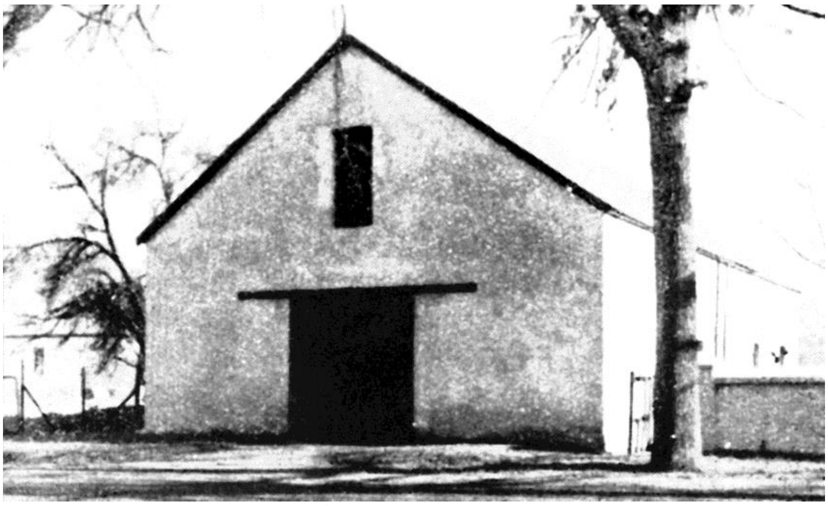
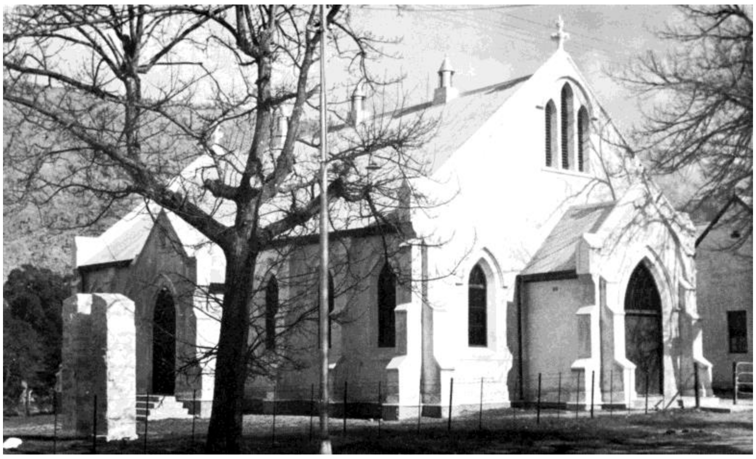
DIE TOTSTANDKOMING VAN DIE N.G. SENDINGGEMEENTE CERES

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Sendinggenootskap is in 1799 in Kaapstad gestig. Reeds vanaf 1743 is daar vanuit Tulbagh se Nederduits-Gereformeerde kerk sendingwerk gedoen. In 1811 is 'n voltydse sendeling, Arie Vos, in Tulbagh aangestel. Dit het die fondament gelê vir die gemeentebou in die omgewing.



De Oefenhuis

Nadat Ceres self 'n Nederduits-Gereformeerde gemeente in 1855 tot stand gebring het, is 'n oefenhuis (Godsdienstige Gesticht) opgerig vir geletterdheid- en godsdiensonderrig vir blanke, sowel as bruin persone. Dit is deur N.G. Vos bedryf is. Hierdie was die voorloper tot die stigting van 'n amptelike sendinggemeente. In 1858 was oefenaar Vos die eerste sendeling wat aangestel was om 'n sendingwerkkring, onder die toesig van die N.G. Moedergemeente, te bedien. Na N.G. Vos Ceres verlaat het, is eerwaarde W.G. Jongeneel op 30 April 1862 georden. Na 1866 is verskeie ander sendelinge aangestel nl. eerwaarde A.E. Keet(1867 -1869) en eerwaarde P.A. Karemacher(1876 -1880). Kandidaat Daniel Michiel Reinecke(1881 -1902), sowel as die lidmate, het 'n versoek aan die kerkraad van die N.G. Moedergemeente vir sy ordening deur die Sendingkommissie, gerig. Op 19 Maart 1883 word hy amptelik georden as sendingpredikant. Onder eerwaarde Reinecke se leiding het die sendinggemeente tot stand gekom en is daarin geslaag om grond te bekom vir 'n kerkgebou. Op 15 Oktober 1894 is 'n boufonds gestig en het lidmate self gewerk en op 5 Februarie 1899 is die gebou se fondament gelê.



