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ASI-SAU UPDATE

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President's Remarks

As we commence the New Year, we would like to update you on our latest developments: We look at the completion, dedication and first campaign of the Phalaborwa Church; the first Church Development Conference; give you an update on the **Conference on Adventism, Society & Sustainable Development** (CASSD); tell you about ASI National Call Centre and recruitment strategy; share 2015 programme highlights, and look at some membership related matters. ASI is on the move this year, so expect to see some major strides and exciting developments.



Prof Themba Sirayi

First Pilot Project Completed

ASI made history on 1 July 2014 when it completed its first pilot church building in Phalaborwa. Below is a model of the church:



Model of Completed Phalaborwa Church

Church Building Dedication

The Phalaborwa church was then dedicated about 4 months later on Sabbath, 25 October 2014.


ASI President Delivering a Speech



NC President Delivering the Sermon



Phalaborwa Congregation Gains More Souls In The Wake Of The Completed Building

ASI requires churches who apply for financial assistance to demonstrate a commitment to church growth. To this effect, the Phalaborwa Congregation planned a campaign immediately after the completion of their church. It took place in August 2014 and was led by Ps Ernie Rex.


Ps Rex Preaching at the Phalaborwa Campaign

ASI and Northern Conference Leadership with some of the souls who joined the church during the aforesaid campaign:



Inaugural Church Development Conference

The first event from the partnership between the SAU Stewardship Department and ASI tookplace from 29 October to 2 November 2014 at the SAU Headquarters in Bloemfontein. It is the first in a series of joint events by the SAU and ASI.

Conference Guest Speakers and Resource Persons



Conference Speakers

The Conference format included parallel sessions and workshops, featuring the following keynote and session speakers:

- Karst Howard - Director of In-house Operations, General Conference
- Dr Mhlambi Mzizi - Pastor of Rancho Cucamonga SDA , California
- Dr Gilberto Araujo - SID Vice President
- Ps Thula Nkosi - Education Consultant
- Dr Hudson Kibuuka - Associate Director of Education, General Conference
- Sr Sibongile Sibenke - Building Quality Assurer (TOC)
- Ps AV Dlamini - Vryheid, KNFC District Pastor
- Br Bafana Ngwenya - HR Practitioner and Community Development Specialist
- Prof Themba Sirayi - President, ASI Southern Africa Union

Outcome Of The Conference

a) It was agreed that SABS standards apply to the construction and maintenance of church and institutional buildings.
b) The Conference acknowledged the need to establish a SAUC-wide corps of volunteers to respond to duty whenever / wherever required.
c) The Conference considered three church building models presented by ASI for implementation throughout the SAUC territory, namely:

Model 1: Centres of Influence (Church & Community Centre)



Model 2: The Standard Model



Model 3: One-Day Church Model Plan



Conference On Adventism And Sustainable Development

Our previous issue stated that CASSD papers revised from input of the Conference will be resubmitted and published in either electronic or print format. The following progress has been made:

a) Twenty papers have been resubmitted and are receiving the attention of the reviewers.
b) After the editorial process, the papers will be submitted to a publisher for publication.

Recruitment

National Call Centre

The ASI National Call Centre has been in operation since mid-January 2015. The Call Centre's initial staff is comprised of the Centre Manager, in Primary Agent, a Secondary Agent, as well as a Scout (who visited churches in order to pave the way for Call Centre tele-recruiters.The Call Centre contact details are as follows:

Email: info@asisauministries.org
SMS the code JOINASI to 34010
E-mail: moreinfo@asisauministries.co.za
Cell: 071 928 9349

Recruitment Toolkit

The Recruitment Toolkit, which comprises the following elements, is ready for distribution and will be received by all who register as ASI members.

- A recruitment brochure
- Brochure emailer
- Introductory ShareHim welcome pamphlet
- Tracts
- Articles
- Promotional presentations
- An e-book directory
- Spirit of Prophecy abstracts

Johannesburg Region On Board

At the Johannesburg Regional Camp Meeting held 3-5 October 2014 at Sedaven (in Heidelberg), ASI was afforded a promotional slot, which resulted in 80 business and professional persons expressing interest in joining ASI.



