

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION A PROUD MOMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF ETHEKWINI A congratulatory message from the Mayor



ON behalf of the citizens of eThekweni, I wish to congratulate the Diakonia Council of Churches on the occasion of its 35th anniversary celebration. This is, indeed, a proud moment for the people of eThekweni as the name Diakonia has become a significant landmark for the city. The role played by Diakonia in the liberation struggle and in the fight for justice is well documented and recognised by all. The Diakonia Council of

Churches was founded by the churches in 1976, at a time of increasing injustice and oppression in South Africa, to mobilise its member churches and facilitate their work for justice.

Diakonia offered refuge to many political activists and assisted the poor to access justice. It is pleasing that even after the democratic dispensation, the Council continues to champion the cause of the poor.

The eThekweni Municipality recognises the role played by the church in addressing the spiritual as well as socio-economic needs of communities, hence we have established communication channels with religious leaders. We need to strengthen our partnership in order to fast track the delivery of services and improve the lives of poor communities.

Congratulations to Diakonia and may the organisation continue to grow.

Cllr James Nxumalo
eThekweni Mayor



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