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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As we move steadily through the semester at Mukhanyo, it is encouraging to reflect on the many ways in which the Lord continues to sustain and grow our work together. Academic life across our programmes is progressing well, with teaching and learning continuing at a healthy pace. We are now nearing the end of the first semester with examinations scheduled to begin on 19 May. I want to commend our students and lecturers alike for their diligence, perseverance, and commitment during this demanding period of the semester.

We are especially thankful for the joyous graduation ceremony held on 6 March, during which 74 students were awarded their qualifications. These occasions are always a profound reminder of the calling and impact of theological education, as we celebrate lives prepared for faithful service in Christ's church and mission. Planning is already underway for our next graduation ceremony, scheduled for 11 September, and we look forward to that celebration with great anticipation.

Earlier this month, many of our students were actively involved in ministry during Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, serving in churches and communities across the country. These engagements offered valuable opportunities to put theological training into practice, reminding us that our academic work is inseparably linked to service in the life of the church.

A significant highlight in recent weeks was the visit, by a delegation of Mukhanyo leaders, with King Makhosonke II of the Ndebele people. This visit affirmed and strengthened a relationship that goes back nearly 40 years, to the early days of Mukhanyo's ministry. It was a meaningful visit during which we thanked the King for his support from the beginning and renewed our ties with mutual respect.

Looking ahead, we are excited about preparations for the TEASA Consultation 2026, a strategic event hosted by Mukhanyo each year. We are greatly encouraged by the strong response this year by participants from across southern Africa, with many already registered and available space filling up quickly. This reflects a shared commitment to ministry collaboration and educational excellence in service across our wider community.

We are also pleased to report a strong intake of new students for the first trimester of 2026 in our local learning programmes. Additionally, preparations are well underway for the second semester intake of campus-based students across all seven Mukhanyo locations. These developments are a clear testimony to continued trust in Mukhanyo's mission and vision.

Thank you to all who continue to support, pray for, and partner with Mukhanyo as we serve Christ together.

Yours in Christ  
Dr Brian DeVries  
Principal



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Mukhanyo equips Christians for ministry in Africa. Our main focus is to provide relevant, high-quality, biblical education in both in-service training and local learning.

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# ACADEMIC UPDATES



## TEASA 2026 continues to build momentum

[Registrations remain open](#) for The Evangelical Theological Society of Africa (TEASA) Bible College Consultation 2026, taking place from 17–19 June 2026. This year's theme, The Gospel and Culture in African Bible Education, promises thoughtful discussion around one of the most important subjects facing theological institutions today.

Each year, representatives from Bible colleges, seminaries and theological institutions across Africa gather for this valued consultation. It has become a leading opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, networking and mutual learning among those serving in Christian education.

The 2026 programme features an excellent line-up of respected speakers addressing topics such as biblical truth and cultural practice in Africa, how culture shapes teaching and learning, contextualisation in education, hermeneutics, leadership development and promoting Christ's gospel in a clash of cultures.

Among the keynote speakers this year is Prof Joseph Mutei, who will address the important relationship between culture and education, highlighting how these two realities often shape and influence one another. His contribution reflects Mukhanyo Theological College's continued understanding that effective Bible education in Africa must be both academically sound and respectfully aware of the cultural contexts in which students learn and serve.

The consultation will once again be hosted at the peaceful eMseni Christian Conference Centre near Johannesburg airport, offering an ideal setting for learning, discussion and fellowship.

For those involved in Bible education, ministry training or theological leadership, TEASA remains one of the most significant gatherings in Southern Africa. We encourage interested colleagues and friends to make plans to attend and benefit from this enriching event.

### Keynote speakers:



**Register here**

# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



## Mukhanyo Nominated for Best of Durban 2026

Mukhanyo Theological College is honoured to have been nominated in the Best of Durban 2026 awards, a community-driven platform that recognises outstanding organisations, institutions and businesses making a meaningful impact in the Durban area.

