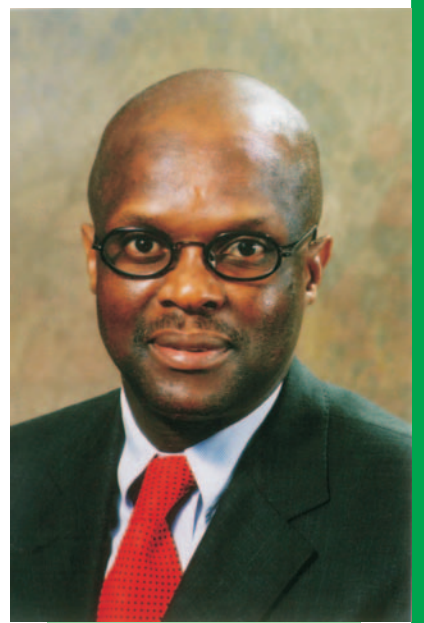


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Christmas Message



We are, once again, at the end of yet another exciting year, 2008, which was full of remarkable and proud achievements in many areas of human endeavour.

As we welcome the Christmas and end-of-year season, we do so, secure in our minds that South Africa is a better place to work and live in. As a Province, Christmas reminds us of the ideals and virtues of service to humanity. Our commitment to improve the lives of citizens for the better is embodied in the Christmas spirit.

It is a period that fills our souls with gratitude for many blessings in our lives. Christmas is a time to rejoice and reflect.

During this special time of the year, we are reminded to spread the message of love and mercy. We are also reminded of our overall responsibility to serve humanity and spread peace

The spirit of caring for one another, loving and generosity is rekindled in our communities. Let us extend our hand to the vulnerable and those less fortunate than we are.

On behalf of the people and provincial government of Mpumalanga, I wish each and every one of you, and your families, a blessed Christmas and I further wish all of you a renewed sense of hope, confidence and courage as we welcome a new year, 2009

Premier Thabang Makwetla

