

# AFRICA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Virtual

Annual General Conference 2020



Doing it heartily  
for the Lord

**YEAR 2021 - VERSE:**

“And whatever you do, do it heartily,  
as to the Lord and not to men.” NKJV  
(Colossians 3:23)

## **OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

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

## **OBJECTIVES:**

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

## **UMBONO MGOMO WEBANDLA LE-AEC:**

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

## **IMIGOMO:**

- 1. Ukuhlela izinto ezithile eziphawulekayo esinokuzenza ndawonye emsebenzini wokuqhuba ivangeli nokufinyelela ezindaweni ezintsha khona lapha kwelakithi nakwamanye amazwe. Lokhu-ke kuyabandakanya ukwazisana ngezinto eziphathekayo eziyizicelo zomkhuleko emabandleni ethu ahlukeneyo, lokho kwenziwe njalo ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo.*
- 2. Ukuhlela izivivinyo eziyakwenziwa ngezikhathi ezithile ngamalungu amabandla (zibhalwe phansi noma kuxoxwe ngomlomo) ukuze kubonakale ukuthi basiqonda kangakanani isifundiso sokusindiswa esiphilayo ngokwevangeli. Lapho kutholakala khona ukuthi kukhona ukungazi noma ukungaqondi ngokufaneleyo abaholi bayakuyimela ngezinyawo leyondaba.*

3. *Ukukhulela izikhungo zokufundisa abaholi bamabandla ethu mayelana nokufundiswa yiBhayibheli mayelana nempilo yoMzimba (oyiBandla) nokuthi imelwe iphilwe kanjani emabandleni ethu.*
4. *Ukufundisa izifundo ngokuhambisa ivangeli ngokwenza abafundi (kubhalwe phansi noma kukhulunywe ngomlomo kunikezwa amalungu amabandla ethu) nokuthi lowo nalowo athole umfundi othile azakumelekelela (2 Tim. 2:2).*
5. *Ukukhulela izifundo mayelana nempilo yobungcwele; kube khona indlela eyenziwa ngamabandla ethu ukulekelela amalungu ukuba azi ukuthi awaziphileli-nje, kumelwe azidalule, eziveza ethembekile yilowo nalowo komunye ngezinhlelo ezithile ezifaneleyo ezenziwayo, okusho ukuthi owesilisa komunye wesilisa, nowesifazane komunye wesifazane.*

### **UMBONO NEENJONGO ZEBANDLA LE-AEC**

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

#### **IINJONGO:**

1. Ukucwangcisa iinkqubo ezithile, namaphulo abalaseleyo apho sisebenzisana sonke, ekuhambiseni ivangeli, sivuselela kwiindawo ezintsha, ezikufutshane nezikude; kwilizwe lakuthi kanti nakwamanye amazwe. Oku ke kuquka ukwabelana nokwazisana ngezinto ezithile emasizithandazele kumabandla ethu, ngamaxesha afanelekileyo.
2. Ukuqhuba nokuvavanya ngamaxesha athile amalungu (kubhalwe phantsi okanye kuthethwe ngomlomo); ukufumanisa ukuba ayiqonda kangakanani na le mfundiso yevangeli engokusindiswa. Apho ke kuye kwafumaniseka ukuba kukho ukungaqondi kakuhle, abakhokeli bebandla bazakuwuchophela umbandela lowo kude kubekho ulungelelwano.
3. Ukuqhuba izifundo zokufundisa nokuhlaziya abakhokeli bamabandla ethu mayela nemfundiso yeBhayibheli ngempilo yomzimba kaKristu (iBandla) nokuba imelwe kukuthi isebenze iphilwe kanjani na emabandleni ethu.
4. Ukuqhuba izifundo ezimalunga nokuvangela nokufundisa (ezibhalwe phantsi nezo zithethwa ngomlomo, zawo onke amalungu ebandla lethu), khonukuze elowo nalowo afumane umfundi othile aza kumncedisa (2 Tim. 2:2).
5. Ukuqhuba izifundo ezimalunga nokuphila impilo eNgcwele; nokuba emabandleni ethu kubekho uncedo oluthile lokunceda amalungu ukuba azi ukuba ilungu aliziphileli nje; amalungu ayaphilelana, yaye athembekile ingulowo nalowo eveza izakhono anazo; umzalwane ancedisane nomnye umzalwane, nodade ancedisane nomnye udade, kusetyenziswane ke ngokwanelisayo.

