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His People Church has changed its name to Every Nation

His People Church Southern Africa, a movement comprising more than thirty churches in the region, has changed its name to Every Nation. This follows a strategic process birthed at a leaders' meeting in January 2016, leading to a series of Special Meetings where Members cast a resounding vote in favour of the Name Change and amended Constitution at the end of 2016.

His People Church was established in 1988 by a group of national churches sharing the same vision. In 1996 His People joined the Every Nation family of churches, an international movement that exists to honour God by establishing Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, socially-responsible churches and campus ministries in every nation. Every Nation has since planted churches and campus ministries on 6 continents and in 74 nations.

The footprint of the His People churches changing their name spans Cape Town, Johannesburg, Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Parys, Durban, Grahamstown, Polokwane, Mahikeng, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Swaziland.

The name Every Nation is derived from Revelation 5:9, *"And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of **every tribe and tongue and people and nation,**'"* In this instance, the word "nation" refers to "ethnos", thus not political nations, but rather ethnicities. We believe that this new season brings a divine opportunity to strengthen ethnic reconciliation among the nations of our continent; taking the spirit of revival and reformation to the ends of the earth.



Benefits of the new name:

- The name EVERY NATION better describes who we are as a family of churches.
- It is closely connected to our vision, passion and purpose.
- Sharing the same name communicates the synergy that exists in our relationships, vision and mission.
- The name has a broader appeal, especially to the younger generation.
- The name change is significant for our Campus Ministries, as it will empower them to stand against the political atmosphere manifesting on campuses nationwide.
- We desire to reach every nation, tribe and tongue with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What will remain the same?

- Our people, passion and purpose
- Our local church vision and values
- Our leadership and governance

As part of the Every Nation movement in Southern Africa, we as Every Nation Cape Town declare that we have a dream for our city; we have a dream for our nation; and we have a dream for Africa and the nations of the world. In this exciting new dispensation in the history of our Church, we strive to reach every nation, tribe and tongue with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, starting in our beautiful city of Cape Town!

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