

We look forward to welcoming Paul & Lydia Neshangwe to Yellowstone Presbytery. Paul was last with us at the Yellowstone/Glacier Convocation in Bozeman in 2011 and later at a presbytery meeting in Butte. He spoke at some of our churches after the meetings.

Bio for Paul and Lydia Neshangwe

Reverends Paul and Lydia are a clergy couple ordained in the UPCSA (Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa). They have two adult sons and multiple non-biological children whom they have informally adopted over the years.

Paul and Lydia are currently serving as colleague ministers at St Columbas Presbyterian Church in Mutare, a border city in Zimbabwe, in a multi-cultural congregation where issues of integration are the issues of the day. Paul and Lydia also serve as the Zimbabwe Country Coordinators of an international orphan care organization called Hope's Promise which has its head office in Castle Rock, Colorado.

For five years Paul served as the "Pastor for Partnership and Church Development" for Denver Presbytery. In this capacity, Rev. Neshangwe assisted Denver Presbytery congregations to seek, welcome, and integrate new people in worship and in community life. During this time Lydia was studying at Denver Seminary where she graduated with her M.Div.

Prior to joining Denver Presbytery in December 2008, Paul served both as a minister and the moderator in the Presbytery of Zimbabwe. Paul has a history of strengthening and developing congregations by focusing on peacemaking and racial issues, and working with civic organizations on the same themes. Paul has a passion for poverty eradication.

Lydia has been serving in ecumenical leadership positions at various levels. At global level she was the moderator of the Council for World Mission; at continental level she is currently the president of the All-Africa Conference of Churches. In addition to a passion for leadership development, Lydia has a passion for healing and wholeness for all people.