

*Celebrate with **Eureka** Congregation (Western Cape Circuit)*

Eureka Congregation celebrates her centenary this year. In 1906 a number of pioneers formed the nucleus of the Eureka congregation. On **31 May 1910** the first church building, a wood-and-iron structure, was consecrated and this was then officially accepted as the birth of the congregation. A school started a few weeks earlier, as well as the Sunday School. The Sunday School therefore also celebrates her centenary this year.

The congregation grew slowly but steadily and one needs to purchase our brochure to follow Eureka's colourful history. Eureka boasts a wonderful church building with excellent acoustics. This structure eventually replaced the old one in 1954 and Mr. Grammer was the master builder of this project. He built a number of churches and this year marks the 50th anniversary of the last one he built, the one in Oudtshoorn. We nearly lost Eureka during the bitter days of separate development, but after long battles by the congregational council our struggle eventually prevailed.

Apart from the building and its associate amenities, we also have the following ministries. The Sunday school recently started a gospel dance group as its latest endeavour; the Prayer Women's League will celebrate her 60th anniversary in 2012 while the choir will also become 60 next year. The Prayer Men's League was formed in 2008. In addition, there is an active Prayer Circle. The Prayer Youth League is not very active and this is a concern.

We receive visitors from abroad regularly and the most recent visits were from a group of Choir Masters from Sweden lead by Anders Nyberg as well as the choir of Luther College, Iowa, U.S.A. Both choirs initiated the 2010 Centenary celebrations. Since 2006 we were in partnership with Sonstraal N.G.Kerk as part of a *Healing of the memories* initiative. The Spandau Circuit and Christ the King Lutheran congregation in USA have also kept a close relation with us.

Eureka produced eight pastors. This include Bishops Emeritus Andreas Fortuin and Mervyn Assur, as well as Hendrik Davids, Johan Isaacs, Peter Stuurman, Joseph Standaar (Executive Treasurer), Sybil Chetty and Karin Fourie. A 9th candidate, Mark Lakey, applied to join the ministry. The congregation was served by a number of pastors; you need to purchase the

centenary brochure to read about them as well as the remarkable members of the congregation.

The following calendar relates to the immediate celebrations. Feel free to visit is on any of the days and join us in celebrating 100 years of worship.

CALENDAR FOR MAJOR CENTENARY EVENTS			
	Event	Date	Time
3	Thanksgiving Service	30-May-10	10:00
4	Eureka Sings	30-May-10	15:30
5	Birthday Service	31-May-10	19:30
6	Prayer and Praise	01-Jun-10	19:30
7	Festival Concert	02-Jun-10	19:00
8	Centenary Ball	04-Jun-10	19:00
9	Family Fun Day	05-Jun-10	10:00
10	Centenary Service	06-Jun-10	09:00

Our Centenary celebrations will last until 2 December 2010. For more information, do not hesitate to contact:

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