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NetACT AGM 2013

PROGRAM

Gender Equality Workshop & NETACT AGM Worcester, South Africa, 7 to 12 July 2013

Sunday, 7 July:

Arrive at Cape Town Airport. We will meet you at the airport and early arrivals will be taken to Weidenhof House in Stellenbosch. The whole group will travel to Worcester around 19:00, courtesy of DCMA. Worcester is about one hour and thirty minutes by bus from Stellenbosch. Settle in at Da Rooms guest house in Worcester.

Monday, 8 July:

A full day devoted to Gender Equality Workshop. Presentation and discussion of all new papers.

8:30-9:30	Devotion: Dwelling in the Word (Jurgens Hendriks)
9:00-9:15	Presentation of delegates.
9:15-10:00	Chairperson of the editorial board, Elna Mouton gives an overview of the process thus far and what we want to achieve over the next two days regarding our new publication. Reflections by editors on typical issues/problems that were dealt with in the process of working through the papers that were read and Brackenhurst in Kenya to be kept in mind during preparations of final versions for publication.

Presentation and in depth discussion of papers – presentations of 30 minutes and followed by discussion of 15 minutes:

<i>Chair: Elna Mouton</i>	
10:30-10:45	Elize Morkel: <i>Aware and empowered responses to gender injustice: A challenge to the church.</i>
10:45-11:15	Tea
<i>Chair: Gertrude Kapuma</i>	
11:15-12:00	Jonathan Iorkighir: <i>Gender and the challenge of witchcraft</i>
12:00-12:45	Ezra Chitando: <i>Masculinities and male identity in Africa. (Jurgens Hendriks will present on his behalf)</i>
12:45-14:00	Lunch
<i>Chair: Thomas Togom</i>	
14:00-14:45	Edwin Zulu: <i>Gender and cultural practices – a male perspective.</i>
14:45-15:30	Olo Ndukwe: <i>Gender equality: A kairos for status and processus confessionis?</i>
15:30-16:00	Tea
<i>Chair: Len Hansen</i>	
16:00-16:45	Esther Ruturo & Maggie Madimbo: <i>Gender equality from the perspective of single womanhood.</i>
16:45-17:30	Elna Mouton & Lydia Mwaniki: <i>Gender equality in the family.</i>

Evening: Recuperate after a long day! Members of editorial board available for discussions of individual papers.

Tuesday, 9 July:

Morning and afternoon sessions: GEWS papers continue.

8:30-9:30	Devotion: Dwelling in the Word (Jurgens Hendriks)	
<p>The rest of the day will consist of 20 minute presentations by all authors who presented at Brackenhurst to give an overview of their papers after the first round of editing. This is done so that all new participants, who were not present at Brackenhurst may get an idea of what the themes and issues are that will take up 12 chapters of the publication. This will also help all authors in preparation of their final versions to be mindful of the need for coherence in the whole of the publication and the danger of duplication. Please remember that during the whole of the week the four editors of our publication will be available for individual discussions with any of the contributors on any specific problems you might have encountered during the writing of your chapter in order to give guidance or simply to think together in this regard.</p>		
09:30-09:50	<i>In His Image: A Biblical theological survey of the dignity of men and women.</i>	Florence Matsveru, Simon Gillham
09:50-10:10	<i>Cultural perspectives on gender equality: Preliminary indicators for the Christian church in Sub-Saharan Africa.</i>	Petria Theron
10:10-10:30	<i>Women and the Church of Nkhoma Synod.</i>	Phoebe Chifungo
10:30-11:00	Tea	
11:20-11:40	<i>Revisiting economic justice: An examination of dignity of women in a Zambian context.</i>	Nolipher Moyo
11:40-12:00	<i>Gender and Poverty: Rereading Proverbs 31 for the socio-economic struggles of RCEA women.</i>	Dorcas Juma & Beatrice Cherop Stephen
12:00-12:20	<i>Combating gender traditions amongst youths in the Reformed Churches in Nigeria using Biblical Principles</i>	Dorcas Weor & Agnes Ntanyi
12:20-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:20	<i>Living with Dignity: Gender equality at work.</i>	Eunice Nalamele
14:20-14:50	<i>Gender and education.</i>	Maggie Madimbo
14:50-15:10	<i>Gender relations in marriage: A comparative analysis of God's original plan and perspectives from the study of the Shona Culture.</i>	Ester Ruturo
15:10-15:30	<i>Gender equality and HIV/Aids.</i>	Berta Chipita Alfredo
15:30-16:00	Tea	
16:00-16:20	<i>Disability and gender – twofold discrimination.</i>	Mia Lintvelt
16:20-16:40	<i>Telling stories: talking about VAW within the church and seminary.</i>	Lisa le Roux

Evening (from 17:00); Meal at NID College.

Wednesday 10 July:

8:30-9:30	Devotion: Dwelling in the word (Jurgens Hendriks)	
9:30-10:10	Nico Koopman: <i>Gender equality from the perspective of human dignity and theological anthropology.</i> Outline op paper.	
10:10-13:00	Constitution of NetACT AGM. Attend to NetACT agenda. Board members and associate members need to be present, all others are welcome to attend or to work on gender equality papers.	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-18:00	Continue with NetACT AGM agenda.	

Evening: DCMA barbeque

Thursday 11 July:

8:30-9:30	Devotion: Dwelling in the word (Jurgens Hendriks)	
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9:00-12:30	Continuation of NetACT AGM.
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Tour of NID & DCMA.
16:00-21:00	Visit to Mountain Mill Mall. Dinner at the mall and at home by 21:00.

Friday 12 July:

Depart for Cape Town Airport. See schedule.

ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION:

Host:	Our host is DCMA (Deaf Christian Ministry Africa). DCMA is a NetACT member and train Deaf people from across Africa as pastors to congregations consisting primarily of Deaf people. Rev Jan Oberholzer is the DCMA board member and will act as our official host. Our contact person at DCMA is Nadia Conradie (+27 (23) 342 5555; dcma@nid.org.za). This is the number and e-mail address should you be needed in case of emergencies.
Lodging:	All participants and guests will be housed at Da Rooms, B&B in Church Street, Worcester. (Cell: +27-72-250-7471; e-mail: darooms@vodamail.co.za ; website: www.darooms.co.za). The B&B is about 2 kilometres from our conference venue. Transport between the B&B and conference venue will be provided. Breakfast, lunch and (most) dinners will be served at the conference venue.
Conference venue:	Lewensruimte Hall on NID/DCMA premises. The address of the venue is NID4, 30 De la Bat Road, Worcester 6850, South Africa. Wi-Fi will be available.
Weather:	It is winter in SA. Sunrise only after 07:00 and nightfall as early as 18:00. Temperatures seldom rise above 20 °C and there is always a high probability of rain – remember to bring warm clothes and an umbrella.
Transport:	DCMA and NetACT (Stellenbosch University) will take care of all our transport needs.

Looking forward to welcoming you all in South Africa!

Jurgens Hendriks, ED NetACT

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Rev Friday Kassa (ECWA church Nigeria) drives the SU shuttle: 072 931 7054

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

1 CONSTITUTING THE MEETING

After the workshop on Gender and the preparation of our second book, the AGM starts and follows the sequence of NetACT's goals (**Mission and Goals: Addendum 1**). It incorporates the issues discussed in the minutes of the previous AGM as well as the Executive Committee Meetings which in turn addressed the issues raised and tasks given by the July 2012 Annual Meeting. There is a sequence in the numbering of the AGM meetings (referenced as NB = NetACT Board). References will be supplied.

The NetACT chair should create a time where the NetACT members may share about developments at their institutions. This may take place during the evenings at meals. It seems to me there will be ample time then with some of our guests present. All will benefit from a more informal "time for telling stories."

2 2013 AGENDA, ADOPTION OF MINUTES, OFFICE BEARERS

2.1 Agenda

The AGENDA will be discussed on July 10-11 2013 by all delegates present. Board Members alone have voting rights. Associate members are part of board meetings with the right to take part in discussions.

The NetACT Executive Committee had four conference call telephone meetings on the following dates: 4 Sept 2012; 11 Oct 2012; 19 Feb 2013; 28 May 2013, 26 June 2013. The minutes are available. This report incorporates the most important issues that the EC had to deal with.

2.2 Board Members

ADDENDUM II gives the official Board members. ESEU requested that Berta Alfredo second for Rev Kitu Simao.

2.3 Office bearers

Election of NetACT Executive (NB 135, 194, 200, 2011-3)

- From the Constitution:
 - 4.9.1 The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of the NetACT Board of Governors will be elected for a period of three years.
 - 4.9.2 A Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of the NetACT Board of Governors can be re-elected once only in the same position.
- The Chairperson, Dr R Rutoro, has served one year (from 2012).
- Vice-Chairperson's term: Dr Madimbo served one year (from 2012).
- Secretary: Dr Zulu served one year (from 2012).
- Dr Ron Hartgerink was co-opted on the EC. He serves on the Board representing donors. This need to be re-affirmed by the Board. No term limit is set for a donor representative.
- The Executive Director was re-appointed for the period 2012-2014 (NB 2011-9) in order to help with securing a possible agreement with the WCRC to enlarge the network.

Proposal: The Board needs to decide whether it wants to vote for each position or re-elect the leadership team.

3 FINANCES

3.1 Financial Statements

See **Addendum III**. SU took care of all the bookkeeping as part of their financial system and audited NetACT's statements. Any board member may request these statements from the ED. An audited copy of these statements for the year 2012 will be at the meeting (ask the ED if you want to scrutinize it). Since the statements are rather technical Dr Kobus Odendaal of the Commission for Witness was requested by the EC to simplify it. The simplified 2012 statement will be presented to the Board and explained by Dr Odendaal. The 2011 surplus of R170212 is actually R10,000 more because of a deposit that we needed to pay for the 2013 AGM lodging. A 2013 budget will be added to Addendum III when received from Dr Odendaal.

