



THE ADAMSON VIBRATION

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ROD was called as fulltime minister to George Presbyterian Church, the Garden Route in July 2007. With both Traditional and Contemporary worship services, George Presby is revitalising it's mainline ministry into the new SA.

Zambia: Rod was born in Mufulira, Zambia in 1959, second son to Bill and Clare; the family returned to Durban in 1963, where Rod was raised.

Durban: Rod matriculated at Westville Boys High School in 1976, accepted Jesus as Saviour in February 1977 at Pinetown Presbyterian Church, growing in Holy Spirit renewal at Frere Road Presbyterian under Rev Clive Jacobson and Pinetown Presbyterian under Rev Doug Muller. Engineering studies came second to conscription, after which Rod did candidate ministry through 800+ member Pinetown congregation, doing academic studies at then UDW Univ of Durban-Westville (now Univ. of KwaZulu-Natal)

Zimbabwe: After probation, Rod was ordained on 22 January 1986, his first call to St. Columba's, Mutare. Married in 1988, immaturity in relationship and ministry ended both marriage and call. Rod moved to Johannesburg in 1988, was divorced in March 1989, and suspended from ministry.

Johannesburg: Christian Education Ministry: While a member at St. George's United Church, Rod taught English and Religious Studies, gaining his HED in 1992. With his partners, they founded United Church School (Private) in 1991. His suspension lifted in 1992, he took secondment to United Church School, recognized by the UPCSA, and most successful of the three schools under the UPCSA RSA Schools Committee. Rod also ministered part-time at St. George's United and St. Mark's Yeoville, gaining experience in drug abuse counseling and more pastoring in non-racial ministry to raise disciples out of underdevelopment into self-responsibility. United Church School also moved adjacent to St. Mark's, with ministry among children and young people.

COLLEEN was born in Johannesburg in 1970, eldest child of Tom and Isabel Pitt. She was schooled in the suburb of Edenvale, and raised and confirmed in 1986 into Christian commitment and faith at Trinity Presbyterian, Edenvale under Rev William Pool. She also taught in the Sunday School there

Teaching: Colleen completed her Maths and Music Teacher's Degree at Wits, and went teaching fulltime and parttime to finance and complete her Remedial degree. Colleen then taught at some of the top schools in Johannesburg (The Ridge, Jeppe Girls, and Marion College.) In George, Colleen did Stand-In and Remedial teaching, and part-time teaching input into Holy Cross Primary of George.

Music Ministry: All the while Colleen served God from 1988 in growing her music ministry, at Trinity Edenvale, and in wider application of that. It was in this ministry that she met Rod at St. Mark's Yeoville in 1997. They dated and were married in Trinity Edenvale Church on 11 September 1999, when Colleen joined Rod at St. Stephen's. Their daughter Lyndsay was born on 10 May 2002, widening their personal life together and extending their ministry for God in new ways. Colleen continues her involvement with Sunday School and Youth, and her music ministry – a major music part in the successful merging of the traditional and contemporary styles at St. Stephen's Rosettenville and George Garden Route.

Children's Church Ministry: In 2011 George Presbyterian took on Colleen as part-time Children's Church facilitator to continue it's next generation trend. See www.gospelgarden.co.za website.

Rosettenville: In 1996 Rod returned to full-time pastoral charge in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church for an 11 year call. He met, dated and married Colleen in 1999, a wonderful partner. In this older traditional congregation of 150 members with average minister tenure of 3.8 years in a demographic change area of wavering income, God graciously renewed the congregation's vision and opportunity. Ten years later, St. Stephen's celebrated it's centenary in September 2005, membership over 200, offering income up, growth infrastructure improved significantly, traditional and contemporary worship forms merged successfully, eldership renewal on track, the Sunday School and Youth stabilised in the face of negative demographic pressure, and manse upliftment well under way. Many members deepened their discipleship through courses like Alpha, Purpose Driven Life and Bethel.

George: Rod continues with these and similar courses in George Presbyterian as it seeks it's next generation renewal.

30 YEARS OF MINISTRY: In January 2016 Rod celebrates 30 years of ordination. He has drawn on successes and failures, and academic and missionary and pastoral study and insights, in producing various publications for his local, schools, and UPCSA ministries. See the following:

www.georgepresby.co.za

www.gospelgarden.co.za

www.resurrectlife.co.za