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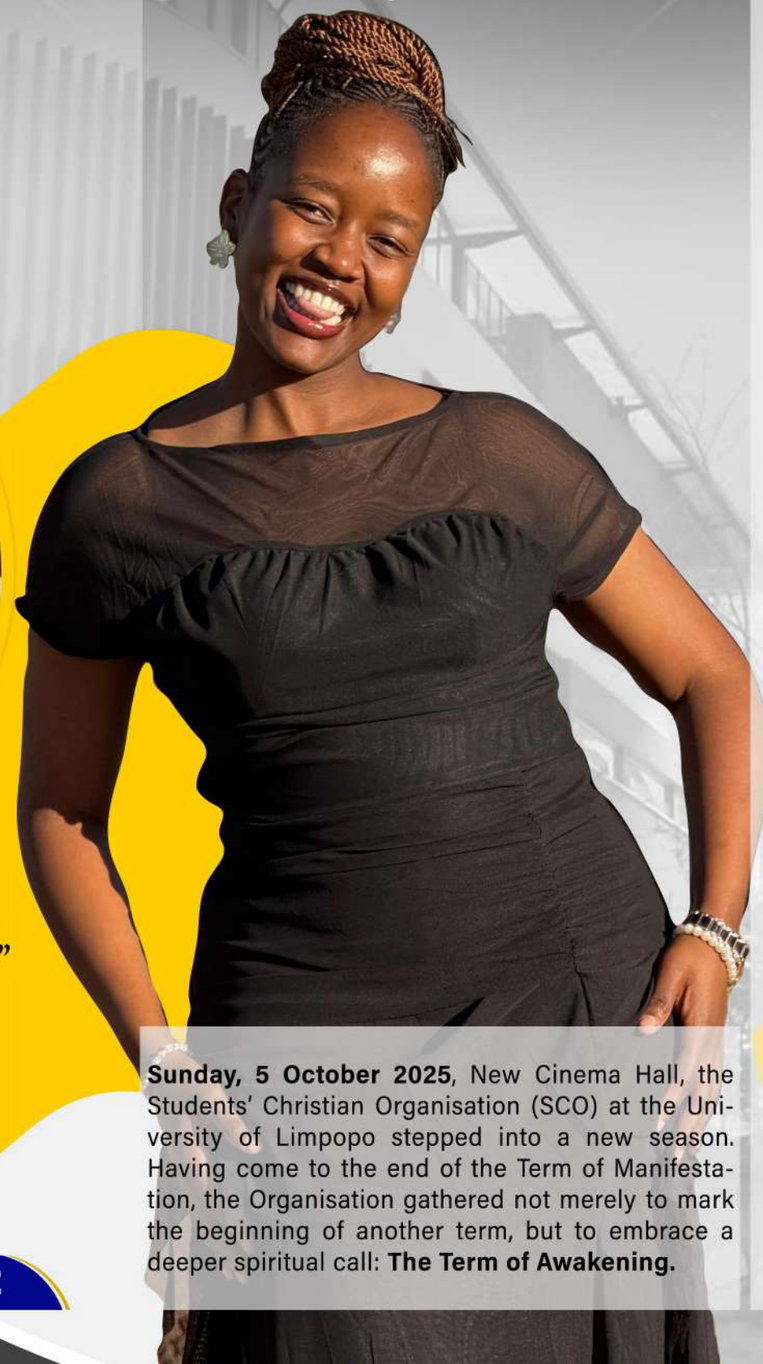


"Are you fully awake to live in God's Promises?"

A New Era Begins

Introducing The Term Awakening

By Neo Letuma



Sunday, 5 October 2025, New Cinema Hall, the Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) at the University of Limpopo stepped into a new season. Having come to the end of the Term of Manifestation, the Organisation gathered not merely to mark the beginning of another term, but to embrace a deeper spiritual call: **The Term of Awakening.**

Introducing the Term of Awakening, the Branch Chairperson, Sister Tshegofatso Gololo delivered a message that challenged the congregation to examine themselves. Her preaching carried a sense of urgency, almost as though she was calling the organisation to account for the seasons it had already walked through. The question was not simply whether SCO had entered different terms, but whether its members had been awake enough to experience and participate in what God was doing.

