



**COME UP HIGHER**

**MISSION  
EMPOWERMENT  
CONFERENCE 2016  
REPORT**

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## 1.0 Report Overview

The Mission Empowerment Conference 2016 (the “**Conference**”) was planned and executed by IMPACT Missionary Movement in conjunction with Seventh-Day Adventists Student Missionaries (SASM) and Students Missionaries Movement (STuMM). The conference took place from 1-5 July 2016 at the New Government Complex and NIPA Conference Centre. The Theme for the Conference was; *COME UP HIGHER*. The conference was led by 15 speakers of which 12 led different seminars focused primarily on missions. The conference was attended by an average of 780 delegates with maximum attendance on Sabbath reaching 1,000. The delegates at the conference represented 15 countries and of 4 continents. At the End of the Conference 18 precious souls were baptized. The Conference was followed by a mission which was organized for the delegates and was attended by 32 missionaries. A further 27 Souls were baptized bringing the total number of baptisms to 45.

## 1.1 Registration Report

### **Registration and Attendance**

The Registered paid up delegates were 620 in total and the average attendance during the conference was around 780. The average numbers for each day were as follows; Friday 950, Saturday 1,250, Sunday 600, Monday 650 and Tuesday 550.

### **Countries Represented**

The countries represented at this conference included Netherlands, Philippines, USA, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Malawi, Namibia, Angola, Lesotho and South Africa giving a total of 15 countries including Zambia.

### **Composition of Delegates**

The composition of the delegates was encouraging as it consisted of missionaries, evangelists, Adventist youths, campus ministries, AY structures and a few non-Adventists. About 30 pastors were in attendance as well. The ratio of students to working members was about 5 to 1 i.e. about 600 students to 180 non-working members.

### **Mission Groups Represented**

The following mission groups were officially present: SASM from University of Zambia, STuMM-Copperbelt University, Mission Cohort- South Africa, Reapers from Cape Town-South Africa, 1,000 missionary movement-ASIA, Mission Caleb-Namibia, ALIVE Nigeria, COME-Ghana, Rusangu Missions (RuMM)- Rusangu University, IMPACT Zimbabwe, ARMY South Africa, and Medical Missionary Movement Zambia, bringing the total number of mission groups to 12.

## 1.2 Financial Report

The budget for the conference was pegged at ZMW 250,000 which was fully met and exceeded.

### Income

Income came from three sources which were registration fees, IMPACT coffers and donations both kind and in monetary form. See the tabulation below for income raised:

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount (ZMW)</b>	<b>%</b>
Registration-Working members	25,000	10%
Registration-Non Working	78,000	30%
Booths and Advertisement	2,500	1%
IMPACT coffers	108,000	41%
ALIVE USA & KENYA, Nigeria, Mission cohort	31,500	13%
Life Destiny (video shooting)	9,500	3%
Sabbath offering collection	5,500	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Air tickets (9 speakers)	85,000	31%
Venue	63,000	20%
T-shirts	25,000	9%
Food for speakers and Delegates	20,000	7%
Video shooting	17,500	6%
Accommodation for speakers	13,000	5%
PA system and Hiring HDI cable/Projector	11,500	4%
Transport for local speakers/Singing groups	7,000	3%
Purchase of MEC DVD's	6,000	3%
Accommodation& food for Int delegates	2,000	1%
Publicity	4,000	2%
Logistics, airtime, publicity and provisions	5,800	2%
Registration pack and treasury envelopes	3,400	2%
Programing (Program brochure and design)	2,100	1%
Medical expenses	1,500	1%
Courtesy and ushers	1,200	1%
Decoration	1,500	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-</b>	

### 1.3 Programing, Spiritual and Training, Mission Report

#### Programing

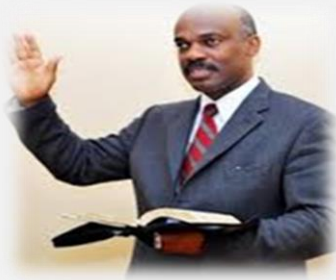
We successfully managed to train about 450 attendants through the 12 seminars. 10 out of the 15 seminars were recorded and later on sold. The seminars that were recorded were also playing with life destiny TV for 6 months following the Conference.

