

AFRICA EVANGELICAL CHURCH



President's Report

(1962 - 2024)

ANSWERING the CALL

Annual General Church Conference 2024

Swazi National High School, Matsapha, Kingdom of Eswatini

16-20 December 2024

YEAR 2025 - VERSE:

"So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His field"

(Matt. 9:38) 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 disciples and reproduces itself in holiness of living."

OBJECTIVES:

1. *To plan specific activities and projects where we are working together, in mission and outreach programmes 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 programmes, i.e. brother/brother, sister/sister programme.*

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 iinkqubo 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 nebulili, 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 Timothy 2:2).
5. Kubamba timfundziso ngemphilo yebungcwele nekutsi emabandleni etfu kutfolakale indlela yekusita emalunga kutsi anakekelane ngetinhlelo letifanele; umfowetfu anakekele umfowetfu, dzadzewetfu anakekele dzadzewetfu.

AFRICA EVANGELICAL CHURCH 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** honours 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

It is my honour and a privilege to welcome you all present in this our 2024 Annual General Church Conference (AGCC) in the Kingdom of Eswatini. I greet you all in the wonderful Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you all for your presence. We can reflect back to our AGCC 2023 which was hosted by the Gauteng Region at Castle Bush Camp in Pretoria on the 16-20 December 2023. Our hearts and minds are still at that solitary place where we could only enjoy the tranquillity and joy in the presence of the Lord. There were no shopping centres around and this kept most of the conference attendees in one place. Thank you to our Gauteng Region for hosting us so well and for lifting the standard so high. There may have been a few challenges encountered, but we rejoice that we had a successful conference.

We want to salute His Majesty, King Mswati III and His Majesty's government for opening doors to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ freely in this Country. May our Father in heaven bless the Kingdom of Eswatini. May God intervene in any social and spiritual problems in this country in Jesus Name. We pray for peace and prosperity of this beautiful land.

We welcome Botswana AEC under the leadership of the Bishop Mazelo Nthomang and Mrs Nthomang. We welcome all Regions of the AEC Southern Africa present here: Eastern Cape, Eswatini, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. We welcome all our visitors present. We acknowledge the presence of the representatives of the recognized Bible Colleges present, all our sister Churches present here, as well as all our Fellow Christians in the body of Christ who just came for fellowship, not forgetting those who are in this Annual General Church Conference for the first time.

We acknowledge and welcome all the invited Speakers of this Conference. May you all speak God's Word as if Christ was personally speaking to His Church in this Conference. We greet all AEC Workers and Spouses present, all the retired Workers and spouses.

May all the Decisions and Resolutions that are taken in this Conference, be respected by all members of the AEC. May we all witness the success of this AGCC 2024.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Current Board of the Africa Evangelical Church Southern Africa was elected during our AGCC 2022 and was officially presented to the Church on the 19th of December 2022 in Mthatha (King Sabata Dalindyebo TVET College). The Church Board will serve the Church till the AGCC 2027 (as God will permit). I reiterate the above statement to give an emphasis in the beginning of my speech that all leadership positions in the AEC are limited to a certain time, in accordance with the AEC Constitution (as amended in 2023). There is no position or portfolio that is granted on a permanent basis. I believe and trust that all AEC members, who are elected to hold certain positions will be driven by a "servant leadership character". The driving force should not be positions, but commitment to serve the church of Jesus Christ.

It is also imperative to start strategizing for succession planning at all levels of leadership within our Church. It is not too late to groom successors - May God help AEC.

3. OUR 62nd ANNIVERSARY: 8TH JULY 2024

This Denomination was given autonomy at *KwaNtabamhlophe*, a vicinity situated at Giant Castle (Estcourt) in KZN on the 08th of July 1962. It came as a surprise to learn that, while it was in 1962 when we were granted autonomy, our Denomination is marking 62 years of existence this year (2024). How great is our God who has led us all the way. We still see AEC going strong despite the challenges that we have encountered over the years. More details on the history of AEC have been loaded on our website and can be found on: www.africcc.org. We also encourage all members to visit our Webpage on a regular basis.

As we commemorate this significant milestone, we must give God all the glory and honour for his faithfulness. In these 62 years of God's faithfulness, we must not forget the past while we trust our God for the future of this Denomination.

"So, pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His field" (Matt.9:38). Those whom God is calling, must respond to the Divine call.

4. Departed to glory are the Blessed ones!

We are saddened by the loss of our loved ones in this current year, but we rejoice in knowing that those who died in the Lord are blessed. (Rev. 14:13)

4.1. Eastern Cape Region Departures

- Evangelist AJ *Bhongo* of AEC *Zibungu* died on 10.01.2024. He was an Elder at AEC *Zibungu*. He was buried on 27.01.2024.
- Mrs NVB *Mbasane* from *Luthubeni eMqandule*, our dedicated Sunday school teacher died on 5.01.2024 and she was buried on 20.01.2024.
- Mrs *Nomzamo Maqutywa* of *Lusikisiki* who the wife of the late Revd Justice S. Maqutywa was. She died on 24.02.2024. She was buried on 10.03.2024.
- Mrs AL Ntongana who was the wife of the late Revd HN Ntongana. She died on 05.03.2024 and was buried on 16.03.2024.
- Miss Sibongile Beauty Kunju who was the daughter of the Revd MS Khunju and Mrs PN Kunju of Mangqobe Location (Mqanduli). She died on 06.06.2024 and was buried on 14.06.2024
- Miss Vuyokazi Nkqayi who was the daughter of the late Revd SS Nkqayi at Ndulini Location (Lusikisiki). She died on 30.06.2024 and was buried on 20.07.2024.
- Mr Fundisile Nkqayi, who was the firstborn son of the Revd SS Nkqayi at Ndulini Lusikisiki died on 10.10.2024 and was buried on 27.10.2024
- Revd MP Mchakuvana from Nkanga Circuit died on 29.10.2024 and was buried on 15.11.2024