The Term of Manifestation was a season in which members were expected to see God's promises and purposes become evident in their lives. However, for some, manifestation never came—not necessarily because there was nothing to manifest, but because they were spiritually asleep. Likewise, during the Term of Restoration, some remained unrestored because they had failed to keep watch. The message therefore became clear: one cannot fully experience a season while remaining spiritually asleep.

The call to awakening was further reinforced through Mark 11:12–13, where Jesus encountered a fig tree that appeared to promise fruit because of its leaves, yet had no fruit to offer. The passage became a sobering picture of outward appearance versus genuine spiritual substance. Sister Tshegofatso challenged the congregation not to become people who merely look fruitful, appearing to manifest and flourish outwardly, while lacking the fruit that God desires within.

As SCO entered the Term of Awakening, the message was therefore not simply a declaration of a new theme, but a call to wake up, keep watch, bear genuine fruit, and become spiritually intentional. It was a reminder that a new term demands a new posture. The organisation was called to move beyond appearances and into authentic spiritual growth because awakening is not merely about opening one's eyes, but about becoming fully aware of God's presence, purpose and calling.

The Term of Awakening had begun. The question was no longer, "What season are we in?" but rather, "Are we awake enough to live in it?"

Kingdom Governance:

Bringing God's Principles to Campus

By Neo Letuma



Apostle Goodman Khoza, Former Branch Chairperson of the Term of Restoration delivering a keynote address on Bringing God's Principles to Campus.

On the **29th March 2026,** the Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) hosted **Kingdom Governance**, a session aimed at helping students understand the principles and influence of the Kingdom of God within the campus community.

Apostle Goodman Khoza unpacked the concept by defining Kingdom Governance as the application of biblical principles, morals, and ethics within human communities. He emphasised that Christian participation in politics should not be driven by the pursuit of power or resources, but by a desire to ensure that Christian values are represented in leadership and society.

He further described politics as the art of making decisions in leadership—who gets what, when, and how. With politics influencing many aspects of everyday life, he reminded students that Christians cannot simply run away from politics; they are called to engage wherever God has positioned them.

Apostle Khoza also explored the meaning of a "comrade" as a fellow worker or soldier, challenging the idea that everyone must occupy the pulpit. He reminded students that the Kingdom needs people in different spheres, including politics, business, and other areas of society.

The session ultimately left students with a powerful reminder: Kingdom influence is not limited to the church—it extends wherever God has placed His people.



Members of the Students' Affairs Desk After the session, the event was a success.

As the session concluded, students were encouraged to recognise that their faith carries a responsibility beyond the walls of the church. Kingdom governance calls believers to become agents of integrity, justice, excellence, and godly influence in every sphere of society. Whether in politics, business, education, or community leadership, Christians are called to serve with purpose and reflect the values of God's Kingdom. The challenge, therefore, is not simply to occupy positions of influence, but to use those positions to bring meaningful transformation and advance the Kingdom of God in society.

> "Politics is the art of making decisions in leadership, who gets what, when, and how."
>
> ~ Apostle G Khoza

Love, Courtship & Marriage

Building Relationships God's Way

By Nqobile Motshwene



Apostle McDonald & Prophetess Lerato Maleka, Leading a Branch of JGTIC in Tzaneen, delivering a keynote address in Building Relationships God's Way in day 2 of LCM.

The Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) hosted Love, Courtship & Marriage from **April 21 to 23, 2026.** Grounded in the foundational truth that Christ must remain at the center of every relationship, the event brought together students, singles, and couples to explore biblical clarity and practical wisdom for building lasting connections. The gathering featured guest speaker **Apostle McDonald Maleka,** who led evening ministrations daily at 18:00. Building on the legacy of previous SCO relationship gatherings, the three-day seminar unpacked essential kingdom principles regarding intentional courtship, godly marriage, and personal devotion.

In a generation where relationships are often shaped by social media, emotions and changing cultural expectations, the question remains: What does it mean to build a relationship God's way? This was the focus of the powerful Love, Courtship and Marriage teaching by Apostle McDonald Maleka, presented to young people with the aim of bringing biblical wisdom and understanding to one of the most important areas of life.

LOVE IS MORE THAN A FEELING

One of the important reminders from the teaching is that love cannot be reduced to attraction or emotions. Feelings can change, but genuine love requires character, responsibility, commitment and selflessness. For young believers, this means learning to distinguish between simply being attracted to someone and genuinely being prepared to love, honour and build with that person.