NetACT's finances have a rather simple logic. All projects have their own income, either from proposals or donations or networked collaborators. All money handled by the NetACT office has a 10% administration fee that sustains the NetACT office expenses. Thus the NetACT office's income is always directly related to the number of projects initiated or undertaken by the office. So far this was directly related to the time (and energy) that the present ED had available to further the mission and goals of the network. NetACT developed a good track record and a very strong and supportive network of collaborators.

The total income generated by the NetACT office was R637 731.85 in 2011, (which included Mustard Seed Foundation scholarships to the amount of R174 000. They closed their scholarship program in 2012); in 2012 the total income was R568 941.18. This applies to all monies that were handled under the NetACT cost points (accounts) but does not include money that went directly to institutions or like certain scholarships that was not given to NetACT to administer.

Proposal:

The Financial Statements of the year 2012 was approved by the EC. The Board has to approve it as well as the 2013 budget.

3.2 Annual Membership fees

In 2007 NetACT made the following decision about fees:

- 1 Members and associate members agree that the aim financially is for NetACT to eventually fund its office through membership fees.
- 2 Student numbers for NetACT institutions do not include non-residential TEE students.

At the 2012 meeting the membership fees were raised (NB 2011: 14)

Decisions: (NB 2012-6)

1. In line with policy laid down at the 2011 AGM, the Board decides to implement an increase in fees for 2013:
 - a. Institutions with more than 100 students: R4,000 per year: RTS Nigeria; SU, ZTC Essien Ukpabio Presbyterian Theological College (EUPTC); Hugh Goldie Theological Institution (HGTI).
 - b. Institutions with between 50 and 100 students: R2,000 per year: ABC, ISTEEL, JMTUC.
 - c. Institutions with less than 50 students: R1,200 per year: DCMA; Hefsiba; ISEU; JMTI, MThC; NETS; RITT.
2. Policy for the payment of membership fees: Membership fees to be paid before the start of NetACT financial year. Therefore payment for 2013 membership fees needs to be received by NetACT before the end of this year, 2012.
3. Defaulters need to contact the ED when in trouble and delayed payment to be explained. Such cases will be referred to the EC to handle, with report to the next AGM.

Whereas the 2011 fees, fully paid was R10,600 the 2012 fees, fully paid was R21,300. The 2013 fees totalled R34,400, -R30,400 was received and the outstanding was promised to be given at the AGM. The ED could only make contact with EUPTC in May 2013 due to problems with getting a reliable email address.

Proposal: The Board decide if the fees structure be raised or not to reach the ideal set in 2011. The Board need to discuss whether EUPTC should contribute for 2013.

3.3 Budget

Proposal: The budget prepared by Dr Kobus Odendaal need to be discussed and approved.

4 NETACT OFFICE

References: NB 176-177. 203, 2011:5;

NetACT's goal:

- Maintain an adequately staffed coordinating office.

4.1 House Administrator

Most of NetACT's office work was done by a House Administrator that did the administration of the (NetACT) house in Weidenhof Street 14 as well as the new rented manse in Luckhoff Street 51. . All accommodation and house matters were his responsibility in close cooperation with the ED. As remuneration his own accommodation fees were waived. Rev John Gondwe from Malawi served since Dec 2011 to 5 August 2012 as HA to and then Rev Kurgi Samaila of Nigeria served till 16 April 2013 when he returned home after which Rev John Gondwe, who returned for a MTh, took over again. Rev Gondwe returned home on 15th of June and Rev Samaila took over responsibilities having returned from Nigeria. The House ethos and rules were thoroughly rewritten and updated in February 2013 to address the issues of the house.

4.2 Office expenses

The ED took care of all the work in the NetACT office since July 2007. The salary budget approved was: 5 hours per day at R75 per hour totalling R90,000 and was paid since 2009 per year (see contracts).

Salaries, telephone, etc of the NetACT office for the last years were:

2002:	R56 629.30 (Salaries: R36,476.04)
2003:	R98 946.39 (Salaries R84,678.00)
2004:	R100 531.30 (Salaries R83,803.98)
2005	R100 769.20 (Salaries paid as bursaries total R60,000)
2006	R 84 779.41 (Salaries paid as bursaries total R67,000).
2007	R 96 821.61 (Salaries R81 445.45)
2008	R 86 604. (Salaries: R48 776.32 of which R28 262.45 were paid in Jan 2009)
2009 (Jan-Jun)	R141,074 (ED Salary R90,000.00 Jan-Dec 2009)
2010	R111,333 (ED Salary R90,000.00 Jan-Dec 2010)
2011	R132,032 (ED salary R90,000 Jan-Dec 2011 + casual labourers)
2012	R108 957 (ED Salary R90,000. See Addendum V. Weidenhof House opening expenses are included in the R108 957).

5 NETACT HOUSE

NetACT has set as goal:

- Create an affordable and welcoming living environment for lecturers who are receiving advanced training

5.1 Weidenhof House and the Luckhoff Street Manse

The House was joyfully and officially opened on Sept 4, 2012. For information on the house look at <http://academic.sun.ac.za/theology/weidenhof.html> and the video about the house is at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqYQ_yads8&feature=youtu.be

At present a room costs R90 per day for long term students and R175 per night for those staying shorter than 3 weeks. Internet is free as well as many other services. The Luckhoff Street house fee is R75 per night and R135 for short periods. This compares well with University rates – it is actually cheaper with more extras!

6 COMMUNICATION

NetACT has set as goal: (NB 178, 206, 2011:8)

- Develop an effective system of communication, consultation and networking among all member institutions.

Dr Hartgerink and the ED took up communication with Cornerstone through Jason Ferenczi, new Program Officer for Leadership Development Cornerstone Trust. ISTEEL's IT room proposal did not materialize because they rented their classrooms to another college. ZTC got a grant to extend their library, something NetACT initiated close to ten years ago! Hefsiba is now in negotiation in order to get a grant for IT facilities. NetACT hopes to convince Cornerstone to invest in IT facilities for our campuses as was done at JMTUC and MThC.

7 LECTURER EXCHANGE

NetACT set as goal: (NB 179 and 207; 2011:9)

- Organize lecturer exchanges among our institutions to provide needed expertise, and to create space and time for lecturers to further their studies.

The hypotheses with which we work are that the purpose of the exchange program is:

- To help colleges with lecturers where they lack professional people; i.e. to raise academic standards;
- To create opportunities for staff to get a break so that they can pursue their studies;
- To network NetACT institutions with one another and with other institutions globally;
- To help institutions through networking to build a broader support base, academically and financially.

Quite a number of exchanges were negotiated and even funded through the NetACT office.

Proposal: Institutions in need of assistance in lecturer exchange networking may contact the ED at the NetACT Office and put their needs to him. The Office has a vast number of contacts to pursue. Planning well ahead of time will almost definitely yield positive results.

EC 2013-19: LETTER AND OFFER FROM DR KRUGER DU PREEZ

From: Kruger Du Preez [mailto:krugerdup@gmail.com]

Sent: 14 June 2013 19:00

To: Hendriks, HJ, Prof <hjh@sun.ac.za>

Subject: My Future

The NetACT Board

Dear brothers and sisters,

It was agreed on the 10th of June 2013 by the Executive of HEFSIBA and Dr Kobus Odendaal from the Witness Committee of the DRC in the Western Cape that my retirement will become in effect at the end of June 2014 and that I will settle in the little town of Parys in South Africa. Because of my gratitude to what NetACT has done for me and HEFSIBA in the past I thought that I will be willing to do the following after my retirement if needed and asked for:

(i) Be available for further workshops in Curriculum Development

(ii) Rewrite my doctoral thesis in a shorter and more reader friendly way to be available for all NetACT linked institutions.

(iii) To start writing thorough Study guides for all the theological subjects based on a basic agreed on curriculum. During my research into the NetACT institutions I became aware of the lack of good, readers friendly study guides, the lack of good written outcomes and standard reference books.

The idea is to write these study guides from a normative, missional and NetACT contextual perspective (according to my thesis). My idea is then to present it to NetACT where the lecturers involved in the subject can study it, comment on it and even have a workshop on it before making it available especially electronically.

Instead then of taking the long way of a lot of lecturers writing together a complete study guide, I undertake to write it and then make it available for scrutiny. During my years for theological training I was in the position to give all the theological subjects. My strong subjects being Systematic Theology, Pastoral Care and Counselling, Youth and Children ministry, HIV & Aids, Homiletics, Liturgy and Christian Education. My Master's degree is in Church History. I also gave Old and New Testament already for Honours students of the Northwest University. My weak subjects being Hebrew and Greek where I will need some specialized help if one would think of writing such study guides.

The idea is then not to re-develop the wheel but to make use of material available and re-write it in a reader's friendly, normative-Reformed, missional and contextual way with written outcomes where the affective outcomes will also get there fair deal. The idea is to set forward a certain, agreed to academic standard, reduce the need for certain manuals (especially those not available in Portuguese) and refer to standard, up to date reference books. Making this available electronically will allow all NetACT linked institutions to be able to print it quite cheaply and one can then revise the study guides on a regular basis. After the study guides are approved by the NetACT institutions I will then oversee the Portuguese translation.

It may seem a bit over ambitious and I am open for any ideas. I just know there is a need for this at HEFSIBA and thought while I am willing to do it for them I can just as well offer my services on a broader bases.