4.2. Eswatini Region Departures

- Pastor MP Nene of AEC Nkiliji died on 16.04.2024 and was buried on 28.04.2024.
- Ms Anna Zintombi Gumede (Aunt) who was the younger sister of the late Revd Dr. CPM Gumede (at Sitseni) died on 05.10.2024 and was buried on 12.10.2024.

4.3. Gauteng Region Departures

- Mrs Nomalizo Makapela who was the biological mother of Mrs BM Mabitsela (the Vice Chairperson of the Women's Fellowship) died on 24.04.2024 and was buried on 5.5.2024.
- Dr Motsoko Pheko who was the first Publicity Secretary of the AEC in 1962, and an anti-apartheid activist and former President of the "PAC" (the Political Party). He died on 19.4.2024 and was buried on 4.5.2024.
- Mrs EN Pheko the wife of Dr Motsoko Pheko died in November and was buried on 23.11.2024.
- Mrs PM Makwela who was the mother of Revd MG Makwela, died on 19.05.2024 and was buried on 25.05.2024.
- Miss Z Phakathi who was the older sister to Mrs Sindisiwe Jiyana (Wife to Revd JN Jiyana) Miss Phakathi died on 4.9.2024 and was buried on 14.9.2024.

4.4. KwaZulu-Natal Region Departures

- Revd AM Zondo KwaMashu, a long serving Pastor of the AEC KwaMashu, died on 20.01.2024 and was buried on 27.01.2024.
- Mr ES Mfeka of uMlazi, who was the son of the late first President of the AEC (Revd EJ Mfeka, died on 9.3.2024 and was buried on 16.3.2024.
- Mr SB Magwaza KwaMashu who was the biological father of Mrs HP Chonco died on 12.5.2024 and was buried on 18.5.2024.
- Ladysmith: Mrs MQ Ngubo who was the mother of Mrs TP Ntshangase (East Rand) she was buried on 24.8.2024.
- Mrs Queen Mkhwanazi (MaDladla) who was the younger sister to Revd MX Dladla died on 11.10.2024 and was buried on 20.10.2024.
- Revd AM Ngcobo Durban, He was a Pastor at Nkwambase AEC (Tongaat) died on 25.11.2024 and was buried on 30.11.2024.

- Mr CC Shiba/Mkhwanazi the uncle to Mrs GN Dladla, died on 25.11.2024 and was buried on 1.12.2024.
- Mrs KP Sithole, who was the mother of Mrs GN Dladla died on 26.11.2024 and was buried on 2.12.2024.

○ Botswana Departures

- Revd Gomotsegang LS Ganetsang died on 3.4.2024 and was buried on 13.4.2024.
- Elder Tshenyego Itshepheng died on the 24.6.2024 and was buried on 29.6.2024.
- Revd Tumisang Mokgele died on 20.7.2024 and was buried on 27.7.2024.
- Pastor Dick Sekgele died on 20.9.2024 and was buried on 28.9.2024.

5. Academic Successes

We congratulate all our members who have achieved academic success during this year. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance are truly commendable.

We celebrate your accomplishments and encourage you to continue striving for excellence in all your endeavours. May your achievements inspire others in our church, and may God bless you as you move forward with your journey.

6. Celebrating the Newborns:

Congratulations to all the families who have welcomed the newborn babies into their homes.

As you embark on this wonderful journey of parenthood, may you find strength, wisdom and endless love in nurturing these little ones. Remember what the Bible says about Children, “Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.” (NLT)

7. The Appreciation and Honour to Revd AS Matsenjwa and Mrs S Matsenjwa

Revd AS Matsenjwa is one of the well-known retired Senior Pastor in Eswatini. He served as a Pastor and visionary in the development of Eswatini Ezulwini Mission of the AEC. Revd Matsenjwa served many years as Regional Chairperson of Eswatini, and as Board member for many years. The Board would like to convey a public statement of appreciation to you, Revd Matsenjwa and Mrs S Matsenjwa.

Revd Matsenjwa you are offered this token of appreciation in honour of your extra-ordinary leadership and commitment to our Eswatini Region. Your wisdom and Compassion have united us in Faith and in Love. You became an example of those leaders who understand the AEC Constitution and you commanded the respect of the AEC Constitution in the Eswatini Region. You gave leadership and advised to the Eswatini Executive Committee, and we salute you.

“Sikuchoma luphaphle legwalagwala”

Make S Matsenjwa, the Board would like to appreciate your unwavering support that you gave to Revd AS Matsenjwa even in times of the rise of the challenges, you stood by him. You prayed and loved your church, the AEC. We salute you and admire the love you have for Christ and for your Church.

8. Board Meeting at iHawu Guest House: 09-11 February 2024

The Ihawu Guest House is situated in Durban Westville (KZN). The owner is Mr Jabulani Manukuza, who is a member of the AEC in Durban. The Board can agree that the total service that we normally receive from Ihawu is always outstanding. We encourage AEC members visiting Durban for holiday or business to book at Ihawu Guest House to experience its amazing tranquillity.

