

To all Graduation Participants

We are excited to host our upcoming Graduation Ceremony at the **AGS Auditorium in Bellville at 11:00 am on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Kindly note the information below.

- 1. Arrival time:** 8:30 – 10:00 to allow sufficient time for collection and robing of graduation attire.
- 2. Parking:** Parking is available on the premises of the AGS Auditorium. Access to our designated parking for students, guests, CI Board of Directors, academic staff, and stage party, will require you to display your issued invitation.
- 3. Robing:** On arrival, look out for displayed signage around the building directing you to the allocated graduation attire station. Our staff will help guide you. Kindly return your robes and hoods from the collection points after all CI group photos have been taken.
- 4. Seating in the Auditorium:** All students and guests are to be seated in the auditorium before 10:30. **The auditorium doors are to be closed at 10:30** in preparation for the start of the procession. Reserved seating will be set aside for all graduands, academic staff, Board members, artists, and VIP guests.
- 5. The Procession Party (Academic Staff) and Stage Party:** A briefing on the procession will be given to all robed academic staff and stage party participants in the Chapel Hall Foyer at 10:30.
- 6. Procession:** At 11:00, the procession proceeds from the chapel foyer, through the back of the auditorium, down the middle aisle, to the front of the stage. All academic staff are to be seated in the reserved seats facing the stage. The stage party takes their seats on stage, the Cornerstone Institute President constitutes the congregation.
- 7. Stage Instructions:** Please note that while applauding would be in order (depending on the Executive Dean's directive), *only the handshake and conferring by the President will be done during the announcement of certificates and conferring of degrees*. Personal congratulatory gestures can be done after the ceremony. **Programme Booklets** will be provided to participating academic staff and stage party participants in the Chapel Hall on arrival between 8.30 and 10:00.
- 8. Recessional:** After the President dissolves the congregation, the procession party and stage party exit in the order that they enter the auditorium.
- 9. Group Photos per Department and Qualification** - Graduates are requested to remain after the procession has left the auditorium as they will be guided to follow the group and be directed to the designated photo booth together with academic staff for the taking of group photos per qualification.

We thank you for your participation and look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**The Graduation Committee**