It will be good if the idea could be discussed at the next NetACT annual meeting at Worcester.

Your colleague in the Lord

CRISTO ACIMA DE TUDO! CHRIST ABOVE ALL!

Dr. Kruger du Preez

Proposal: Institutions that wants to make use of this offer can contact Dr K du Preez personally or they can contact the NetACT office. The NetACT office will try to provide the traveling expenses, when needed, for such a venture.

8 SCHOLARSHIPS

NetACT set as goal: (NB 180, 2011:10)

- Providing scholarships to advance the theological training of our institutions' lecturers

8.1 World Communion of Reformed Churches

NetACT is a member of the WCRC and this give us access to apply for WCRC scholarships. So far applications were not successful and communication was poor. The WCRC office is understaffed and this makes the process of applying frustrating. For information go to: <http://www.wcrc.ch/search/node/scholarships>

On its website the WCRC notes:

Scholarships programme: Please note that WCRC itself does not give money for **scholarships**. Here is an explanation of how the WCRC scholarship scheme works and the list of theological schools willing to offer **scholarships**. Nature and purpose The purpose of the programme is .(go to the website and read).

There is a theological education fund for women in the South in their home country or region 1. **Scholarships** are to be available to women of any age pursuing a first ... Bachelor of Divinity) towards ordained ministry. 2. **Scholarships** are to provide opportunities for studies within the home country ... based upon need and covers partial or full costs. 8. **Scholarships** are granted on a year-to-year basis where continuation of support. Gender justice is pursued in the ordained ministry. WCRC provides theological education **scholarships** for women, with special encouragement to young women.

The Partnership Fund of the World Communion of Reformed Churches is a solidarity fund that shows our communion in Jesus Christ by helping WCRC member churches to carry out projects in mission or service that otherwise they could not afford. For more information go to <http://www.wcrc.ch/node/36> for more information

8.2 Other Scholarships

The NetACT office and the Faculty of Theology secured an agreement with the Langham Partnership to give three scholarships of R65,000 per year for full time students from NetACT / Africa at SU. Langham contributes R90,000 and SU R105,000 per annum. This was a major breakthrough. Applications should be made through the Langham Trust through the finale agreement and contract is with SU. Use the following email address: ian.shaw@langhampartnership.org (or should it be **Email: to c/o Secretary to Director of Scholarship Programme, gaynor.harvey@langhampartnership.org**)

For their website look at: <http://uk.langham.org/what-we-do/langham-scholars/>

The Christian Reformed Church's world mission always supported one or two students to study at SU. Applications should be channelled through Dr Mwaya Wa Kitavi in Kenya: mkitavi@crcna.org The NetACT Office usually administer these scholarships on behalf of CRWM.

The NetACT office managed to find two scholarships in 2011 and 2012 for Angola IERA lecturers to continue their studies at Hefsiba. This means that they can do post graduate studies in Portuguese. It is a very good and positive development and something that both Angola and Mozambique should try to develop even further. At least one scholarship is available for Angola for 2014.

We are receiving smaller amounts of money from well-wishers who get to know students while studying at Stellenbosch. This money helps a lot in cases where there is a dire need and where people ran out of money.

The DRC Commission for Theological Training helped a considerable number of NetACT and other Reformed / Presbyterian students with scholarships to complete their degrees. SU also helped a **considerable number** of students who had financial difficulties on completion of their degrees.

The NetACT Office is constantly looking for scholarships. In 2007 scholarships totalling R242,821 were received, in 2008 R273,486, 2009: R102,762; 2010: R129,616; 2011: R278 145.91, **2012** R75 918. Most of the scholarships, however, linked the donor and the student and are not reflected in the NetACT cost point.

9 HIV/AIDS PROJECT & PUBLICATIONS

NetACT set as goal: (2011:11)

- Enhance and maintain the relevance of NetACT's proprietary HIV/Aids course and ensure that it remains part of the curriculum at each of our institutions.
- Publish theological handbooks relevant to the African context.

9.1 Publications

We have two NetACT publications “*Our Church has AIDS: preaching in the context of HIV / AIDS in Africa*” and “*Studying Congregations in Africa.*” *Studying Congregations* just had its fourth reprint and can be ordered by NetACT institutions.

A Namibian donor gives R60,000 per year to buy African Bible Commentaries. The total amount of money received since 2008 is R310,000! NetACT institutions that paid their membership fees may apply for copies of ABCs for their students. Several institutions were helped this year, amongst others Zomba who received 96 commentaries directly from London.

The third NetACT publication is “**Men in the pulpit, women in the pew? Addressing gender inequity in Africa.**” In the Ecumenical Fellowship of Southern Africa (EFSA) we have a new and most valuable partner who paid all the publishing cost involved. The prestigious SunMedia published the book. The book was on the shortlist of four being nominated for the Andrew Murray-Desmond Tutu prize for theological literature (it came second). A word of thanks to the editing team: Jurgens Hendriks, Elna Mouton, Len Hansen and Elisabet le Roux. Behind the scenes the non-stop efforts of Johannes Richter and Liesl Meintjies of the publishers as well as Dr Renier Koeglenberg of EFSA are noted. EFSA paid the SunMedia bill of R56,000 to make this possible!

NetACT received 600 copies free of charge. We bought another 600 for R9000. We sent more than a 1000 copies to prominent church leaders in Southern Africa as well as to all our donors. One copy was sent to every NetACT theology student, eventually a 1000 copies were dispatched costing us R35,000 in postage.

Hugh Goldie in Nigeria requested more copies of *Studying Congregations* and *Pulpit-pew*. After the shock of the postage costs of the 1000 copies, we negotiated with Lux Verbi-BM as well as SunPress and contracts were formed with a Nigerian publisher who subsequently printed both books in Nigeria. NetACT, nor the SA publishers, wanted to make any profit from this deal. The books thus sell very reasonably in Nigeria.

The present workshop deals with a second publication on Gender, tentatively called *Living with dignity*. The editorial team, as decided at Brackenhurst July 2012, is Elna Mouton, Gertrude Kapuma, Len Hansen and Thomas Togom. EFSA will again be our main collaborator with our long term sponsor team that made our HIV&AIDS work, the CD workshops and now this Gender Equality line of work possible: the PCUSA, The Christian Reformed Church World Mission, and the FONDATION POUR L’AIDE AU PROTESTANTISME REFORME.

Proposal: The NetACT Board has to approve the outline and printing of the second book.

9.2 Electronic publications and readers for all NetACT students.

The NetACT Executive Committee had to deal with the distribution expenses of our *Pulpit-pew* book and dreamt a dream.

Proposal: That NetACT investigate electronic publishing (e-books) and that it tries to find funds to supply theological students with readers and a basic electronic theological library.

The ED had discussions with SunMedia/SunPress and they are willing to co-operate in this endeavour. The major expense will then be the finalizing of the manuscript after which the electronic copies can be sold for a very reasonable price to theological students, the motive not being that of making a profit.

The EC needs to discuss this offer.

9.3 Handbook For Theological Education In Africa

The following 113 chapter book which features 2 chapters on NetACT has just been published. It is integrally linked to our mission and goals. The EC decided to buy 14 copies, one for each of our

institutions. This will be given to the NetACT members at the AGM. Cost: R500 each x 14=R7000 postage = R250. Total = R7250.

Handbook of Theological Education in Africa

Isabel Phiri and Dietrich Werner (Editors); Priscille Djomhoue and James Amanze (Associate Editors); Forewords by John Mbiti, Andre Karamaga, Russel Botman, Olav Fykse Tveit, Mercy Oduyoye and Denise Ackermann

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10 CURRICULUM REPORT & ACTEA

NetACT set as goal: (NB 217; 2011:12)

- Upgrade curriculum standards at our member institutions.

10.1 Accreditation: NetACT's commitment

This goal stays a number one priority for NetACT members. The 2008 HIV Curriculum Development Workshop was our first step in actively helping NetACT institutions towards accreditation. If each seminary can state their status on paper and give it to the ED a compilation can be made and the matter can then be discussed.

Proposal: Request feedback from each of the seminaries on their national and international accreditation status.

Institutions that need financial support in their quest to get accreditation may get in touch with the ED / EC.

10.2 Curriculum Development research and workshops

NetACT commissioned Rev Kruger du Preez to do research on the issue of accreditation and curriculum development within the NetACT institutions. Rev Du Preez's received his PhD degree in March 2013. The dissertation Curriculum Development in Theological Institutions of the Reformed tradition in Sub-Saharan Africa. 337 pp. can be downloaded free of charge from <http://scholar.sun.ac.za/handle/10019.1/80047>.

Addendum IV is the report of the second CD workshop in Angola in Jan 2013. The report indicates how important it is to see the link between our HIV&AIDS goals, CD and Gender Equality. All the presentations presented in Angola are available at: <http://academic.sun.ac.za/teologie/netact/2013-Angola.html>

10.3 ACTEA matters

From the April 2013 ACTEA newsletter (you can get this free of charge. Write to: acteaenews@gmail.com)

1 ACTEA has a new name! ACTEA announces a change of its name to the **Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa**. The acronym ACTEA remains the same because it continues to have good name recognition. Other sister organizations in ICETE use the word *association* because they do more than *accreditation*, and ACTEA agrees.

2 ACTEA staffing. Many of our readers will have heard of the shocking and unexpected death of the ACTEA chairman, Dr. Douglas Carew (Sierra Leone), in November, only three weeks after he chaired the ACTEA Executive Committee that met in Nairobi after the ICETE consultation. Dr. Carew's

untimely death and other factors caused a significant shortage of ACTEA personnel, so a small team met in Nairobi in February to plot the way forward. They included Dr. Desta Heliso from Ethiopia, Dr. Bungishabaku Katho from DRC, Rev. Joe Simfukwe from Zambia, Dr. Stephanie Black from AIU (Kenya), Dr. Paul Sanders from ICETE and Dr. Rich Stuebing (ex-Zambia, now USA).