I would like to appreciate the Board members for always attending their meetings in their full number. We also encourage all Regional Executives as well as all Committees of various structures to learn from the Board members to respect and to honour their official meetings.

Most deliberations and decisions are taken in this February strategic meeting. At times we also receive comprehensive feedback about AGCC. We therefore urge all Regions to complete the evaluation forms regarding this 2024 AGCC. Any suggestions to the Board can be forwarded to the General Secretary at his email: gensec@africec.org

9. Mrs Nomusa Dladla (MaSithole) Injury 7 March 2024

On 7.3.2024 my beloved wife was stabbed several wounds on the upper body by a man whom we regarded as our Gardener. Our regular Gardener Mr Mthembu came with his new young boy to assist him as he was cutting grass. That young boy got mentally sick as he was craving to consume drugs. He then took a knife and stabbed my wife without any reason. My wife was eventually admitted at the ICU in Port Shepstone and was discharged after a week. The boy was arrested and was charged for Attempted Murder. The case is still awaiting trial. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my family to thank you all for standing with us in prayer.

I am writing this to alert all parents and Guardians to be vigilant at this time when many children are involved in drugs and alcohol abuse. We must pray for our younger generation and for parents whose children are involved in drugs.

Though my wife is living with those permanent scars, but we thank God for His unwavering protection and for His healing power over her life.

10. Visit to ESwatini Easter Convention by Vice President: 28-31 March 2024

The Vice President, Revd WV Ndinisa, accompanied by his dear wife and Pastor T Mabitsela and his dear wife, visited the first Combined Passover Convention which was held at Mbuluzi Mission. The visit of the Vice President served as a good symbol of unity and powers of delegation exercised by the Church Board. The Church Board delegated me to Botswana and delegated Vice President, to Eswatini as per powers vested by the Constitution, that “the Church Board shall administer the work of the Church as a whole” (Art. 4.5.2.1); “[i]t shall evaluate the work of the whole Church”(Art. 4.5.2.6). The Vice President was received with joy, and he could not stop to appreciate Eswatini Region for the love and care that they received. Revd Ndinisa also appreciated the invited guests, who preached the word of God with courage - Revd MP Msibi, Revd NZ Nxumalo and his dear wife (MaMbatha), from AEC Mseleni. They preached on the year verse (1 Cor.10:5) giving the exegesis on “The Power of the cross”. Thank you to Eswatini Circuits for amalgamating for the sake of unity of the AEC.

11. Visit to Botswana Annual General Conference: 28-31 March 2024 (During Easter by President)

The Annual General Conference is conducted during every Easter Holidays in Botswana. It was a momentous visit by me accompanied by Revd DB Siziba (General Secretary) and Dr S Gumedze (Board's Legal Advisor). Our visit at Tonota village, a vicinity where the AEC Botswana's Head office is based. Our visit profoundly boosted our brotherly relations with Botswana AEC.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome and hospitality that Botswana extended to us. This visit did not only strengthen our bond as one church, but also filled my heart with joy, knowing that we are united in our Evangelical doctrine of salvation. We are united in purpose and mission. On behalf of the AEC Southern Africa, we do appreciate the AEC Botswana for always attending these International Conferences of the AEC wherever they may be.

We are also very grateful to God for raising Revd MMW Mathabela who has now built a good relationship with AEC Botswana. In fact, Revd Mathabela is like our Missionary in Botswana. We cannot stop extending our gratitude to his Local Church “Lozitha AEC” for always allowing him to fulfil the mandate of the “Great Commission” (Mark 16:15-16).

We appreciate the Bishop Mazelo Nthomang and his wife for always fostering unity between AEC Botswana and AEC Southern Africa. This is evident as we witness a good attendance from Botswana in this Conference. May God bless Botswana.

We thank God for the worship team from Botswana. We do not see Botswana as visitors here, but we see them as our brothers and sisters. We would like to give Botswana a “full observer status” in all our Business Sessions, and in all Structures. That will give Botswana an opportunity to learn more about how we do things in the AEC Southern Africa.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those Botswana families who lost family members when 45 members were killed in a tragic bus accident which took place in Limpopo during Easter weekend. The incident took place when we were in Botswana and our hearts were deeply sad.

On a positive note: I would like to express our heartfelt Congratulations to the Government of Botswana for the smooth elections 2024 and for smooth handover to His Excellency President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko. May all other African Countries learn from Botswana. We pray for that; the peace of Botswana must scatter all over Africa.

12. Visit to Eswatini: 26-28 April 2024

This visit to me was perceived as an emergency visit. I was supposed to visit the KZN Men's Fellowship on that same weekend, but God's plan directed me to Eswatini on emergency.

