**You are invited to participate in a Faith Forum Zoom Meeting being hosted by the Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) on Thursday 27th August at 1.30pm (UK time) / 2.30pm (Malawi time).**

This meeting is an informal, open and inclusive opportunity to discuss any activity or thinking regarding the Faith-based work of SMP members and their partners. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend, you do not need to be a member of SMP or MaSP (Malawi Scotland Partnership) to participate.

Registration is free and the meeting will take place online via [Zoom](https://www.zoom.us/) on Thursday 27th August 2020 at 1.30 pm (UK time) / 2.30pm (Malawi time).

To receive joining instructions for Zoom, please register via Eventbrite by clicking [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-coffee-break-catch-up-tickets-116985706397). Participants are welcome to contribute to the discussion or simply listen in. The meeting is intended to be informal and promote discussion on how faith partnerships might best support one another during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Provisional Agenda:

* **Mike Beresford, Director for Zambesi Mission**: will open the meeting with a few words of Prayer.
* **Rev. Professor. Kenneth Ross, OBE**: will introduce some of the historical background on faith links between Malawi and Scotland and the SMP. Prof. Ross was chair of the SMP for 11 years and is the author of many books and research articles on Malawi. He is now based in Zomba where he works with all three theological institutes run by the CCAP\* Synods.
* **Rev. Dr. Colby Kumwenda, University of Livingstonia**: Covid-19 and the changing face of spiritual trajectory in Malawi **Rev Dr Gertrude Kapuma**: The challenges faced by the CCAP in Malawi during this time of COVID-19 pandemic
* **Rev Brian Theu**:  The Covid-19 situation in the context of Zomba Theological College
* **Dr. Jonathan Groves, Director of the Kerusso Trust**: will talk about their Covid-19 response in rural areas with J-Life Ministries. They have given COVID-19 awareness training and handwashing stations through village chiefs, CBOs, church leaders and rural clinicians with whom they have long-term relationships of trust.  The Kerusso Trust and J-Life have in recent years provided 1000s of church leaders and youth with basic Bible & ministry training across Malawi, as well as holistic approaches to community development.
* **Dr. Arie Glas, Medical Director of Mulanje Mission Hospital**: will talk on the faith and care perspective in the treatment of COVID-19 in Malawi and challenges in Malawi as the pandemic becomes more widespread.
* **Cathy Radcliff, The Chief Executive Officer and Director of International Programmes of EMMS International**: will present the work of EMMS. emms.org. This talk will cover some of the faith history of EMMS, who work with one hospital in each CCAP and palliative care support in 30 facilities in Malawi. The talk will cover the general COVID-19-caused challenges in EMMS across all its facilities and projects.

**Participants are also invited to suggest topics for discussion when registering.**

 **\*CCAP: Church of Central Africa Presbyterian**