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*Contextual
Bible Study*

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A message from our *Rev. Xolani Mhobo*

Dearly Beloved

We are so excited to share with you the progress we've made regarding the roll-out process of Contextual Bible Reading/study (CBR/S) to our beloved URCSA Cape congregations.

CBS is a very powerful and useful tool to enable our congregations' leaders and members to understand the importance of context when we read the Bible, and also empower them how to read the context of the Bible and especially our own contexts, from which we are reading the Bible.

As a CBS facilitator and task team member of Congregational Witness myself, it is such a privilege and honor to be part of this groundbreaking process. Listening to the people who have attended CBR workshops and have been introduced to this transformational method of reading the Bible it confirms that CBS is having an impact on our congregations and members.

I would like to thank Revs Pedro and Sifuba, and all the other CBS trainers and facilitators who are carrying the torch of CBS into the church of Christ. May the good Lord continue to grant you wisdom and the enthusiasm to keep on teaching and empowering His people and His church with this transformational tool.

I would like to encourage them and everyone part of the CBS team with St Paul's words in Galatians 6: 9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up".

Rev. Xolani Mhobo

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CBS INTRODUCTION

With regards to the Introduction of CBS in the past six months ten workshops have been facilitated with church councils and ministries on presbyterial level. Seven workshops by Rev. Babalwa Sifuba with presbyteries of the Eastern Cape and Southern Cape and three workshops with presbyteries of the Western Cape by some of the URCSA proponents.



EASTERN CAPE

CWM Executive members

- In Cradock
- 19 - 21 October 2022
- [Read more](#)



The group of CWM members with Rev. Stephen Pedro (far right), Rev. Babalwa Sifuba (front centre) and Prop. Don-Marco Jonaan (at the back with spectacles)



Uitenhage Presbytery

- URCSA KwaNobuhle
- 11 February
- [Read more](#)



CWM Fish River Presbytery

- URCSA Adelaide
- 18 March
- [Read more](#)



CWM PE Presbytery

- URCSA Bet-EI
- 25 March
- [Read more](#)



WESTERN CAPE



The CBS Group at the Manyano Centre in Paarl with Rev. Stephen Pedro (far right)

CYM Leaders Western & Northern Cape

- In Paarl
- 28 - 30 October 2022
- [Read more.](#)

George Presbytery

- URCSA
Thembalethu
- 4 February
- [Read more.](#)



CWM Leaders

- Porterville
- 25 February
- [Read more](#)

CWM Leaders Presbyteries of Kraaifontein, Stellenbosch & Wynberg

- Kraaifontein
- 18 February
- [Read more](#)



CWM George Presbytery

- In Plettenberg Bay
- 11 March
- [Read more](#)



CYM George Presbytery

- In Plettenberg Bay
- 21 March
- [Read more](#)



TRAINING OF CBS FACILITATORS

Three workshops have been facilitated by Rev. Sifuba. Two with youth leaders of the CYM on presbyterial level and one workshop with the church leaders of the Presbytery of Aliwal North. The proponents had a training workshop with youth leaders from presbyteries of the Western Cape.



EASTERN CAPE

CYM Leaders Follow-up training

- URCSA
KwaZakhele, PE
- 21 January
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CYM Leaders Fish River Presbytery

- URCSA
KwaZakhele, PE
- 18 February
- [Read more](#)

Aliwal North Presbytery

- URCSA Aliwal North
- 21 - 22 February
- [Read more](#)





WESTERN CAPE



**CYM Leaders:
URCSA Sarepta & Stellenbosch
presbyteries
Follow-up training**

- URCSA Eerste Rivier
- 11 February
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FLTR: Prop. Ashwin Thyssen, Jean-Pierre Manuel (host at URCSA Eerste Rivier), Melayna Nel, Whitney Muller, Prop. Dewald Jacobs and Prop. Jayson Gribble



Abbreviations

- URCSA - Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa
- CWM - Christian Women's Ministry
- CYM - Christian Youth Ministry