



REFORMED CHURCH IN ZAMBIA

(ESTABLISHED IN 1899)

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PROFILE

The Reformed Church in Zambia (RCZ) was founded through the Missionary works of the Dutch Reformed Church from the Orange Free State (OFS) of South Africa. The Dutch Reformed Church began its missionary work in the Eastern Province of Zambia on 5th July 1899 at a place called Magwero.

The Reformed Church in Zambia (RCZ) was born out of the initiative by the Angoni Paramount Chief Mpezeni who invited the missionaries from Mvera in Malawi to start mission work in the Angoni land, today's Chipata district.

The 5th July 1899 was a remarkable day for the Reformed Church in Zambia (RCZ) as it signified the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ among the Angoni people in the eastern part of Zambia. The church has continued to expand and currently, RCZ has 174 established Congregations, 136 Ministers, 53 Evangelists and 17 regional bodies called Presbyteries which oversees the running of the Congregations.

a. Vision

To reflect the life of the Triune God in Society

b. Mission statement

RCZ seeks to Honor the Triune God by faithful worship through;

- Discipleship
- Preaching and teaching good news
- Celebrating of sacraments
- Equipping the saint

c. Membership

Vision Statement: *The vision of the church is to reflect and embody increasingly as community to reach society with the life of the triune God and the newness of His Kingdom*
All Correspondence should be addressed to the General Secretary

The Reformed Church in Zambia has a total of 800, 000 communicant members who make up 174 Congregations across the country. This number is comprised of both male and female as well as the elderly and the youth.

d. Ministries of the Church

The church has established various institutions and Ministries to contribute to the livelihood of the Zambian people. These institutions include the following:

- **The Education department** – which oversees the running of all the Mission schools jointly operated by the church, parents, teachers and the Zambian government.
- **Mission Hospitals** - the church runs 2 Mission Hospitals which provide health services to the remotest parts of Zambia in **Mambwe and Sinda district**.
- **The Diaconia** department responsible for community development work focusing on improving household food security, health and income generation through small business ventures. These programs are conducted in collaboration with the communities.
- **Reformed Open Community Schools (ROCS)** works with communities to provide quality basic education to the poor communities who cannot afford to take their children to descent schools due to distance and other setbacks.
- **The Witnessing desk** is responsible for all mission work and evangelism across the country.
- **Youth Skills training centre** which is offering various skills to the youth.
- **Youth desk** – works to enhance spirituality among the youths to grow wholistically.
- **The Women & Men's desks** which oversees the Men's and women's fellowships in the Church. The purpose of this ministry is to enhance

spiritual formation among men and also help men address their own social challenges.

- **Justo Mwale University** - trains church ministers to go and serve in various congregations. The University has 3 faculties: Theology, Humanities and Education. Currently, the university has over 1500 students with about 10 full time lectures and many adjunct lecturers who teach various courses suitable to the Zambian market.

Reformed Church in Zambia, is open to partner with any organization that supports the We are looking forward to partner with the Reformed Church in America through global missions and you as Africa supervisor.

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