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A NEW HEART for A NEW SEASON

YEAR 2026 - VERSE:

“AND I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART, AND I WILL PUT A NEW SPIRIT IN YOU. I WILL TAKE OUT YOUR STONY, STUBBORN HEART AND GIVE YOU A TENDER, RESPONSIVE HEART.” (EZEKIEL 36:26 NLT).

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

"By faith we see the church working in unity in diversity of language, race, culture, and gender, with an agreed evangelical doctrine of salvation whose body life is experienced by all members so that it disciplines and reproduces itself in holiness of living."

OBJECTIVES:

1. To plan specific activities and projects where we are working together, in mission and outreach programs both locally and abroad. This would also include regular sharing of specific prayer requests among our different churches.
2. To conduct periodic reviews (written or verbal) of the membership in order to find their understanding of the evangelical doctrine of salvation. Where there is lack of knowledge or understanding, the leadership in the church will address it.
3. To conduct seminars for our church leaders on the Biblical teaching of body life and how it should be operating in our churches.
4. To conduct a course on evangelism and discipleship (verbal or written for all our members) and that each one be given or should find a disciple to minister to (2 Timothy 2:2).
5. To hold seminars on holiness of life and that a system in our churches be adopted to help the membership to be accountable to each other with relevant programs, i.e. brother/brother, sister/sister program.

UMBONO MGOMO WEBANDLA LE-AEC:

"Ngokukholwa sibona ibandla lisebenzisana ebunyeni phezu kokuba lehlukene ngezilimi, ngobuzwe, ngendlela yokuphila nangobulili; labo abavumelene ngesifundiso mayelana nensindiso, futhi-ke abaveza ukuba mzimba munye ngempilo ephilwa yiwo onke amalungu alo ukuze liphumelele ukwenza abafundi nokuzandisa ngokuya liqhubekela ekuphileni impilo engcwele."

IMIGOMO:

1. Ukuhlela izinto ezithile eziphawulekayo esinokuzenza ndawonye emsebenzini wokuqhuba ivangeli nokufinyelela ezindaweni ezintsha khona lapha kwelakithi nakwamanye amazwe. Lokhu-ke kuyabandakanya ukwazisana ngezinto eziphathekayo eziyizicelo zomkhuleko emabandleni ethu ahlukeneyo, lokho kwenziwe njalo ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo.
2. Ukuhlela izivivinyo eziyakwenziwa ngezikhathi ezithile ngamalungu amabandla (zibhalwe phansi noma kuxoxwe ngomlomo) ukuze kubonakale ukuthi basiqonda kangakanani isifundiso sokusindiswa esiphilayo ngokwevangeli. Lapho kutholakala khona ukuthi kukhona ukungazi noma ukungaqondi ngokufaneleyo abaholi bayakuyimela ngezinyawo leyondaba.
3. Ukuhlela izikhungo zokufundisa abaholi bamabandla ethu mayelana nokufundiswa yiBhayibheli mayelana nempilo yoMzimba (oyiBandla) nokuthi imelwe iphilwe kanjani emabandleni ethu.
4. Ukufundisa izifundo ngokuhambisa ivangeli ngokwenza abafundi (kubhalwe phansi noma kukhulunywe ngomlomo kunikezwa amalungu amabandla ethu) nokuthi lowo nalowo athole umfundi othile azakumelekelela (2 Thim. 2:2).

5. Ukuhlela izifundo mayelana nempilo yobungcwele; kube khona indlela eyenziwa ngamabandla ethu ukulekelela amalungu ukuba azi ukuthi awaziphileli-nje, kumelwe azidalule, eziveza ethembekile yilowo nalowo komunye ngezinhlelo ezithile ezifaneleyo ezenziwayo, okusho ukuthi owesilisa komunye wesilisa, nowesifazane komunye wesifazane.

UMBONO NEENJONGO ZEBANDLA LE-AEC

"Ngokholo sibona ibandla lisebenza ngobunye nangona kukho ukwahlukana ngeelwimi, ubuhlanga, inkcubeko, nesini. Kukho nesivumelwano mayelana nemfundiso yosindiso, ebonakalisa umzimba omnye ngempilo yawo onke amalungu alo, khonukuze ibandla libenako ukwenza abafundi nokwanda ekuphileni impilo engcwele."

IINJONGO:

1. Ukucwangcisa inqubo ezithile, namaphulo abalaseleyo apho sisebenzisana sonke, ekuhambiseni ivangeli, sivuselela kwiindawo ezintsha, ezikufutshane nezikude; kwilizwe lakuthi kanti nakwamanye amazwe. Oku ke kuquka ukwabelana nokwazisana ngezinto ezithile emasizithandazele kumabandla ethu, ngamaxesha afanelekileyo.
2. Ukuqhuba nokuvavanya ngamaxesha athile amalungu (kubhalwe phantsi okanye kuthethwe ngomlomo); ukufumanisa ukuba ayiqonda kangakanani na le mfundiso yevangeli engokusindiswa. Apho ke kuye kwafumaniseka ukuba kukho ukungaqondi kakuhle, abakhokeli bebandla bazakuwuchophela umbandela lowo kude kubekho ulungelelwano.
3. Ukuqhuba izifundo zokufundisa nokuhlaziya abakhokheli bamabandla ethu mayela nemfundiso yeBhayibhile ngempilo yomzimba kaKristu (iBandla) nokuba imelwe kukuthi isebenze iphilwe kanjani na emabandleni ethu.