Die bouwerk het 'n geruime tyd stilgestaan, maar op 8 Maart 1907, onder leiding van eerwaarde P.L. le Roux(1902 -1919), is die kerkgebou amptelik ingewy. Die totale boukoste het R1727,91 beloop. Die kerk is opgerig op die terrein net langs die sendingskool in Van Riebeeckstraat, voorheen Bucklandstraat, waar Huis Maudie Kriel tans geleë is. Predikante met verdere verloop van tyd, was: eerwaardes C.A. Bastiaanse(1919 -1919), P.M. Bester(1919 -

1942) en E.H. Holzapfel(1943 -1957). Die eens doelmatige kerk het te klein begin word vir die groeiende gemeente. Onder leiding van eerw. Holzapfel het die kerk grond bekom, sodat 'n groter kerk in Lyellstraat opgerig kon word. Die ou kompleks, met kerk en skool, is deur die A.C.V.V. gekoop.

Die tender van £32,400 is aanvaar en bouwerk het begin. Op 20 April 1957 vind die plegtige inwyding van die nuwe sendingkerk plaas. Na eerwaarde Holzapfel is die volgende eerwaardes bevestig:

I.S. Louw(1958-1960), D.M. Louw(1961 -1966), H.M. Beets(1966 -1978), ds. P.J. du Plessis Strauss(1978-1996), medeleraar ds. S.A. Davis(1981 -1982), ds. J.B.J. Rayners(1996-2010), ds. S. A. Esterhuizen(2012-2014), ds. F. Booysen (2016 tot op hede - 2023)

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Na Inwyding

20 APRIL 1957 — 20 APRIL 1967

N.G. Sendingkerk, Ceres

DIE nuwe vroulike lidmate van die N.G. Sendingkerk op Ceres. Fotograaf J. P. Arendse skryf dat sy kamera se lens hopeloos te klein was vir die groep van 111 nuwe lidmate. Hy het toe die middelweg gevolg en die vroue en mans geskei. Heel regs staan evangelis J. van Roos.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DUTCH REFORMED MISSION CHURCH IN CERES

The South African Mission Association was established in Cape Town in 1799. The Dutch Reformed Church in Tulbagh already did Missionary work since 1743. In 1811 a permanent missionary, Arie Vos, was appointed in Tulbagh. This laid the foundation for community building in the surrounding areas.

After even a Dutch Reformed congregation was established in Ceres during 1855, a training facility (Godsdienstige Gesticht) was erected and run by N.G. Vos, where both white and brown people could receive religious instruction and literacy teaching. This was the forerunner of the establishment of the Mission congregation. In 1858 preacher Vos was appointed as the first missionary in the mission working circle under the supervision of the Dutch Reformed Mother Church. After N.G. Vos left Ceres, Rev. W.G. Jongeneel was ordained on 30 April 1862. After 1866 a number of missionaries were appointed such as reverend A.E. Keet(1868-1869) and Rev. P.A. Karemacher(1876-1880). Candidate Daniel Michiel Reinecke(1881-1902), as well as other congregants, sent a request to the Church Council of the Dutch Reformed Mother Community for his ordination by the Mission Commission. On 19 March 1883 he was officially ordained as Mission Minister. Under Rev. Reinecke the Mission Congregation was established and succeeded in acquiring ground for a church building. On 15 October 1894 a building fund was established and the congregants themselves built down the foundations on 5 February 1899. For some time no building took place. However, by 8 March 1907, under the leadership of Rev. P.L. le Roux(1902-1919) the church had been completed and was officially consecrated. The total cost of the building came to R1727.91. The Church was erected alongside the mission school in Van Riebeek Street (previously Buckland street), where Huis Maudie Kriel Old Age Home is today. Ministers were Reverends C.A. Bastiaanse(1919-1919), P.M. Bester(1919-1942) and E.H. Holtzapfel(1943-1957). This once highly adequate church became too small for the growing community. During the term of Reverend Holtzapfel the church acquired a site in Lyell Street in order to erect a larger church. The old complex of church and school was purchased by the A.C.V.V.