My visit included several places:

- a. Visited Eswatini Men's Fellowship at AEC Ezulwini (27.4.2024 Morning). I had a great time with the Regional Men's Fellowship under Chairperson Mr Menzi Ginindza, *uMkhuzeli "the General"*. Revd JS Msane was the speaker for Men's Fellowship. I was saddened to hear in this Convention that Revd Dr Nicholas Nyawo from Evangelical Church, has gone to be with the Lord. Dr N. Nyawo was a great man of God, the friend of the AEC. I was informed that Dr Nyawo passed on few days before the Passover weekend. On behalf of the AEC Southern Africa, I would like convey words of condolences to the Nyawo family and to the Evangelical Church for losing such a great leader. Revd JS Msane addressed a topic on "Don't lose focus, stay in the race" Press on when there are all reasons to give up.
- b. Attended Pastor MP Nene's Memorial service at AEC Nkiliji (27.4.2024 afternoon). We attended this memorial service and then went to mortuary to pray with the Nene family as they collected the body of their father. May God's comfort be with all the Nkiliji family as they reflected to the great life lived by Pastor Nene. Blessed are the dead in the Lord.
- c. Visited Regional Women's Fellowship in Mbabane KaBoyce High School. (27.4.2024 Evening) Regardless of a busy schedule, the Women's Convention proceeded as planned. Good attendance, great fellowship, powerful sermon by Pastor Sfiso Mhlanga. Whenever I visit Eswatini, I always observe that God has strengthened His church in the midst of challenges. Glory to God!
- d. On Sunday morning the 28.4.2024, I attended and officiated the Funeral service of our dearest Pastor MP Nene. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

13. Meet Mekaar Resort Workers & Spouses Seminar 9-12 May 2024

The 2024 Workers and Spouses Seminar was conducted up in Mtubatuba at the Meet Mekaar Resort. The organizing Committee negotiated lower registration fee as compared to our regular Skogheim venue. All changes might come with the positives and the negatives. We apologise to those who were accommodated at an outside venue. The organizing Committee would like to get feedback so they can take a decision whether we go back to Skogheim or not in 2025. The committee was, however, commended for the relevant topics that were addressed during the Seminar.

14. Regional Conferences 2024:

a. Eastern Cape RCC 26-30 June 2024 Ghotso Sec. School

It was a cold weather, but this RCC was a great success. I attended this Conference first time with my wife after her severe injury. Though I was not happy with the low number of attendances, I understood that some elderly people could not sleep in classes any more due to health conditions. We plead to all AEC members to prepare and attend all scheduled conferences within their Regions.

Thank you to the Region for honouring the retired workers. We are sorry that Revd MP Mchakuvana who was honoured by the Region in June, went to be with the Lord even before we celebrate him in this Conference. We are pleased to commemorate Mchakuvana family. Mrs TSM Mchakuvana

okaLokothwayo, we honour you and we thank all the Mchakuvana's children for supporting their father in his calling. He is now in a better place. May God bless Eastern Cape and solve all its problems.

b. ESwatini RCC 28.08.2024 - 01.09.2024 (Ka-Boyce High School)

We are grateful to God for the great success of this 2024 Regional Church Conference. I was accompanied by my wife. We received a warm welcome as always in ESwatini. Our guest Speakers who were invited were Bishop S Mashicila (from Butterworth Eastern Cape), Bishop Z Mangwe (from "Word of Faith"), Pastor CD Mbatha (AEC Mamelodi) and Revd L Dlamini (AEC ESwatini).

For those who were able to follow our Facebook page, you shall have noticed that the 2024 RCC was unique. It was raining for the whole duration of the Conference except the last day, which was on a Sunday. It was extremely cold, but the attendance was full to the level that we had an overflow of those who were standing outside the Hall. Was that not amazing Brethren? We must mention that the level of anointing could not be comprehended. It was beyond what we could think or even imagine. Thanks, Brethren, for the support and for your prayers offered to AEC ESwatini. We encourage prayer warriors never to cease praying for the church at large.

c. Gauteng RCC Attended by Vice President 28-30 June 2024

Vice President, Revd WV Ndinisa, attended this Regional Conference and gave praise items for God's protection during an unfortunate armed robbery incident that took place on the 29.6.2024 during the Gauteng RCC.

The Praise Items: The Conference had a successful Business session. Revd TG Makhubo who was the evening speaker delivered a very relevant message from Exodus 14:13-14 ("Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today). Indeed, all who were in the attendance testified and gave praise for God's deliverance.

- **The Armed robbery:** It was after the Saturday evening service when Brethren were held at gun point. All brethren were commanded to lie down on that cold floor. They were forced to cooperate with the robbers who took their cell phones, laptops, and live recordings of the proceedings.
- **Vice President salute the regional leadership,** especially the Regional Chairperson, Revd NJ Jiyana, who was used by God to take leadership role to encourage all participants to continue with the Conference. He also praised Mrs Z Mbatha for rendering a psychological debriefing session which assisted to calm down the situation.
- **Words from the Board:** The Board would like to thank the Vice President who also used his work experience with Police, to organize the law enforcement to attend the venue.
- **The Board condemns this barbaric act** to attack the house of worship in a strongest possible term. We would like to order all our Regions to put security measures to ensure the safety of our members in all our Conferences. Security teams can be arranged to do the security assessment to the venue before the commencement of that Conference.
- **Visits to victims of the armed robbery:** On 9/8/2024: I took time to visit Mr JL Msibi, and Revd JA Shoba (at Protea), and from there, I visited Revd J Pholoba and Revd Elijah Dube in Kagiso. It was my pleasure to get time to pray with my fellow brothers in the Lord. Mr Msibi was more injured as he ended up in hospital. We give glory to God for protecting lives in that horrifying incident.
- **Visit to AEC Kagiso - 9/8/2024 Friday:** As I have alluded above, after visiting Revd J Pholoba's house, I requested to see the church. It was my joy to see the Kagiso Mission. Today I can tell how far our brethren travel from Kagiso to Eastern Cape and to other places.