This nomination is a valuable acknowledgement of the work being done through Mukhanyo to equip students for Christian service, ministry and leadership across South Africa and beyond. It also reflects the support of our students, alumni, churches, partners and wider community who continue to stand with the college.

As voting is now open, we warmly encourage our Mukhanyo community to take part and show their support. Every vote is a wonderful opportunity to help raise awareness of the college and the important role of faithful theological education in our society.

Supporters can vote by visiting the official Best of Durban voting platform and selecting Mukhanyo Theological College in the relevant category.

Voting closes on 10 May 2026, so we encourage everyone to [cast their vote before the deadline](#). We are grateful for every person who continues to support the mission and ministry of Mukhanyo Theological College.

**VOTE HERE!!**



## Church Ministry Conference Held at Mukhanyo Johannesburg on 18 April 2026

On 18 April 2026, Mukhanyo Theological College Johannesburg hosted its Church Ministry Conference, welcoming church leaders, students and members of the wider community for a morning of learning, fellowship and encouragement.

The conference centred on the theme: Counselling and the Church – the importance and challenges, highlighting an area of ministry that remains highly relevant in today's context. As many people face personal, family and spiritual struggles, the role of the church can offer Biblical support, guidance and care, and continues to be of vital importance in their lives. This conference therefore was an introduction on how the two entities need to work together and how ministry leaders can be equipped for such a task.

Dr Barend Hefer and Rev. Brian McLean served as speakers for the event, contributing to a meaningful programme designed to equip and encourage those involved in ministry leadership.

In addition to the formal sessions, the conference also provided an opportunity for fellowship and connection among attendees who share a commitment to serving Christ and strengthening the church.

Mukhanyo is grateful to everyone who attended and helped make the day a success. Events such as these remain an important part of our mission to equip church leaders and believers through sound Biblical training and practical ministry development.



## Mukhanyo continues community engagement through outreach marketing

Mukhanyo Theological College continues to strengthen its public presence through grassroots community engagement initiatives. Across communities, representatives have been meeting prospective students face-to-face, answering questions, sharing programme information and helping people explore their calling to study theology.

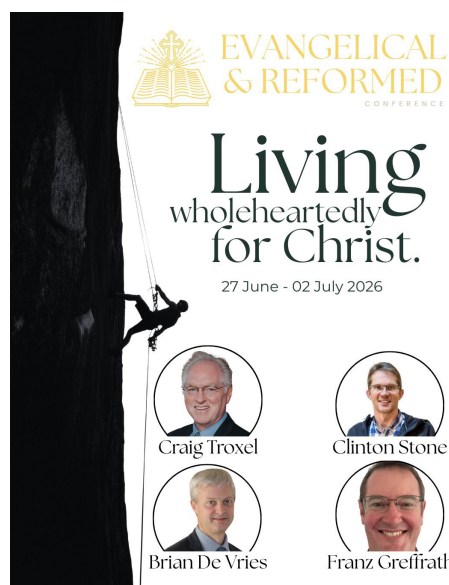
By engaging directly with communities, churches and public spaces, many who may never have considered formal theological study are discovering new opportunities, and continue to make quality Christian higher education accessible to people where they are.



# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



## Mukhanyo at the Evangelical & Reformed Conference 2026



Mukhanyo Theological College is pleased to share that Dr Brian DeVries will be among the speakers at the upcoming Evangelical & Reformed Conference 2026 on 27 June to 2 July, with registrations now open.

This respected annual conference, held each year at the Skogheim Conference Centre in Port Shepstone, gathers believers from across Southern Africa for a long weekend of biblical preaching, Christian fellowship and spiritual encouragement. It has become a valued occasion for families, church leaders and Christians seeking faithful teaching in a refreshing setting.

Another speaker at the conference will be Dr Craig Troxel, the international guest speaker for 2026. Dr Troxel has served for many years in pastoral ministry and is now a professor in the United States, where he continues to combine academic theology with a strong commitment to the life of the church. During his visit to South Africa, he will also be teaching an Honours intensive course at Mukhanyo's Pretoria campus in July, further strengthening Mukhanyo's links with international Reformed scholarship and ministry.