- Righteousness by faith
- Medical Missionary Evangelism
- Deeper Personal Spirituality
- Colporteur Ministry
- Christian Living
- Hermeneutics
- Homiletics
- Adventist Heritage
- Who is an Adventist?
- Studying Doctrines in the Light of the Cross
- Organizing Churches for Missions
- How to prepare Bible Studies
- Evangelism Methods Vs Acts Model of Evangelism
- Role of Prophecy in the Adventist Church
- Church planting
- Entrepreneurship and Evangelism

*The Key Objectives and expected outcomes were;*

- To get Seventh-Day Adventist youth challenged to get active involvement in evengelism
- To keep the vision and urgency of a completed Gospel commission and the soon-coming of Christ alive in the hearts of the attendees
- To network Seventh-day Adventist youths adults for Mission
- To challenge young people to spiritual, social and professional/academic excellence
- To provide platform on sharing ideas on effective biblical methodologies of undertaking missions and preaching the word.
- To give young people a Mission practicum work in the field

**Speakers for MEC 2016**



**Randy Skeete**



**Joshua Shin**



**T.K Mensah**



**Sihle Khanyile**



**Janet Oyende**



**Imoh Efreh**



**Chris Chinonge**



**Daniel Katongo**



**Sbusiso Ntini**



**Dean Chola**



**Wesley Beene**



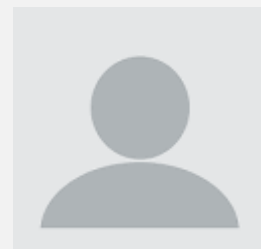
**Laurian Haangala**



**James Banda**



**Van Munyumbwe**



**Mrs Mervis Muyunda**

## Baptism

The Conference was spiritually awakening and reviving both to missionaries who were previously active in mission and the new missionaries. The conference generated 84 interests for baptism but only 18 were baptized. The rest of the 66 were advised to get baptized in their local churches, conferences and unions.

## Post Conference Mission

We undertook mission to Chifwema, south-east of Lusaka with a team of 30 missionaries who had attended the Conference, from 10<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016. We thank God that 26 souls were baptized.

## 1.4 TESTIMONY BANK



### **Beryl Onyango (Kenya)**

The MEC 2016 was more than a blessing to me - I was inspired, challenged and encouraged to truly come up higher.

I was inspired by the very presence of God in the conference. The messages presented had a power in them that was undeniably God's. The music was wholesome and uplifting and the prayer sessions were powerful. I was challenged by the commitment of everyone to the cause of God. The organization, sacrifice and cooperation indicated that people had indeed devoted much into this conference. I was particularly impressed by the fact that some attendees participated in a rural mission right after the conference to put in practice what they had learnt. I was encouraged by the genuineness of the friendships formed during the conference. I now have a network of brothers and sisters in various countries across the face of the earth with whom we encourage each other during the vicissitudes of life. We also encourage each other to remain grounded in God.

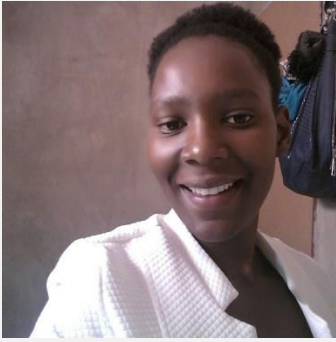
### **Romee Dits (Netherlands)**

In 2016 I attended the MEC. It was my very first MEC and also my first visit to Zambia. What an experience it was! I didn't really know what to expect, But the conference has made a big impact on my life. The sessions of main speaker Pastor Randy Skeete were powerful and have challenged me to come to a Higher level of commitment and dedication in my spiritual life. I still remember, one night during Pastor Skeete's sermon I got very convinced I had to make certain choices in my life to get closer to Jesus, and by God's Grace I did. Those choices have made the biggest difference until



this day and I'm very thankful for that. Also the seminars were so inspiring. It was great we got to choose from many seminars, so everyone could attend one according to his or her need. Honestly I wish I could've attended even more! And of course, I had such a good time socializing and networking with all the wonderful people that attended the conference. I made friends for life and got truly encouraged for mission. In the end there were many lessons to

take home to the Netherlands. For sure the Lord has even more blessings in store for this year's (2018) MEC... Hope to see you there!



### **Lesupi Thato (Lesotho)**

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19&20. This is the commission that as a young person, even though I understood, acknowledged and accepted as a call to service, had troubled me because I would often times face challenges that would make me feel all alone and

inadequately incapable to take the yoke of service, and would therefore be discouraged. But attending the MEC Conference 2016, revived the missionary spirit in me through the various programs we took part in. I left empowered as a young missionary and it has been the experience that has stayed with me to date. Interacting with other young people of different African countries who share the same convictions and are of the same faith have made a positive impact and created for me a network of friends, sisters, brothers and colleagues in the countries that were represented.