Thank you to Revd J Pholoba for working hard to plant the AEC work in Kagiso and surrounding. We prayed and spoke blessings upon Kagiso Local Church even in the absence of the congregants God was listening. May God intervene to all problems encountered by this Local Church in Jesus Name.

- **Attended Gala dinner Sparkling Water Hotel & SPA 9-11 August 2024**

This was Gauteng Women's Regional Convention. I attended with Vice President and Gauteng Regional Chairperson. The Gala dinner was hosted to honour women who did outstanding things for the Lord in their communities and local churches. One thing that struck me, was that the women in our Church are now wearing very expensive clothes. My proposal to Mrs TMB Mabitsela was that, after the Gala dinner they must sell all those expensive clothes and buy a car for their Region.

Phofu-ke xa abantu bengenwe yizwe ebandleni abalaleli ubobuza kuBrother Enigma ukuthi bayamlalela na?

Brethren, we had a good time in that Convention. The following day Saturday it was a fundraising evening. Ladies were taking their time without bothering with time. Thanks, boMama for taking care of us. We enjoyed that Conference to the full. Apostle Buyi Zulu, who was your speaker, was very relevant to the Theme.

- **Visit to Rustenburg AEC Liedag Preaching point 11.8.2024:**

It was on Sunday when I visited AEC Liedag Preaching point situated in Rustenburg. I was accompanied by Vice President (Revd WV Ndinisa) and Gauteng Chairperson (Revd NJ Jiyane). The Liedag preaching point is led by Elders: Mrs Coetzee senior, together with Mr & Mrs Phiri under the assistance of Pastor Coetzee and his wife. We saw a great potential in this area. The place is densely populated. Hope the Tent Crusade is ideal for this place. Thanks to Revd M Mofokeng the leader of Rustenburg AEC. We are praying for Liedag Preaching Point, and we are praying for the entire North West Province to receive Christ.

d. KZN RCC KwaDlangezwa High School 2-6 July 2024

The KZN RCC was hosted in a central Area in KZN. KwaDlangezwa High School is closer to the University of Zululand. The attendance was very good compared to the previous year (2023). We couldn't attend the whole conference due to other commitments. We were able to follow the illuminating services via Facebook. Revd P. Mntambo taught on the Church-Distinctives, and Revd MD Mhlanga was used by God as a Bible Study Teacher.

I believe that if these conferences were attended by all members, we could see the growth in our Regions. We do understand that some were at work during the week, but we can't stop to encourage our brethren to book their leave days in time, to attend these conferences.

11. Board Meeting: IHawu Guest House 19-21 July 2024

This Board meeting coincided with the funeral of Miss Vuyokazi Nkqayi who was buried on the 20/07/2024 as I have indicated, but we would like to commend the Board members who did the arrangements of the funeral and then left other Pastors to officiate the funeral. Not all of us have graduated to that level.

As the Board we want to commend the Eswatini Region for a successful election of the three Board members representing Eswatini. This has made a fair representation of all Regions. It was in that July meeting when the planning for this AGCC 2024, was done.

The unusual thing happened on Sunday. All the Gauteng Board members decided to visit our three Local Churches in Durban namely: AEC KwaMashu (Revd WV Ndinisa), AEC uMlazi N730 (Revd NJ Jiyana and Dr S Gumedze) and AEC Durban Central (Revd DB Siziba). It was a great revival to these Branches to see their leaders ministering the word to them. I decided to leave my local church with the General Secretary and went to KwaMashu with Revd Ndinisa. We are looking forward to this revival even in 2025.

12. KZN Young Adult Port Edward 2-4 August 2024

I visited this retreat together with my wife. I desired to attend during the day on Saturday but the request from the KZN Young Adult was that they invited us to fellowship with them in the Gala dinner which was planned to take place on Saturday evening on the 3rd of August.

It was very encouraging to be part of the evening program and to witness the appreciation to those Young Adult members who did outstanding things for the structure. It was commendable to see some representatives from Eastern Cape. We really pray for wisdom and innovation in this structure. We Congratulate the Young Adult structure for their 10th year Anniversary this year since they were established in 2014. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

13. Trapped in a Snowstorm 20-22 Sept 2024

I was travelling together with AEC KwaMashu members on our way to Atteridgeville, Pretoria to celebrate the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Revd and Mrs EG Blom. We were trapped in the snowstorm on the N3 before Montrose. It was a traumatic experience to be surrounded by a freezing temperature for more than 30 hours. Essential resources like shops were at the radius of 6 kilometres away. The lack of facilities created further discomfort. We thank God that all of us were later rescued, and we were all safe back home. We were however heart-broken to receive the news that one person died in that cold weather. We really have many reasons to thank God for giving us life. All of us who were trapped, we can now tell a story about how it feels to be in a snowstorm.

14. Visit to KZN Women's Convention 19-22 September 2024

I only attended the opening service, when Mrs GZ Mashiyane was welcoming the *INKanyiso* in Durban. This Convention was held in one of the 5 Star-Hotel in Durban. Almost all Regions were represented in this Convention. The attendance was so great. It was an unforgettable weekend of a snowstorm in the KZN Midlands. Thank you *Nkanyiso* KZN for praying for us when we were trapped in the snow. I'm always impressed to see the unity of *INKanyiso*.

