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InTouch

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Comradeship

To create fellowship among young people in the Methodist church and other churches. This is a programme that enables us to share ideas whilst having fun and understanding one another.

Where do you come from?

I was born and bred at EC Lady Frere, I am currently residing in JHB and a member of WG at central circuit 0901

What do you love most about your circuit?

We are a circuit of different diversity from all different parts of Africa. Kuko konke we love and support one another.

When did you become a full member of the MCSA?

I was confirmed in 2014 as full member of MCSA

When did you personally encounter Jesus?

Describe scene.

Uhhh!! I think 2013 that's when the spirit of the Lord moved me and I decided to go to church. During church service, from hymns to sermon of that day I was touched and lifted by the spirit, and something inside me said its now time ndayozinikela kuba ndifuna ukusetyenziswa nguBawo. From then until now its been a smooth rough journey.

When and why did you join the Wesley Guild?

I joined WG 2015 and I was robbed 2016 Sept. The reason I joined guild I felt it as a place that can help me to grow spiritual and mental because kunabantu abatsha with in same age group as me , I used to watch YouTube videos and they were blessing me everyday. And my soul would find peace.

Have your expectations been met? (Elaborate)

Slowly but surely a lot has changed, I am no longer the same Aphiwe I was before joining WG. Indeed ndisendaweni e right.

What do you love and dislike most about Wesley Guild?

What I love about guild you can find friends, brothers and sister. Guild can either make or break you the ball is in your hand. You can worship God in any way, and guild is the place where izimilo zabantu abatsha can changed to better. What I dislike is the guilders who always have something bad to say about everyone, guilders who are not serious and see this movement njengendawo yochitha isiyalo and catching up with friends.

Is the Wesley Guild still relevant today? (Please elaborate)

Guild will always be relevant, things and time changed, so as guild. Its just the matter of 'Ngelaxesha lethu' people who

doesn't want to accept change and move on with times who still drags the relevance of guild.

What best advice you ever received from a Guilder?

'Be yourself, do you and don't compare your self with other people. And never let your progress/success in life make other people feel small. Always be humble'

Who has been your mentor at Wesley Guild?

I do not have any mentor. I just learn and take what best for me from different people.

Which 'C' in 4Cs you love the most and why?

(If you 'love all Cs' please elaborate on each of them)

Comradeship- This is the C where I get to know other people, not just by name but even personal. Its where we cry, smile, laugh and dance together. And where you can experience the brother and sisterhood love. And me being introvert buke buphele kancinci .

What roles have you played or continue to play in helping the Wesley Guild grow?

I am currently Recording Secretary at my Society. I also helped to create a website for my society (www.braamwesleyguild.co.za). I have a creative mind and always willing to help and assist where my help is needed.

What is your favourite Methodist hymn and why?

Sotho 214 and Xhosa 229. When challenges and storms of life come through I sing that verse " Zakufik' iinzingo zam, Nokuthanda-buza kwam. Ndifihle mkhululi wam dezidlule ingozi zam" onke Amandla ayabuya nethemba

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Your philosophy in life?

Be humble and love them all, but always remember not everyone you love will love you the same way you love them.

What would you say to a young person who is about to give up on battle they are facing?

Romans 8:18 "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" We may not know when that Glory will be revealed but ilizwi likaThixo alibuyeli kuye lingawenzanga umsebenzi walo

How do you handle challenges?

Prayer, and pray and another prayer. And also always having a positive mind and attitude in what ever circumstance. And never allow emotions to control you.

What keeps you going and dedicating your life to God?

Waking up every day which isn't promised and be able to do whatever I want to do, not because I'm holy or ndenze kakuhle phambi koThixo, but because His Grace is sufficient for naboni abafana nam..