The world often teaches us to ask, "What can this person do for me?" But godly relationships challenge us to ask, "What kind of person am I becoming, and how can I love another person according to God's principles?"

COURTSHIP WITH PURPOSE

Courtship should not simply be another word for dating. It should be a purposeful season of getting to know one another and discerning whether marriage is the right direction for the relationship. This requires more than chemistry. It requires meaningful conversations about faith, values, family, finances, future plans, character and purpose. Courtship gives two people the opportunity to discover not only what they like about each other, but also whether they can walk together towards a shared future.

For the young person asking, "When will I find the right person?", perhaps another question is equally important:
"Am I preparing myself to become the right person?"

DON'T RUSH WHAT REQUIRES WISDOM

A relationship does not become successful simply because two people love each other. Healthy relationships require patience, maturity, boundaries, communication and spiritual discernment. There is no shame in taking time to grow. There is no shame in waiting. And there is no need to allow pressure from friends, society or social media to determine the timing of your relationship. Godly relationships are worth building carefully.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." — Proverbs 3:5

FROM SINGLEHOOD TO MARRIAGE

The journey towards marriage begins long before the wedding ceremony. It begins with personal preparation. Before preparing for a wedding, prepare your character. Before looking for a spouse, develop your relationship with God. Before asking someone to walk with you, understand where you are going.

Marriage is not simply about finding someone who makes you happy. It is about two people who are willing to grow, serve, communicate, forgive and pursue God together. Young people are encouraged not to allow their desire for love to make them compromise their values. Your relationship should not cost you your identity, your purpose or your walk with God.

Take time to grow. Build friendships. Learn yourself. Develop your gifts. Understand your purpose. Seek godly counsel. And when the time comes to enter a relationship, enter it with wisdom rather than desperation, purpose rather than pressure, and God at the centre rather than at the sidelines.

TAKEAWAY

The journey of love, courtship and marriage is not merely about finding "the one." It is about becoming the person God has called you to be and learning how to build relationships that honour Him.

Love wisely.
Court intentionally.
Prepare faithfully.
Marry purposefully.
And keep God at the centre.

Fundraising

A Call To Build The House of God

By Neo Letuma


By Ndinae Nekhumbe

Apostle D Sithole, Former FOC Chairperson in the term of Abiding in the vine Delivering a Sermon on "Building the House of God"

On **3 May 2026**, the Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) hosted a Fundraising Event under the powerful theme, **"A Call to Build the House of God."** The event brought together students for a time of spiritual reflection and a renewed understanding of their responsibility towards the Kingdom of God.

The guest speaker, **Apostle Duncan,** reminded the congregation that believers have been transferred into the Kingdom of Christ, a Kingdom governed by divine laws and principles. He emphasised that we have not only been transferred into the Kingdom, we have been given the Kingdom. With this privilege comes responsibility. Believers are therefore called to become stewards of the Kingdom, entrusted with resources, including finances, to advance God's work and take care of Kingdom matters.

The message shifted the fundraising event from simply being about raising funds to understanding why we give. It became a call to recognise that what has been entrusted to us carries a Kingdom purpose.

As the congregation reflected on the theme, one message stood out: we belong to a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, and our stewardship of that Kingdom should be just as unshakable.

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>
> **~ Apostle D.M Sithole**

Mega Worship Night

By Tessellate Maluleke


By Phemelo Mashabela

Mighty Tumelo as he was ministering during the Mega Worship Night

The SCO Mega Worship Night held on 15 may 2026 at the open space of gate 2, University of Limpopo, was a memorable gathering that brought students together for an evening of worship, praise, prayer, and fellowship. The event created an atmosphere where students could step away from the pressures of campus life and focus on their relationship with God.

Through powerful worship and ministry, the night encouraged students to express their faith boldly and experience the joy of being united in Christ. The various ministers and worship: Minister Tsheamo, Regina, Mighty Tumelo, Nxobile, Patrick M, Mikhenso Kindness, Christina, Surprise, Katleko and Kgaugelo contributed to vibrant the programme, giving attendees different opportunities to praise, worship, and reflect.

