The Methodist Revival Church (MRC) is a church born out of a strong and unlimited desire for powerful, vibrant and ecstatic worship. As David acknowledges in Psalms 42:1 that, “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O my God.” Nothing will stop children of the Revival also affectionately known as children of FIRE, from searching deeper the things of the Lord. I was encouraged when one of our Chipinge Assembly member shouted at one of the spiritually charged church service that, “…I love this God, I love this God, I want His divine anointing to flow on me continuously forever...” Thus, she desires to be forever in the realization or in the consciousness of the divine presence of the Lord for the rest of her life, a platform presented by MRC.

This has resulted in the need by our members to visit mountains either alone, in twos or in big numbers to have quiet moments in deep prayer sessions for personal spiritual edification. Pastors, District overseers, administrative assistant and the bishop have not been left out in these spiritual expeditions which are reminiscent to occasional withdrawals of Jesus with His disciples to solitary mountain places to refresh, pray and be in the divine presence of God. I have witnessed people descending mountains fully charged by the power of the Holy Ghost, fired up for ministry.

In this same spirit may I hasten to remind each other that it’s not more of mountains and solitary places we go but that the fire will be more evident to worshippers who are OBEIDENT to the Word of God and who are ready to abide by His commandments. That is, to worship God in truth and Spirit as Jesus says to the Samaritan woman in John 4:24. Hence, as we separate ourselves from communities we reside and search deeper the things of God while in solitary places let’s ask Jesus Christ to bestow upon us the spirit of obedience.

This then brings us to our founding thematic principle that the CONSUMING FIRE of the Lord should remain evident in our midst. The prophet Elijah at Mt, Carmel said, “‘...Then you call on the name of the Lord: and
the God who answers by FIRE, He is God.”’” 1 Kings 18:24. So all the people answered and said, “...it is well spoken.”

To revive is to renew, to regenerate, to rejuvenate, to reinvigorate, to unleash new lease of life, in this case the spiritual life of the church and church goers to become Christ-like in all we do. To be full of power and vigour in the desire to do ministry, to reach the stage of Jeremiah’s lamentation that if I say I shall not speak about you Lord I feel FIRE burning in my bones. It calls for one to have an unquenchable desire and strong-will-power for ministry.

Revival is needed in many aspects of people’s lives, be it, spiritual, financial, social, psychological etc. It is the divine obligation of the church, MRC, to breathe life and fire in all these areas making people live wholistic lives with the “HERE-AND-NOW” concept. The church should not continuously tell people that they must pray that they be happy up there in heaven while they are suffering and living in sub-human conditions here on earth. So preach fire on people’s finances, fire on people’s health, fire on people’s food on their tables, fire in their wardrobes, fire in their education, fire in companies, in our industry, in our roads etc. Hence this FIRE of the Revival should not die-out until the Second-Coming-Of-Christ, the Parusia.

The Fire of the Revival is unquenchable, unstoppable, uncontrollable and irresistible. These are our energising terms perfectly blended to our theme as a church. It’s not surprising that at all our gatherings we slogan, “REVIVAL-Fireeeeeeee”. This is our identity- TIRI VANA VEMWOTO-Hatibatike. WHY-FIRE????

Firstly we define fire as a state or process of combustion in which fuel or other material is ignited releasing heat, light and flames simultaneously reducing to nothing undesirable elements. In Elijah narratives it says, “Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice and the wood and the stones and the dust and it licked up the water that was in the trench.” 1 kings 18:38.

Secondly, the more the undesirable elements are destroyed and consumed by fire, the more the release of light. Jesus Christ explicitly expressed it that, “…You are the LIGHT of the world. A city build on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify
your Father in Heaven.” Matt. 5:14 &16. Sin, the ungodly nature has to be consumed for more light to be emitted and radiated. The Fire of the Revival destroys all impurities, all unrighteousness for the glorification of Christ.

Thirdly, fire generates heat, a source of warmth. Too many broken hearts, bruised souls, battered personalities and wounded and maimed bodies require warm and tender love, care and concern. Then Jesus said, “…for I was HUNGRY and you gave Me food; I was THIRSTY and you gave Me drink; I was a STRANGER and you took Me in; I was NAKED and you clothed Me; I was SICK and you visited Me; I was in PRISON and you visited Me.” Matt 25:35-36. Indeed good neighbours bring warmth to the wounded and battered bodies as reflected in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Luke 10:25-37.

We are proud to be REVIVAL FAMILY, CHILDREN OF FIRE and LOVE, SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH AND ALMIGHTY GOD.