15. Farewell Ceremony for Revd NN Malambule: AEC KwaMsane (Mtubatuba) 17.2.2024

It was a great joy to all members of the AEC KwaMsane Branch as they were giving thanks to God for many years that Revd NN Malambule together with his wife Mrs BR Malambule have served KwaMsane community. Revd Malambule took over as Pastor, after the retirement of Revd SM Gumede.

I was part of this celebration together with my wife. We witnessed that KwaMsane Branch had a good plan for the retirement of their Pastor. The evidence of that were the gifts of love to Malambule family and kind words to Malambule family. Congratulations to AEC KwaMsane Branch and to Mtubatuba Circuit for taking care of your Pastors to the level of retirement. May God bless you as you continue doing good to others.

16. Visit to AEC Nsane Branch (Mtubatuba) 12.5.2024

From our Seminar at Meet Mekaar, on Sunday the 12th of May 2024, we decided to worship with brethren at AEC Nsane. Less did we know that AEC Nsane church building has been developed to that level. Through the help of a local Businessman (Mr Mkhize) who is not a member of the AEC but has regarded himself as a friend who is willing to help. On behalf of the Board, we would like to send some words gratitude to Mr Mkhize and his family for their generous donation to God's work. May all businesspeople be willing to plant the seed in the house of the Lord.

17. Visit to Eastern Cape Women's Convention 28-29.09.2024 EZibungu

I joined this Conference towards the end. It was also a rainy weekend but oMama were so excited to be there. Thanks to Eastern Cape Women's Chairperson and Committee for the love and care that we always receive in the Eastern Cape. It was in a rural area, but we felt like we were in a hotel at the Mkhongozeli house. I must appreciate Make Mndzebele and her daughter Mrs Primrose Gci Vilakati, from Eswatini, who attended KZN Convention and then they proceeded to Libode eZibungu. This level of dedication will never be left unnoticed.

18. Visit to Nkanga Mission and Zibungu Mission: 28.9.2024

While I was at the Women's Convention, I decided to visit Nkanga Mission and Zibungu Mission. It is in the pipeline that I've requested Revd Khunju to assist me with the history of Nkanga, Zibungu and Dikela. The SAGM/AEF played a vital role in the Eastern Cape. Hopefully, next year we will report the good and bad about these places.

19. Report on Eastern Cape Workers' Conference 24.8.2024 - Mthatha Mission

The Eastern Cape Chairperson reported a very successful Workers' Conference that was held in Mthatha. The current Church Board is left with three years before the next elections, and we are mandated to administer the church. We are, therefore, open to every structure including the "Regional Workers' Conference" to submit all suggestions that will develop our church to the office of the General Secretary.

20. Union Bible Institute www.ubi.ac.za

Revd XA Nkosi is completing his second year in this December 2024 as a Principal of the school. He gave us these highlights.

- There is a slight increase in the number of students registered from 2024 as compared to the Covid19 period till 2023.
- Churches which have a good history with UBI like AEC, are encouraged to take UBI as their preferred Bible School.
- UBI is pleased to report the slight improvement in the financial situation of UBI. All the credit goes to churches, organizations, and individuals who are donating to UBI.
- The Principal further remind churches that UBI has PBO status, that means: For all donations offered to UBI, you can claim Tax-rebates from SARS.
- WE congratulate Mr S Moyo (UBI lecturer) for obtaining his Master of Theology degree.
- For all those who want to enrol at UBI can contact the email: admin@ubi.ac.za
- For donations: UBI, Standard Bank Acc. Number: 052087964, Bank code: 057525
- UBI Office WhatsApp line: 0824477877
- Revd TG Ntongana who is the Chairperson of the UBI Alumni, has also been elected Vice Chairperson of UBI Council 2025-2026.

21. Pastors' Kids Corner (Senior Group)

It is my honour to announce and appreciate the formation of the new active group, the "Pastors' Kids Senior Group". Many of them are married, and some of them are in the Young Adult Structure. When I spoke to Revd TG Ntongana in June who is one of the organizers, he stated categorically that they are planning to raise some money towards the Farewell Function of the Retiring UBI Lecturers. I am so grateful to report that this structure did raise that substantial amount of money, and it was donated for the Farewell as planned. The Farewell function took place on the 31.8.2024.

As we celebrate their accomplishment, may we also acknowledge that while they regarded themselves as AEC Pastor's Kids, but they extended their territory towards the prosperity of UBI an Interdenominational Institution thus making themselves to be denominational and international. Many of their parents were trained at UBI. They also call themselves "Alumina's Kids" (AKs).

Thank you "Pastors' Kids - Seniors", may this vision continue to flourish and influence the younger generation as well. Your actions inspire us all and serves as a reminder of the impact we can make when we come together with a shared purpose. Keep up the good work PK's Senior, and let the church welcome your existence and may the church support your vision for the sake of the prosperity of our church. God bless the Pastors' Kids ("The PKs").

22. Highlight Bible Society www.biblesociety.co.za

As AEC, we are still in partnership with Bible Society, We plead to all our Regions to encourage regular donations to the Bible Society. We request all regions to report to Treasurer General of all their contributions to Bible Society for record keeping. We request all our Regions to attend regional meetings of Bible Society in various communities and to invite Bible Society to share their updates to the AEC. Fraternalists are also encouraged to partner with the Bible Society wherever they are.

