



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COSMIC CHRIST CHURCH (AFRO-CATHOLIC) [CCC-AC] AND THE REFORMED ETHIOPIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (RECCSA).

hereinafter referred to as parties.

We, the **Cosmic Christ Church (Afro-Catholic)** and the Reformed **Ethiopian Catholic Church of Southern Africa (RECCSA)** are parties to this agreement., We fully agree to all the terms set out in this memorandum. We accept that the terms contained herein are a binding founding statement of our mutual future relations and that the said terms, together with the church incardination herein attached serve as conclusive testimony of the full compact between the parties.

Whereas:

The Cosmic Christ Afro-Catholic church is an autocephalous corporate entity registered as NPC 2012/214178/08 in t terms of the South African legislation. It is a church which traces its inception to the Anglican-catholic foundations and therefore has the same liturgy as the Anglicans save that the church has no organisational affiliations with **Anglican Church of South Africa(ACSA)**.

and

Whereas:

In 2013 Cosmic Christ Afro-Catholic church, attained its episcopacy thus assumed its operations in its own see in the Gauteng province as a fully-fledged independent entity with full ecumenical authority.

and

Whereas:

In December 2018, the prelate of the Cosmic Christ Church, in his representative capacity as the head of the church was granted incardination into the Reformed Ethiopian Catholic Church of Southern Africa, in this way, the Cosmic Christ Church (Afro-Catholic) formally ceases its status as an autocephalous entity but is integrated into the **RECCSA** and subjects itself to the **RECCSA** constitution.

and

Whereas:

RECCSA is a faith body corporate whose Coat of Arms, name and Constitution is vetted for compliance with Acts of the South African Law. It is a Church whose Anglo-Catholic roots are traced to 1900 when it was first affiliated to the Anglican Church.

and,

Whereas:

RECCSA is a sacramental Church whose statement of faith and rites of worship follow the Old Anglican traditions and operates within its jurisdiction in South Africa but aspires to extend its footprint in the wider Southern African region, **RECCSA** is independent from the Anglican Church in the country.

and,

Whereas:

In October 2018 **RECCSA**, had her own inaugural prelate consecrated in line with the Old apostolic succession lineage and that this status is subject to an automatic promotion to primate capacity after the effluxion of a two years' period. To this end, as a single prelate in his see, the **RECCSA** bishop remains a diocesan bishop but this title changes once more than one prelates join **RECCSA** family.

and

Whereas:

The **RECCSA** prelate is consecrated subject to a two-year probation and has accepted the oversight of the **CCIA** Archbishop ostensibly for that purpose. **RECCSA** and **CCIA** are independent national churches and have founded the International Catholic Confederation (**ICC**) they are both in communion with it.

And believing that:

- a. The ecumenical system or rite of preference shall be the one followed by the ancient Anglo-Catholic traditions articulated and outlined in the book of common prayers of 1662 or later versions thereof.
- b. The collective statement of faith shall be as are contained in the 39 articles of faith used with abridged Missal book incorporating an African Ministry.
- c. The church shall remain loyal to the doctrinal essentials outlined in the **RECCSA** and ICC constitutions, these include but not limited to: Nicene Creed; seven sacraments; Canons of the first seven ecumenical councils; Authentic Apostolic Succession; The reservation of priestly offices to men only.
- d. The established tradition of instituting and maintaining properly administered tithing systems to sustain financial self-reliance of the church as a legal entity.

Therefore resolve:

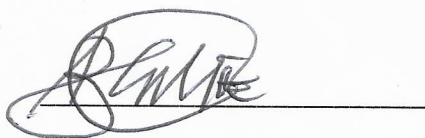
- a. The church name **Cosmic Christ Church (Afro-Catholic)**, ceases to be the official name and is henceforth substituted for the name: **Reformed Ethiopian Catholic Church of Southern Africa(RECCSA)** as of the date by which this memorandum is signed.
- b. That **RECCSA** becomes a successor in title to all rights, interests and or property held by its predecessor in title and that all debts of the former church shall first be settled before **RECCSA** assumes responsibilities.
- c. To agree to subject the **Cosmic Christ Church (Afro-Catholic)** prelate to a process in terms of which his Lordship's Apostolic Succession lineage is authenticated under the authority of the **RECCSA** presiding bishop on a date and place convenient to both parties but preferably no later than the Palm Sundays of 2019,
- d. To grant his Lordship the supervision of the new see, **St Augustine diocese** as its bishop ordinary accountable to the **RECCSA** presiding bishop. St Augustine's jurisdiction shall include the territorial provinces of both Gauteng and Polokwane the seat of the Diocese shall be in the town chosen by the prelate.
- e. That his Lordship shall be licenced but shall not be allowed to consecrate any other bishops without the approval of the college of the **RECCSA** bishops.

- f. His Lordship the bishop of **St Augustine** shall attend to the systemic integration of the **Cosmic Christ Church (Afro-Catholic)** into the **RECCSA**, a process that shall end in June 2019. The integration issues shall include but not limited to: a process of allowing uniforms used and framework agreement to facilitate the phasing out of current tunics, colours and emblems used by **Cosmic Christ Church (Afro-Catholic)** and any residual issues pertaining the integration:
- g. Setting up diocesan governance structures as per **RECCSA** constitution and facilitating the transfer of the current finances and placing these under the name of the new diocese.
- h. Renaming the current parishes after the names of the following holy Saints: St Joseph(**Rustenburg**); St Francis(**Sharpeville**) and St Andrews(**Robega**) the other Parish be named after any other except (St James, All Saints and St Stephens, these are already existing names).
- i. It is as an express term of this agreement, that in the event where the prelate resiles from this Memorandum, he will be barred from opening a church within his former jurisdiction for a period of five years from the date of this memorandum of understanding.

Signed this 27 day of JANUARY in the year of our Lord
Jesus Christ 2019 in PORT ELIZABETH.

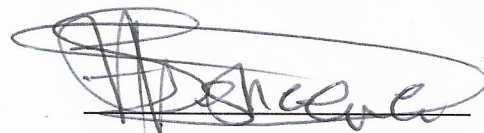
For **RECCSA**

Presiding Bishop: Banele.C. Mente.



For **CCC-AC.**

Bishop: MS Mokoena.



RECCSA Bishop Emeritus: F. Koliti

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