



**Lighting the way for
generations to come**



MOTHERS' UNION 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE DURBAN

30 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER 2026

DAY 1

Gathering the Worldwide Family

Wednesday, 30 September 2026

REGISTRATION & ARRIVAL

11h00 – 13h00 Delegate Registration and Exhibition Opening

13h30 – 13h50 Pre-Service Music & Gathering

Worship Team leads devotional music. Delegates take their seats for Opening Worship.

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

14h00 – 15h00 Come, Let Us Gather — The Lighting of the Way
Opening Worship Service

15h00 – 15h30 Welcome Remarks

15h30 – 16h00 Arise, Shine — 150 Years of Lighting the Way

CLOSE OF DAY

16h00 – 16h20 Notices

16h20 – 16h45 Closing Worship

DAY 2

Next Generation MU: Flourishing in Faith for the Future

Thursday, 1 October 2026

MORNING EUCHARIST

8h15 – 8h45

Pre-Eucharistic Service Music & Preparation

Worship Team leads devotional music.

9h00 – 10h30

Opening Eucharist — Bread for the Journey

Holy Communion for the Global Gathering

10h30 – 11h00

Tea and Refreshments

YOUNG VOICES & FAMILY

11h00 – 12h00

Voices of Young MU Leaders

"Young, Faithful & Unstoppable — The Next Generation Rises"

12h00 – 13h30

Lunch

13h30-14h30

Family Panel 1 — What Does a Family Look Like Now?

14h30 – 15h00

Afternoon Tea & Exhibition

15h00 – 16h00

Family Panel 2 — Raising Children of Faith

16h00-16h45

Delegate Reflection & Day Feedback

Small groups of 8–10. Guided questions from both family panels. Commitment cards collected.

DAY 3

Living Out Faith: Empowering Communities and Families

Friday, 2 October 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

8h30 – 8h45

Pre-Service Music & Preparation

Worship Team leads devotional music.

9h00- 10h00

Worship Service — Go into All the World

Scripture, Song & Testimony | Luke 4:18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me'

10h00 – 10h30

Tea and Refreshments

KEYNOTES & PANELS

10h30 – 11h30

Keynote — The Church as Agent of Justice

"From Charity to Transformation"

11h30 – 12h30

Family Panel — The Crisis in Our Homes

Domestic Abuse, Poverty, Addiction and the Hidden Suffering Inside Family Life

12h30 – 14h00

Lunch

14h00 – 15h00

She Stood Up: Women Who Changed the World Through Faith

15h00 – 15h30

Afternoon Tea

15h30 – 16h30

Family Panel — Families Under Pressure

Migration, Displacement, Climate Change & the Fragmentation of Family Life Across the Globe

16h30 – 16h45

Commitment Cards

Each delegate writes one commitment from today's sessions. The cards will be blessed on Friday and placed on the altar at Saturday's Eucharist.

CULTURAL EVENING

17h15 – 17h20

Welcome to the Cultural Evening.

17h20 – 17h45

Opening Performance — Africa Leads the Way

South African welcome of traditional music, Zulu / Xhosa / Sotho dance, and song.

17h45– 18h45

Choirs

18h45 - 19h00

Closing Blessing of the Cultural Evening

DAY 4

Celebrating Worldwide Fellowship: One Worldwide Family in Christ

Saturday, 3 October 2026

MORNING KEYNOTE

8h30 – 8h45

Pre-Keynote Music & Gathering

Worship Team leads devotional music. Delegates take their seats for Opening Worship.

9h00 – 10h00

The Saturday Vision Keynote

"The Future Belongs to the Faithful — Hope, Courage & the MU's Next 150 Years"

10h00-10h30

Tea and Refreshments

CLOSING EUCHARIST & COMMISSIONING

10h30 – 12h15

Closing Eucharist & Commissioning Service

"Go, Light the Way" — Holy Communion & Sending Out of the Global Gathering

12h15– 12h30

Official Closing of the 150th Anniversary Worldwide Gathering

The Worldwide President formally closes the gathering.

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