4. Ukuqhuba izifundo ezimalunga nokuvangela nokufundisa (ezibhalwe phantsi nezo zithethwa ngomlomo, zawo onke amalungu ebandla lethu), khonukuze elowo nalowo afumane umfundi othile aza kumncedisa (2 Tim. 2:2).
5. Ukuqhuba izifundo ezimalunga nokuphila impilo eNgcwele; nokuba emabandleni ethu kubekho uncedo oluthile lokunceda amalungu ukuba azi ukuba ilungu aliziphileli nje; amalungu ayaphilelana, yaye athembekile ingulowo nalowo eveza izakhono anazo; umzalwane ancedisane nomnye umzalwane, nodade ancedisane nomnye udade, kusetyenziswane ke ngokwanelisayo.

UMBONO NGEMGOMO WELIBANDLA LE-AEC

"Ngekukholwa sibona libandla lisebenta ngebunye ngetilimi letehlukene, nebuve, ngemihambo kanye nebutili, sibe sivumelene ngemfundziso yeLiVangeli lensindziso lokufakazelwa yimphilo lephilwa ngiwo onkhe emalunga ukuze lifundzise litibonakalise liphila ebungcweleni."

TINHLOSO:

1. Kuhlela imisebenti netikhankhanyo lapho sisebenta ndzawonye, etimishane kanye netinhlelo tekuphumela ngaphandle emagatjeni nasemaveni. Loku kungafaka ticelo temthandazo letibalulekile tiyofika emabandleni etfu lehlukene; loko kwentiwe ngetikhatsi letimisiwe.
2. Kutsi njalo ngesikhatsi kubekhona kuciniseka ngemalunga etfu elibandla kutsi bayiva kanjani imfundziso yelivangeli lensindziso (kubhalwe noma kukhulunywe). Lapho kungekho khona lwati; umholi welibandla akunakekele loko.
3. Kwenta tindlela tekufundzisa baholi belibandla ngemfundziso yeliBhayibheli kulemphilo nekutsi kufanele tisebente kanjani emabandleni etfu.
4. Kufundzisana ngesifundvo sekuvangela kanye nekwenta baholi kuwo onkhe emalunga etfu nekutsi lilunga ngalinye linikwe litfuba lekwenza lomunye abe ngumlandzeli noma umfundzi. (2 Thimothewu 2:2).
5. Kubamba timfundziso ngemphilo yebungcwele nekutsi emabandleni etfu kutfolakale indlela yekusita emalunga kutsi anakekelane ngetinhlelo letifanele; umfowetfu anakekele umfowetfu, dzadzewetfu anakekele dzadzewetfu.

AEC CORE VALUES:

1. **BIBLE** is our ultimate source of authority and its truth is essential for transformation of lives. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
2. **PEOPLE** matter. Genesis 4:9-12; 9:5-6.
3. We value **HOLINESS** and that full devotion to Christ and relational health are to be norms of every believer.” 2 Peter 3:18; Romans 12:1-2.
4. **UNITY** We value that the church should operate as a loving unified community of servants that celebrate diversity in gifts, function and preference. 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 (4-7); Ephesians 4:3-7; 11-13.
5. **LEADERSHIP** is the critical value of Godly character, personal integrity, ministry skill and relational health in leadership at all levels of ministry. Philippians 2:19-23.
6. **EXCELLENCE** honors God and inspires people. Genesis 39:4-15.
7. **RELEVANCE** We value that the Church should be culturally relevant while holding to God’s eternal truth. 1 Corinthians 9:20.
8. **INNOVATION** We value that gifts of innovation should be encouraged in all that we do. Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58.
9. **MISSION** We value the encouragement, development and exercise of each believer’s ministry gifts and skills in fulfilling mission work.” 1 Corinthians 14:29-33.
10. **STEWARDSHIP** We value that every believer has God-given resources that should be used for eternal purposes. Ephesians 2:10.

1. GREETINGS AND WELCOME

To all church workers, AEC members present, and fellow believers in Christ, we greet you in the precious Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Warm welcome to all brethren who are from near a far, within and beyond the South African borders. We pray that even those joining us for the first time will fully enjoy the 2025 AGCC.

2. REFLECTIONS ON AGCC 2024

The Annual General Conference 2024 was held at Swazi National High School, Matsapha, Eswatini. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the Eswatini Region for their meticulous planning and execution of conference logistics. Their contribution was significant despite regional challenges. We apologize to those who were not satisfactorily accommodated and encourage all regions to pray for smooth conferences. Special appreciation goes to the KZN Region for their strong attendance, and to AEC Botswana for consistent participation. We pray for the continued growth of AEC unity in Jesus' Name.

3. ASCENDED TO GLORY - HEAVEN CELEBRATES

We are here on earth for temporary, our permanent home is in heaven. We send our heartfelt condolences to all who have lost their loved ones in this year 2025. We can only report the few that are in our records. We remind you of Apostle Paul's words to the Philippians, where he maintains that, "... I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far." (Phil. 1:23 NIV).

We are saddened to report the following Church Workers and/or their immediate families:

KwaZulu-Natal - Durban / Manguzi / Mseleni

- **Mrs N.A. Ntuli**, beloved wife of Pastor E.S. Ntuli (Chesterville AEC). Passed away peacefully on 13 December 2024; buried on 21 December 2024.
- **Mrs Thandiwe Betty Ngcobo**, sister of Revd M.X. Dladla. Passed away on Christmas Day, 25 December 2024; buried on 4 January 2025 in Hillcrest, Durban.
- **Dr Japhet Simon (Bhoyi) Ngubane**, elder brother of Prof. S.E. Ngubane (Denominational Treasurer). Passed on 26 January 2025; buried 1 February 2025 at his homestead.
- **Mr Sakhile Khumalo**, son of retired Revd L.B. Khumalo. Passed on 28 July 2025; buried 2 August 2025.
- **Mrs T.B. Gambushe**, wife of the late Revd Timothy M. Gambushe (former KZN Chairperson and Board Member). Passed on 9 September 2025; buried on 20 September 2025 at Nkwambase.
- **Mrs S.G. Mthethwa**, mother-in-law of Revd S. Biyela. Passed on 16 September 2025; burial held on 20 September 2025 in Ntuzuma.

