



CATALYST CONNECT

Our Story: Joining the Greater Kingdom Narrative

Catalyst Connect is a Spirit-birthed, Jesus-centred family of churches. We're part of the global and historical Church. Our story initially emerged in Durban, South Africa, with independent leaders longing for authentic partnership. What began as Metro has grown into a wider relational and missional family, now called Catalyst Connect. We aren't a new movement—we are part of the movement Jesus began. We embrace all Ephesians 4 giftings to serve His global Church, and we seek to walk alongside others with the same Kingdom heart.

However, here follows a thorough overview of our story.

Before we fill you in on the unfolding story of the growing family of churches that is Catalyst Connect, it is only right that we make some opening statements up front.

Our story is only one of countless that finds itself part of a far greater story – the unstoppable meta story of the kingdom of God, with King Jesus at the helm.

This is crucial to state because His kingdom story is at centre stage; it is this that locates us, inspires us, and provides us with the mission and vision we are obsessed with. We have not stumbled into something new. No, we are merely a family of churches part of the family of God throughout the ages, across the world. And, we honour and respect all the courageous, kingdom initiatives throughout the earth seeking to glorify Jesus and disciples all peoples.

We have not stumbled into some fresh revelation of apostolic Christianity; we are simply rediscovering afresh for ourselves what Jesus exemplified, what the Holy Spirit ignited and that which the early church embraced. All we want to be is obedient to the Spirit, the Great Commission and what God is doing in these times as the Spirit opens doors of effective ministry for glory of King Jesus, the health of the church and the good of humankind.



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Lastly, our aim is not to be a new movement.

We acknowledge the movement that the chief Apostle, Jesus Christ, initiated by the power of the Spirit at Pentecost. We are part of His movement, uniquely expressed as Catalyst Connect, and we embrace all the Jesus-given graces of Ephesians 4 to see His church powerfully participate with Jesus' kingdom initiative. However, we are Catalyst Connect, an emerging family of churches that we believe God has endorsed to stand alongside every other network, movement and family of churches throughout the earth for the Great Commission's sake.

We materialised initially in the Durban and surrounding region out of a desire to meaningfully partner together as local church leaders who were, then, independent and not formally connected to a specific church affiliation. The initial iteration was known as Metro; however, as connections and partnerships began reaching beyond Durban and surrounds to the rest of South Africa and other parts of the world, we acknowledged that a name change was required to truly represent what God was doing beyond one region and to prophetically reposition the collective for its next phase.

What arose was Catalyst Connect, and after consultation and deliberation under God with key people, examining the Scriptures, the ways of God throughout church history and the spectrum of how church arranges itself trans locally, we knew we were being called to be a family of churches. We sensed Holy Spirit's affirmation and we received collective endorsement from the many involved. And, now, we are tentatively, albeit courageously, forging ahead as a family of churches.

Although these are early days, we are full of faith to be a family of churches working purposefully together to fulfil Jesus' Great Commission. We have courage in our bones to equip believers, develop healthy leaders and grow new and existing churches through the apostolic partnerships God gives us. Most of all, may God be glorified, and may His kingdom come and His will be done throughout the earth as it is in heaven.