The diversity of voices and styles made the evening engaging and uplifting. Beyond the music and preaching, the Mega Worship Night strengthened fellowship among students. Meeting at Gate 2 and gathering together created a strong sense of community and togetherness. The Mega Worship Night was more than just an event, it was an opportunity for students to connect with God, connect with one another and grow in faith.

It was a night to remember where the Holy spirit was working through the worshippers where the place was filled with weeping, raised of hands, bowed down and joyful dance to the Lord. Some experienced the encounter with the Lord, others shouted His name. It demonstrated the impact of student-led Christian gatherings in creating spaces where young people can worship freely and encourage one another.

Beyond the music, it reminded the saints the importance of worshipping and embrace the love of God. As they fulfilled the scripture that says "Call believers to shout for joy, come with gladness and joyful songs, bow down before the Lord our Maker, and let everything with breath praise the Lord." Psalm 95:6.

Picnic

Wilderness Season

By Sharlotte Malokana


By Nqobile Motshwene

Brother Bishop and Sister Linamandla shared on how the Wilderness Season is not the end of the journey but an intimate time with God.

On the **18th of July 2026**, SCO (Students Christian Organisation) hosted a **Picnic Day** at Stellenbosch, University of Limpopo under the theme, **'Wilderness Season.'** The event brought students together for a refreshing day of fellowship, fun, worship and spiritual nourishment.

The Picnic Day was graced by two inspiring speakers, Sister Linamandla Koka and Brother Bishop Malungane, who shared powerful messages with the students. Their teachings focused on the reality of going through wilderness seasons and the importance of remaining faithful to God during such times.

Sister Linamandla Koka encouraged students to understand that "a wilderness season is not a season of abandonment, but a season where God prepares and shapes us for what lies ahead." She reminded students that difficult seasons may feel lonely and uncertain, but they can also draw believers closer to God and strengthen their faith.

Brother Bishop Malungane also encouraged the students to remain rooted in God regardless of the season they find themselves in. He emphasised that "What you experience in the wilderness does not determine where God is taking you." His message reminded students not to allow their current circumstances to make them lose sight of God's promises and purpose for their lives.

Beyond the spiritual messages, the Picnic Day created an opportunity for students to fellowship and build meaningful relationships. Students participated in various activities, shared meals and enjoyed one another's company in a relaxed and joyful environment. The event demonstrated that Christian fellowship extends beyond church services, creating opportunities for students to grow together as a community.


By Nqobile Motshwene

A picnic table set with flavourful fruits and sweet goodies under a bright sunlight

The theme, "Wilderness Season," resonated strongly with the students, reminding them that every season has a purpose. The event encouraged them to trust God through seasons of uncertainty, waiting and difficulty, knowing that the wilderness can be a place of preparation, growth and deeper dependence on Him.

The event also featured a contribution from Mr Vincent Makamu, who spoke about the importance of participating in the school elections. He encouraged students to take an active interest in the electoral process, understand the importance of their votes and recognise their responsibility in choosing leaders who will represent and serve the student community.

We can therefore announce that the Picnic Day was a memorable and impactful event. It combined faith, fellowship , knowledge and fun, while fulfilling SCO's mission of "Reaching Students for Christ." The day left students encouraged to continue walking with God, trusting His process and remaining faithful through every season of their lives.

> A wilderness season is not a season of abandonment, but a season where God prepares and shapes us for what lies ahead
>
> **~ Linamandla Koka**

Night of Deliverance

By Nqobile Motshwene



Prophet K.E Shihundla, the Senior Pastor of Worldwide Christ Ministries as he was Ministering during the Night of Deliverance.

On **Friday, 24 July 2026,** the Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) at the University of Limpopo gathered at the Recreational Hall (RCH) for an extraordinary and Spirit-led gathering the Night of Deliverance.

Beginning at 20:00, the atmosphere was charged with expectation as students, congregants, and spiritual leaders came together under the prophetic mantle of the Term of Awakening. The evening focused on spiritual freedom, deliverance, and the active demonstration of God's power in the lives of believers.

The service featured powerful ministrations from anointed servants of God who led the congregation into deeper dimensions of freedom. **Apostle Comfort Matimba:** Delivered a striking message on spiritual authority, reminding the congregation that deliverance is the legal right of every child of God.

Brother Thato: Led the gathering in earnest prayer, stirring up the faith of the students to break free from spiritual bondages, academic anxieties, and personal oppression.