23. AEC WESTERN CAPE VISIT: 6 OCTOBER 2024

It was my pleasure to visit our preaching point in Khayelitsha on Sunday the 6th of October 2024. This is our AEC Western Cape. They meet in a house that belongs to Mr Sindile Tshingana at Makaza village of Khayelitsha. This little congregation is composed of members from Villiersdorp, Stellenbosch and Khayelitsha. I would like to thank Revd & Mrs TG Ntongana as well as uMthatha Circuit for the support and prayers they give to the Western Cape Evangelism. Let us pray for a full-time worker whom God must raise to go for us to Western Cape. There is great potential in Western Cape.

24. REPORT ABOUT SIM (OUR MISSION)

As Africa Evangelical Church, we pride ourselves that we were born of the Mission (SAGM). The SAGM was later known as the Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF), and is currently known as “Serving in Missions” (SIM).

I am the member of the SIM Board SA, representing the AEC. I should state that the SIM Board SA meets three times a year. We tackle matters involving SIM SA, we also build stronger partnership with the Mission and thereby fulfilling the Purpose, Mission and Vision of SIM. “AEC and ECSA and other Organizations that were born by Mission can learn a lot from SIM to ensure that their development strategy is implemented to improve God’s work in those identified areas which are least reached.

The Board is considering proposals from the Dr Fredlund regarding the proposed Ministry called, “*Ngithume Nkosi*”, where they suggest the improved partnership between AEC Southern Africa and AEC Botswana. In the document presented by SIM SA regarding the SIM SA Strategic Functions it is stated as follow, “Xhosa community are identified under the “least reached communities”. As AEC in our locals, we must come up with programs that will build the Nation and those that will make Jesus known.

25. Highlights from Denominational Structures:

a) Men’s Fellowship

Indeed, we are grateful to God when we see men taking a leadership role to ensure all church activities and projects are done successfully.

We have seen Men’s Fellowship leading in the celebration of our retirees. We would like to encourage this structure to be active from Local Churches level, Circuit level, and upwards. We encourage this structure to consider having money as one of their goals.

b) Women’s Fellowship

All Regions hosted their Conventions successfully.

- Thanks to the Women’s structure for all the financial support to the church in times of need.
- I’m delighted to report that I was able to visit all four Regional Women’s Conventions. I personally have a picture of what is taking place in our Regions.
- I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for each of you for the incredible contributions you make to our church. Your open hearts and generous spirits shine brightly, reflecting the love and compassion that Christ embodies.

c) Young Adult Fellowship

- The Young Adult Structure is growing.
- The main concern is that male counter parts are still not participating, and thus the structure is mistakenly regarded as a female structure.

- The growth of this structure depends on the support given by Regional leaders and Church workers.
- Pastors play a vital role in encouraging the members of this structure to attend their various retreats.
- The Young Adult structure is very determined to visit the retired workers and to care for those who have lost their dear spouses.
- They are very grateful for the KZN Region which is already active in visiting those who are in distress.

d) Youth Fellowship

- The youth under they Chairperson, Mr S Mdudu, were able to host their denominational youth meeting in July 2024.
- They are proud to report that all regions were able to host their various Youth Conventions successfully.
- They were able to do their three-year strategic planning which will be tabled to the youth. The primary goal for our youth is to, “GROW, UNITE, and LEAD centered in Christ”.
- The youth is very grateful to God for those who were engaged in 2024, newly-weds, as well as career and educational achievements. They also applaud those who were promoted to higher positions.

e) Children’s Ministry

We want to encourage all parents and Guardians to invest in the future of the Church, being our children. It is without a shadow of doubt that children are the future of the church and by investing in their spiritual development, churches ensure a vibrant and growing community of faith. In Matthew 19:14 we are reminded of Jesus’s love for children: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”

Children's Ministry is a Parental Responsibility: Ephesians 6:4 instructs fathers to “bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” We encourage regular attendance in Children’s Ministry. Don’t live them at home. Encourage them while their hearts are soft to receive the word of God.

26. Denominational Achievements in 2024

- Smooth amendments to our Constitution as effected during AGCC 2023.
- Board has been able to sanction various matters affecting Regions.
- Successful visit to Botswana.
- Visited all RCC’s.
- Visited all Women’s Conferences.
- Visited some Local Churches and preaching points.
- Attended and officiated in dignity many workers’ funerals.

27. Projection 2025

- Will focus at uniting the Eastern Cape Region.
- Will also focus on the profound History of SAGM and the Handing over to AEC by Missionaries in the Eastern Cape.
- Will focus on the unity of Pastors in the AEC.
- Will focus on the mandate given by AGCC 2023 to Align all our Church Documents.
- Will focus on the renewal of financial strength of the Church.
- Will look at the Conference Centre Project.
- Will attend to proposals from Structures.
- Will attend to issues of Missions and Developments.

28. Conference Centre Report:

We regret to inform you that there will be no updates regarding the Mankayane Conference Centre at this time. The significant attention and financial resources of our Denomination were primarily allocated to address the pressing court cases affecting our Eswatini Region. We remain hopeful that as these matters are resolved, we will be able to shift our attention back to the Conference Centre and provide more leadership focus toward the Conference Centre project.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during the critical time to restore the dignity of the Church.

29. Clergy appreciation Day 13.10.2024

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all local churches, circuits and structures for taking time to organize events marking the appreciation of their Pastors. Your efforts to honour and recognize the valuable contributions of your Pastors are truly commendable.

