

COVENANT COMMEMORATION STONES UNVEILED ON 16 DECEMBER

Pretoria, 3 December 2011. The annual Day of the Covenant church service will end with the unveiling of commemoration stones with the words of the covenant in Afrikaans, English and Dutch on 16 December. The stones form part of the 175th commemoration of the Great Trek which will be celebrated next year. The service will commence early and end at 10:45 whereupon the Monument will be accessible for ordinary day visitors who did not attend the service.

The service and the sun shining on the Cenotaph will be projected on large screens in the Hall of Heroes and the Cenotaph Hall. Guests are should be aware that the quality of sound projection is best in the Cenotaph Hall.

Persons attending the service do not pay entrance fees but a collection will be taken up before the start of the service to help with the costs of the event.

The programme will be as follows:

- 07:30 VTM main gates open (entrance free)
- 07:30 Assegai gates and doors of the Monument open
- 08:30 Sing-along: song leader Dr Lukas de Kock; organ accompaniment, Mrs Tersia Knobel
- 09:00 Taking up of collection
- 09:30 Reading of the Covenant
- 09:35 Covenant service by Reverend Danie Langner – Dutch Reformed Church Doringkloof.
- 10:30 Conclusion – packing away of chairs
- 10:45 Unveiling of the Covenant commemoration stones (to the right just after the assegai gates.
- 11:00 VTM main gates open for general public (normal entrance fees apply)
- 12:00 Observe the sun shining on the Cenotaph

Guests are cordially requested to arrive early so that they may take their seats in the Monument from 08:00. The doors of the Monument will be closed as soon as the monument is full and late arrivals will be accommodated in tents around the Monument. People who prefer sitting outside may also bring their own folding chairs. The service will be broadcast on speakers outside the Monument.

Wheelchairs and helpers will be available on request in the parking area to transport physically impaired persons to the Monument. The service is presented by die Board of Directors of the Voortrekker Monument in conjunction with Die Voortrekkers.

Enquiries regarding the day's activities may be directed to Annatjie at 012 326 6770 or ontvangs@voortrekkermon.org.za. The Managing Director of the Monument, Mrs Sonja Lombard will be available to the media in front of the woman en children statue at 11:00 after the service, or alternatively at the main entrance to the Monument before the service.

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