Prophet K.E. Shihundla (WWCM Pretoria): Ministered in prophetic clarity, bringing divine direction, healing, and freedom to many who stood in need of prayer.

Moments of Freedom and Restoration

As prayers were lifted across the hall, the presence of the Holy Spirit moved powerfully among the students. Heavy burdens were lifted, chains of oppression were broken, and many experienced tangible encounters with God. Hands were raised in thanksgiving as freedom swept through the Recreational Hall, leaving the congregation transformed and equipped to walk in victory.



A Picture of the congregation as they were receiving the word as the servants of God were ministering in the Night of Deliverance.

The Night of Deliverance served as a clear signpost in this season—proving once again that as God's people unite in faith, His power is made visible and His promises manifest.

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." — Romans 8:2

> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
>
> **~ John 8 vs 36**

Book Review

Intimate Journey With Christ

By Ndinae Nekhumbe



Prophet Gift Mathebula, Author, Business man and Minister of the Word, Founder of GD Outreach Ministry sharing insights into the book, Intimate Journey With Christ during the Book Review.

What happens when a book review becomes more than just a discussion about a book; But a reflection into ones personal walk with God?

On **Tuesday, 4 August 2026**, D-Block became a space for reflection, laughter and spirited conversation as the Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) at the University of Limpopo gathered for a review of An Intimate Journey with Christ by **Prophet Gift Mathebula**.

At the centre of the evening was a four-person panel: Brother Lucky, Sister Dineo, Sister Ndinaye and the author himself. Each brought a different voice to the table, turning what could have been a simple review into a conversation that invited the audience to look a little closer at their own walk with Christ.

Brother Lucky did exactly that. He took the audience beneath the surface of the book, going deeper, and then deeper still, carefully unpacking its message and drawing connections between its revelations and the believer's everyday walk. His review commanded attention, with the audience hanging on his reflections as he opened up the layers of the book.

Sister Dineo offered a shorter but purposeful perspective, drawing attention to the book's value for new believers. Her review highlighted its ability to serve as a gentle starting point for those learning to understand God, His love and what it means to grow in faith.

Then there was **Sister Ndinaye**, who proved that depth and humour can share the same room. Her review brought thoughtful reflections alongside moments of laughter, giving the conversation a lighter rhythm while keeping the heart of the message firmly in view.



Brother Lucky (Left) and Sister Ndinaye (Right) part of the panelists for the Book Review event.

Prophet Gift Mathebula brought the evening back to the story behind the pages. He shared how a prophetic encounter came at a moment when he was ready to abandon the book, urging him to continue. What emerged was a five-chapter, Scripture-rooted work centred on knowing Christ and encountering the depth of God's love.

And perhaps that was the thread running through the entire evening: this was never simply about reading a book; it was about knowing the Christ the book points to.

As the evening drew to a close, Prophet Mathebula added one final touch of generosity, giving several attendees free copies of An Intimate Journey with Christ. The conversation may have ended at D-Block, but for those who received a copy, the journey could continue long after the chairs were packed away.

> When you want to know yourself better, don't study yourself, study Christ. The revelation of who Christ is, reveals who you are in Him. The more you know Him, is the more you'll live, walk, talk and act like Him.
>
> **~ Prophet Gift Mathebula**

End of Term Gala Dinner

By Smanga Metana



Pastor Granny Ramachela, Founder of Wailing of the Midwives, as She was giving the keynote address for the End of Term Gala Dinner.

On **Saturday, 29 August 2026**, the Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) at the University of Limpopo hosted its **End-of-Term Gala Dinner**, bringing together members, alumni, and associating structures to celebrate the conclusion of the term. The event also provided an opportunity to honour the alumni who have contributed to and helped shape the legacy of the Organisation.

The evening was further enriched by a powerful message from **Pastor Granny Ramachela,** who shared from Psalm 24, emphasising that everything belongs to God and that every mandate entrusted to us ultimately comes from Him. She reminded members that before pursuing the mandates God has given them, they must first deal with the condition of their hearts. A clean and pure heart, she emphasised, is essential for anyone who desires to serve God meaningfully.

Pastor Ramachela challenged the Organisation to be careful not to prioritise performance over genuine ministry, reminding the congregation that many can perform for us instead of preaching to us. Her message pointed back to God's desire for people with pure hearts who are willing to serve according to His purpose.