Eswatini - Mbabane / Esigombeni / Thembeni

- **Mr Bernard M. Gumedze**, younger brother of the late Dr Revd C.P.M. Gumedze. Passed on 20 December 2024; buried on 28 December 2024 in Mbabane.
- **Revd Micky M. Dlamini** (AEC Esigombeni). Called home on 5 April 2025; buried on 13 April 2025 at Bhunya. He suffered a sudden stroke while preaching as a guest at Free Evangelical Assemblies, Mbikwakhe.

- **Mrs Motsa**, wife of Revd J. Motsa (Thembeni AEC). Passed on 5 May 2025; buried 11 May 2025.

Eastern Cape - Elliotdale / Libode

- **Mr P.A. Thukani** (Elliotdale). Father of Revd M. Thukani. Passed on 20 January 2025; buried 1 February 2025.
- **Mr M.C. Mfinci** (Libode). Long-serving member of Men's Fellowship and former Board member. Passed on 17 November 2025; buried 29 November 2025.

Gauteng - Eastrand / Westrand / Pretoria

- **Mr Bernard Jiyane** (Daveyton AEC), father of Revd J.N. Jiyane (Gauteng Regional Chairperson). Passed on 26 June 2025; buried 5 July 2025.
- **Mrs M.P. Moloyi**, wife of the late Pastor J.M. Moloyi (Daveyton and Thembisa). Passed on 30 June 2025; buried 6 July 2025.
- **Ms Sibongile Ndinisa**, sister of Revd V.W. Ndinisa (Vice President). Passed on 21 November 2025; buried 29 November 2025.
- **Revd L.A. Rahlogo** (Slovo AEC, Soshanguve). Passed on 9 November 2025; buried 15 November 2025.

Botswana - Tonota

- **Pastor Kgosi Trinity Bogacu** (Tonota Village, Manyanda AEC). Passed on 15 June 2025; buried 21 June 2025. He is remembered for his faithful service to AEC Botswana.

4. ENGAGEMENTS AND MARRIAGES

It is our joy when we witness our young and old entering holy engagements and holy Matrimony. We congratulate all couples entering holy engagements and marriages in 2025, including Ntokozo Ndinisa and Nomakhwezi Mcophele (23-26 September 2025). May God bless your marriages abundantly.

6. NEWBORN BABIES - THE FUTURE AEC MEMBERS

We are grateful for the blessing of new life in 2025. We pray for God's protection and guidance as these children grow.

7. OUR 63rd ANNIVERSARY: 8 JULY 2025

AEC Southern Africa celebrates 63 years of autonomy since 8 July 1962. We honour the saints and missionaries whose sacrifices enabled our growth. We have to remind our younger generation that AEC Southern Africa was given autonomy on the 8th July 1962. Some of us have witnessed the growth of this church in these six decades.

We cannot stop reminding our Church members and delegates that we exist because there were men and women of God who left their countries for the sake of preaching the gospel even to our remote places. And thus we are here as Saints of the church age. Whenever God calls someone among us to leave his country and go to another country to preach the gospel, may we as a church support that person financially and or otherwise.

8. CHURCH SITES AND NEW BUILDING PROJECTS

We congratulate churches for acquiring new sites and building churches. On my travels around the Mseleni Circuit on the 21-23 Nov.2025, my eyes have seen beautiful AEC

churches called “Preaching Points”. Special thanks to Tribal Authorities recognizing church presence in their communities. May God bless them.

9. THE IMPACT OF OUR YEAR VERSE AND THEME, 2025

Matt 9:38 and the 2025 theme, “*Answering the Call*”, will never be erased in our hearts and minds. Some fellow members were requesting me to speak to the Board to continue with this verse for at least another five years consecutively. I personally believe that the new verse for 2026 will also have the same impact. All the previous year verses are still clinging in our hearts. Let us allow our God to lead his church in 2026 through the new verse and new theme as it has been announced. Regions are encouraged to report on responses to the verse and theme. How many have responded/ answered to the call?

10. BOARD MEETING IN DURBAN (IHAWU GUEST HOUSE)

The Church Board met on the 7-9 February 2025. This was an opportunity to apply a general view of the previous year (2024). Among other things, the Board evaluated the AGCC 2024. The Board also planned for the implementation of the AGCC 2024 resolutions.

Noticeably, that was the first AGCC to have been held after the monumental constitutional amendments of 2023 (AGCC in Pretoria). Thus the Board has noted with great appreciation the contributions that were made by female delegates during our 2024 AGCC. Our business session had not previously represented all the local churches, all the Structures and all the Workers due to the selective clause that was only allowing “Male delegates” to attend business sessions.

The clause prohibited the female church workers from attending business sessions and it also contributed in the

misrepresentation of those local churches which had no qualifying male delegates to represent them. The recognized church structures of the AEC are now at liberty to be represented by two delegates per structure. This serves as a proof that the AEC recognizes all structures, including all recognised female workers respectively.

Those who were present at the AGCC 2024 can attest that the presence of all structures, including female delegates, added more value in the coverage of all Local AEC churches within the denomination. It also contributed immensely by tapping into all available talents, without any gender discrimination.

11. EASTER ACTIVITIES 18-20 APRIL 2025

Passover Eastern Cape 18-20 April 2025:

We started our year of Eastern Cape visitation (as promised in the AGCC 2024) I planned to visit the Eastern Cape Region during Easter's in order to minimize costs and to evaluate how the Easter's Conventions are impacting our communities. It was a gracious moment to meet with AEC Lusikisiki Zone at Zithutha Circuit. We were accompanied by our Eastern Cape Regional Chairperson (Revd MP Mgevu and his dear wife).

