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PHAKAMISA  
A Ministry of  
Pinetown Methodist Church



“PHAKAMISA” is pronounced “PA-GA-MEE-SA” and means “TO LIFT UP, TO MAKE GROW”

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## Chairman’s Report September 2025

Phakamisa has been carrying out its work from its central headquarters in Pinetown Methodist Church for over 30 years, its fundamental aim is to lift and empower impoverished communities. The UK Trust has sought to encourage and support this work by raising funds to help maintain the work being carried out in South Africa.

Over this last year it has been encouraging to receive news from Phakamisa highlighting the progress and success of students on their educare training programs. Students who go on to set up preschool facilities in their own localities and some who go on to teach in schools.

We recently received a testimonial from a young man who as an infant went to a Phakamisa ‘wandering school’ and today twenty years later is about to start at university. He attributes his success to that Phakamisa creche in 2004 preparing him for the ‘journey of life’, how his teacher inspired him during his early years to be confident and strong.

Phakamisa continues to experience the effects of global warming. Over the last 12 months suffering from drought, floods and even snow causing damage to wandering schools. The need to provide simple meals for children attending creche/preschools has become more acute.

Earlier this year we heard how a teacher at one of the wandering schools noticed a child who was hungry and poorly dressed. On investigation it came to light that this child was living with her grandmother in terrible conditions. The Grandmother could not read or write and was unable to get any support. On discovering this Phakamisa raised some funds to rebuild the home and assisted the grandmother to get the financial help she needed.

And so, the Phakamisa story is one of progress and success with many students achieving good grades in the Early Child Development programs. They have a good uptake of the Caregivers program including sewing, beadwork, cooking and gardening.

However, the limitation is the funding necessary to fund all these activities and the poverty which many of their clients come from. The director has highlighted issues with the cost of materials for training students, and the provision of food for the children in their wandering schools.

As a Trust we continue to face the challenge of continuing to accrue sufficient income to fulfil our commitment to the work of Phakamisa. We are forever grateful to our faithful contributors to the cause, but we need to enthuse and inspire more partners if we are to prosper this work. To this end

we have produced more literature to circulate around churches and have begun to accumulate a bank of videos to use in presentations.

I am acutely aware that communications with a broader base in 2025 necessitates a greater use of social media and this should be a priority in the coming year.

It has been good to welcome Zethu to the UK during early September. Her sharing of her experiences has been useful in once again raising the profile of the immense work that Phakamisa does in and around Pinetown.

As always, we give thanks to God for the work that takes place through Phakamisa, for all that has been done and continues to be done through the faithful workers in and around Pinetown, and the many supporters here in the UK and around the world.

My sincere thanks to all our supporters and of course, to our dedicated team of trustees without whom the work of the UK Trust would not be possible.

Rev Dennis Smith

**PHAKAMISA (UK)**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2025**

			2025	2024
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	Legacy	Bank of Scotland	-	57,550.64
	ad-hoc	Bank of Scotland	24,224.92	26,142.21
		Paypal	1,204.61	842.00
	regular	Affirmative Deposit Account	19,689.00	20,030.00
			<u>45,118.53</u>	<u>104,564.85</u>
		Gift Aid Tax refund	10,698.89	5,604.15
		Interest received	1,648.41	1,795.19
			<u>57,465.83</u>	<u>111,964.19</u>
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Payments</b>				
		Pinetown, South Africa	63,970.00	66,094.50
		Trustee Expenses	162.00	1,453.25
	Bank Charges	foreign payments	180.00	180.00
		Paypal	22.64	16.00
			<u>64,334.64</u>	<u>67,743.75</u>
<b>Total</b>				
Surplus (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments			<u>(6,868.81)</u>	<u>44,220.44</u>
Funds brought Forward			47,010.63	2,790.19
Surplus (Deficit) receipts			<u>(6,868.81)</u>	<u>44,220.44</u>
Funds Carried Forward			<u>40,141.82</u>	<u>47,010.63</u>
Represented b	Bank of Scotland		9,589.42	5,925.64
	Paypal		-	-
	Affirmative Deposit		<u>30,552.40</u>	<u>41,084.99</u>
			<u>40,141.82</u>	<u>47,010.63</u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Pinetown Methodist Church Mission Trust (UK)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on the reverse of this page.

### **Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required during an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present 'a true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Relevant Professional Qualification: Retired Chartered Accountant

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Date: 23/9/25