## UMBONO NGEMGOMO WELIBANDLA LE-AEC

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

### TINHLOSO:

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

### AEC CORE VALUES:

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

- 9. MISSION** We value the encouragement, development and exercise of each believer's ministry gifts and skills in fulfilling mission work." 1 Corinthians 14:29-33.
- 10. STEWARDSHIP** We value that every believer has God-given resources that should be used for eternal purposes. Ephesians 2:10.

**APPRECIATION –**

*"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."* Psalm 126:3 (ESV).

The 2020 circumstances will never change the inner joy that Jesus gives as we love Him. This has been an extra ordinary year of global outlook. The global talk has been Corona virus or Covid-19. The Lord has led us through pain, sorrow, fear, isolation, confusion, dangers, wonders and awe of Himself.

In 2020 we were ushered into pain, suffering, social distancing, being masked, restricted in travel and work, hunger, frustration, many new regulations introduced and withdrawn, losing our relatives and brethren through what we will never forget. We were introduced to unusual words inter alia: Corona virus pandemic, novel virus, Covid-19, social distancing, isolation and quarantine, lock down, personal protective equipment, masks for mouth and nose, infection, mass graves, sanitizing, washing of hands often, no shaking of hands, no hugging and no kissing, banning of alcohol and cigarettes, meetings and conferences, grounding of planes, cruisers, curfew, no schooling etc. It was a year that has showed us that intelligence, fame or money cannot always solve health issues. We are still in the midst of this virus. Let us indeed, put on our masks in public, avoid congested places, distance ourselves from one another, regularly wash our hands, sanitize, cough or sneeze properly. Even as families adhere to these things as one family member who is infected can multiply the infection to all family members.

The year graduated us ahead with many years of great upgrade jump.

We thank God for all of you who took courage and faced the storm. In other areas we were found wanting, in other areas we discovered who we are. In other areas we failed. It is true that we missed the lifetime opportunities in other areas. When God moves, we must learn to move with Him. When He closes the door perhaps it's time, we look for the open window. When the road seems too rough and rugged, we must draw closer to Him who rides the storm. When it becomes hard to meet and fellowship there are other ways that we can discover and encourage one another. During the new normal we must learn to employ His wisdom in doing things.

The theme, "Doing it heartily to the Lord" had a great impact in the church. *"And whatever you **do, do** it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men."* We are carrying the theme and the verse into 2021.

We praise God in pain as we remember all those who went to glory this year. We think of the disrupted families that are with us. In other families, children are left behind and parents gone, all our local churches were touched in various ways. Most of our planned programmes were cancelled. We were not unique as the entire world has been shaken by this pandemic.

Be encouraged in the midst of great confusion that life continues. That is why today we are connected this way. It is true that when human wisdom keeps growing the next thing will be explosion. It exploded during the days of Noah. It exploded when man decided to build a tower reaching heavens, (Gen 11:6) the explosion is imminent during our time even though God is demonstrating that He is supreme.

This year will go to the archives of history as the year where all our songs and hymns were transposed into a minor key of sorrow.

✦ **HEAVEN REJOICED IN RECEIVING THEM –**

Though death invades and destroys us, the climax of it all is that **DEATH WILL DIE** and resurrection will bring the freedom of perpetual life. Aches and pains, tears and sorrow, wants and fear, loneliness and depression will all cease.

