

## A BRIEF HISTORY

Dangamvura East Circuit of the United Methodist Church (UMC) also known as **The Miracle Centre** is a fast growing, dynamic and vibrant church in a forward march to salvation, The church is situated in Dangamvura suburb of the City of Mutare, in the Mutare District of the United Methodist Church, of The Zimbabwe East Annual Conference

The story of Miracle Centre is a typical example of evangelism explosion in the suburb of Dangamvura. As a result of concerted evangelical mission and outreach crusades in Dangamvura suburb by the United Methodist Church, St James Dangamvura UMC circuit experienced unprecedented membership explosion in the year 2002, from a membership of only 700 in December 2001 to a membership of over 2000 by December 2002.

This exceptional membership growth resulted in the Zimbabwe East Annual Conference in its December 2002 sitting at Mabvudzi in Makoni UMC district, passing an urgent resolution to establish a fully fledged circuit, in the eastern side of Dangamvura suburb, by first of January year 2003 to be known as Dangamvura East Circuit. Thus with very little preparation a circuit without a sanctuary, without a parsonage and other basic utilities was created hence the circuit earned the nickname **The Miracle Centre**, because of the miraculous way it was created. In a short space of time the state of affairs at this church stabilized and normalized so smoothly and effectively that it appeared as if the circuit had operated for a number of decades.

**THE MIRACLES** The circuit has lived up to its name Miracle Centre as many miracles have been witnessed at Miracle Centre. Among other miracles was one witnessed by the congregation on 15th. February 2004 when the circuit in one day raised US\$5 000 towards the purchase of a 2000 square metre stand (**number 12016 Area 13**) that had been offered by the city council and required payment within two weeks. The circuit has also within a short space of time purchased a semi developed stand to build a parsonage. To date several developments have been made on the church stand, such as an ablution block, an office block, a temporary

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sanctuary, electricity and water sewer connections and a glorious sanctuary has been developed up to slab level.

### THE MEMBERSHIP

Miracle Centre is a diversified church of mainly young to middle ages and few elderly people. At inception the registered members were 150 and over the six years the membership has grown more than four fold to 800 members. About 40% of the membership are women, 45% are youth and children and 15% are men. The membership is composed of people from all walks of life, ranging from house wives, informal traders, the working class, the middle class who are mainly professionals such as teachers, nurses, agronomists and other civil servants. There are also a few business persons among the membership. Despite the diversity of the social background of the membership it is amazing to observe how the members work, worship and relate with each other in harmony without looking down upon each other like black and white piano keys.

### THE CHURCH PROJECTS

As mentioned above the church has several wonderful projects lined up for the congregation to achieve in the short to medium term, such as taking up the sanctuary building from the slab level to final completion, finishing up the semi developed parsonage and the acquisition of attire for our forty member church choir.

#### (The Harvest Is Great But The Labours Few)

Jesus made this appeal towards his last days on earth. Like our Lord Jesus, Miracle Centre is making a similar appeal to our stake holders, fraternal friends, donors and other well wishers.

### THE SANCTUARY PROJECT

The sanctuary project is top on the list of all the church's short term projects. All the building plans and detailed bill of quantities for the magnificent sanctuary are in place and construction works has already taken phase one of the building from foundation level to slab level.

The church is now looking for funds to take the building from phase two to phase five of the project which entails construction of the building from slab level to super structure, roofing, tubing and plumbing and finally plastering and painting.

The sanctuary project requires a total of about \$40 000 000 US to complete from phase two to phase five and to make it easy -for our stakeholders and well-wishers to donate, we have itemized the project components by phases and had them costed by our architects.

For those who may need further breakdown we also have in place an itemized bill of quantities for their convenience.

### THE COSTS

Phase (2) Slab level to Super Structure	US\$ 9 000
Phase (3) Roofing	11 000
Phase (4) Tubing & Plumbing	12 000
Phase (5) Glazing, Plastering & Painting	15 000
Total costs	<b>US\$ 47 000</b>



### THE PARSONAGE PROJECT

One of the most prerequisite for any circuit in the United Methodist Church is a decent accommodation for the pastor. Currently Miracle Centre is leasing a house as a parsonage from a family who is not a member of our church. Some of the leasing conditions are not favorable for the church such that it is essential an urgent that we acquire our own parsonage, hence a parsonage is top on our list of priorities. As mentioned above the circuit has already acquired a semi developed house in the neighborhood with a foundation, three rooms, water, sewer and electricity connected. Concurrent to the sanctuary project the church is also developing this acquired semi developed property to a modern four bed-roomed house for the circuit parsonage

The building plans have been drawn and costed by our architects and we need about US \$12 000 to complete the project.



### THE CHURCH CHOIR ATTIRE PROJECT

The Dangamvura East people love to praise and worship God through singing. At inception in 2003 a powerful, unique and dynamic choir was put together to bless our church services.

The choir in many occasions has been invited to provided music at very high profile gatherings and has participated and received awards in many local, regional and national church choir competitions.

The **Church Choir Attire Project** entails replacing gowns, costumes and suits for the choir which were acquired some four years ago with up to date outfit in line with other local and regional choirs.

The designs and patterns are already in place and have been costed by our designers as follows:

Cost of Materials	US \$2 800
Cost of Accessories	300
Cutting and Making Up	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>US \$3 450</b>



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### HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Contributions should be made and channeled to our Dangamvura East Circuit, Commercial Bank Of Zimbabwe, Mutare branch account number 01320257220011,

All cheques should be made out in the name of Dangamvura East UMC Circuit, Attention, Pastor in Charge, Dangamvura East Circuit P. O. Box DV 42, Dangamvura, Mutare, Zimbabwe.

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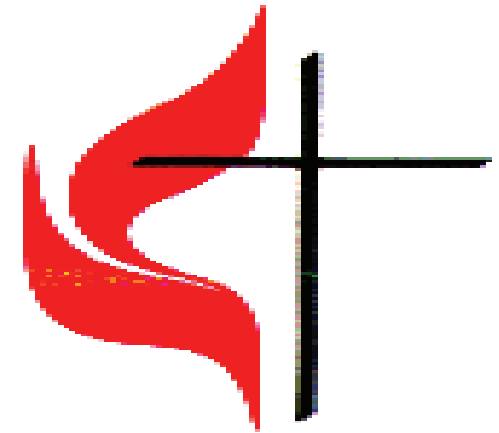
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### MISSION STATEMENT

Mathew 28: 18- 20 (NLT)

I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this : I am always with you, even to the end of the age