



REV LYDIA NESHANGWE

Candidate for Moderator

1. Who are you?

Greetings! My name is Lydia C. Neshangwe and I'm an ordained minister in the UPCSА, the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa. I'm married to Paul, who is also a minister of the UPCSА.

I was born and bred in Zimbabwe, educated in South Africa, and did my theological training while living in the U.S. with my family.

2. What is your relationship with CWM?

In 2016, I was a delegate to the CWM Assembly in Jeju.

In 2018, I was appointed as the Chairperson of the CWM Annual Members Meeting and AGM in Calcutta, India.

I served on the 2019 CWM Strategic Planning Team on the Governance Working Group.

I am now serving on the current CWM Assembly Planning Group as the Worship Working Group leader.

3. What qualifies you for this role?

I am passionate about the values of the Kingdom of God and I will highlight three:

- i) **Peacemaking:** I serve on various peace building forums in and outside Zimbabwe. Last year I served in the International Peacemakers Program of the PC(USA) together with 24 other international peacemakers from around the world.
- ii) **Healing:** I co-founded the Centre for Growth and Wholeness from which I train and assist people towards healing and wholeness.
- iii) **Embracing Diversity:** I am an ecumenist at heart. While Zimbabwe is my home base, I serve God in other parts of the world through various ecumenical forums.

4. What will you bring to the role?

I have served the CWM in many programs and conferences as a speaker, writer, participant and leader.

Therefore, I bring to the table my wide experience of serving in the CWM in the roles I have described earlier.

I also bring to the table my well-developed capacity for Discernment, Discretion and Decision-Making.