*“And if one member suffers, all the parts [share] the suffering; if one member is honoured, all the members [share in] the enjoyment of it.” 1 Cor 12:26*

**Nxumalo Thembi Mrs** who was once in the Women’s Committee went to be with the Lord on December 23 2019 after long illness. I was so proud of Thembi, more so that she had a high office in the SAPS and became a Station Commander too. It was a unique upgrade for us all. It was the saddest occasion to disrupt both Christmas and New Year as her funeral took place on Saturday 04 January 2020 at Mtubatuba.

We thank God for the Gauteng entourage who filled the place and also the SAPS personnel who made us feel safe with our cars. God bless us all as take our positions when death strikes.

**Tryphenah Mathozo Nkambule** the sister to Elizabeth Nkambule finished her race on 22 February 2020 and her funeral took place on 29 February 2020. Elizabeth was grateful to God for His provisions as she rested her sister who left a number of children, she was taking care of as her ministry. Pray for the transition in the lives of those children to be memorable and not reject God because of death.

As always, we are thankful to brethren who were handy during that difficult time and weeks that followed. Continue doing the good work of supporting one another as the Word of God instructs us to do.

**Mduduzi Magagula** eSwatini, became history on 25 April 2020 and his funeral was on the 03 May 2020. He was known for his ushering ministry in most of the services and conferences. When we hear about the Saints who are active in the church, you just wonder as to whether somebody will step in and fill the gap of service.

The family is thankful to God for all of you who prayed, supported and encouraged them during the difficult time. Sometimes it seems as if one is just dreaming. These people are somewhere and we will meet during the next conference.

**Mashiyane Fanyana Abraham Revd** of Port Shepstone who pastored a Murchison AEC passed away on 31 May 2020 and his funeral was held on 6 June 2020. Due to lockdown in the country due to Covid-19, many people could not attend, but a good number of people were present to witness the sad day with the family. Indeed, it feels like a dream that we will never see him again. We thank the Lord for the life

of Revd Mashiyane. He was knowledgeable with the history of the church and loved the people and the ministry.

His wife and the family are thankful to God for those who heartily supported them during his fragile years and difficult times. Thank you for those who made it to the funeral.

**Simon Nsele Revd** of Mbazwane - Mseleni Circuit passed away on 28 June 2020 after in and out the hospital and his funeral was held on 4 June 2020. Due to lockdown in the country due to Covid-19, we are grateful to God for allowing some of the leaders to attend and adhered to the required protocol.

Continue to pray for Mrs T Nsele (MaNdlovu) and children to be comforted by the truth that Nsele is at home. He is also pain free. This has been a difficult year of wanting to support and encourage the bereaved but many things hindered our usual fellowship in the body.

**Dube Nokuthula (MaKhanyile) Mrs** the wife to Revd EM Dube went to be with the Lord on the 23 July 2020. With all that sudden shock as Revd Dube himself was not feeling well, the Lord used different people virtually to comfort the family. Her funeral took place on 29 July 2020. It was a sad occasion as her husband could not attend the funeral as he was about to finish his quarantine days. It is one of those memories that we pray that the Lord should help us forget.

**Thandinkosi Kunju**, the youngest brother of Rev Kunju died on the 11 July 2020 used to work for Department of Correctional Services as a warder. At the time of his death, he was no longer working there as he had already taken his pensions. Married to Makiti, Gwebityala and Blessed with 4 kids. He was buried on the 25 July 2020, at Lutubeni Mqanduli. member of AEC, under Revd MS Kunju, and also member of Regional Men's Committee.

**Tata Pound Luphelile of** Elliotdale, Eastern Cape went to be with the Lord on the 25 July 2020. The journey of this man was extra ordinary in many ways. I felt bad to miss him before he could share his testimony about his walk with the Lord. He was accepted as a Worker in 2000 after he did his training through correspondence at Hebron Bible school. He did his ministry in mines where we have AEC members from Eastern Cape. He was an overseer of brethren from Carletonville and Rustenburg mines. He sometimes joined us in our workers seminars at Skogheim. After he took his pensions, he decided to take full time studies at UBI where he graduated in 2019. Blessed with his wife, Manduluka and 5 kids. One of his sons **Malizole** died while they were both admitted at hospital same ward due to Covid-19 related illness. Luphelile also followed his son also on the 25 July 2020 and his funeral was on 05 August 2020.