ACTEA requested the ED to serve on an advisory panel to help to get the organization afloat again. The letter stated:

As part of the process of rejuvenating and strengthening ACTEA, the current ExCo members have decided to create an Advisory Team of people who have either worked for ACTEA or know ACTEA very closely. Along this line, you have been nominated to serve on the ACTEA Advisory Team. I am writing this letter to request you to prayerfully consider this nomination and let me know your response by the end of April 2013.

The ED responded positively and will be assisting the organization thus representing NetACT on the panel.

11 MEMBERSHIP

11.1 From the 2012 minutes

A series of decisions guided our actions. Minutes 2007 NB 188:4; 2009: NB 212:2 when the Reformed Theological Seminary from Nigeria was welcomed as a member. The CfW of DRC in SA promised to pay their travelling expenses. In 2011 the DCMA was welcomed as member and in 2012 the two PCN seminaries – all with the proviso that they pay their own travelling expenses to NetACT meetings. The 2011 minutes had a series of important decisions taken that guided our development as a network NB 2011:9-12. At Brackenhurst in Kenia the following decision was taken NB 2012-7:

EXPANSION OF NETACT

The need for future development and expansion of NetACT is discussed:

- The formation of working groups for the sake of decentralisation is recognised, as well as the value of a centralised but flexible administration
- The more the members, the more time and money will be needed to manage a successful network which has to be beneficial for all
- A fulltime ED will be needed after 2014
- There is reason for optimism that the WCRC intends to partner with NetACT concerning quality Reformed theological training
- The EC intends to meet with the WCRC as well as with SU on 1st to 4th September 2012 in Stellenbosch, concerning the possibilities for future sustainable growth of NetACT
- Appreciation is expressed for the role played by SU in supporting and affirming NetACT
- SU confirms its availability for the future: providing a base for NetACT if and when this is the way NetACT wishes to go
- SU does not want to be the major partner, but in the spirit of service to the broader network, simply wants to be an equal partner with all the other NetACT institutions
- The current ED retires at the end of 2014

Decisions:

4. New ED:

- i. EC to immediately start concerted succession planning for a new ED to take over by the end of 2014.
- ii. new ED to come from SU.

5. For the next 5 years, NetACT:

- i. makes concerted efforts to come to a clear view of how to expand sustainably looking at all the different resources and possibilities that present itself during the course of such a planning process
- ii. office remains in SU
- iii. utilises the current infrastructure and goodwill of SU.

11.2 Developments between Brackenhurst and Worcester (Jul 2012-Jul 2013)

Addendum V outlines the discussions the extended EC had with the Executive of the Faculty of Theology, SU, their Rector Prof Russel Botman and Dr Douwe Visser.

Since then the EC-and ED took the following actions and serve the Board with the following proposal:

- 1 At the WCRC theological committee meeting in Switzerland March 2013 the Dean and ED had good follow-up conversations with Dr Douwe Visser. Look at **Addendum VIII** for a list of WCRC churches in Africa.
- 2 The ED and Prof Elna Mouton, in deliberation with the EC, had a series of meetings with the Dean, Prof Koopman, and eventually proposed Dr Len Hansen as the successor to the present ED. A proposal was formulated and addressed to the Executive of the Faculty in which they motivated that Dr Hansen is a logical choice and how the Faculty could adjust his terms of employment and job description.
- 3 Dr Hansen's responsibility is research development which includes helping postgraduate students with their research proposals and research. As such he knows most of the postgraduate students from Africa and is already involved in their research. He is also responsible for publications and is in that capacity co-editor of our gender books. His involvement and commitment to NetACT and all Faculty endeavours concerning Africa is noteworthy and as such he is a logical choice. A summarized CV is attached as **Addendum VI**.
- 4 The proposal asks that his terms of employment be adjusted to continue his work in helping postgraduate students and their research, assisting with publications but then added to that becoming the new ED from 2015 onwards. As such he is paid by SU and stays a SU employee very much involved with research development in the Faculty and in Africa. This will be to our benefit.
- 5 The proposal included the suggestion that the present salary of the ED be earmarked to appoint a secretary for the NetACT WCRC office that deals with the rather comprehensive administrative and organizational work done by the NetACT office. Such a person should work under the jurisdiction of the ED and NetACT EC and be appointed by them. Administratively the post will resort under SU.

Our proposal to the Faculty Executive was discussed and approved. The Dean will give more detail about this at the meeting.

Proposal: The ED and SU board member, Prof Koopman, inform the Board of developments. The Board takes the necessary decisions and guidelines so that the process can be finalized.

11.3 A possible strategy for developing NetACT networks

1. **Forming new networks.** The ED's visited the University of the Free State (UFS), North West University (NWU) and the University of Pretoria (UP). Although there are other Faculties of theology in SA, they were, for reasons that can be explained, not visited.
2. **The memorandum** presented to the faculties of theology was a summary of developments up to now. A **report** of the visit to NWU and UP is attached as **Addendum VIII**. I did not write a similar report after visiting Bloemfontein on 28-3-2013. However, the discussion was pretty much the same. The three faculties confirmed that they want to be involved.
3. These institutions are willing to act as "**anchor institutions**" for future networks. This means that they will play the role that SU played as a member of NetACT, especially helping the staff of those institutions in getting post-graduate degrees and providing the administrative support that a network needs.
4. NetACT will in cooperation with the WCRC and the faculties, initiate and lead a conference / workshop with the explicit goal of **forming a new network**. The institutions invited will then make their decision and form the new network.
5. **NetACT will network the networks** but each new network has to develop its own agenda and culture being assisted by NetACT when it comes to networking with foundations etc. In other words: NetACT will share its expertise when requested to help. The new networks

- will, however, be autonomous even though it is foreseen that they will link and have a joint overarching constitution linking them amongst others with the WCRC.
6. The new networks may negotiate with NetACT to second an experienced **NetACT institution to join their new network**. This will then create a situation where NetACT may accept new members.
 7. How to **constitute a new network** is quite a challenge. One can do it geographically as well as in language groups. However, diversity adds so much value that one should not be too strict on a single principle.
 8. I had discussions with several **universities in Kenya** who can and will function as anchor institutions. It is very important not to have only SA anchor institutions. One may therefore see the first stage as building networks around the Southern anchor institutions but with a very explicit undertaking to get Kenya and other countries with strong institutions involved. Ghana and Nigeria are important next steps.
 9. **Finances:** NetACT cannot fund the constitution of the new networks. For this one will need funds from an external source. The WCRC should help in securing the funds needed. Once constituted the new networks will have to be responsible for their own funding and the development of coordinated support networks.
 10. Prospective post graduate students will be free to choose where they want to do their post graduate work. Belonging to a specific network does not imply that students from that network have to go to a networked institution.
 11. The central NetACT – WCRC office will be the one in Stellenbosch that coordinates and guide the networks on the continent.
 12. NetACT's constitution will have to be adapted once we have more certainty and input from all involved.
 13. Not all the seminaries that wants to join these networks may be strictly Reformed / Presbyterian. However, the reality is that most of our seminaries are ecumenical with different denominations being partners to theological education. If seminaries are comfortable with the NetACT's identity, mission and values as well as NetACT being a member of the WCRC, they may become members.

11.4 New membership applications

Three Angolan Portuguese seminaries requested the necessary documentation to apply. They were all present at the Jan 2013 CD workshop at Caluequembe. The possibility of a new dispensation and what it tentatively involves were discussed with them. They took all the info to their respective governmental bodies and will have their applications at the July 2013 Worcester meeting:

11.4.1 IESA: Igreja Evangelica Synodal de Angola (The evangelical Synodal Church in Angola).

They attended the CD workshop in Jan 2011 at ISTEEL at Lubango in Angola. The ED visited the church in 2004 and the seminary in 2011. It will be good to look at its Portuguese website: www.igrejasinodal.org. We have received the necessary documentation. The church was founded in 1897 by Swiss Protestant Missionaries. It is one of the growing churches with its theological seminary at Caluequembe, about 200 km to the North of Lubango. It has about 60 resident full time students (with parallel training for the wives of the students – all accommodated in student housing on the campus). Their seminary is called: **INSTITUTO BÍBLICO DE KALUQUEMBE – MISSÃO URGENTE**. It is a growing church and a growing / expanding seminary. Their principal Dr Dinis M Eurico, is also the president of the denomination and communicate well in English. The 10-12 Sept 2012 CD workshop will take place on their campus.

11.4.2 IEBA: Igreja Evangelica Baptista em Angola (The Evangelical Baptist Church in Angola).

They too attended the CD workshop in Jan 2011 at ISTEEL at Lubango. We visited the seminary in Huambo in 2004 and in 2010. The church was founded in 1878 and has a very good and efficient seminary in Luanda, not far from ISEU. They applied with a very neat application –in Portuguese. Their Principal (called Rector in Angola) is Pastor Matumona Lunfuankenda.

11.4.3 IECA: Igreja Evangelica Congregational em Angola

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11.4.4 The Presbyterian Church in Nigeria joined NetACT in 2012 with Hugh Goldie Theological Institution (HGTI) immediately taking part in different aspects of the publication goal of NetACT. However, we had problems in making contact with Essien Ukpabio Presbyterian Theological College (EUPTC) but eventually did. Their principle, Dr B Fubara-Manuel will hopefully be attending.

