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BISHOP MATEBESI'S PASSING IS A GREAT LOSS TO INTERFAITH COMMUNITY AND NW PROVINCE AT LARGE

Mahikeng: Premier of the North West Province, Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi, who has learnt with deep sadness about the passing of Bishop Daniel Matebesi of the Independent Congregational Church of Southern Africa (ICCSA), says he was a devoted servant of God and a respected leader within the interfaith and broader community.

Bishop Matebesi dedicated his life to ministry, offering spiritual guidance, wisdom and compassion to congregants and community members.

Beyond the pulpit, Bishop Matebesi was known for his humility, commitment to service, and dedication to uplifting others.

"His consistent involvement in the provincial government's programmes, notably, the Premier's Operation Dignity Programme, as a Patron of the Gender Based Violence Forum and Chairperson of Moral Regeneration Movement in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District, did not go unnoticed, as he selflessly dedicated his time and contribution to restoring dignity and hope to those in need".

"I wish to, on behalf of the North West Provincial Government, extend our heartfelt condolences to the Matebesi family, the faith-based organisations, and all who were touched by his life and ministry. May we all find comfort in the legacy of faith, love and service that Bishop Matebesi leaves behind", remarked Premier Mokgosi.

Premier Mokgosi will be amongst the mourners who will pay their last respect to Bishop Matebesi during his funeral service scheduled for this Thursday, 15 January 2026, at the Grace Bible Church in Mahikeng.

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