Dr DeVries' involvement reflects his ongoing commitment to serving the wider church through preaching, teaching and theological engagement beyond the college. His participation also highlights the contribution that all those involved in Mukhanyo continue to make towards Christian ministry across South Africa and beyond.

We encourage those interested to view the programme and registration details, and to consider attending what promises to be another enriching conference.

## Prayer & Partnership: Standing together in the work

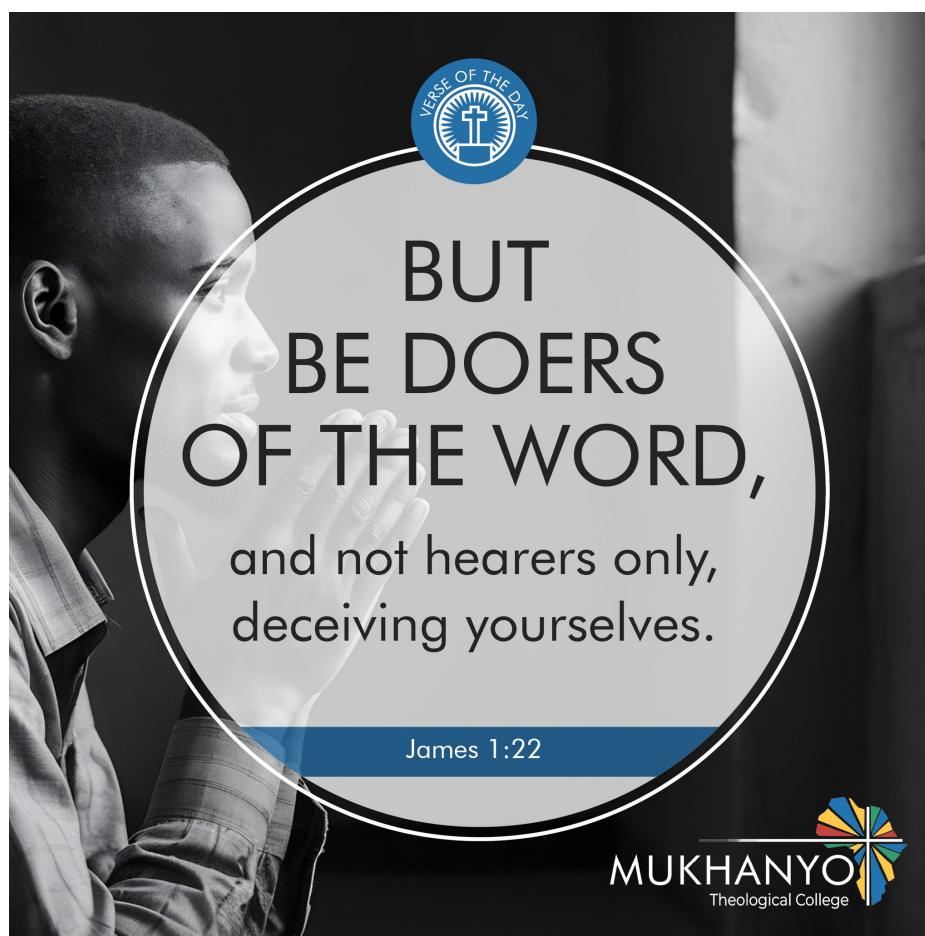
The work of theological education is never carried by one person alone. It is a shared labour involving students, lecturers, administrators, churches, donors and faithful prayer partners.

As Mukhanyo continues to train leaders for the church in Africa, we invite our wider community to stand with us in prayer. Please pray for students balancing study, work and family responsibilities. Pray for lecturers as they teach and mentor. Pray for wisdom for leadership and for gospel ministry opportunities.

We also recognise the importance of practical partnership. Financial support, advocacy and encouragement all help strengthen the mission and expand opportunities for future students.

When people partner in this work, they become part of something much bigger than themselves: the equipping of leaders who will serve churches, families and communities for years to come.

Thank you to all who continue to stand with Mukhanyo in prayer and partnership.



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