

METHODIST CHURCH OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA

THE ORDER OF THE EVANGELISM

The Superintendent introduces the Evangelist / Biblewoman

It gives me great pleasure to introduce

He/she has been trained and examined by the order of Evangelism and we have come now to commission him/her as an Evangelist / Biblewoman of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in the Circuit. We pray that God will fill him/her with a spirit of love and power so that he/she will comfort the weak and faithfully proclaim God's Word and bring many to know Jesus as the Saviour and Lord, to the glory of God. I therefore invite Bishop to proceed with his/her commissioning.

The District Bishop

Dear brother and sister it is a privilege for me to admit you to the Order of Evangelism in the Name of our Lord Jesus.

The Duties of an Evangelist in our Church are:

- To preach regularly, giving prayer, study and thought to the preparation of services.
- To convert unbelievers and bring them into active membership of our Church, Societies and the class meetings.
- To seek backsliders and bring them to repentance.

Bishop

A Bible, Certificate (and a badge in the case of Biblewomen) are presented to the Evangelist / Biblewoman.

The District officials and leaders shake hands with him/her and offer contributions

- To care pastorally for people and visit and visit those who are in need and especially those who are falling into sin.
- To teach people the truths of our faith so that they can resist false doctrine.
- To promote fellowship among Christian.
- To encourage Christian work among young people.
- To care for the poor and counsel the sick.

In the name of Christ I therefore put the following questions to you

Do youbelieve that God has called you to work of an Evangelist / Biblewoman?

I do

Will you preach the good news of the Kingdom of God to all who will hear and will you care pastorally for the people committed to your care.

I will do so with God's help

I now ask the Superintendent of the Circuit to put the following questions to the congregation:

The Superintendent

People of God, do you receive our brother / sisteras an Evangelist / Biblewoman of the Circuit?

We receive him / her with joy and commit ourselves to work with hi/her and support him/her in his/her task.

The Evangelist / Biblewomen kneels and the Bishop, the District Secretary, Superintendent, Circuit ministers and some of the stewards lay hands on him/her.

The Bishop

Let us pray silently for our brother / sister and also for the Church and for our selves as together we commit ourselves to the mission and work of the Kingdom.

(Silent Prayer)

Bishop Prays

Jesus says "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit".

.....in the name of Jesus Christ I commission you as an
Evangelist / Biblewoman of the Methodist | church of Southern Africa.

Father, bless your servant..... and strengthen him/her
that s/he may be able to do the work to which you called him/her.

Bless all your people gathered here that as body of Christ and with the gifts you
have given us, each one of us may play our part in filling the ministry and mis-
sion of the Church. Anoint us with your Holy Spirit and give us strength and
wisdom for our task as we reach out to a lost and broken world with your love.
Guard us against temptation and the power of evil that we may at last receive
the crown of life, which you have promised to those who are faithful, through
Jesus Christ our Lord .

AMEN.

Bishop Prays

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace

Hymn

Holy Communion offered

Hymn

Bishop pronounces Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

The love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be with us all, even more.

AMEN