11.4.5 The ECWA church (previously the Evangelical Church of Western Africa, now known as the Evangelical Church Winning All) **of Nigeria**.

They are the third biggest Christian denomination in Nigeria after the Anglicans and Catholics and growing rapidly, in excess of 3 million active members. They have five seminaries with 12 of their pastors / lecturers at present studying at SU!

11.4.6 IERA: the **Igreja Evangelica Reformada de Angola** was the first Angolan seminary to apply to become a NetACT member- as early as 2005! Since they were not yet on a tertiary school status (because of the war and their seminary twice destroyed), they could not be allowed. Their situation has improved considerably. Since we promised membership once they can produce proof of academic status, they need to be considered.

Proposal: the AGM discuss these applications and make a decision.

11.5 IERA Seminary being built at Kinkuni, Uige province, Angola

This item is again included on the agenda because of problems with drilling for water and getting the necessary funding.

The Reformed Church in Angola (IERA, founded in 1922) had a seminary at Kinkuni that was twice destroyed during the Angolan war. The ED visited them in 2004 and several times subsequently. Their seminary was at that stage at a secondary school standard and could not officially join NetACT. In the meantime they have worked hard to attain tertiary educational standards. NetACT helped them to send one or two lecturers per year (from 2009 onwards) to get degrees. In 2011 and 2012 they sent three lecturers to do an Honours degree at Hefsiba in Mozambique (Portuguese speakers too!). IERA asked the ED / NetACT to help put together a professional team to help them in planning a new seminary. We are busy with this venture and are being assisted by the DRC Namibia and professional people from SA who are doing the work "pro bono" (free of charge). The Kinkuni Seminary Development Team is requesting NetACT to be an official partner and collaborator to the project. This has to be approved by the Board in order to put it in the Kinkuni Seminary Development Brochure.

Proposal: The NetACT Board approve that NetACT act as a partner to the Kinkuni Seminary Development Project.

12 ANNUAL MEETINGS

12.1 Previous venues

See: NB 125 and EC 113, 124, 130a and 156, 189, 213 and 2011:15

The cost involved holding the last couple of meetings were:

- 2001 Lusaka: All travelling expenses were in one cost point.
- 2002 Lilongwe R82 869
- 2003 Stellenbosch R75 117
- 2004 Zomba R77 307
- 2005 Hefsiba R50 637 (Kenya and Angola were not there!)
- 2006 Windhoek R56 102.85 (of which R23,547.43 was paid by the DRC Windhoek-East. The URCSA Khomasdal congregation provided FREE ACCOMMODATION).

- 2007 Lusaka R94 081
- 2008 Stellenbosch (HIV) R79 989
- 2009 Stellenbosch 150+ R259,000 (40 people!!)
- 2010 Eldoret **Kenya** CD workshop was held there (Cost R16,319 – ED paid his own expenses)
- 2011 Lilongwe, **Malawi** (7 NetACT seminaries present + DCMA) , Lubango **Angola** (11 Angolan seminaries present, two of the NetACT seminaries) and then **Stellenbosch South Africa** (all present). Cost: R226,221 (some of our costs were paid by third parties).
- 2012 Brackenhurst, **Kenya**. Cost: We also received more than R300 000 from five donors towards our meeting at Brackenhurst where 33 people attended. Our two main expenses were: traveling R200 000 and venue R86 000.

Curriculum Development workshops were held in Calabar and at Mkar, **Nigeria** in April 2012 and a second Curriculum Development workshop at Caluequembe, in **Angola**: 20-25 January 2013.

- 2013 Worcester **SA**, guests of Deaf Christian Ministry Africa.
- 2014: ?

12.2 2013 Annual Meeting

The 2011 meeting was largely funded by a Hope Africa R200,000 grant by the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University. A new partner joined our Gender Equality / Human Dignity project in 2011: the EFSA Institute (Ecumenical Foundation of Southern Africa; <http://www.efsa-institute.org.za/>). They are a crucial member at this stage as has been outlined above at the discussion of our publications. The 2012 and 2013 meetings have been funded by our long-term partners: the PCUSA, The Christian Reformed Church World Mission, the Gereformeerde Zendingbond (2012); the FONDATION POUR L'AIDE AU PROTESTANTISME REFORME and EFSA.

Proposal: the 2013 meeting should be evaluated.

Proposal: the 2014 meetings and venue should be discussed.

13 GENERAL

13.1 Approval of Annual Meeting minutes

As with previous meetings the EC requests the Annual Meeting to grant it the authority to approve the minutes of the annual meeting. The Annual Meeting approves its minutes when possible on a day-by-day basis but is usually unable to approve the work done on the last day.

13.2 Election Executive Committee members

13.3 Closing prayers

ADDENDUM I: MISSION & GOALS



Mission

NetACT is a network of theological institutions in Sub Saharan Africa, created and directed by these institutions, to assist them in preparing leaders for missional congregations.

NetACT's Major Goals

- Upgrade curriculum standards at our member institutions.
- Develop an effective system of communication, consultation and networking among all member institutions.
- Provide scholarships to advance the theological training of our institutions' lecturers.
- Create an affordable and welcoming living environment for lecturers who are receiving advanced training.
- Organize lecturer exchanges among our institutions to provide needed expertise, and to create space and time for lecturers to further their studies.
- Maintain an adequately staffed coordinating office.
- Publish theological handbooks relevant to the African context.
- Ensure that an HIV/AIDS course is developed and maintained as a routine part of the normal curriculum at each NetACT institution.

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ADDENDUM III NETACT 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NetACT Cost Centres & Funds available on 31 Desember 2012		
	31 December 2012	31 December 2011
NETACT ADMINISTRATION	R170 210.80	R 132 031.97
NETACT TRAVEL & MEETINGS	R10.52	R 1 398.88
NETACT HIV/AIDS PROJECT	R3.01	R 2.89
NETACT LECTURER EXCHANGE	R5 538.39	R 20 752.58
NETACT ANNUAL MEETINGS	R101 630.16	R 144 120.10
NETACT SCHOLARSHIPS	R45 176.02	R 187 022.30
NETACT PUBLICATIONS	R12 373.41	R 32 720.10
NETACT CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	R32 860.00	R 0.00
NetACT Administration: 1 January 2011 to 31 Desember 2012		
Income and Expenditure		
For the period ending:	31 December 2012	31 December 2011
TOTAL INCOME	R 205 126.93	R 174 552.16
DONATIONS: REC, CFW AND OTHERS	R 62 931.00	R 71 539.00
ADMINISTRATION DONE FOR COST CENTRES	R 133 010.90	R 94 667.25
INTEREST RECEIVED	R 8 132.40	R 7 380.91
MEMBERSHIP FEES RECEIVED	R 1 052.63	R 965.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	R 166 948.10	R 162 497.98
AUDIOVISUAL EXPENDITURE	R 277.00	R 0.00
CELL PHONE AIRTIME	R 5 160.00	R 0.00
COPY AND PRINTING, CONSUMABLE MATERIALS	R 3 905.69	R 8 400.00
ENTERTAINMENT: GENERAL	R 1 120.00	R 263.75
FOREIGN TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE	R 23 591.20	R 40 588.26
LEVY TO UNIVERSITY ON INCOME GENERATED	R 126.32	R 102.12
POSTAGE & STAMPS	R 5 711.50	R 2 894.83
STATIONERY	R 1 546.42	R 1 808.61
SUNDRY EXPENSES	R 97.33	R 16 867.45
SALARIES: DIRECTOR AND STUDENTS	R 91 012.64	R 91 458.96
OPENING WEIDENHOF HOUSE: Travel & Accomodation	R 34 400.00	R 0.00
FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOSS	R 0.00	R 114.00
SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL) FOR PERIOD	R 38 178.83	R 12 054.18
Plus: ACCUM. FUNDS 01/01/2012	R 132 731.97	R 120 677.79
Min: Balance sheet items	-R 700.00	-R 700.00
ACCUM. FUNDS AVAILABLE ON 31/12/2012	R 170 210.80	R 132 031.97

2013 Budget: Will be provided at the meeting

ADDENDUM IV SECOND ANGOLAN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

REPORT: NETACT WEST AFRICA CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Caluequembe, Angola. 20 –25th January 2013

INTRODUCTION

This workshop was the follow-up of the January 2011 Curriculum Development (CD) one presented in Lubango, Angola. Due to unforeseen circumstances, one of the NetACT institutions (ISEU) was unable to attend the latter. However, several representatives from the Association of Angolan Theological Seminaries (ASTA) were present at the 2011 workshop and especially IESA-IBK requested a similar workshop to be attended by their staff and key church leaders. IESA is the acronym for the *Igreja Evangelica Synodal de Angola* (the Evangelical Synodical Church in Angola) and its seminary at Caluequembe is called the *Instituto Bíblico de Kaluquembe – Missão Urgente* (IBK-MU). At the recent workshop 36 of the 60 attendees were from IESA.

IESA as well as two other churches, IEBA (Baptist Church with their seminary in Luanda) and IECA (the Congregational Church with their seminaries at Dondi, 60 km east of Huambo) – earlier applied for NetACT membership. Thus, the latter two seminaries were also invited to attend the workshop in order to discuss the possibility of establishing a Portuguese-speaking arm within the network. However, an invitation to attend the workshop was also extended to other seminaries by IESA and eventually key personnel from eight seminaries attended.

Our host in Angola was **Pastor Dr. Dinis M Eurico, the President of IESA**. IESA was founded in 1897, following the pioneer work of Swiss Protestant missionary, Heli Chatelain among the Kimbundu people. The Swiss missionaries taught the gospel holistically, and the legacy of this still positively influences the identity of and the theological training offered by the church. IESA's assistance in obtaining the necessary visas, its overall organization of the workshop and the way it received us "visitors" was the epitome of true African hospitality, which I comment on again below.