She further described SCO as part of a generation that seeks the Lord—a generation carrying a greater responsibility as creation eagerly awaits the manifestation of the sons of God. The message encouraged members to recognise that sons are rising, and that this generation is being called to walk boldly in the mandates entrusted to them by God.

The Gala Dinner also became a moment of celebration and appreciation, as members were recognised with certificates for their dedication and contributions to the Organisation.



Branch Secretary (Dineo Tshelane), Luck Mfumadi, Councelling Committee Chairperson (Praise Maja) during the End of Term Gala Dinner as Brother Lucky recieved one of the many accolades.

Awards were presented for categories including Most Dedicated, Most Creative, and Best Newcomer across the various subcommittees. And a wide recognition for those who were outstanding in the council, covering the Most Dedicated, Best Newcomer and Most Creative in the council at large. Alumnus were also honored for their continuos support, contributions and guidance.

The evening concluded as a meaningful celebration of legacy, service, spiritual responsibility, and the rising generation, leaving members encouraged to carry the work of SCO forward with pure hearts and renewed purpose

> Whatever activity you do, do well.
>
> **~ Ecclesiastes 9 vs 10**

SRC Elections

By Neo Letuma



Students' Representative Council Elections Season is a time to reflect, interrogate, and decide the direction for the campus for the coming year.

On 7 September 2026, the University of Limpopo opened the ballot for the 2026/2027 Students' Representative Council (SRC) elections, bringing to a close a period of vibrant campaigning across the campus and off-campus student residences. Various student organisations actively engaged with the student body, presenting their visions and programmes in an effort to earn students' support.

With 25,498 registered students, a total of 14,897 students cast their votes. The results were as follows:

Organisational Votes
SASCO 6,756 (8 Seats)
EFFYC 6,031 (7 Seats)
SCO 1,678 (2 Seats)
Action SA Students 240 (0 Seats)
YGSA 192 (0 Seats)

The results led to the Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) securing two seats in the SRC, maintaining our standing from the previous elections.



Thato Maroala (Left) has been deployed to the represent SCO within the portfolio of Projects, while Bishop Malungane (Right) has been deployed to Constitution, Policy and Legal Affairs.

Securing two seats marks a significant achievement for SCO, particularly as the Organisation has maintained the two-seat standard established during the previous SRC term. This achievement reflects the consistency, dedication and commitment of SCO members to remaining actively involved in student leadership.

What makes this milestone even more meaningful is that SCO continues to operate as a student-led organisation without the backing of an external mother body. Through the commitment of its members, the Organisation has once again earned a place at the table where matters affecting students are discussed and addressed.

The 2026/2027 SRC election has therefore opened another chapter for SCO—one centred on service, representation and putting the interests of students at heart. With two representatives entrusted with important portfolios, SCO looks forward to contributing meaningfully to student governance and continuing the course it has set for itself.

> If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others.
>
> **~ Matthew 20 vs 26**

Chairperson's Reflections

End of The Term Awakening

I would like to take a moment to sincerely express my gratitude to the BEC and the members of Council who stood by me and showed me unwavering support throughout my leadership journey.

I will be the first to acknowledge that I was not a perfect leader. I made mistakes, I made decisions that I could have handled differently, and there were moments when the weight of leadership became overwhelming. Looking back, it was certainly not an easy journey. There were even moments when I genuinely considered resigning from my position and walking away. Yet, somehow, I found the strength to keep going.

What I did not realise throughout much of this journey was that there were people watching, people learning from me, and people who genuinely admired the way I led. I was often so focused on my shortcomings and the things I felt I could have done better that I failed to recognise the impact I was making.

The words I received from some members of Council, words of encouragement, appreciation and admiration, were deeply humbling. They made me pause and look at my journey from a different perspective. I began to realise that, despite the challenges and imperfections, perhaps I had been doing a much better job than I gave myself credit for.

To everyone who supported me, encouraged me when I was uncertain, and reminded me of my worth when I struggled to see it for myself, thank you. Your support carried me through moments you may never have known were difficult.

I leave this chapter with immense gratitude, not because the journey was perfect, but because it was worth it. I am grateful for the lessons, the challenges, the people, and above all, the opportunity to serve.





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