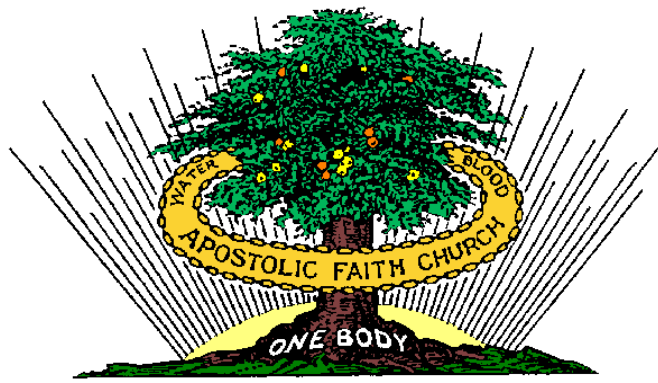


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Passover Conference In Pongola

AFC SOUTH OF LIMPOPO REGION HOLDS THE PASSOVER CONFERENCE IN PONGOLA, KWAZULU DISTRICT IN SOUTH AFRICA; THE SPECIAL WELCOMING OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED INTERNATIONAL CHIEF OVERSEER, AS SOUTH AFRICA GETS A COUNTRY OVERSEER SET IN OFFICE

The Apostolic Faith Church in the South of Limpopo Region under the leadership of Rev Hercules M. Khumalo, the Regional Overseer – South, held the Passover Conference from the 3rd to 5th April 2026 in a town known as Pongola in the Kwazulu Church District in Kwazulu-Natal Province of South Africa. Kwazulu District was the hosting church district under the leadership of the District Overseer Rev Phumulani Nyawo. The conference stood as one of the most profound and impactful spiritual gathering of the saints in recent times, bringing together leaders, ministers, and the faithful believers from different nations in the region under a blessed atmosphere of God's manifest presence and glory. An estimated number of around 3,000 faithful believers gathered in one place from all over the South of Limpopo Region which comprises four nations including Mozambique, Eswatini, Lesotho and South Africa.

This conference not only celebrated the mystery our redemption in Christ through His finished work on the cross (John 19:20-30), but also reaffirmed the Church's commitment to the Unity of the Faith and pressing on and moving forward with the Apostolic Faith and Vision as was revealed in the beginning, and in doing so, honouring our Father and late International Chief Overseer Rev. Duncan Lee, who ensured continuity of the Apostolic Faith and Vision by passing the baton to his deputy Rev. Jeremiah Sande to assume the duty and responsibility of the Office of International Chief Overseer.

A Historical and Glorious Reception of the newly Appointed International Chief Overseer

One of the most remarkable highlights of the conference was the historic and symbolic reception and celebration through the special welcoming of the newly appointed International Chief Overseer (ICO), Rev. Jeremiah Sande. This was the first ever official church event and conference he was attending in his official capacity as Chief Overseer since the announcement of his assumption of the high Office. He was accompanied by the Country Overseer for Angola, Rev. Samuel Paquissi, who travelled from Luanda,



Ceremonial Reception and Presentation of a Cow as a Special Gift

the capital of Angola. The ICO was received by the Rev MH Khumalo the Regional Overseer – South and the Country Overseer for Eswatini Rev. TZ Dlamini in the presence of the District Overseers from within South Africa, and later joined by the Country Overseer for Mozambique

Rev. M. Mabote and his deputy Rev. J. Cossa. Marking the Special Ceremonious reception of the ICO, the South of Limpopo Region gifted the ICO with a cow presented by the Regional Overseer Rev. Khumalo, assisted by the General Secretary of the Region.



International Chief Overseer – Rev. Jeremiah Sande

Rev. Khumalo said it was a Southern African way of showing gratitude, representing a collective expression of honour, reverence, submission and thanksgiving toward God for giving the Church a God-ordained leadership in this historic moment by setting the new Chief Overseer who was also the first African to take up the responsibility of leading the Apostolic Faith Church worldwide. The ICO humbly received the gift with gratitude and thanked the Regional Overseer and the entire Church with its leadership for the special welcome and recognition of the settings of the Lord in the Church. He honoured the late ICO Rev. Duncan Lee and recognised the many fathers in the Church who received the Word from the Root, and went before us serving with such commitment to the Church and the ministry of the gospel of Christ - planting churches across African nations in far flung and remote areas, on whose shoulders we now stand. The Overseers prayed for the gift, which was to be slaughtered in celebration with the masses during the Passover conference.

Testimony of Another Historic Moment: The Ordination of the Country Overseer for South Africa



Left: the ICO and Regional Overseer laying hands to ordain Overseer Mhlanga.

Right: the newly Ordained Country Overseer for South Africa, Rev. T. P. Mhlanga and his wife Deaconess Mhlanga

The 2026 Passover Conference was surely a historic and prophetic conference, as by the Gifts and Settings of the Lord at the leading of the Holy Spirit, Rev. Patrick T. Mhlanga was called and set in the Apostolic Office of Country Overseer for South Africa, which never had a Country Overseer for over 25 years. He was set and ordained by the International Chief Overseer assisted by the Regional Overseer – South at the laying-on of Hands. During the same ordination ordinance, Elder Timothy Mathelela, who is also the General Secretary of the Region was set in the Office of Pastor. The ICO ministered from the book of Acts 20:28-32: **“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood...”**

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