PROGRAM AND PRESENTERS

Addendum 1 contains the programme followed during the workshop. The papers that were presented will be made available for downloading on the NetACT website at <http://academic.sun.ac.za/theology/netact.html>. Some presentations are in Portuguese, but the English versions of those papers may also be downloaded from the same website by following the link to the English speaking CD workshops that were presented elsewhere. Rev Kruger du Preez was the program leader during the workshop because his doctoral research was on CD at NetACT institutions and also because of his fluency in Portuguese. Rev Du Preez was accompanied by Rev Manasse Matiquele, principal of Hefsiba (*Instituto Superior Cristão* the seminary of the Reformed Church in Mozambique (IRM) I – *Igreja de Reformada em Mozambique*; www.Hefsiba.org). Rev Matiquele is also fluent in both English and Portuguese and served with Rev Du Preez as one of the four "official" interpreters for the sake of the English-speaking contingent. Portuguese is the official language and *lingua franca* in Angola and very few Angolans understand and speak English. This, however, proved no real obstacle for either the presentation of workshop or for the discussions that ensued. Besides, *Google Translate* also served us well in corresponding beforehand!

The Executive Director (ED) of NetACT and staff member of the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University was accompanied by Prof Elna Mouton, former Dean and Professor of New Testament Studies, Dr Len Hansen, Systematic Theologian and Research Support Coordinator at the Faculty and Mrs Elisabet le Roux from the Unit for Religion and Development Research. The aforementioned four persons were also the editorial team responsible for the NetACT publication *Men in the pew, women in the pulpit? Addressing gender inequality in Africa* (2012, Stellenbosch: Sun Press). Also present was Rev Jacob Schoeman, Namibia Dutch Reformed Church pastor and representative of the Dutch Reformed Church. In accordance with an agreement between the DRC and IERA (the Reformed

Church in Angola), Rev Schoeman serves as pastor to Namibian and Angolan congregations along the Kunene river.

EVALUATION, OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS

- 1 The CD workshops have their origins in NetACT's realisation that its HIV&AIDS programmes offered at seminaries were not having much impact in addressing the pandemic or seminary and church culture as such. From the very beginning seminaries testified to the benefits they gained from their staff who had attended the CD workshops. It literally led to radical transformation of and growth in academic and seminary standards, and in many cases also to the national and/or international accreditation of seminaries. It also resulted in in-depth theological discussions, which had as one of its consequences the NetACT gender initiative. The first NetACT book on gender and its relationship to HIV&AIDS was referred to above. A second publication regarding the issue of gender is currently being compiled. The institutions that sponsored these workshops may therefore rest assured that it was truly one of the best investments in the Kingdom of God and in the future of the church in Africa that they have made!
- 2 The evaluation of the present workshop is attached (see Addendum 2). It speaks for itself and mirrors the appreciation and involvement of all attendees, who all completed the evaluations forms! Rev Manasse Matiquele, who is fluent in both Portuguese and English, compiled the evaluation report.
- 3 At this, the seventh NetACT CD workshop, the first 90 minutes of each day was spent in "Dwelling in the Word", i.e. in doing Bible study reflecting biblical models of leadership by reading Philippians 2:1-11. This was linked to a presentation about "doing theology". In Africa, for many people, the Bible remains the primary guideline in their lives and since contextualization received so much emphasis during the workshop, the influence of Scripture permeated all discussions and led to an acute awareness of God's presence. The evaluation also highlighted the importance of the meditations for the participants in the workshop.
- 4 The discussions on NetACT membership and the WCRC's (World Communion of Reformed Churches) request that NetACT facilitates the formation of Protestant theological networks, in amongst others lusophone Africa, were discussed in-depth from the first day. As elsewhere in Africa, seminaries are yearning for theological stimulus and discussion. This is a pronounced need, especially in a country such as Angola that is recovering from 40 years of civil war. The final decision that was taken was that a request made to the NetACT ED for information regarding NetACT application procedures and related data (this information has since been translated into Portuguese). All seminaries that attended undertook to take the new information to their respective churches and to "reapply" for membership. If NetACT and the WCRC decide to form a lusophone network that includes Mozambique, Angola, Guinea Bissau and the Portuguese-speaking islands of Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe, they will with gratitude accept membership of it. Not for one moment was the commitment to join such a network in doubt. The fact that we could have in-depth discussions in the evenings during the workshop with the principals and key members (a group of about 12) was extremely valuable. NetACT's story, goals, their context and needs – all relevant questions could be voiced, all concerns could be addressed, and all relevant information could be exchanged.
- 5 Elisabet le Roux was also able to introduce attendees to the workshop to and organise a major Tyndale Foundation Research Project in Angola. The fieldwork will be done by Angolan seminary students. We hope this, too, will have positive long term results for the church and NetACT.
- 6 All the presenters and visitors were overwhelmed by Angola's African hospitality. This led to much discussion within our group. The challenge of obtaining visas, communicating between us and our Angolan hosts and the different embassies, all aspects of transport, accommodation and meals on Angolan soil up to the way our departure and difficult transition from the domestic to international arrival and departure halls at Luanda airport went

smoothly, thanks to their considerate and kind efforts. This touched us deeply and it was only later that we could reflect on the bigger picture: we were trusted by our Angolan friends. We then realized that this trust was based on the hospitality shown at Stellenbosch University to visitors. The role of SU's International Office, the role that the Faculty of Theology plays through the Weidenhof Street House accommodation and the personal help and support by key staff members laid the foundation for this trust. Showing hospitality, having personal relationships, providing housing and all that goes with it, are essential elements of doing theology in Africa.

- 7 We were again struck by the harsh realities that the church faced and is facing in Angola (and in Africa at large). Housing is not on a level of five-star hotels, roads often present travellers with a nightmare, obtaining visas is a long, expensive and laborious process. However, there are so much more to observe. The joy, the warmth, the appreciation, the commitment and drive to a calling that flow from the Triune God and his Word, are obvious and present. This made it clear to us that the crossing of boundaries and the challenge to not ever attempt to make proselytes, but to be challenged and invigorated by our diversity, are spiritually and theologically profound. It puts your own context in new perspective and helps one to become conscious of one's shadows and shortcomings.
- 8 When the rest of the presenters returned home, the ED remained in Windhoek, Namibia from 26-30 January 2013. Doing some necessary liaison work, a meeting was held with a professional /technical team (engineer, architect etc.) with a view to assisting the Reformed Church in Angola (IERA) in rebuilding their seminary in Kikuni, in Uige province (twice destroyed during the war). NetACT member NETS' new principal, his staff and students were also met with at their prayer gathering and several practical and organisational matters were also discussed with them – amongst others the accommodation and tuition of two ISEU staff members who are currently embarking on studying English at NETS. For this local congregations have graciously offered assistance in the form of scholarships.

It was a privilege to be involved in all of this. We were blessed in numerous ways.

Prof H Jurgens Hendriks,

Executive Director: Network for African Congregational Theology (NetACT)

ADDENDUM V: PROPOSAL ON WORKING TOGETHER BETWEEN WCRC AND NETACT

Preamble: NETACT is already an affiliate member of WCRC and it will be within this framework that the co-operation will exist. *(The detail of which still needs to be worked out)*

1. Day to day working (communication, administrative matters, etc) will be between the ED and the Executive Secretary for Theology (ES).
2. The Executive Secretary for Theology (WCRC) will be invited to the AGM of NetACT and be part of the Executive Council & its meetings.
3. WCRC will make the NetACT activities known in member churches. Stimulate member churches on the work of NetACT globally. Including the Francophone countries and North Africa. This will be done within the existing work structure.
4. NETACT will be involved in the essential activities of WCRC. Namely:
 - 4.1 Network of Theologians (present ED is a member)
 - 4.2 Global Institute of Theology i.e. finding a member of the Faculty,
 - 4.3 Theological Journal; *Reformed World*. I.e. a member of the NetACT could be selected to be on the editorial advisory Board.
5. A proposed structure of operation will be worked out by the ES.
6. NETACT will be involved as consultants in setting up of other similar networks.
7. The financial implications for the cooperation will be worked out i.e. travel & accommodation.
8. A MOU will be worked out explaining all modalities.

(Prepared by Dr Douwe Visser of the WCRC).

DISCUSSION WITH TO THE RECTOR OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

1. **Background** about the Network; its work and objectives, are known to all parties involved. About the future of the network:
2. **Office:** To continue being housed at SU for the next five years. It gives stability, viability and direction to the organisation. SU is already reaching out in Africa. By continuing to work with NetACT, SU will be fulfilling its vision to bring hope to Africa
3. **Expansion:**
 - a) Consider other applicants from other Institutions.
 - b) Work in a concrete way with WCRC.
4. **Future ED:** We are in transition, a process of leadership change. Present ED will serve to Dec 2014.
 - a) Next ED to be appointed by the NETACT in cooperation with SU.
 - b) Next ED should be a member of the Faculty of Theology (30% SU, 70% NetACT).
 - c) Next ED should be a theologian of high repute and shares the ideals of the organisation.

Dr Douwe Visser, Theological Secretary WCRC:

Remarked that this move of NetACT and Faculty of Theology is on par with the deliberate move by Stellenbosch University into Africa. This is exemplified by the number of postgraduate Students coming to the University from Africa, more especially Southern Africa.

Theology at Stellenbosch is busy to refocus on issues arising from African input. He wants to encourage this. Stellenbosch University's initiative to reach out into Africa as a knowledge-partner is the right thing to do.

