

Jacob Bonginkosi Freemantle – CURRICULUM VITAE

1. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

SURNAME	FREEMANTLE
NAMES	JACOB BONGINKOSI
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SUMMARY

1. Currently;
 - Bishop of Grahamstown District in The Methodist Church of Southern Africa (MCSA)
 - Chairing Bishop of the Child Care Desk of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa
 - Chairing Bishop of The Order of Evangelism and Order of Deacons in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa
 - Chairing Bishop of The Nelson Mandela Bay Christian Network- An Ecumenical Church Body that unites all churches in (the Nelson Mandela Bay) Metropolitan area.
 - Member of Ecumenical Education Forum that seeks to improve cooperation between Methodist Church of Southern Africa and Anglican Church.
 - Registered as **Affiliate of ACRP** with the *Council for General Ministry Practitioners and awarded the designation for **RELIGIOUS SPECIALIST***
 - Chairing the Cici/BU/Bqs(SA) Advisory Board

2. Following call into Ministry of Word and Sacrament he was ordained by MCSA in 1995.
 - Methodist Probationer Elliotdale Circuit 1990-1992;
 - Minister in Springs Circuit 1995-2001
 - Superintendent Minister at Port Elizabeth North Circuit 2002-2006
 - Superintendent Minister at Pimville Circuit 2007-2011
 - Senior Minister at Weltevreden Roodepoort Circuit 2012-2015
 - Superintendent Uitenhage- Kabah Circuit 2016-2017
 - Currently Bishop of Grahamstown District from 2018

3. Executive Management Contribution in addition to Superintendence detailed above:
 - Highveld and Swaziland District Manager of Mission Millennium Campaign Fund for mission development of MCSA
 - Training and Developing 12 student ministers of the MCSA

- District Manager of various Districts contributing in the Church development
 - Church planting or starting new churches in various Circuits
 - Starting Mission Projects like Hospice of HIV/AIDS care and counselling; Driving Frontiers of poverty through poverty alleviation programs; Establishing Bursary Fund to assist poor students
4. Fields of interest: Have a deep philosophy of leadership development.; Excellent philosophical competencies of developing people so that they discover their maximum potential.
 5. The Masters in Philosophy attained in Nelson Mandela University majoring in Pastoral Theology Ethics sharpened the gift in this leadership.
 6. As a qualified Ethicist, I bring lasting ethical codes that can be trusted in community development, a gift that has won me to be a Member of Connexional Executive and Member of Conference of The Methodist Church of Southern Africa from 1995 to date.
 7. Such Ethical skill, together with the experience gained as a Principal Teacher sharpened my Constitutional Development, Reconciliation, Restorative justice, Transformation acumen, Conflict Resolution, Facilitation of Critical Thinking Skills; Community Education & Development; Ecumenical and Servant Leadership in all the communities he has been stationed in.
 8. As a Senior Pastor I easily win the unity of various ministers in the prophetic ministry. For Example, has led in the struggle for liberation of Africans during the apartheid in South Africa. He has led Interdenominational Organisations like IDAMASA, SACC, Christian Fellowships like Minister's Fraternal. He is currently a Chairperson of Nelson Mandela Christian Leadership Network that is a conscience of godly leadership in Nelson Mandela Metropolitan area.

Philosophical Ethics leadership also led to contribution on the following stewardship offices

9. **Member of Methodist Connexional Office:** This is the top Executive Office that controlled all financial affairs of MCSA
10. **Member of Pension Fund Trust Board:** This is the Office that controlled all the Pension Funds of MCSA
11. **Currently Member of Stipend Augmentation Fund Board:** This is the Boarb charged with looking at the stipend remuneration of all MCSA Ministers, Deacons and Evangelists and Biblewomen of our Church.
12. **The Church Pastoral Disciplinary Committees in various Districts:** This is one of the Church committees that need a very matured ethics person. Holding in grace the balance of human sinfulness and institutional ethical code with integrity, requires seasoned judgement.
13. **Member of Connexional Trust Properties.** This is stewardship of retaining the properties of the Church.