We always appreciate the hospitality and warmth that we receive from all brethren in the Regions. It was also a blessing to visit and to pray inside Ndulini church building. I was able to appreciate the distance between these circuits including Likhanyisweni Circuit. We have noted the shortage of Pastors in that area of Lusikisiki. "The harvest is plentiful".

From Lusikisiki we drove to Mount Packard which is situated at Mqandule area towards the sea. It was a great moment

to see and to pray outside a new church building at Mount Packard where Revd. SD Keti is based. From Mt Packard we went to Putuma Mission. Putuma is one of the old missions with its own history and dynamics. There is a lot that still has to be done there to unite those who call themselves “African Evangelical Church” and those who call themselves “Africa Evangelical Church”. The Church Board has still much work to administer around the Regions.

We were joined by the local Pastor Rev CSH Ntoyaphi and his dear wife as we proceeded to Elliot-dale (Mndwaka location) where Revd Mboneleli Thukani is based. We spent our Saturday the 19th April 2025 worshipping there and meeting happy people of Mndwaka. It was an honor to be welcomed by the local chief of Mndwaka Tribal Authority. The Chief worshiped with us for the duration of the service.

We then proceeded to AEC Luthubeni Mission under Revd MS Kunju where we concluded our Easter weekend of Celebrating the finished work of the cross. At Luthubeni we received a warm welcome. The guard of honor is a common way of receiving the President in Eastern Cape. The men offered a gift of sheep to me as a way of welcome. Besides the meat that we ate that weekend, the sheep was slaughtered for us. Luthubeni Mission is one of the oldest Missions in the Eastern Cape.

It brought great memories as our Missionary Miss Elizabeth Nkambule was stationed at Luthubeni Mission. Many Conferences like AGCC were conducted at Luthubeni. We thank the Lord for the profound experience and service that Revd Kunju (uMqoma) rendered to the Mqandule-Luthubeni community. We pray for good health to Revd Khunju and mama on their retirement.

Report on the General Secretary's Visit to the AEC Botswana Easter Conference

The General Secretary of the AEC Southern Africa, Rev BD Siziba visited the AEC Botswana during their Easter Conference which was held at Tonota village. A delegation of about twenty-three members represented the South Africa and Eswatini. The group combined participants from the Eastern Cape, Eswatini, and a larger number from Gauteng. Their presence was an affirmation of a good fellowship and partnership of the AEC Southern Africa. The successful delegation was of great encouragement to the AEC Botswana.

The conference theme was “*The Walk of Faith*”, taken from 2 Corinthians 5:7. The main speakers were Rev BD Siziba and Mrs Tshepang Nthomang, who brought messages that strengthened the church and called believers to a steady Christian walk. Delegates expressed appreciation the way the conference was organized and for the warm hospitality extended by the Botswana AEC.

We Congratulate Botswana on successful Elections 2025:

The Botswana AEC held leadership elections in August 2025. The new executive committee consists of the following members: **Bishop:** Dr Sydney Berman; **Vice Bishop:** Rev Gothusamang Obeeng; **Secretary:** Mr Boikhutso Sebika; **Vice Secretary:** Mrs Baboloki Tebatso **Treasurer:** Mrs Mpho Mokweni; **Member:** Rev Kagiso Nkgodi; and **Member:** Pastor Lucky Berman.

The Africa Evangelical Church Southern Africa records its sincere appreciation for the leadership of Bishop Mazelo Nthomang and the outgoing executive. Their commitment has strengthened the ties between our churches over many years. We look forward to continued fellowship with the newly elected executive and to working together to deepen

the relationship between AEC Southern Africa and AEC Botswana. We also congratulate the outgoing committee for the smooth handing over to the newly elected Executive committee. Be always exemplary in keeping the unity of the Spirit.

12. EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH SIM: 08-12 OCTOBER 2025

The Evangelical Bible Church SIM (2012) invited the President of the Africa Evangelical Church to attend their Annual General Church Conference, held from 8 to 12 October 2025. The President delegated the General Secretary, Rev BD Siziba, to represent the denomination at this gathering.

The conference was well organized and drew a total attendance of ninety-six participants. Rev Siziba ministered during the evening sessions under the theme, “Called to Obey the Authority of Christ”. The morning sessions were led by Bishop Noel Llyuma, who focused on Marriage in Christ. Mr Sibusiso Mashiyane from the AEC KZN Region, Eastrand Circuit, brought messages to the youth based on the book of (Acts 17:28). Bishop Dr Sydney Berman, the newly elected Bishop of AEC Botswana, accompanied by his wife, ministered to the men. Children’s ministry was led by Mrs Gugu from SIM.

Court Battles and Successes (EBC-SIM)

The leadership of EBC- SIM has walked through a difficult period over recent years due to a painful split that affected the church’s stability and slowed its progress. Much of this season involved ongoing legal matters which led to the division of the church. We are pleased to record that on the 7th of November 2025 the courts ruled in favour of the

EBC- SIM under the leadership of Bishop Noel Llyuma as the legitimate Evangelical Bible Church.

We pray for the restoration and rebuilding of the church as they move forward with renewed hope. May their efforts to advance the kingdom of God across the North West, Free State, and Northern Cape bear fruit in the years ahead. May God continue to bless EBC-SIM.

13. KZN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 25-27 APRIL 2025 EMPANGENI

It was my pleasure to meet with KZN Men's Fellowship at Whistling Woods Accommodation Centre at Mpangeni. I have noted a reasonable turnout in their conference. The presence and participation of men in their activities is a great encouragement.

The men's structure still has a vital role to play in recruiting unbelieving men to Christ. Men can also contribute positively towards mentor-ship of young men in our church. We appreciate what men are doing especial when they donate a cattle in our conferences. Keep it up gentlemen!

14. ESWATINI WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 1-2 MAY 2025

The conference was held KaBoyce at Mbabane AEC. The conference hall was full to capacity. BoMake were sticking to the church theme "*Aswering the Call*". I was blessed to attend few sessions that were delivered by Rev MC Khoza of Manzini Church of the Nazarene.