A tender of £32,400 for the new building was accepted and construction commenced. On 20 April 1957 a dignified consecration of the new Mission Church took place. After Rev. Holtzapfel the following ministers were confirmed: I.S. Louw(1958-1960), D.M. Louw(1961-1966), H.M. Beets(1966-1978), Rev. P.J. du Plessis Strauss(1978-1996), co-minister Rev. S.A. Davis(1981-1982), Rev. J.B.J. Rayners(1996-2010), Rev. S.A. Esterhuizen(2012-2014) and Rev F. Booysen(2016-currently (2022)

UKUSEKWA KWECAWA YASE- DATSHI EHLAZIYIWEYO E-CERES

Umbutho wamaMishini woMzantsi Afrika wasekwa eKapa ngo-1799. Sele ngo-1743 umsebenzi wobufundisi wawuqhutywa kwiCawa yamaDatshi ehlaziyiweyo eTulbagh. Ngo-1811 kwamiselwa umvangeli wasemazweni osisigxina, uArie Vos, eTulbagh, kwaye esi yayisisiseko sokwakha uluntu/ibandla kwindawo ekufutshane.

Nasemva kokuba kwasekwa ibandla le Datshi ehlaziyiweyo eCeres ngowe-1855, kwamiswa indawo yoqeqesho (Godsdienstige Gesticht) yaza yaqhutywa yiN.G.Vos, apho abantu abamhlophe nabantsundu babefumana khona imfundiso yonqulo baze bafunde ukulesa nokubhala. Lo yaba ngumanduleli wokusekwa kwe Cawa yaseMishini. Ngo-1858 umshumayeli uVos wamiselwa njengomvangeli wokuqala kwisangqa sokusebenza sobufundisi phantsi kweliso leCawa yeDatshi ehlaziyiweyo. Emva kokuba uN.G.Vos emkile eCeres, umfundisi uW.G.Jongeneel wamiselwa ngomhla wama-30 ku UTshazimpuzi 1862. Emva kowe-1866 kwamiselwa iqela labavangeli basemazweni abafana nomfundisi uA.E.Keet (1868-1869) nomfundisi uP.A.Karemacher (1876-1880). Umgqatswa uDaniel Michiel Rienecke (1881-1902) kwakunye namanye amarhamente bathumela isicelo kwiBhunga leCawa yoMbutho wamaDatshi ehlaziyiweyo wokuba amiselwe yiKomishoni yobuMishini. Ngomhla we-19 kweyoKwindla ngo-1883 wamiselwa ngokusemthethweni njengoMphathiswa weMishini. Phantsi komfundisi uReinecke iCawa yaseMishini yasekwa yaze yaphumelela ekufumaneni indawo yokwakha icawa. Ngomhla we-15 kwe EyeDwarha ka-1894 ingxowa-mali yokwakha yasekwa kwaye amarhamente azakhela phantsi iziseko ngomhla wesi-5 kwe EyoMdumba 1899. Kangangexesha elide akuzange kubekho sakhiwo. Nangona kunjalo, ngowe-8 kwe EyoKwindla 1907, phantsi kobunkokeli bukamfundisi P.L.le Roux (1902-1919) iBandla lalisele ligqityiwe kwaye lingcwaliswe ngokusemthethweni. Ixabiso lesakhiwo lilonke lafikelela kwi-R1727.91. ICawa yamiswa ecaleni kwesikolo semishini eVan Riebeek Street (apho iNdlu uMaudie Kriel ikhona). Abefundisi babengabefundisi CABastiaanse (1919-1919), PMBester (1919-1942), EHHoltzaphel (1943-1957) Le nkonzo eyayikade yanele kakhulu yaba ncinane kakhulu kuluntu olukhulayo. Ngexesha likamfundisi uHoltzaphel icawa yafumana indawo yokusebenzela. eLyell Street ukuze kwakhiwe icawa enkulu. Indawo endala yecawa nesikolo yathengwa yi-ACVV.

Ithenda ye-£32,400 yesakhiwo esitsha yamkelwa kwaye ulwakhiwo lwaqalisa. Ngomhla wama-20 kuTshazimpuzi ka-1957 unikezelo olunesidima lweCawa entsha yaseMishini lwenzeka. Emva komfundisi uHotzaphel kwaqinisekiswa aba befundisi balandelayo: ISLouw (1958-1960), DMLouw (1961-1966), HMBeets (1966-1978), Rev. SADavis (1981-1982), uMfundisi JBJRayners (1996-2010), uMfundisi SAEsterhuizen (2012-2014) kunye noMfu F.Booysen (2016-kude kube ngoku ngo-2022)