14. President of Young Men's Guild in the District of Grahamstown. This is an African Men's Organisation that seeks to give meaningful indigenisation of and contextualising the worship within the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2.1 SCHOOL EDUCATION

NAME OF SCHOOL	EMFUNDISWENI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
HIGHEST STANDARD PASSED	STD. 10 /GRADE 12
YEAR	1979
SUBJECTS WITH FINAL RESULTS	XHOSA, ENGLISH, BIOLOGY & HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY

2.2 TERTIARY EDUCATION

YEAR	INSTITUTION	TERTIARY/UNIVERSITY	MAJORS
2019	ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS PRACTITIONERS	COUNCIL FOR GENERAL MINISTRY PRACTITIONERS (CGMP)	RELIGIOUS SPECIALIST
2018	CICI & ASSOCIATES/ BALLSBRIDGE UNIVERSITY	PhD HONORARY AWARD	PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY
2005	NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	MASTERS IN PHILOSOPHY	PASTORAL LEADERSHIP IN THEOLOGICAL ETHICS
1998	RHODES UNIVERSITY	BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY HONOURS	MAJORED IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

1992-1994	RHODES UNIVERSITY	BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY	MAJORED IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY. OTHER COUSES DONE ARE; BIBLICAL STUDIES, GREEK, ANTROPOLOGY, CHURCH HISTORY
1980-1981	CICIRHA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	JUNIOR SECONDARY TEACHERS COURSE	GENERAL SCIENCE, HISTORY, AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE, SCHOOL ORGANISATION
1979	MATRIC	EMFUNDISWENI	XHOSA, ENGLISH, HISTORY, BIOLOGY, AGRICULTURE, GEOGRAPHY

3. WORK EXPERIENCE

PERIOD	POSITION	ORGANIZATION	WORK DONE
2018 TODATE	DISTRICT BISHOP	MCSA- GRAHAMSTO WN DISTRICT	<p>1. Becoming a Bishop of the Grahamstown Bishop 2018</p> <p>Jacob Freemantle is currently a Bishop of Grahamstown District of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.</p> <p>The Bishop, after serious consideration of maturity, pastoral gifts, administrative and leadership skills and character, is appointed by the Conference for a duration determined by Conference.</p> <p>Jacob Freemantle is therefore currently the official head and principal pastor of Grahamstown District and communities of this area within the Eastern Cape Province, subject to the directions of Conference and Laws and usages of The Methodist Church of Southern Africa.</p>

			<p>The estimate church membership of his area is 1,3million</p> <p>Among other things, he serves as the spiritual leader, mission leader, the principal pastor of the whole church, clergy and their families and laity, ever striving for and custodian of the unity in the District. In addition, he/she will always teach and safeguard the doctrines of the Christian faith as they have been received by the MCSA. He is therefore both a ceremonial and functional head of the Church in the District</p> <p>He is humble pastor, gifted ethical developer and equipper of leaders, and this has been characteristic of his ministry ever since he responded to the calling to an ordained ministry.</p>
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4. CONTRIBUTION INTO MINISTRY

Year	Minister/ Superintendent / Bishop	Circuit	Contributions
1990-1991	Methodist Probationer	Elliotdale Circuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Led 34 churches/societies within this Circuit ● Started and built four societies ● Started adult school in the church ● Visited hospitals encouraging nurses and sick ● Community Board, Teaching Fraternal and Religious Leaders for local development and moral interventions
1992-1994	Student Minister	Rhodes University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Led Divinity students as a student Representative Council Member ● A chairperson of Livingston Divinity House ● Led Methodist Committee that dealt with the affairs of students ● Led the students in the preaching itinerary
1995-2001	Minister	Springs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic station at Kwa-Thema to develop a young church

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bought the land and built the biggest Church in Highveld and Swaziland District ● United a divided Church(racism and ethnicity) ● Established an interdenominational prayer and counselling sessions for healing and community interrelationships and cohesion ● Successfully led community peaceful initiatives especially with waring taxi violence that engulfed East Rand in 1996 and 1997 ● Started prayer and counselling interventions at Kwa-Thema Police Station when police were being killed and brutally murdered. ● Stated afternoon classes to help local struggling students. This produced excellent results in the area and Department of Education and local Principals were so grateful with the initiative. ● Grootvlei and Daggavontein Mine Management asked me to start a Literacy School to assist in the communication between miner workers and management. This was so successful that some of those mine workers ended up studying for formal careers. ● Chairperson of School Governing Council of Tsakane Senior Secondary School and assisted in brokering for reconciliation in that conflict-ridden school
2002-2006	Superintendent Minister	Port Elizabeth North Circuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic stationing in a very conflict ridden and divided Circuit ● Unified the Circuit and community to an extent that the Metropolitan Council and Provincial Legislature