If women are strong in God's power, men will always be drawn easily to the Lord. Thanks to this structure for being exemplary in building unity among Regions. Whenever I attend Women's meetings, I always see the delegates from

other Regions. That act of yours ladies, will strengthen our bonds of relations.

15. ESWATINI YOUTH SPORT DAY: LOBAMBA TRAINING CENTRE 1 MAY 2025:

I was accompanied by the Regional Executive it was my joy to see young people in that active mood. It was a Regional Youth Sport Day and I decided to witness what activities our young people were performing during that day.

We watched different nice games for free. The youth was enjoying the fellowship. It was my pleasure to encourage them and to congratulate them all, for being winners in Christ Jesus. The winners of the day were awarded with medals and trophies. However even those who didn't win, were still winners in Christ.

Keep that fitness, my sons and daughters up, next time I will play with you and prove to you that even at the old age you can still keep fit. There is an iZulu saying, “*kuguga othandayo*” (Whoever wants to get old, will be old).

16. MSELENI CIRCIUT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT MBAZWANA AEC 4 MAY 2025

The UMseleni Circuit Women's Fellowship was having their Women's Convention at Mbazwane AEC. You need not to debate this one, “*omama uma bebodwa bayakhululeka*” (If the ladies are together they enjoy themselves) It was on Sunday and one could tell that in all the AEC churches of Mseleni Circuit, the pews were empty that Sunday. Some Pastors were also in that convention to support the women structure, we appreciate all the good work at Mseleni. It was but my concern that if we close our churches on Sundays we will lose those random visitors.

We admire the attendance of ladies to their conferences. We also appreciate you ladies for your generosity. The church without women is deemed for failure.

MEET MEKAAR WORKER'S SEMINAR 8-11 MAY 2025

We are grateful to God for the successful Seminar held at the Meet Mekaar Resort, which enjoyed excellent attendance and well-received, diverse new topics planned by the team led by the General Secretary. We appreciate the strong participation from the Eswatini Region, as well as the encouraging turnout of retired workers. The Planning Committee welcomes your feedback to help improve future seminars, and we thank all the churches that supported their pastors and workers in attending this important gathering.

17. THE REGIONAL CONFERENCES 2025

Eastern Cape RCC 26-29 June 2025 Nkanga Mission:

It was on the 27th when I visited the Eastern Cape (Nkanga). Rev Dr LM Ngoetjana was one the speakers. They were privileged to get a man who was the Bible Study speaker during AGCC 2024. Rev Ngoetjana continued to unpack our year verse in a more advanced way. Nkanga Mission is one of the oldest Mission Station of the AEC. I was impressed by the good attendance. The Conference started two weeks after the natural disaster that caused damage to bridges, houses and left people homeless in the Eastern Cape. We also prayed for the families of those who were victims of the floods. As a church that have existed for 63 years, we can now be able to play a meaningful role during those times when our community is so affected.

Gauteng RCC 27-29 2025 June 2025 Achterbergh Conference Centre

I attended this conference on the 28- 29. Gauteng people are always happy people. Despite the previous year's incident of Armed Robbery, the attendance was more than the previous year. We thank God for his healing power to his people. We had a wonderful fellowship. Gauteng will always make sure that the President will address them towards the end of the Conference. Maybe they don't want me to leave them before the closure of the Conference.

KZN RCC 1-5 July 2025 KwaDlangezwa High School

This Conference was hosted by Ekuphileni Circuit. This RCC was well attended according to my view. I could not stay long in this conference since there were two funerals in Daveyton on that weekend. The theme of the conference was, "*Answering the Call*" The main speaker Rev TG Ntongana was very relevant to the topic. We also congratulate this Region for hosting this AGCC 2025. We were informed of the difficulty in finding the venue as usual. We are grateful to God to be in this venue belonging to the African Congregational Church. We can congratulate this Denomination for their achievement. Our being here in this venue must serve as a motivating factor to all of us. If ACC has done it, we also can do it.

Eswatini RCC 27-31 August 2025

The Conference was held KaBoyce and was well attended, The hall at the KaBoyce High School was full to capacity. I would like to appreciate the Pastors for showing unity despite all the challenges.

It was however painful to learn that there was a group of few people who wanted to conduct they unconstitutional

RCC. The Judge had ruled that those who will conduct a separate RCC were going to be charged for Contempt of Court. We were saddened to be informed that a group of those individuals who were perpetually disobedient to the level of not obeying even court orders, they ended up in jail. That was the most unfortunate incident to have happened to the so called “pastors”.

18. BOARD MEETING AT TRE FONTANE, PINETOWN, 18-20 JULY 2025

We always admire the 100% attendance of the Board members to all meetings. Regional Executives can learn good example from the Board members. This meeting was intended to combine all Denominational Committees for our year planning and networking with one another, but due to financial constrains the Board met alone. The act of meeting at different venues has deprived the structures an opportune moment to discuss issues with the Board as it used to happen before. We also miss the fellowship and the spirit of participative leadership.

19. GAUTENG MEN’S FELLOWSHIP 03-05 OCTOBER 2025 MAGOEBAKLOOF HOTEL IN LIMPOPO

The Gauteng Men’s Fellowship gathered for their Regional Men’s Conference after a ten-year pause. The General Secretary, Revd BD Siziba, attended on behalf of the President and the Board and confirmed that the meeting was well organised and fruitful. The continued growth of these gatherings remains important, as they provide a sound setting for men to strengthen one another in faith and character. Congregations are encouraged to support these conferences and, where suitable, bring along younger men who are approaching marriage so that they may

benefit from the guidance of seasoned believers. It is our hope that the energy and commitment that revived this ministry will carry forward through 2026 and the years that follow.