RESPONSES FROM THE RECTOR- PROF RUSSELL BOTMAN

The Rector appreciated the meeting and noted the broad scope of this partnership can encompass and the valued addition the involvement of the WCRC would make. In addition, he made the following remarks;

1. He shares the vision of the Stellenbosch University. The University is broadening its footprint in Africa through partnership with the rest of Africa. Some universities see their involvement in Africa as an outreach. Stellenbosch University's approach aims at the empowerment of all partners.
2. Stellenbosch University aims at playing a major role in building a new generation of academics who can impact the region (SADC). We also need to regain our role in the region as a Reformed Community. He noted that the religious people will determine the future of the region (and continent). He gave statistics of academics from the region that are making an impact elsewhere.
3. He mentioned that Stellenbosch University is highly ranked when it comes to research output. This can be further enhanced by partnerships with organisations such as NetACT and WCRC.
4. The effect will be good for the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch.

ADDENDUM V1 CURRICULUM VITAE OF LEN HANSEN

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2. Qualifications

BA (Law), Stellenbosch University, 1989
 LLB, Stellenbosch University, 1991
 BTh (cum laude), Stellenbosch University, 2003
 MTh (cum laude), Stellenbosch University, 2005
 DTh (Systematic Theology), Stellenbosch University, December 2008

Short courses on: academic language editing; academic writing; postgraduate supervision; helping students to write research proposals; thesis-writing skills; referencing skills and avoiding plagiarism; conference-presenting skills; social-sciences research methodologies; research ethics; computer-based data analysis – all Stellenbosch University, 2010-2013.

3. Career history

- 2012 to date: Faculty of Theology Research Development and Research Support Coordinator and Editor of publications.
- 2011- OSP Student's Research Support and Faculty Research Development Coordinator; Editor of publications, Hope Project, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University.
- 2009-2010:
 - postdoctoral research fellow, Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, Stellenbosch University
 - researcher at the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University
- 2005-2008:
 - doctoral studies, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University
 - researcher at the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology
- 2000-2005: theological studies, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University
- 1993-1999: owner-manager of retail business
- 1993: junior lecturer in Private and Roman law, Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University

4. Awards

- Stellenbosch University merit award – for every undergraduate year of study
- Stellenbosch University merit bursary – for master's (2004, 2005) and doctoral studies (2006, 2007, 2008)
- Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology merit bursary – for Systematic Theology (2004)
- Stellenbosch University stipend for academic excellence – best US master's studies for the year 2006 (2006)

- South African National Research Foundation prestige bursary – for doctoral studies (2006, 2007, 2008)
- Winner of 2009 Andrew Murray-Desmond Tutu Prize for best theological book – as editor of *Christian in Public: Aims, methodologies and issues in Public Theology* (Sun Press, 2008)
- Winner of Stellenbosch University Research Development postdoctoral grant (2009-2010)
- Stellenbosch University Division for Research Development Travel Grant (2009)
- Stellenbosch Theology 150+ bursary (2009)

5. Work experience

Teaching and research

Both during my year as junior lecturer in Private and Roman law at the Faculty of Law and during my years as doctoral student in theology, as research fellow at the Faculty of Theology, and currently I have taught classes and conducted examinations on an ad hoc basis in Church History, Christian Ethics and Systematic Theology as well as examination of Systematic Theology first- and fourth-year papers and conducting master's oral examinations in Systematic Theology from time to time.

As researcher at the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology, I was primarily responsible for the publications generated by the Centre and since 2005 I have been the editor of the Beyers Naudé Centre Series on Public Theology. I have also handled several publications by the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology or its individual members.

In the latter regard my duties included:

- conceptualising and managing all aspects and stages of publications, such as the Beyers Naudé Centre Series on Public Theology;
- liaising with local and international authors/contributors, publishers (including the negotiation of publishing contracts) and academic journals;
- editing or translating articles written by members of the Department for publication in academic journals;
- writing material for publication;
- writing press releases about events at the Centre or in the Department;
- managing peer reviews for publications of the Centre as well as other academic journals, and peer-reviewing articles for publication in the journals such as *NGTT (Nederduits Gereformeerde Teologiese Tydskrif)* and *Scriptura*.

In my current position my editorial duties are similar to the above, but now with regard to faculty-wide publications.

Besides my editing duties I also act as research support officer for postgraduate students (at master's and doctoral level) from all theological disciplines, on an individual basis. My duties include advising students regarding technical aspects as well as the content of their research and the writing of their theses/dissertations. I also act as supervisor for master's and doctoral students in Systematic Theology.

As part of my duties as Research Development Coordinator at the Faculty:

- I conduct several workshops per year for all postgraduate students on various aspects of research – including writing research proposals, sourcing research, research models and methodologies, academic writing skills, referencing, avoiding plagiarism and academic writing and grant application writing.
- I consult with and give guidance to postgraduate students on a one-to-one basis with regard to all aspects of their research.
- I conduct block week courses on research methodology for master's students in Divinity and in Practical Theology (Pastoral Care and Counselling), as well as a short course in research methodology for students doing a master's in Theology (Ministerial Practice) and Gender, Health and Theology.

I am also a member of:

- the Faculty Research Committee;
- the Departmental Ethics Screening Committee (I am the only permanent member of this committee where I am responsible for all aspects of obtaining ethical clearance for postgraduate theology students);
- the central Research Ethics Committee (Humaniora) of Stellenbosch University;
- Stellenbosch University Research Subcommittee A;
- Faculty representative at the Stellenbosch University Sustainability Institute (Transdisciplinarity, Sustainability, Analysis, Modelling & Assessment HUB);
- publication discussion group from Stellenbosch University and the University of the Western Cape called In Conversation With ...;

Publications and conference participation

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- 2009. “Mysticism in the Reformed tradition? The case of Kornelis Miskotte.” Public lecture on invitation at Centre for Christian Spirituality in Cape Town, 16 April.
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- Technical editor of supplement on the theme of *Religion and the common good in pluralistic societies*, a collaborative project between the Stellenbosch Faculty of Theology and the Free University, Amsterdam and the University of Mkar, Nigeria. Supplement to *NGTT*, 2012.
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- Co-editor (with HJ Hendriks, E Mouton & E le Roux) of *Men in the Pulpit, Women in the Pew? Gender in the African Church*. NetACT project on teaching of gender in African theological institutes and congregations, Stellenbosch: Sun Press, 2012.
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- Co-editor of collection of sermons of Beyers Naudé: *Vreesloos Gehoorsaam. ’n Keur uit Beyers Naudé se preke, 1937-1994*. Sun Press, 2013.

Current/forthcoming projects

- Editor of a collection of Afrikaans essays on being Reformed (*Opstelle oor Gereformeerde-vees vandag*) by Prof DJ Smit, forthcoming, Sun Press, June 2012.
- Co-ordinator of and participant in South Africa-Ethiopia collaboration between the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University and the Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2012.
- Co-editor (with J Claassens & L Swartz) and coordinator of publication on *Searching for Dignity: Conversations on Theology, Disability and Human Dignity*, Sun Press, forthcoming August 2013.
- Language and technical editor of special edition of *Semeia* on Human Dignity, Families and Violence (J Claassen, J Punt, K Spronk, eds), forthcoming 2013.
- Technical editor and coordinator of publication on *Remembering 1960-1990. The Churches' Struggle for Justice in South Africa* (RR Vosloo and M-A Plaatjies-van Huffel, eds), Sun Press, forthcoming 2013.
- Co-editor (with E Mouton, G Kapuma and T Togom), *Living with Dignity*, publication on gender equality in African context (Sun Press, forthcoming, end of 2013)
- Attending and presenting a paper at the 7th annual meeting of the European Association for the Teaching of Academic Writing (EATAW), Budapest, Hungary, 27-30 June 2013.
- Attending and presenting a paper, on behalf of the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology at meeting of ISTR Africa Civil Society Research Network Conference on Faith, Civil Society and Development in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 11-13 July 2013.

6. Areas of interest/specialisation

Dogmatics

Christian spirituality

Church history (especially history of Christian doctrine)

Ecumenism

Public theology

Theological research methods and methodology

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ADDENDUM VII: MEETINGS FACULTIES OF THEOLOGY

REPORT OF MEETINGS WITH THE FACULTIES OF THEOLOGY AT NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY (NWU) IN POTCHEFSTROOM AND UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA (UP). 12 & 13 JUNE 2013

PURPOSE: Discussions were held with these institutions on behalf of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) and NetACT with the purpose of extending the present NetACT network and forming more similar interconnected networks in sub-Saharan Africa.

1 NWU POTCHEFSTROOM

1.1 Present: The dean, Prof Fika Janse van Rensburg invited key staff members to the meeting. They were: Antionett Moerdyk (chief administrative officer); Proff. Nico Vorster (Manager: M&D Programmes); At Lamprecht (HEQF Specialist and Quality Co-ordinator); Rantoa Letšosa (Director School of Ministers' Training); Aldred Genade (Director School of Pastoral Counselling and Church Ministry) and Christo Louw (E-learning Technologist).

1.2 Factsheet: The dean presented me with three information sheets outlining the administrative setup of the faculty, the staff. We discussed it. It was extremely helpful. Founded in 1869 as a seminary for the Reformed Churches in SA it developed into a University with a Faculty of Theology with a full-time academic staff of 27 supported by part-time academic staff (68) and fulltime administrative staff members (11). Added to these numbers are 4 post-65 active (retired) professors, and 12 post-doctoral fellows. The total number of students is 610 of which 111 are pursuing masters and 118 doctoral degrees. All fields of theology and continued theological education are covered.

