executive.

We're hoping that the incoming executive will discern and pray about the journey of leading to the end of the term without any hindrances.

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2. Manyano Meetings

Robings from 2021 to 2023

Year	On-Trials Robed	
2021	Bro Stanford January	June 2021
2022	Bro. Aviwe Dyili Bro. Irvin Phenyane Bro. Lunga Kupiso Bro. Mzimase Ntlola Bro. Xolisa Dlanga Bro Melusi Sigasa	22 October 2022
2023	Bro. Nyiko Mlambo Bro. Fezile Lisa Bro. Gcobani Mangcotywa Bro. Rethabile Mothiba	Easter 2023 Easter 2023 28 October 2023 28 October 2023

Current On-Trials

1. Bro. Bonelela Mgudlwa
2. Bro. Bali Ntunja
3. Bro. Yedwa Mantshongo
4. Bro. Xolisani Ndongeni

- Brothers Nyiko Mlambo and Fezekile Lisa were robed over the Easter Service 2023.
- We had six brothers joining YMG as on trial members, since the beginning of 2023.
- Our Manyano meeting continue every Sunday at 09:00 in physical form. The responsibility of facilitating Manyano is shared amongst three members every Sunday, with one Exco

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member overseeing proceedings. Attendance at Manyano has been healthy, with an average of 13 – 15 members being present every Sunday.

- We have 51 members, with 41 fully subscribed for 2023.
- On the 7th May, we held our Manyano service at the home of brother Lisa. Brother Lisa has not been in good health. The visit was aimed at reviving his spirit and praying for his good health. Brother Lisa has since been able to come to church and also Manyano!

3. YMG Activities

There have been a number of initiatives started over the past three years. Some have not taken off, whilst others have.

- This executive's direction was charted by two things. Firstly, the Strategic Plan that was drafted in 2021. Secondly, the One-One discussions that the Exco held with each member of Manyano.
- Progress on the strategic plan – refer to slides.
- Exco has implemented most, if not all suggestions voiced a by members during the One-One sessions. This proved to be a well of contributions. Commitment from members can improve, especially when it comes to activism and participation. This continues to be a weakness and threat to the existence and success of BMC YMG.

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- We started with small cell groups. As we are a big organisation with numbers around 50 members, the cell groups were setup to be small groups of 6 brothers with an Exco member. This smaller group is meant to make reaching out and keeping in touch easier.
- We launched our Quarterly newsletter in Q1. The newsletter shares information about each member. This is both personal and professional information. The objective is for members to know each other better, and to build a network that members can tap into. We only had one version in 2023. It was well received. But due to the amount of work needed to produce one, we have not been able to produce a second version. Hopefully members can own it and produce it regularly in 2024 onwards.
- In 2022 we started with social breakfasts. Where members go out for breakfast, instead of coming to Manyano. These have proved to be popular as it's social and members get to interact in a more relaxed manner.
- Our "Praise & Worship" Manyano's are very successful. Where Manyano is set aside for singing only. This has lifted the level and standard of singing within the BMC membership. This is something we had been struggling with for years.
- In 2023, brother started Quarterly Cake days. Where all brothers sharing a birthday within that quarter, buy cake for Manyano. Members enjoy this after Manyano.
- In order to encourage Manyano attendance and participation, the running of Manyano is shared amongst three brothers. This has been successful. It fosters teamwork. It also allows exposure to more than just one brother. This has worked very well, especially for training exposing brothers on-trial.

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- In 2023, we have not been meticulous in keeping minutes for Manyano. This is one aspect that has not been handed over successfully to the new way of running Manyano.
- After holding a very successful retreat in 2022, we did not manage to hold one in 2023. The main challenge has been funding. After Covid, venues were quite cheap. As such the YMG coffers could afford to pay for members. But we saw a steep rise in costs in 2023. This caught us off guard, as we hadn't made proper arrangements for members to pay for themselves. For 2024, better planning and budgeting is necessary.
- We have represented BMC well in FWC YMG events in 2023. Attendance has been healthy.
- However, in Regional – District – Connexional and other organisational events, we have not been well represented. We need to have a much better way of managing or sending representatives to organisational events. It starts with membership commitment.
- On the 24th – 25th members attended the Connexional Inkanyamba (National Revival service) in Bloemfontein. This was held by the YMG Connexional office, and hosted by Mokala-Montle District. The theme was the YMG 2023 theme – *“Reimagining social holiness, sustaining hope and healing”*.

4. Financial Report

Refer attachment.