A special appreciation goes out to all individuals who also took the initiative to give to their Pastors. Your thoughtfulness and generosity not only uplift our leaders but also strengthen the bonds within our church families. Thank you for your love and commitment. May God richly bless you.

30. KZN WORKERS' Conference: 15-18 October 2024

The KZN Workers' Conference was held at Estcourt Greystone, the very Conference Centre where the first Denominational Workers' Seminar was held. The Revd XA Nkosi (UBI Principal) was invited as a Speaker of the Conference. The attendance was not pleasing but Revd DM Mhlanga who is the current Chairperson of KZN workers was grateful to God for the success of the Conference.

I couldn't make it in this conference due to other pressing matters, but I was very happy to be informed that KZN workers were able to visit the two AEC churches situated at Estcourt/ *EMtshezi*, "AEC Good Home and AEC Wembezi". It was reported that Wembezi Church building was affected by heavy storm two times which blew the roof away living the wall shaking. This forced brethren to start the wall anew. On the other hand, the Good Home Church is still not completed. Pastors were happy to view these two sites, respectively. The *KwaNtabamhlophe* Circuit is where our Church was given autonomy. I therefore plead to our autonomous Churches to honour our 62 Anniversary by donating to these two unfinished Church Buildings. Below is the Church Account number for these church projects:

Africa Evangelical Church Estcourt, FNB ACC: 63117107375 Ref: Church Building.

31. Congregants who are physically challenged

I would still love to encourage all churches to serve as welcoming and supportive spaces for everyone. Let us commit to creating environments that are not only accessible, but are also inclusive to all persons, including those who are physically challenged.

Together we can lead the way in demonstrating that our faith calls us to love unconditionally and to serve those in need. Let us be a shining example of inclusivity, showing the world that every person is worthy of love, respect and equal access to our worship and fellowship venues.

32. Healthy Living

a) **Our Bodies are Temples:** 1 Cor.6:19-20 (NIV) "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? Therefore, honour God with your bodies.

b) **We must eat healthily:** Gen.1:29 (NIV) "Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food,' This to me highlights the goodness of natural foods.

c) **We must do some physical training:** 1Tim.4: 8 (NIV) "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." This verse acknowledges the importance of physical health while emphasizing spiritual growth.

d) **Be thankful of how you were made:** Psalm 139:14 (NIV) “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well” This verse encourages us to appreciate and care for the bodies God has given us.

e) Find joy in walking, cycling, or any form of physical activity that suits you.

It is essential to stay active at your own pace and enjoy the progress of staying healthy.

33. The AEC Comrades Marathon Runners: 09 June 2024

- May I take this opportunity to recognize all those who have run the Comrades Marathon in their lifetime.
- It was my privilege to meet the 2024 runners at UShaka Marine World in Durban. We met the day before the Marathon we prayed together for their health and safety.
- We appreciate those who took their time to prepare some beverages for them as they were running up the hill.
- I urge you all the Comrade's runners to prioritize your well-being. The Comrade's Marathon is not just a test of endurance, but it can also be taxing on the body. Listen to your bodies, take breaks when needed, and remember it is okay to pace yourselves. Your health is paramount, and there is always another race in the future.

Congratulations to all those who reached the finish-line! AEC is so proud of you.

34. COURT MATTERS IN ESWATINI REGION

The report regarding Court matters will be tabled to the Business Session as you will recall that our Business Session will embrace all Workers, all Structures and all Local Churches as per AEC Constitution (as amended in 2023).. Here, I will summarize what is contained in that report. Court matters have not only dented the image of the AEC but have also raised serious concerns around the sanctity of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for which we proclaim and ought to proclaim. We continue to emphasise that the AEC, established by the AEC Constitution (as Amended in 2023), will never be run by any Court. The Board stands ready to protect and defend the AEC Constitution. Let us continue to pray for the Eswatini region.

35. Signage Reminder

I would like to remind all our Churches to install clear signboards leading to the AEC Church buildings or Sites (in compliance with municipality laws). This will help to guide members and visitors to our places of worship. Additionally, we encourage all our churches to register their sites with Google Map. By doing so, you will improve your church's visibility online and make it easy for individuals to find directions via GPS.

36. Conclusion

As members of the AEC may we pray to God to unite this, Church. May those who have deviated from the first love, try and restore that first love.

May the church derive the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation. May you be your brother's keeper.

Let us unite our glorious AEC. Love even your enemy!

Before I sign off, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (2025).

May God bless you all with your Families!

Humbly presented by:



Revd MX Dladla, PRESIDENT

AFRICA EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOUTHERN AFRICA

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PRAYER POINTERS FOR THE YEAR 2025

Pray for:

1. ... love, unity and peace of the AEC.
2. ... that the Lord of the harvest would send more harvesters.
3. ... all Regions of the AEC to grow numerically and in wisdom.
4. ... the Botswana Annual General Conference to be held during Easter.
5. ... AEC Botswana as they will be electing Executive Committee during their Annual General Conference.
6. ... the church of Jesus Christ universally.
7. ... SIM and all other Mission Organisations.
8. ... all our sister Churches and all Denominations.
9. ... all members & Church workers who are sick and could not attend the Conference.
10. ... the Church leaders to be bold enough to protect and rebuke all those who want to infiltrate false doctrine in the church.
11. ... God to strengthen the relationship of the AEC Southern Africa.
12. ... the unity of the AEC ESwatini Region