20. REPORT ON COURT MATTERS ESWATINI

During 2025, the Africa Evangelical Church (AEC) in Eswatini continued to demonstrate resilience and commitment to good governance, sound administration, and the rule of law. Through the unwavering leadership and diligence of the AEC Board and the Eswatini Executive Committee, the Church successfully defended its authority, identity, and assets against persistent challenges from unauthorized groups and individuals. These efforts have ensured that the AEC in Eswatini continues to operate under lawful and recognized leadership, consistent with the AEC Constitution of 1962, as amended.

The AEC recorded major victories in 2025, including several High Court and Supreme Court rulings in favour of the Church. These included successful interdicts preventing illegal meetings and church conferences, as well as a decisive judgment declaring invalid a directive from the Ministry of Education that sought to prohibit 2025 Easter services to be conducted in AEC schools. In addition, the courts dismissed or removed from the roll various applications by suspended members who sought to challenge lawful disciplinary actions.

A significant milestone was achieved when the Africa Evangelical Church 'name and logo' were formally registered and protected under the Trade Marks Act, 1981, under Register Number SZ/T/2024/212, in Class (41) for Preaching and Education. The registration, sealed by the Registrar of Trade Marks on 18 August 2025, provides

permanent legal protection of the AEC's name and emblem, thereby safeguarding the Church's institutional identity and heritage across Eswatini.

Looking ahead, the AEC will continue to uphold accountability, unity, and discipline within its ranks. One key priority for 2026 will be the institution and enforcement of disciplinary measures against Church workers and pastors who have failed to live up to the required standard of the Africa Evangelical Church, including those who refused to sign the Africa Evangelical Church Ordained Pastors' and Workers' Declaration.

21. THE AFRICA EVANGELICAL CHURCH ORDAINED PASTORS' AND WORKERS' DECLARATION

The issuance of the Africa Evangelical Church (AEC) Ordained Pastors and Workers Declaration in 2025 was in full alignment with Article 4.5.2.1 of the AEC Constitution of 1962 (as amended in 2023), which provides that: "The Africa Evangelical Church Board shall administer the work of the Church as a whole." This administrative action was further guided by a resolution of the Annual General Church Conference held in Matsapha, Kingdom of Eswatini, from 16-20 December 2024. In accordance with Article 4.5.2.8 of the Constitution, the Board is mandated to ensure that: "...the decisions of the General Church Conference are effectively implemented."

Following the 2024 resolution, the Declaration was officially rolled out across all AEC Regions – Eastern Cape, Eswatini, Gauteng, and KwaZulu-Natal. The purpose of this Declaration was to re-affirm all ordained Pastor's and church Worker's faith, loyalty, and commitment to the Church's mission, constitution, and leadership.

The Declaration commits each pastor and worker to uphold core principles of Christian service, including:

- ✓ *Faith in God and the authority of Scriptures;*
- ✓ *Commitment to ministry and service;*
- ✓ *Personal spiritual growth;*
- ✓ *Adherence to Biblical and ethical standards;*
- ✓ *Dedication to the growth and unity of the Church;*
- ✓ *Stewardship of all Church properties.*

By the end of 2025, most pastors and workers across the AEC regions had signed the Declaration. However, a small number of pastors – mainly within the Eswatini Region – did not sign. These include pastors who were interdicted by the High Court from organizing an illegal regional church conference in August 2025. Their continued defiance of the Board’s authority is noted with great concern.

In line with its constitutional responsibility, the AEC Board and Executive Committee will continue to implement the necessary disciplinary measures against those who have failed or refused to sign the Declaration, ensuring that the Church remains united, accountable, and faithful to its mission. The Board re-affirms its resolve to defend the integrity, governance, and witness of the Africa Evangelical Church in all regions.

22. HIGHLIGHTS FROM DENOMINATIONAL STRUCTURES

Children’s Ministry

The Children’s Ministry reported a year of both challenges and meaningful progress, maintaining strong participation, consistent teaching, and numerical growth across regions despite resource limitations and staffing constraints. All regions successfully delivered their planned activities,

including curriculum-based lessons, doctrinal teaching, workshops, rallies, and graduations that transitioned many children into the youth structure. The ministry also welcomed new children through evangelistic efforts, strengthening its impact.

Key challenges included shortages of young committed teachers, inconsistent attendance, limited pastoral and financial support, and inadequate teaching materials, with some regions additionally affected by leadership or sustainability concerns. Looking ahead, the ministry aims to rebuild weaker areas, standardise biblical lessons, strengthen regional support, and establish its own treasury to enhance operational capacity.

23. GRAND-PARENT'S DAY 27 July 2025

In Prov.16:31, we are reminded that, “Gray hair is a crown of splendour; it is attained in the way of righteousness”. We want to encourage all Regions to honour and celebrate our elderly. They can be appreciated and be given some gifts in their honour. Thanks to those churches who are doing good to the grandparents.

24. CONFERENCE CENTRE PROJECT- MANKAYANE

Due to the legal battles in Eswatini the Board has advised that Centre Contributions must not be transferred to Eswatini Centre Funds Account, since that Account is still under the unauthorized signatories. The Regions must rather send the collected funds to the Board's account. We hope and pray that once the situation is cleared Eswatini, the Centre project will continue as agreed.

➤ **KZN WOMEN'S CONVENTION: RIVERSIDE HOTEL
DURBAN 2-5 OCT.2025**

This area is situated next to the Blue Lagoon Beach in Durban North . This Hotel is a 4-star hotel with 169 rooms and suits. We are very delighted that the KZN *INKANYISO* has been there for second time in 2025 consecutively.