**Revd Derek Brown** in Australia, June 13 2020, Mrs **Lois Morgan** in USA on November 17.

**Mrs Phetsile Gama** - eSwatini, December 08 and her funeral took place on 18 December.

**Revd Thokozani Thwala** - KZN, 17 December 2020 funeral took place on the 23 December 2020.

Death happened in all regions and it became impossible to travel and to be with the bereaved. There were restrictions also in numbers and taking note of the health of those who travel. Prayer cannot be hindered by anything. With many who passed away and still continuing let us be wise and adhere to the health protocol recommended to us by health professionals.

‡ **ARRIVALS:**

We welcome all boys and girls who were born this year, 2020. We will continually welcome the new generation that God gives us in His church. Together we welcome the recipients of 2020 landmark Wedding Anniversaries. Since life continues, people were married even in 2020. We welcome those new brides and grooms who will never forget how their plans were smashed by restrictions. Wherever God has assigned us let us actively do whatever we do as unto the Lord. Be it services in the kitchen, smiling, encouraging, showing directions etc such will never be in vain with the Lord. *We say hearty welcome!*

‡ **SOARING HIGHER:**

Though studying or learning was really difficult in 2020 but we congratulate all those who made it from different fields of learning and we welcome the 2020 achievers in a variety of stages in life. It may be that awarded certificate, diploma, degree, licence, title, new home, that job, new car, other local church. It is true that the good and bad happens. Let us learn something that the bad brings our way.

**HERE AND THERE**

**FEBRUARY 7 - 09 THE BOARD MET at IHAWU GUEST HOUSE – MAYVILLE DURBAN**

This was our evaluation meeting as usual and focusing on what transpired at Mangosuthu University of Technology in December 2019 and looking forward to the 2020 opportunities.

We welcomed the new Eastern Cape, Eswatini and KwaZulu-Natal Regional Chairpersons and our agenda looked at different things as well as the good accommodation we had for the AGCC 2019. We thanked the KZN leadership, and everyone who made our meeting to be enjoyable. The Botswana entourage with Bishop Mazelo and his wife were also grateful for the fellowship they enjoyed.

The Women structure had to also meet to attend to the Banking requirements after their elections they had.

We had no idea that in March we were going to experience lock down or grounding of everything with immediate effect due to Corona virus pandemic.

**JULY 18 2020 ZOOM BOARD MEETING –** We were grateful to God who allowed us to use modern technology to facilitate our meeting. It was in that meeting where the decision was taken to cancel the 2020 AGCC due to Covid-19 global sting.

We all felt bad when we took that decision. To all those who were not in the AEC in 1990, the AGCC had to be cancelled for that year as there was political unrest in South Africa. Strange that 20 years down the conference lane we had to cancel the AGCC. Thank you all for understanding.



The decision to conduct a virtual conference was taken later as we felt that other organizations were doing something creative during this time. We thank God that we have been pushed very high into global communication space. Let us not resist change and at the same time let us jump too far ahead and leave majority of members too far behind.

My advice and request to all those who have smart phones explore what you could do with that little gadget. Take time to experience many things that you could do. I heard that some of us could not be faithful with their financial giving because we were not meeting in our locals, or Good Friday etc. Some of the work was crippled because of our unfaithfulness. I hope we have less people who still want to be seen when giving. The Lord Jesus said many years ago: **“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”**

Progressing or growing is moving from what you were doing yesterday and be excited with what you are doing today. That is UPGRADE! That is MATURING!

