HAMBA KAHLE, MADIBA!

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela has completed his epic journey on earth. This journey will be recorded as one of the greatest and most important for the sake of human dignity and especially for the people of this country. During the final phase of this journey, when we entered the future as a Rainbow Nation, his policy of reconciliation took the people of this country on a journey of restoration and healing. He proved it to the Dutch Reformed Church tangibly when he visited the meeting of the General Synod in 1994 in Pretoria. In doing so, he invited the members of the Dutch Reformed Church to join him on this journey!

Together with this country, his family and his beloved ones we mourn the loss of a beloved leader. We are thankful to God for sending and using someone such as Madiba to lead South Africa from a cul de sac to a new future. We are grateful for the many years that was granted to him after his release.

His life and legacy challenges us to cherish human dignity and respect toward each other in every aspect of our country’s existence and structures of society.

We are convinced that Madiba has fought the good fight and has finished the race. We greet him: Hamba Kahle, Madiba!

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Moderamen.

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