

End-of-Year Christmas Message from the Zimbabwe Council of Churches

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“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... and he shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
(Isaiah 9:6)

As we come to the end of another year and gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) extends warm Christmas greetings and end-of-year blessings to all our member churches, ecumenical partners, people of goodwill, and the nation of Zimbabwe at large.

Christmas proclaims the profound truth that **God enters human history**, not in power or privilege, but in humility, vulnerability, and love. The birth of Christ in Bethlehem is God's enduring declaration of solidarity with humanity, especially with the poor, the weary, the marginalised, and those burdened by fear and uncertainty. In a world often marked by division, injustice, and despair, the Christmas story reminds us that **hope is born where love is embodied, and peace is pursued**.

The Christ who is born among us is the **Prince of Peace**, who calls us to be peacemakers in our communities, our institutions, and our nation. As the Church, we are reminded of our sacred responsibility to be a moral compass truth with love, promoting dialogue over confrontation, justice over oppression, and reconciliation over division. The light of Christ challenges us to resist despair and to actively build a society rooted in human dignity, mutual respect, and social cohesion.

We give thanks for the resilience of our churches and communities throughout the year. We acknowledge the faithful witness of congregations, clergy, and lay leaders who have continued to serve selflessly providing pastoral care, humanitarian assistance, advocacy for justice, and spaces for healing and dialogue. Your commitment reflects the incarnational love of Christ at work in our nation.

As we look toward the New Year, we pray that the hope of Christmas will inspire renewed courage and moral imagination. May the coming year be marked by **greater national dialogue, inclusive participation, ethical leadership, and a shared commitment to peace and development.** We call upon all Zimbabweans church, state, civil society, and the private sector to work together for the flourishing of all, leaving no one behind.

May the light that shone in Bethlehem shine anew in our homes, churches, and public life. May the peace of Christ guard our hearts and minds, and may God's grace sustain our nation as we journey into the New Year.

On behalf of the Zimbabwe Council of Churches, we wish you a **blessed Christmas and a hopeful, peaceful, and just New Year.**

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”
(John 1:5)

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