### **THE REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

**1. KWAZULU-NATAL: JUNE 30 – 04 JUNE 2020**

This Regional Conference was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

**2. EASTERN CAPE: 24 – 28 JUNE 2020**

This Regional Conference was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

**3. GAUTENG: 26 – 28 JUNE 2020**

This Regional Conference was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

**4. ESWATINI: MBULUZI – AUGUST 2020**

Eswatini Regional Conference was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

### **OUR STRUCTURES:**

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May I encourage all structures to be creative in encouraging the saints to be active in whatever way. Let us not depend on group meetings which we are used to, but one on one we can bring encouragement during this time. Let us support the children as they are really confused when they see that there is no church services or Sunday school any more. This is the time to emphasize the promises of God to them. Again, I say, let us **“Upgrade! Upgrade! Upgrade!”**

### **OUR HORIZONTAL INVOLVEMENT**

**UNION BIBLE INSTITUTE** – [www.ubi.ac.za](http://www.ubi.ac.za) UBI is a registered, accredited, approved and credible institution offering *Higher Certificate in Theology; Diploma in Theology and Bachelor of Theology*.

AEC is a member of the Council and as such we will continue to be involved financially, through prayer and recommending the school to those that the Lord calls to study His Word from any neighbour countries. Revd MX Dladla is holding double position this time at UBI as he is the chairperson of the Alumni and also

the vice chair of the council. Let us pray for him, it is a demanding assignment that he holds. Visit UBI web site and get all the answers.

**BIBLE SOCIETY** – [www.biblesociety.co.za](http://www.biblesociety.co.za) Praise be to the Lord for another year in which the Bible could be produced and distributed in different formats. Bible Society celebrated bicentennial and aimed to provide 2 million Bibles for South African population and the New IsiZulu of owe-2020 Version was launched at Ulundi on October 18. AEC was represented by Revd B Chonco, Revd MX Dladla who is the vice Chair of the KZN Durban Board of BSSA and Prof S Ngubane who was one of the reviewers of the translation. All these activities need our support and participation.

Take note that every year the prices of Bibles are adjusted at the beginning of November. Also, when you transfer the AEC donation to the Bible Society of South Africa use this new donor **reference number 700876** so that your gift will go under AEC. We are members of Bible Society and as such we are deeply involved in our support. Let us serve whole heartedly as we touch the lives of our children with God's love even in 2021!

### **The MISSIONS FUND**

Last year I did encourage us to relook at our Missionary zeal. We being the product of Missions, we introduced a special fund where we may plant our seed for Missions. It is true that we cannot all go but we can all pray for Missions. We may also encourage someone to go.

The result of participation was that only few people contributed faithfully but as we close the year, we have decided to close that account as only people were left, and to maintain the account became costly. Perhaps we will revisit this open door in future as it appears that it has not sunk in us clearly the quest of those without Christ.

We are grateful to God for those who faithfully contributed and pray that we may feel the need to share the good news.

### **GRANDPARENTS DAY – SEPTEMBER 13 2020**

*“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy **grandmother** Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.” 2 Timothy 1:5.*

We praise God for those who took time in 2020 and thanked the Lord for the Grandparents we have in the church. That appreciation shows respect and honour. They may be frail and chronic in many ways but they are a gift to the church.

This opportunity, should we be alive, will be on the **12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. I have noticed that every year some graduate to the real Grandparenthood. Some become embarrassed because they think that they are extra ordinarily old forgetting that we all age daily.

### **✠ CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY – 11 OCTOBER 2020**

We thank God for those local churches who appreciated their Pastors in 2020. It happened under difficult circumstances. This should be the expression of the

generous and happy hearts. As I mentioned last year, other local churches have not started this good habit of joy in their local churches. It is true that some local churches are struggling. But a word of gratitude to God coming from a child or 'Gogo' or 'Mkhulu' is what matters. Gifts and money should be according to the willing hearts.

The Clergy Appreciation Day for 2021 will be on **10 October 2021**. You may start preparing your innovations and budget early in the year. Do the Word in love heartily as to the Lord!