			<p>requested me to be a Chaplain in all community intervention programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wrote the Constitution/ Guide that is still helping Municipality in governing the coexistence of churches within the Municipality of Port Elizabeth. ● Led the political coexistence of intolerant political parties during the early years of the advent of political dispensation in South Africa especially in the Eastern Cape Province. ● Circuit Leadership consisting of Mr Nofemele, Mr Dali, Mr Mkozi were so grateful for successful leadership that they registered for my Masters in Philosophy at University of Port Elizabeth (now known as NMU). Successful completion of this important Masters, was a Circuit achievement, sharpening and equipping me in recognition of the ministry gifts that were already emanant. ● Led in the workshops and seminars for leadership development, thanks to the learning environmental space of NMU and facilitations by Prof Christopher Dali. ● Established Hospice and poverty alleviation projects Edward Cook and Arthur Wellington Societies ● Extended a small church in the Society of KK Ncwane in New Brighton Township ● Led in planning and building of new church/Society called Charles Wesley in Kwa-Dwesi Township. ● Led in caring and counselling sessions of Enkuselweni Child Care Center (this was a center for
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			<p>rehabilitation of juvenile delinquent children) in Kwa-Zakhele Township.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established a new Church called H. M. Dandala Society after a lot of struggle and conflict in our Circuit • Established bursary for learners • Preached and trained preachers for Radio Sermons in SABC • As Ecumenically grounded, led Interfaith Organisations and prayers in the area and interdenominational Church Organisations like IDAMSA and SACC.
2007-2011	Superintendent Minister	Pimville Circuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationing in this Circuit was also very strategic. The Circuit was not only the biggest, but was also the oldest Methodist Circuit in in Soweto Township(This is the biggest Township with rich political history) in South Africa. Struggle icons like Mr Nelson Mandela, Bishop Tutu, Mr Sisulu and many others came from this Township. • Led the unity of church with more than 6000 membership • Assisted in various Education and Hospital Boards thus bringing the spiritual leadership and ethical development in the area. • Led the building of church offices, church manse and two new churches • Developed Ecumenism and interdenominational relationships in the area. • Chaplain of the local Soweto Branch of University of Johannesburg • Assisted in the selection and training of Ministers who were preaching on the National Broadcasting Television and Radio (SABC)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted healing, tax, educational, development, ministers(of religion) and peace workshops and seminars for the whole of Soweto • Trained seven ordained ministers, one of whom is a Lecturing Doctor at the University of South Africa, one is a Coordinator of all Lay Training in MCSA and five of whom are Circuit Superintendents in their stations.
2012-2015	Senior Minister	Weltevreden Roodepoort Circuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was a cross cultural station in a white context • Stationed as a Senior Minister • Also served as Central District Disciplinary Committee Member • Served as District Trust Properties Committee Member • Pension Fund Board Member • Stipend Augmentation Fund Board Member
2016-2017	Superintendent Minister	Uitenhage Kabah Circuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a senior station of our District • United people who were very divided, with lot of tensions and conflicts • Conducted leadership workshops, retreats, trainings and seminars • Led Minister's Fraternal in uniting the community • Assisted local schools with prayers and encouragement of extra classes • Built a church in the Dispatch Area • Led in the development and drawing the attention of the Local Municipal Council to improve the infrastructure of Uitenhage • Chaplain of Teachers and local schools
2018-Current	Bishop	Grahamstown District	As indicated above