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5. DDSR Office

The office of the DDSR (Department of Developmental and Social Responsibilities) is to co-ordinate all developmental and Educational work of the YMG (YMG Constitution clause 8.6)

Developmental

- Research Projects
- Community Development Activities
- Social Services
- Entertainment

Educational

- Bible Study
- Bursary Administration and literacy training
- Workshops and seminars

In the final report we can report the following;

LITTLE ROSES

- **Legal:** As reported in Quarter 2, Little Roses located in an informal settlement north of Cosmos City continues to face challenges regarding its relocation to a new site in the area. We can report that
- **Weber Wentzel Attorneys** (Pro Bono) are assisting the centre with representations to the Premiers Office and the JHB City Lawyers. The YMG has assisted in procuring the service of the Lawyers, an Architect and Evaluator to make the case to the City and Provincial Government in terms of securing a new location.
- *The latest development is that the Basil Read/Codesco consortium that was assigned by the Province to implement this development have left the site. We can conclude that*

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the works have now been suspended and the pressure to relocate has eased. Together with Weber Wentzel Attorneys (Pro Bono) we will continue to monitor this challenge.

- **Partnerships:** With the assistance of one of our members, Little Roses has made contact with Old Mutual SA which will connect them with their partners in the ECD space which include
 - Grow with Educare which works with Old Mutual in providing support in terms of Curriculum, class room kit, training, education and business mentoring.
 - Breadline Africa an Old Mutual Partner that works on infrastructure in ECD.
 - *Progress to onboard Little Roses has been somewhat sluggish. We will continue to nurture these relationships.*

- **Uniforms:**
 - As part of our annual commitment, we did our winter uniform drive at Little Roses EDC in Cosmos. This year we distributed winter uniforms to the value of **R17K for the new intakes**. Some members who could not attend contributed financially to the drive.
 - We have instituted a drive to have the parents to start contributing a minimal monthly amount of R50 towards uniforms. This is part of our strategy to our “exit” strategy in terms of this ongoing commitment.
 - *We expect that in 2024, we will continue to support this initiative albeit at a reduced cost. This will be achieved through the following;*
 - *A contribution from the parents*
 - *Donations and sponsorships from individuals inside and outside the church and companies.*
 - *The centre will be hosting its annual prize giving day on the 25th November 2024. The YMG will contribute towards stationary for that day.*

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- **Vegetable Garden**

- We delivered compost and seedlings to the centre in May for the vegetable garden. As of July the centre is already harvesting from the garden and using the vegetables to feed the children.
- Our objective is to support the summer crop from the beginning of November.
- The garden is now also supported by the Gauteng department agriculture.
- *The Children and community has benefited from the crop planted in May.*
- *We have delivered the summer crop in November and the planting has commenced.*

PRISON Ministries

- We joined the Fourways Circuit SEVEN WORDS SERVICE at Leeuwkoop Correctional Centre.
- *We plan to continue to support the circuit with the Easter service at Leeuwkoop in 2024.*
- *We will also conduct a revival together with sister organizations.*

IMPILO

- We joined the combined Women's Manyano Outreach program to Impilo Child Protection and adoption Service
- *In August we responded to an urgent appeal from Impilo to assist with a sudden influx of new-born babies. We delivered Nappies, Clothing, Toiletries and Formula to the tune of R2 700.00.*

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- *We continue to collect clothes and baby furniture from other organizations and individuals.*
- *We have roped in outside formations to become friends of Impilo e.g. Outreach at St Monica Anglican Church.*

Women's Gala Dinner

- The YMG collective hosted a Gala Dinner to celebrate our Grandmothers, Mothers and Daughters by hosting a celebration on to mark International Women's Day.
- The main objective of the celebration were
 - o Sharing the good news of the bravery of women in our country who are changing the course of history.
 - o Sharing the biblical perspective "a women of virtue is a women of substance.
 - o Raising funds to support YMG outreach programs in particular Little Roses ECD and Impilo Child Protection and Adoption Service.
- *We have already commenced with plans for the 2024 Women's Gala Dinner. The theme for international Women's Day 2024 is Count Her In: Accelerating Equity Through Economic Empowerment.*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The Executive has approved plans to refurbish the Lanseria Preaching place subject to scoping the work and budget approval.
- The YMG will be conducting a Street Revival in Lanseria on Sunday 06 August

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- *We have scoped the work that needs to be done in order to bring this facility up to standard. We estimate that the project will cost approximately R11K. (See attachment)*

Much has been achieved by the YMG collective in fulfilling its mandate to be the centre of Mission work for the church. Members have been generous with their God given talents and have contributed with skills, time ,finances and prayer towards reaching the objectives and plans agreed to for the term ending 2023. We will however be amiss not to recognise that we can do better. The incoming executive should try and reimagine ways to make us more effective in reaching out to society at large and becoming the beacon of hope to those who are weary. This is what God created the Church and every Christian to be in society, lights that dispel the darkness of the community.

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