

## Message from Asakhe Cuntsulana

14 December 2022

Good morning friends, I hope you are all well, uprooted in the knowledge of truth in Christ. It was since 2017 I joined the Cathedral family with directing my marimbas from Mama Penny until my last bow last year. Over these years in Makhanda I have experienced moments of joy, endurance, peace, grief and delight. The Cathedral became a sibling to me during my stay at this small town that forever experiences water cut and the popular loadshedding.

I embark on this new journey, with prospects, hopes and aspirations for the future unfolding in our time. I will miss the community, I will miss the town. The festival holds a special place to me in which I will never miss that window to always come back to Makhanda. For the SpiritFest, the fringe and the main. It will be humbling once again to see the city, the Cathedral alive again as it has always been.

We part to meet and will meet to chat. Thank you for all the kindness, hospitality, care and generosity but ultimately the love in Christ. May the church be the beckon of hope, unwavering when turbulence hit. May you always be refreshed when you are faced with trials of many kind, assured that all these things happen to strengthen you in Christ.

May pain shape you like Christ and death draw you to eternal life. Be blessed. Enkosi ngenceba yenu nonke 🙏

Asakhe