

IMPLEMENTING THE 2025 PLATFORM OF WORK IN ORDER OF EVANGELISM

**Relocated and Repositioned for Mission
and Ministry – The Other Side Awaits**

Evangelists & Bible Women in the MCSA (Botswana,
Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa)



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**Platform of Work
2025 Conference**

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1. INTRODUCTION

- **Purpose:** Equip Evangelists and Bible Women to embody the Conference theme in their ministry.
- **Focus:** Relocation (rethinking approaches) and Repositioning (adapting strategies) to nurture communities as agents of hope and transformation.
- Biblical Anchor: Mark 4:35–41 / 5:1–3 – Crossing to the “other side” with courage and faith.

2. RELOCATION IN ORDER OF EVANGELISM

Meaning: Moving from old patterns to transformative practices.

- Shift from maintenance to mission: not just sustaining congregations, but expanding the reach of the gospel.

Practical steps:

- **Rethink** evangelism as community transformation (healing, justice, reconciliation).
- **Integrate** African stories, Ubuntu, and contextual theology into preaching and teaching.
- **Move** beyond church walls into homes, marketplaces, schools, and workplaces.

3. REPOSITIONING IN ORDER OF EVNAGELISM

What it means: Adjusting strategies to meet new realities.

- **Encourage inclusivity:** ensure marginalized groups (orphans, migrants, disabled, poor) are fully embraced.
- **Practical steps:**
- **Train** lay leaders to see themselves as missionaries in their communities.
- Use **creative** arts (music, drama, testimonies) to communicate the gospel.
- **Develop** mentorship models where experienced Evangelists and Bible Women guide younger leaders.

4. MISSION FOCUS FOR EVANGELISTS AND BIBLE WOMEN

Missio Dei: Teach children that mission belongs to God, and they are participants.

Practical steps:

- **Organize** “Mission Weeks” in each District.
- **Serve** in hospitals, prisons, orphanages, and community projects.
- **Teach** empathy and justice through storytelling (African heroes of faith, martyrs, liberation leaders).

5. MINISTRY FOCUS FOR EVANGELISTS AND BIBLE WOMEN

Ministry as service: Evangelists and Bible Women embody service to God and others.

Practical steps:

- **Lead** service projects (clean-up campaigns, food drives, visiting the elderly).
- **Encourage** prayer for peace, justice, and healing in Africa.
- **Teach** songs and prayers of justice and hope in local languages.

6. ADDRESSING CHALLENGES

- **Intention vs Action:** Move beyond good intentions to practical programs.
- **Incongruency:** Align teaching with practice – model love, inclusivity, and justice.
- **Demotion of Mission:** Elevate mission as the heartbeat of evangelism and Bible Women's ministry.

7. Country-Specific Implementation

Country	Contextual Focus	Example Implementation
Botswana	Youth migration & urbanization	Children's clubs in urban centers to support migrant families
Eswatini	HIV/AIDS impact	Healing circles for children affected by HIV/AIDS
Lesotho	Rural isolation	Mobile Sunday Schools reaching mountain villages
Mozambique	Post-conflict trauma	Storytelling & art therapy for children in war-affected areas
Namibia	Inequality & poverty	Feeding programs linked to children's ministry
South Africa	Violence & division	Peace-building workshops for children in townships

8. THE OTHER SIDE AWAITS – EVANGELISTS AND BIBLE WOMEN AS AGENTS OF TRANSFORMATION

Teach communities that:

- They can humanize the dehumanized.
- They can bring belonging to the “othered.”
- They are hope-bearers in schools, homes, and communities.

9. PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR EVANGELISTS AND BIBLE WOMEN

- **Curriculum:** Contextualized lessons on justice, compassion, and mission.
- **Training:** Workshops for Evangelists and Bible Women on relocation & repositioning.
- **Partnerships:** Collaborate with schools, NGOs, and ecumenical partners.
- **Evaluation:** Regular reflection – are we moving from intention to action

10. CONCLUSION

- **Call to Action:**
 - Care more than some think is wise.
 - Risk more than some think is safe.
 - Dream more than some think is practical.
 - Expect more than some think is possible.
- **Final Charge:** *Evangelists and Bible Women, the other side awaits – and the children are ready to lead us there.*