**Conference Centre Project – Mankayane.** We were wounded, deformed, disappointed, commanded to mark time etc in 2020 due to Covid 19. Many people stopped giving some because of unemployment and some just neglected their commitment. May I encourage all of us to be faithful to what do what we are supposed to do as to the Lord, not to men. We don't only give when we are together in a meeting. But this is a personal commitment that test your growth in the Lord.

**Conference Centre Project – Springs, Gauteng.** The Gauteng Region is still processing the selling of the property as mentioned last year.

**Eastern Cape Conference Centre** – The Region is still busy with active commitment as they also were affected by Covid 19.

#### **DOING WHATEVER WE DO IN 2021 AND BEYOND HEARTILY AS TO THE LORD**

**May I say “thank you”** to all the committees who served this year, you may feel that you didn't do much, but God sees the heart. Last year I said pray for the new leaders as “They will sail a rough terrain. What we know is that the future will be rough as the sinful nature blooms every day. The challenge is to do whatever we do heartily.” Yes, the terrain has been cruel, rugged and deadly.

*“And whatever you **do, do** it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.”*

I thank God for the opportunity He gave me to serve so many beautiful people in different way this year. It is true that I didn't see many physically this year, but I know how I kept in touch with many through prayer, phone calls, emails etc

2021 is now in three days' time. Let us not be fooled by thinking that Corona virus was a 2020 pandemic. Covid-19 knows no calendar. Our plans for 2021 are already disrupted. As we plan ahead, let us plan with the present in mind which will guide us into the new normal future. May we have His favour wherever we go as we do the Word. Let us learn new skills of doing things wherever we are. Let us be in touch so that we can share in joy or sorrow, in accomplishment or in failure. Let us take care of our elderly and children. Let us encourage young people not to follow the world but to enjoy the leading of the Holy Spirit. May our Men be strong in their faith as they make godly decision in their calling. May our Women be women who will issue aroma of high price of character and dignity.

I thank God for the privilege of being a servant, seeing Him increase while I decrease. Let us together march in faith into 2021 and see Him do great things for His glory through us in the midst of Covid-19.

***Heartily for the Lord!***

Humbly presented by



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AFRICA EVANGELICAL CHURCH SOUTHERN AFRICA  
28 DECEMBER 2020

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**Prayer Pointers for the Year 2021:**

1. Conference Centre Giving, Building, Skill, Wisdom to adjust with time
2. Biblical and cheerful giving within our denomination as we travel less and give more.
3. Let all of us live and do the Word heartily.
4. Upgrade, good health, safety, fulfilment and joy in our communities and families as we serve. (Mask. Wash Hands. Sanitize. Social Distancing. Travel less)
5. Tangible brotherly love that will draw many to Jesus.
6. Important dates to note:
  - ✓ 05 – 07 February 2021 [Board Meeting] *Zoom tentative*
  - ✓ 00 – 00 May 2021 [Workers’ Seminar] *Zoom tentative*
  - ✓ 09 May 2021 [Mother’s Day]
  - ✓ 13 June 2021 [Father’s Day]
  - ✓ **00 – 00 June 2021 [Eastern Cape RCC]**
  - ✓ **00-00 June 2021 [Gauteng]**
  - ✓ **00 – 00 Jul 2021 [KZN RCC]**
  - ✓ **00-00 August 2021 [ESwatini RCC]**
  - ✓ 16 – 18 July Denominational Committees Mtg. (pending on the virus behaviour)
  - ✓ 12 September 2021 [Grandparents’ Day]
  - ✓ 10 October 2021 [Clergy Appreciation Day]
  - ✓ 16 - 20 December 2021 [AGCC] Eastern Cape if the virus becomes history

***Let us be encouraged as we witness the results of our doing the WORD!***

**We did not have any person to respond due to the nature of our meeting and many communication problems we faced in 2020.**