1.3 Distant learning centres: The unique characteristic of this Faculty is the 26 theological institutions that are associated with NWU of which 18 are in South Africa and from a variety of denominational backgrounds. Three are from overseas and six are from other African countries. These institutions basically follow and teach the NWU Theology curriculum with room for their own denominational history and theological paradigm – if need be in separate modules. The students of these institutions are thus NWU registered students. New SA legislation requires NWU to move in the direction of what they call “whiteboard” training where the students of the affiliated institutions have electronically direct interactive contact with the lecturer and see and hear him/her teaching and can interact. Questions and discussion are thus possible between the lecturer and class. The lecturers of the affiliated institutions are appointed as facilitators of the teaching learning process at the open learning centres.

We discussed this in some detail. NWU thus has experience in networking. However, their relationship with these institutions is not that of equal partners, but with the NWU as the senior partner. NWU sees their role as that of serving the needs of these institutions and they play the role of the final overseer of theological standards and accreditation, although the participation of the partner institutions in the re-curriculum of the different qualifications are facilitated. The NWU assess curricula, examination papers and the written exams.

1.4 Portuguese training: NetACT will be interested to know that they have a full-time person (Dr Petria Theron) to facilitate their relationship with Portuguese speaking countries and institutions, i.e. in Mozambique, Angola, Portugal and Brasilia.

1.5 E-learning: As can be deduced from their long-distance telematics expertise, they have been moving towards making use of e-books and e-material. Our discussion on the best equipment to use was helpful:

- 1 A laptop computer is the most expensive but has the advantage that it connects with the internet and thus acts as a communication tool (email, Skype) while at the same time a basic library can be downloaded and used. And the laptop is also a working tool for the student: One can write on it and print from it.

- 2 A tablet (reader) has the advantage that it is less expensive and can be used as a library. Thus it is used solely as the student's / pastor's library.
- 3 The cell phone has the advantage that the newer smart phone type is actually like a laptop, with a network over most of the continent of Africa. Their advantage is that they can download and communicate, store data and one can read from them. It does not type as well as a laptop and reading from a smaller screen is a disadvantage. However, this seems to be the way in which things are developing.

Additional remarks: The biggest drawback to computers is the dependency on availability of electricity. This, however, is not an insurmountable problem. NWU is working with PEP to get tablets to students, at a very reasonable price of below R2000 (US\$200).

1.6 Databank: In the discussion the importance of developing an Africa-wide databank was mentioned. The Hebrew-Greek scholars at NWU have launched a project to develop an Africa linguistic annotated Hebrew and Greek edition of the Bible and they are looking for colleagues from the rest of the continent to join them in this endeavour.

1.7 ACTEA: I mentioned that ACTEA is going through a time of restructuring. NWU has a lot of expertise in theology when it comes to working with qualification standards and all the bodies associated with it, including the work being done by Forum for University Theological Education (FUTE). There is a real need to have more information and then to calibrate - verify qualification standards between countries and institutions.

1.8 Conclusion: The NWU Faculty of Theology is positive in joining the endeavour to develop further networks in Africa and will give their full hearted support in this regard.

2 FACULTY OF THEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

2.1 Present: Dean Prof Johan Buitendag, Proff Nelus Niemandt (Missiology); Danie Veldsman (Systematic Theology) Dirk Human (Old Testament), Yolanda Dreyer (Practical Theology); Graeme Duncan (Ecclesiology) Stephan de Beer (Centre for Contextual Theology).

2.2 Factsheet: Founded in 1917 as a full-fledged faculty for the Netherdutch Reformed Church of Africa and the Presbyterian Church of SA. The Faculty has today a full-time academic staff of 25, supported by part-time staff 8 and fulltime administrative staff members of 12. The total number of students is 712 of which 476 are post graduate. All fields of theology and continued theological education are covered. UP is a research intensive university which fully realizes its responsibility towards Africa. In particular this is true of the Faculty of Theology.

2.3 We had an intensive **discussion** in which they asked questions about the way NetACT is run and what the role of SU is in supporting the network. Matters such as accommodation on campus for students from other African countries, scholarships, lecturer exchange and the way future networks are going to be structured were discussed. My opinion was that one can learn from the NetACT experience but that the new networks need not be copies of NetACT and that once the new networks were functioning they will be networked too. The new networks and the networking network will decide on its mission, goals and constitution. The agendas of the networks will be their own responsibility. It seems if diversity within a network is a more important principle than language or geography. Most of these issues need further discussion.

2.4 Anchor institutions: At the three SA institutions (Universities of Free State, NWU and UP) I explained the importance that these universities act as "anchor institutions." This means that if they become a member of a network, they have to put their infrastructure and resources to the disposal of the network. In practice this implies making it possible for the other members of the network to use their facilities for post graduate studies, help with scholarships and networking the network's institutions with foundations and institutions that can help members of the network to develop their institutions. NetACT's story was the guideline.

2.5 Relationship between anchor institutions and other members in a network. Three universities (SU, UP & UFS) were concerned about the NWU model of having a large number of satellite institutions that fall under their jurisdiction for degrees, accreditation and as such is a way of getting more students registered and thus earning income for the faculty. The personal of these

institutions are then used as part-time lecturers or facilitators. From NWU's point of view they are doing these institutions (of all denominations) a service because their people then get NWU accredited degrees. However, these institutions never get self-reliant or contextual. They stay dependent on NWU. As such it opposes the NetACT goal of developing independent theological schools in different countries doing contextual theology and addressing local issues in a prophetic way. This issue needs attention.

2.6 Commitment: UP is positive about the possibility of joining and helping in developing new networks, acting as an anchoring institution to one of them.

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ADDENDUM VIII

WCRC CHURCHES IN AFRICA

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Regions

The 229 member churches of the World Communion of Reformed Churches share common roots in the 16th-century Reformation. Our churches are Congregational, Presbyterian, Waldensian, Reformed, Uniting and United. Most live and witness in the southern hemisphere; many are religious minorities in their countries. The member churches are grouped into eight regions: Africa, Asia, [Caribbean](#), Europe, [Latin America](#), Middle East, [North America](#) and the Pacific. The Africa and Europe regions are planning websites.

Algeria

Protestant Church of Algeria [1010]

Angola

Evangelical Congregational Church in Angola [1015]

Evangelical Reformed Church of Angola [1016]

Botswana

Dutch Reformed Church in Botswana [1020]

Burkina Faso

Association of Reformed Evangelical Churches of Burkina Faso [1025]

Cameroon

African Protestant Church [1032]

Evangelical Church of Cameroon [1033]

Presbyterian Church in Cameroon [1031]

Presbyterian Church of Cameroon [1030]

Central African Republic

Protestant Church of Christ the King [1035]

Congo

[Evangelical Church of Congo](#) [1045]

Democratic Republic of Congo

[Evangelical Community in Congo, Church of Christ in Congo](#) [1242]

Reformed Community of Presbyterians, Church of Christ in Congo [1246]

Reformed Presbyterian Community in Africa, Church of Christ in Congo [1243]

[Presbyterian Community in Congo, Church of Christ in Congo](#) [1240]

Presbyterian Community of East Kasai, Church of Christ in Congo [1244]

[Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa, Church of Christ in Congo](#) [1241]

Protestant Community of Katanga, Church of Christ in Congo [1245]

Egypt

Evangelical Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile [1040]

Equatorial Guinea

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Equatorial Guinea [1050]

Ethiopia

[Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus](#) [1055]

Ghana

[Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana](#) [1060]

[Presbyterian Church of Ghana](#) [1061]

Kenya

Reformed Church of East Africa [1071]

[Presbyterian Church of East Africa](#)[1070]

Lesotho

Lesotho Evangelical Church [1080]

Liberia

Presbyterian Church of Liberia [1090]

Madagascar

Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar [1100]

Malawi

[Church of Central Africa Presbyterian](#) [1110]

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Harare Synod [1113]

[Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Nkhoma Synod](#)[1111]

Mauritius

[Presbyterian Church of Mauritius](#) [1120]

Morocco

Evangelical Church in Morocco [1130]

Mozambique

Evangelical Church of Christ in Mozambique [1142]

Presbyterian Church of Mozambique [1140]

Reformed Church in Mozambique [1143]

United Church of Christ in Mozambique [1141]

Niger

Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger [1145]

Nigeria

Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria [1155]

Church of Christ in the Sudan among the TIV [1154]

Evangelical Reformed Church of Christ [1152]

Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria [1151]

[Presbyterian Church of Nigeria](#) [1150]

United Church of Christ in Nigeria (HEKAN) [1153]

Reunion Island

Protestant Church of Reunion Island [1160]

Rwanda

Presbyterian Church in Rwanda [1170]

Senegal

Protestant Church of Senegal [1180]

South Africa

[Dutch Reformed Church](#) [1201]

Dutch Reformed Church in Africa [1203]

Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Africa [1200]

Reformed Church in Africa [1206]

[Presbyterian Church of Africa](#) [1204]

[United Congregational Church of Southern Africa](#) [1208]

[Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa](#) [1202]

[Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa](#) [1210]

Volkskerk van Afrika [1209]

Sudan

Africa Inland Church Sudan [1221]

Presbyterian Church of the Sudan [1220]

Swaziland

[Swaziland Reformed Church](#) [1225]

Togo

Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo [1230]

Zambia

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Zambia Synod [1112]

[Reformed Church in Zambia](#) [1250]

United Church of Zambia [1251]

Zimbabwe

Reformed Church in Zimbabwe [1260]

Uganda

Christian Reformed Church in East Africa [1272]

Reformed Presbyterian Church in Uganda [1271]