### **Chipo Sulwe (Zambia)**

2016 was exciting. I could hardly wait for July. Impact was having its first Mission Empowerment Conference (MEC). I had the privilege to be part of the publicity team and I knew it was going to be amazing. The conference itself was life changing. I doubt there was anyone who went there whose life wasn't impacted. For me, Pastor TK Menser, from Ghana, was one of my favorite speakers. I vividly remember when he particularly talked about being entrepreneurial and being able to financially independently as well as collectively. Today I try to invest whatever little that I have. He had told us his campus experience of how he started a photocopying business with one machine and later expanded. Last year, I decided to seize the opportunity of being a student and started a business of baking and selling muffins. Why am telling you this? MEC doesn't just enrich your spiritual life but it teaches your life skills. Interactions with international delegates also teaches us just how diverse we are yet being all united in Christ. I look forward to MEC 2018 and I am ready to learn a lot more extraordinary thing. See you there!



### **Nampa Leastways (Zimbabwe)**

When I left home headed for Lusaka, I didn't know what to expect. IMPACT! programs have always had a way of surprising me in the best ways possible. I knew it was going to be a massive program with many young people from across Zambia coming together. What I didn't know was how many young people from across Africa were going to be a part of it. The first thing that impacted me was seeing the number of young people that are yearning for an experience of primitive godliness. Young people



that could have been anywhere else, but sacrificed their time and money to invest in their eternal lives. Young people who, like me, just want an Enoch experience with God. Young people that do not want to listen to watered down sermons that do not tackle the core issues of Christianity. And ultimately MEC did not disappoint me. The choice of topics was right up my ally, addressing the many challenges I face as a young person while trying to maneuver my Christian walk and the world around me. For instance, the seminar that addressed ministry in the workplace really changed my perspective on how to be an effective missionary in that setting. Not to mention the speakers that through the power of the Holy Spirit, were not ashamed to call sin by its rightful name. MEC was truly a mountain top experience. And to be honest it is the gift that keeps giving. Because through MEC I was privileged to meet some amazing godly men and women from across Africa, that I am proud to call my brothers and sisters. Who, when faced with challenges, or when I am discouraged by life, I am able to reach out to them for strength. And thank God they are there for the joys as well. I can only pray and hope that more young people will have the privilege to be exposed to similar programs across the world. It is time that young people rise to the occasion. Jesus is coming again, sooner than we think. 'Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.' Eph 5:16(Zimbabwe)

### **Mcebisi Mabuza (Swaziland)**

MEC 2016, themed come up higher was a heaven instituted program which was such a blessing to my soul. The programming was tailored not only to enrich spiritually but also to challenge intellectually. It's common practice among Christians to passively take in information without carefully scrutinizing and rightly applying the mind to engage the Bible truths. The conference speakers were of that caliber, challenged us to think deeply about our faith, think deeply about Adventism and to think deeply about why we are Adventists. Another important the aspect of the program that really touched me in a special way was the importance of mission work and the ministry of church planting especially in un-entered areas. There is need for young people like us who will lay all on the altar for the work of spreading the gospel to other places.

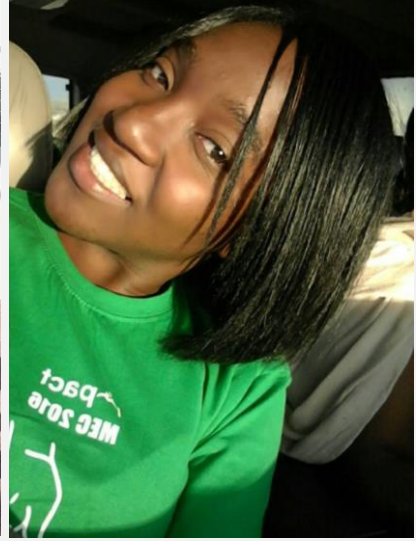


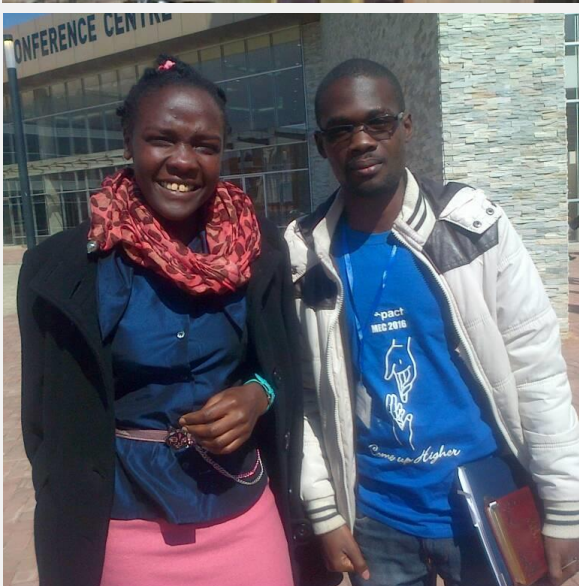
### **1.5 Conclusion**

We thank our Lord Jesus Christ for all the provisions of the Conference. We also thank all cooperating partners, donors and the Lusaka Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church for the support they rendered in making the Conference successful.

## 1.6 Photo Gallery









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