The joy and happiness was measured when they were singing, *“Siphum’eGeshura sifunubuso bakhe...”* Fortunately I new all of them, and no one came from Geshura, It was just an expression of joy. We congratulate INkanyiso for their resilience and determination when it comes to serving the Lord and for making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit. There were delegates from all other Regions. If AEC will be united to that level, no one else would do us part. “Unity is strength, unity is power” I came there for one day in passing but was blessed as Pastor J. Blom (the Speaker) delivered the message under the theme, “Praying for the eyes to see, and the heart to be filled with Compassion.” Indeed *Nkanyiso emhlophe*, We are praying for our eyes to see, and may our hearts be filled with compassion.

Thanks bomama for that hotel lunch, thanks for the gifts. May God bless you *Nkanyiso*, may God increase your territory.

25. CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

We want to thank all the local churches that took their time and appreciated their Pastors. On behalf of the Church Board we pray for God’s blessing upon them. We encourage all churches to do good to their leaders who keep watch over your souls.

➤ **VISIT TO THE AEC WESTERN CAPE 26 OCT 2025**

My October meeting with SIM is usually held around October in Western Cape. On Sunday the 26.10.2025 I can report that we met at the preaching point of Villier's Dorp (outside Stellenborch) whereas in 2025 we met at Khayelitsha.

All these places are densely populated. As a preacher I see a potential should there be a permanent Pastor in Western Cape.

May we pray for the bright future of God's work in Western Cape.

Thanks to Revd TG Ntongana from Mthatha AEC for visiting them as time permits.

26. DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOPS: 21 JUNE 2025 AND 4 - 6 NOVEMBER 2025

The first discipleship workshop was held on 21 June 2025 at Emsweni Christian Centre in Gauteng, followed by a second workshop from 4-6 November 2025 at the Assemblies of God Conference Centre in Meyerton. The Vice President, Revd VW Ndinisa, attended the first workshop and was later joined at the second workshop by Rev JA Shoba, Rev EM Dube, and Pastor Chauke from the West Rand Circuit. He strongly encouraged greater AEC's involvement in these important workshops and will submit a plan of action to the Board at its upcoming meeting. He commended the West Rand Circuit for its active Missions Committee, which aims to plant two churches per year and has already planted six in recent years, aligning with the Great Commission and 2 Timothy 2:2. Organized by the African Strategic Discipleship Movement and TEASA—who also provide financial support—these workshops are expected to significantly strengthen the growth and impact of the AEC.

27. EASTERN CAPE VISIT 7-9 Nov 2025 (NKANGA & MTHATHA)

My aim was to rotate all the Eastern Cape Circuits in 2025 but unfortunately I couldn't visit East London. This was the continuation of the visits that I started during Easters. Thank you to the Regional Executive for arranging and combining Dikela, Nkanga and Zibungu to meet in one place called Nkanga.

Meeting those happy people at Nkanga AEC was a great joy to me. Nkanga is known for its dance, and the wearing of uniform. I encouraged them to come to the RCC's and AGCC's and to wear their uniform in the Conferences rather than not attending just because of uniform. If unity in diversity also included those wearing uniform and those not wearing uniform, let us accept one another and solve our issues amicably. I therefore appeal to all members to accept those AEC members who are still wearing uniform and allow them to attend conferences. All matters that brings misunderstanding and confusion, we must refer them to the Board to address and to solve. What I noticed in this Libode Zone is that there are many adult men and they love their church, the Africa Evangelical Church.

I must also mention that one Young Adult lady from Nkanga AEC had intentionally decided to book our 3 days accommodation in UMthatha Garden's Court. We stayed so comfortably. May God bless her in a wonderful way. If there are people who want the best for their leaders, let us speak blessings upon their lives.

From Nkanga we drove to Mthatha AEC to address them in the evening on Sat the 8.11.2025 . What a revival we had in Mthatha in the presence of the Lord. The uMthatha AEC is being led by Revd TG Ntongana. I am pleased to congratulate Mthatha AEC for a beautiful Church house, and for their outside beautiful stand-alone house. The

outside Building they also use it to accommodate Circuit members during their quarterly meetings.

We greatly appreciate the dedication and hard work by uMthatha Circuit. Your being successful in building that wonderful facility, stands as testament to your commitment to God's work. Congratulations!

On the following day the 9th it was a Clergy Appreciation Day offered to Revd TG Ntongana. If you followed on facebook you must have noticed that UMthatha was really prepared to appreciate their Pastor. They took their time to bring those gifts as planned.

28. VISIT TO SICK/RETIRED WORKERS 21-23 Nov 2025

On the 21.11.2025, I visited Revd P. Mntambo and Revd JH Gumede in Mpangeni. Let's please pray for their full recovery. On the same day 21.11.2025 I visited Revd SM Phoseka at his home in Mbazwana. Let us remember him in our prayers, he can't attend conferences any more. On the 22.11.25: I visited Revd MJ Tembe at his home in Mseleni. Him and his wife are not well. We trust God for their speedy recovery.

On the 23.11.2025: I visited Revd LB Khumalo. He lost his older son Sakhile Khumalo this year but I couldn't make it in the funeral. Let us pray for Sakhile's widow, she has not accepted it as they were married only for four years. It is not easy. As I have concluded my list, I will urge you to pray for all the sick, retired workers who are going through pain and sicknesses in all Regions.

29. AEC ADULT PK's PROGRESS REPORT:

I am personally persuaded to report about this emerging structure. Revd TG Ntongana started a WhatsApp Group for the AEC Adult PKs, a group of former pastors' kids who,

while many remain AEC members, others worship elsewhere, and share a commitment to the growth of their parents' church. Through this platform, they encourage participation. They chose the "Adult" designation to bridge generational gaps, and aim to support the church community through visiting elderly widows, contributing financially when members lose a parent, and raising funds for AEC projects. They aspire to be exemplary to younger PKs, seek recognition as a registered entity, and would appreciate opportunities to address the congregation during conferences.