5. CONTRIBUTIONS INTO TEACHING

Year	Occupation	Place	Teaching Contributions
1982-1989	Teacher	Department of Education	Having completed Teacher training at Cicirha College, Jacob Freemantle, a gifted communicator, was deployed by the Department of Education to;
1982	Teacher	St Cuthberts Senior Secondary School	Though the Teaching qualification he obtained from Cicirha accorded him to teach at Junior Secondary level, Jacob Freemantle was immediately assigned to Standards 8, 9 and 10(as the classes were called then), currently called Grade 10, 11 and 12. The analysis of the results at the end of the year would average on "C" Symbols.
1983	Deputy Principal	Gqaqhala Junior Secondary School	Promotion to be Deputy Principal at Gqaqhala Junior Secondary School in 1983. His Subjects of excellence were English (especially poetry, literature and grammar), History, Biology, Agricultural Science, Geography and Biblical Studies.
1984	Deputy Principal	Mvimvane Junior Secondary School	Transferred to be Deputy Principal of Mvimvane Junior Secondary School in Lusikisiki Town in 1984, which was closer to home.
1986		Nomzamo Senior Secondary	Established Nomzamo Senior Secondary Comprehensive School at Flagstaff as a Principal 1986. While teaching at Mvimvane from 1985 to 1986, Department of Education through an Inspector of schools Mr Rodolo, identified leadership developmental gifts and recommended him to be a Principal that would establish a new Comprehensive School in Flagstaff in 1986. His organisational skills, leadership qualities and good communication skills won him this post without applying. The school, being the new one with this curriculum had many challenges but very successful. He left in 1989 to pursue a calling into ordained ministry in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

6. OTHER INFORMATION TO BE NOTED

- (a) In 2001 the Presiding Bishop Rev M Dandala tasked him to organise St Matthews Methodist Choir, while serving as a minister in Springs Circuit, to go and represent The Methodist Church Of Southern Africa in the World Methodist Conference that was held in Brighton England. He fundraised successfully and was also assisted by Mr Z. Jakavula who was CEO of Transnet at the time to pay for the flight travelling and the World Methodist Committee assisted in accommodation and catering. He remains grateful to Bishop Dandala for this indescribable exposure and the paper he delivered on how to win the scourge of poverty. Such exposure helped establish British friends the late Robbin and Nick of the 7 Dorset Gardens in Brighton who assisted me a great deal in the secondary boarding and tuition fees of my children. What an exposure in the world stage of the Christian organisation.
- (b) In addition to the above contribution, he was a District Executive member of the Young Men's Guild (YMG). It was through this YMG Executive membership that led to his election as Convenor in writing the present YMG Constitution.
- (c) From above initiative of leading the writing of YMG Constitution, he was asked to begin a project of redrafting of Women's Manyano and Young Women's Manyano Constitutions.
- (d) In 2004, the Conference of The Methodist Church of Southern Africa appointed him as the Warden of the Order of Evangelism. This meant that Jacob Freemantle was for twelve years been a leader of Evangelists and Biblewomen in six member countries of our Church. This leadership as a Warden has enabled The Order of Evangelism to grow in its core call mandate of soul seeking, soul healing and soul development of our Church.
- (e) I have further included various recommendation letters from different leaders who watched my leadership growth and development.

To summarise all submissions, Bishop Jacob Freemantle is a pastoral ethics theologian whose philosophy of leadership has grown and developed many communities he has been fortunate to work in as an Ordained Minister of The Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

7. SUBMISSION OF PROOF OF QUALIFICATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS)

- (i) Religious Specialist – Association of Christian Religious Practitioners 2019**
- (ii) PhD Honorary Award – Cici and Associates/ Ballsbridge University 2018**
- (iii) Masters in Philosophy -Nelson Mandela University 2005**
- (iv) Bachelor of Theology Honours -Rhodes 1998**
- ((v) Passed Marriage and Designated as Marriage Officer/ Commissioner of Officer -1996**
- (vi) Bachelor of Theology -Rhodes University 1996**

(viii) Ordination Certificate -MCSA 1995

(ix) Diploma -Baptist Union College 1983

(x) JUNIOR SECONDARY TEACHERS CERTIFICATE Cicirha College 1982

(xi) Senior Preachers Accreditation- MCSA- 1979

8. HOBBIES

Wellness Programmes like Jim, Sport especially football, watching gospel shows and News Channel, Family fellowship and Christian Fellowship Networks.