

A Fellowship of Servants

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WORKERS' SEMINAR 2016!

2016 Workers' Seminar at Skogheim is now history. We thank God for many leaders who took time to be there. **May 5 - 8 2016** so almost 200 leaders who came from Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Swaziland. The venue could not accommodate all of us and we had to use other facility in the neighborhood for sleeping. We thank God for the churches who made it possible for their leaders to go. May the Lord bless them.

In this seminar we were looking at developing a leader and succession planning. Quoting **Oswald Sanders** from his book *Spiritual Leadership* said: "Leadership training cannot be done on a mass scale. It requires patient, careful instruction and prayerful, personal guidance over a considerable time. Disciples are not manufactured wholesale. They are produced only one by one, because someone has taken the pains to disciple, to instruct and enlighten, to nurture and train one that is younger." We realized that we have to think of the next generation, and pour ourselves out to them. We had time to pray as leaders. We interceded for many things including our churches, communities and the world. It was an honor to see young and matured, retired as well as widows taking part. It is true that we missed some workers who had conflicts in their plans. Those who came, have bonded well and the fellowship that we have seen in the past has shown us that the Lord is good!

Thank you for your prayers and support.

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WORKERS' SEMINAR 2015!

Thanks be to God who allowed us to plan for the **May 7-10 2015** Seminar and we look back with joyful hearts that it is now history. 150 committed servants met for great warm fellowship, in depth spiritual growth, intentional reflection to our calling, laughter, great singing, intense prayers and fun. Expressions of love through smiles and gifts. We now understand what Romans 13:8 means when it says: ***"Keep out of debt and owe no man anything, except to love one another."*** We are thankful to all local churches who made it possible for their leaders to attend.

We pity those leaders who did not make it as the experience felt will never be repeated. The growth and understanding acquired will never be transferred to others. May we remember that we were saved to serve. May we enjoy serving others and not be found riding at the horse backs like princes, while princes walking like servants during our lifetime. ***"I have even seen servants riding horseback like princes - and princes walking like servants!"*** Ecclesiastes 10:7.

God bless you. *"Dankie! Merci beaucoup! Obrigado! Muchas gracias, Enkosi, Siyabulela, Siyabonga, Re a leboga. Modimo O*

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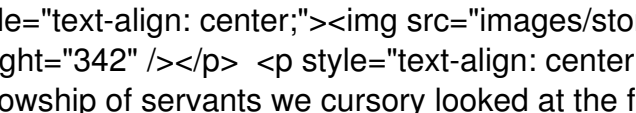
le segofatse!"

Let us pursue the attitude that was in Christ Jesus!

Almost 140 workers gathered at Skogheim Conference Centre, KwaZulu-Natal on the 9-12 May 2013 for fellowship, learning, networking, interacting etc. They came from Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Swaziland, some could not come because of funeral services. Others decided that one should come instead of the couple. This showed us the commitment such leaders have in the growth of the church. We salute them.

Our vision statement has a phrase that says ... with an agreed evangelical doctrine of salvation whose body life is experienced by all members... This is one of the keys of AEC to unity. As George Barna puts it in his book Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions: The fundamental thought patterns, beliefs and behavioural patterns of adults were formed many years ago and are generally too entrenched to change without a radical commitment to personal transformation. Such a commitment comes at great cost and demands substantial focus. Most adults (churches) are simply not willing to go that route.

Second, because most adults received ministry leftovers (i.e., limited funding, minimal instructional resources and teaching that was ill-focused) when they were young, they became exactly what we made them: well-intentioned, inadequately nurtured, minimally equipped secular people who dabble in religious thought and activity. Nearly half of the adults who attended church regularly as children and now bring their own offspring to a church do not even know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, even after more than a quarter century of consistent church exposure and involvement.



In this fellowship of servants we cursorily looked at the following points centred around our vision statement:

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

- The profile of the denomination pastors, people, places and economical positions.
- The denomination's geographical influences and cultures.
- Envisioning the pastors to the challenges that we must engage in this unity.
- Relationships between these diverse positions, why should these be maintained and nurtured.
- Financial aspect and support of each other in the body life concept.

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3

EVANGELICAL DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

- Based on the death and resurrection of JESUS.
- A doctrine that meets the social needs of people. As per Luke 4 mission of Jesus one that meets the challenges of poverty, disease, pain, oppression, confusion and ignorance. State our mission intentions.
- Salvation that is leading to repentance and choosing to submit to the Lordship of Jesus.

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:13

BODY LIFE EXPERIENCED BY ALL

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The importance of every member as we value all people.

- All of us have a role to play in the body with every gift utilized.
- Need to know the gifts in the body of the various members.
- Develop strategy to identify and use these gifts of members.

REPRODUCING ITSELF IN HOLINESS OF LIFE

- Disciple others in the faith.
- Plan the succession of leadership early in the ministry and develop leaders.
- Pastoral care of members by members.
- Continuity of plans and projects by leadership.

Many people forget that God is holy. Being holy should naturally produce holiness in the character of His children. As the Lord brings new people in the church from the bleak past, He is the one who knows the future, and truly He is the Lord of the harvest.

May we be the faithful and holy labourers in this great harvest of our time today!