➤ **THE CHURCH AND THE BIBLE SCHOOLS**

Our Church is still very strong in its stance to select from the Bible Schools that will produce Servant leaders and not church bosses.

We are very sensitive to our Evangelical stance: Thus our Church has aligned itself with the "Evangelical Doctrine of Salvation". Thus we need to know the Prospectus of the School before we can send our students.

Yes the accreditation plays a vital role, but we scrutinize beyond accreditation. Some Schools are teaching false doctrines under the pretence of accreditation, we have to be very careful.

We are therefore giving a strong warning against fake Bible Schools.

Some of these fake Bible Schools are offering fake Honorary Doctorates. We warn those who have appetite to be honored to be very careful. These are the last Days.

As a church we encourage our students to upgrade themselves following proper processes as per the Departments of Higher Learning in our countries.

➤ BIBLE SOCIETY

The Board has taken a strong stance to encourage all Regions to contribute towards Bible Society.

The vision for Bible Society is, “Bible for everyone”

Their mission is, “ to provide affordable Bibles in all languages and formats so that all people can experience the life-giving message of the Word”

According to the United Bible Societies (UBS) and other translation agencies, “as of the end of 2023, the full Bible has not yet been printed in approximately 3,710 languages. Around 1.46 Billion people still do not have access to the full Bible in their primary languages”.

As AEC we must have compassion for these crowds which has never heard God speaking to them in their languages. We must donate to Bible Society.

➤ REPORT ABOUT SIM

As AEC we are grateful to have been born by the Mission SAGM, which was later called AEF, and now is known as “Serving in Missions” (SIM)

I’m representing the church as the SIM South Africa Board member. SIM is an International organization whose mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and make disciples in communities where He is least known, and whose vision is to see Christ-centred churches established among all peoples.

Our Board meeting meets three times in a year. I can advise those who have the heart of missions to come to the fore and state their calling. Through SIM we can get best advises in missions.

Together in partnership with SIM, AEC can collaborate and fulfill the Great Commission. Our donations to Missions can be channeled well through SIM.

We are grateful to God that AEF which now has become SIM, has assisted many Bible Students of the AEC, with a certain percentage of school fees over the years.

Through SIM, the AEC is able to reach all our sister churches in Southern Africa and in the whole of Africa

More importantly, through SIM, we can be able to reach those places where the gospel is needed the most.

We congratulate Revd Benjamin Pillay whose contract has been extended as SIM SA, Director. We thank him for always being with us in our Annual General Conferences.

➤ **REGIONAL WORKERS CONFERENCES**

I couldn't manage to attend the Workers Conferences in the Regions this year. I'm looking forward to get reports from Regional Chairpersons. These Conferences are so vital in taking our church forward. Many suggestions that can be brought in these Conferences, can assist all the Regions to be spiritually relevant.

I'm grateful to be informed that in some Regions, there was a very good attendance of the retired Pastors. Older Generation can mentor the younger generation. (Tit.2:2-3)

30. PROJECTIONS FOR 2026

Having focused on Eswatini in 2023,2024, Eastern Cape in 2025, the ensuing year will focus on the Gauteng Region, which comprises of Gauteng will be under Pretoria circuits I will visit Polokwane, Northwest, and Soshanguve. Later in the year I plan to visit Westrand Circuit and Eastrand Circuit that is in Gauteng but belongs to KZN Region.

31. PRAYER POINTERS FOR THE YEAR 2026

1. Prayers be done for everyone, in all our various Regions and countries.
2. Pray for 2026 Elections of Committees.
3. Pray that God give us a new heart and remove the heart of stone and give us the heart of flesh.
4. Pray for all those who seek employment and all those who are exploring new business ventures to receive it in great measure in 2026
5. Pray for Comrade Runners and those from the AEC, we have seen the number increasing to 10 in 2025. Let's support them and give them love.
6. Pray for Bible Society.
7. Pray for Bible Colleges
8. Pray for SIM and all other Mission Organizations.
9. Pray for all our Sister Churches and all Christian Denominations and Ministries worldwide
10. Pray to God to strengthen the relationship and the unity of the AEC Southern Africa.

Words of encouragement and care:

As a large and diverse denomination, our members face many different challenges. Let us remember and pray for those who are victims of difficult circumstances: orphans, singles, the separated, the divorced, and the widowed. Let us also keep in mind the homeless, individuals with disabilities, those struggling with mental health challenges (including dementia), those battling depression, victims of abuse, people fighting addictions, low-income families, and those living with chronic illnesses and ongoing pain. We must not forget the elderly whom we seldom see—many of whom feel forgotten. The list continues: victims of natural disasters, the unemployed, individuals facing financial hardship, survivors of rape, children in foster care, those dealing with grief and loss, survivors of human trafficking, and people living with terminal illnesses. May we hold all of them in our hearts, prayers, and actions.

32. CONCLUSION

Unity as Biblical instruction to all Christians:

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”(Eph. 4:3) This serves to emphasize that it is our responsibility to strive for unity, peace and harmony (understanding) within the church.

Reminder of Unity in Diversity:

In 1Cor. 12:12-27 we are reminded that while we are many parts, we are one body in Christ. Each member has unique gifts that contribute to the Church’s mission. We must therefore value our diversity while maintaining unity.

Love as a Command:

Jesus commanded us to love one another (John 13:34-35). This love should be the foundation of all our interactions, guiding us to support, uplift, and forgive one another.

Conflict Resolution:

I want to remind all members of the AEC. Solve conflicts internally following (Mat.18:15-17). This process emphasizes reconciliation and accountability which will help us to maintain unity and integrity within the church. As an Evangelical Church, we condemn the act of taking matters to Courts. We do have good platform within the church.

May God bless you all with your Families!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (2026)

I thank you! - Humbly presented by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'MX' inside a circle followed by the name 'Dladla'.

Revd MX Dladla, PRESIDENT

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