Mxoli Properties Donates Apartment Building to Helderberg College

The annex married students' apartment building at Helderberg College was constructed in 1929 and accommodated many student families for over 80 years. In 2012, the College administration however halted all occupation due to the building's dilapidated state.This resulted in married students having to find costly and inconvenient accommodation outside campus.

Dr T Letseli (SAU president) then asked Zuki Mxoli, who is involved in construction, to assess the structure. He did, and decided to take on the project as an act of faith. Through God's grace and Zuki Mxoli's tireless efforts, the building was completed in 2014 at a cost of approximately USD 300 000. The building, which can house 8 families, was inaugurated on 4 December 2014 during the graduation week. Brother Zuki has requested that the rental from one of the 8 houses goes towards assisting a financially struggling student. Helderberg College is truly thankful for the efforts of Brother Zuki and has even renamed it as the Zuki Mxoli Apartment, in his honour.

Inauguration of the Zuki Mxoli Apartment



The Zuki Mxoli Apartment



Gospel Commission

Gospel Commission is a vibrant youth group whose aim is to reach people with the life transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some of their 2014 highlights include:

- Arranging 'The Gospel Driven Life' programme in Soweto – which challenged people to order their lives according to the 'energising and driving force' of the gospel
- Conducting a campaign in Kimberley (which included a health expo)
- Partnering with Wits SDASM to bring 'The Pursuit of Happiness Seminar'
- Launching Project Shine (an outreach ministry to share the gospel through online media)
- Running a Spiritual Gifts seminar and
- Publishing its own magazine, called *The Contagious Adventist* (which had 2 issues last year).How inspirational it is to see examples of young people who are passionate about Jesus and mission!!

Gospel Commission in Kimberley



2015 Programme Highlights

National Events

- SAU in partnership with ASI Camp Meeting for the Adventist Business and Professional Fraternity
  - **Date** : 18-22 March 2015
  - **Venue** : SAU Headquarters, Bloemfontein

- SAU Stewardship Ministries and Trust Services Advisory
  - **Date** : 4-6 May 2015
  - **Venue** : Garden Court Nelson Mandela Boulevard, Cape Town

- SAU Stewardship Ministries and Trust Services Congress
  - **Date** : 7-9 May 2015
  - **Venue** : Garden Court Nelson Mandela Boulevard, Cape Town

- SAU Stewardship Ministries and Trust Services Rally
  - **Date** : 9 May 2015
  - **Venue** : Good Hope Centre, Cape Town

- SAU Volunteers Summit
  - **Date** : 24-28 September 2015
  - **Venue** : To be confirmed

Regional Events

- Cape Conference
  - Eastern Region / Unit 1 - Church Development Conference : 10-12 April
  - Western Cape Church Development Conference : 17-19 April
- Northern Conference Church Development Conference : 24-26 April
- KNFC Church Development Conference : 22-24 May
- TOC Church Development Conference : 29-31 May
- Lesotho Church Development Conference : 5-7 June
- Swaziland Church Development Conference : 12-13 June
- Namibia Church Development Conference : 31 July-2 August



Call Centre Responsibility

The primary function of the ASI Call Centre is to recruit new members and manage the Membership Recruitment System. The debit order system will still be the principal membership fee payment mode used by the Call Centre.

The database of the existing ASI members has been handed over to the Call Centre for consolidation and integration into the system. It is envisioned that, through the Call Centre, all members will settle their dues via debit order.

2015 Membership Fees Settlement Reminder

The 2015 membership fees remain the same as that of 2014. The ASI Office has already processed the dues of the members who have signed debit orders. Members who settle their dues via EFT are urged to do so before 28 February 2015, by using the following banking details:

Account Name : ASI
Bank : ABSA
Account No. : 4071692759
Branch Code : 632005

The ASI Board is indebted to the invaluable support members continue to give for the advancement of God's end-time mission. May God's richest blessings be on you, your family and your business / ministry for 2015.

