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PROGRAMME

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THURSDAY

Global Citizenship & Systemic Compassion

07:00-08:30

Registration



08:30 - 09:00

Welcome & Devotion

Ps. Bongi Naile



09:00 - 09:50

Session 1: Global Citizenship and Compassion – The Church; 2000 Years of Compassionate Action

Prof. Johan Mostert

09:50 – 10:00

Questions & Answers

Congress Participants

10:00 - 10:30

Tea Break



10:30 – 11:00

Plenary Session: Ethic and Professionalism in Practice

Ms. Crystal Theron



11:00 – 11:50

Plenary Panel Discussion: Addressing Power Dynamics in Aid and Giving

Ps. Bongi Naile

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THURSDAY

Global Citizenship & Systemic Compassion

11:50 – 12:00
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants

12:00 – 13:00
Lunch

BREAKAWAY SESSIONS A



13:00 – 13:50
Session 1: Building a Culture of Global Solidarity – A Biblical Theology of Social Justice
Prof. Johan Mostert

13:50 – 14:00
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants



14:00 – 14:50
Session 2: The National Strategy to Accelerate Action for Children – Mobilising Faith Communities around the Ten Priorities
Mesuli Kama

14:50 – 15:00
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants

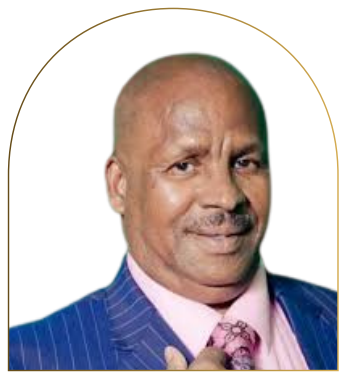
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Breakaway Sessions B



13:00 - 13:50
Session 1: The Biblical and Theological Basis of Doing Justice and Caring for the Poor and Needy within the SA Context
Dr. Japie La Poorta

13:50 – 14:00
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants



14:00 – 14:50
Session 2: Faith-Based Responses to Poverty & Inequality in SA
Dr Peter Mhlabane

14:50 – 15:00
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants



15:00 – 16:20
Plenary Panel Discussion:
Faith in Action: From Compassion to Justice
Ms. Nomahlubi Khwinana

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16:20 -16:30
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants



16:30 – 17:00
Closure
Ps. Bongi Naile

18:00 – 20:00
Evening Service -
Worship & Prayer
Dr Henri Weideman



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FRIDAY

Innovation, Healing & Wellbeing



08:30 - 09:00
Devotion & Reflection
Ps. Thandanani Savhasa



09:00 – 09:45
Plenary Session:
Social Services – Reform, Challenges and Opportunities for Faith Communities
Prof. Johan Mostert

09:45 – 10:25
Plenary Panel Discussion:
Social Services – Reform, Challenges and Opportunities for Faith Communities
Prof. Johan Mostert

10:25 - 10:30
Questions & Answers

10:30 - 11:00
Tea Break

Breakaway Sessions A



11:00 – 11:50
Session 1:
How do we confront social ills of violence (Faith & Gender norms) and the GBVF Challenge
Ms. Lisa Vetten

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Questions & Answers
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12:00-12:55
Session 2:
Healing, Reconciliation and Unity in Faith Communities
Ms. Annelise de Jager

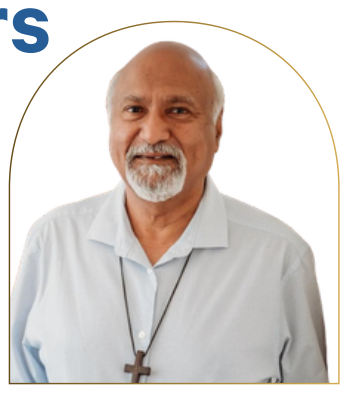
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Breakaway Sessions B



11:00 – 11:50
Session 1:
The Needle and the Altar – Employment and Marginalisation in South Africa
Ps. Miriam Basson

11:50 – 12:00
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants



12:00-12:55
Session 2: Local Church Involvement in Global Welfare
Ps. Ronnie Naidoo

12:50 – 13:00
Questions & Answers
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Lunch



14:00-14:30
Plenary Session:
Transforming Systems, Not Just Lives – Compassion as a Catalyst for Systemic Change
Rev. Frank Chikane



14:30-15:20
Plenary Session:
Mental Health and Spirituality: Breaking Stigma in Faith Communities
Dr. Julianna Willemse

15:20-15:30
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants



15:30-16:00
Commissioning & Call to Action
Ps. Sankwela Makaudi

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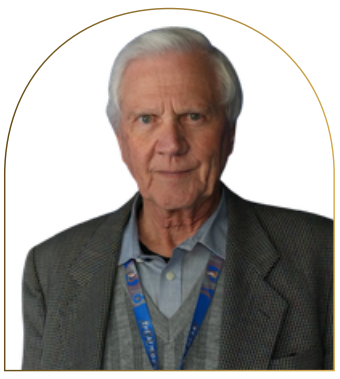
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SATURDAY

Supporting Local Faith Communities:

&

Equipping Churches for Sustainable Community Impact



08:30 – 09:00
Welcome & Devotion
Ps. Peter De Witt



09:00 – 10:20
Plenary Session 1
Panel Discussion: Community mobilisation, development & campaign guidance.
Ps. Bongiwe Naile &
Community Development Experts

10:20 – 10:30
Questions & Answers
Congress Participants

10:30 - 11:00
Tea Break



11:00-11:50
Plenary Session 2: Key Pillars to Run an Effective Non-Profit Organisation
Mr. Ashley Theron

11:50 – 12:00
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GALA LUNCHEON

A celebration of the AFM Welfare journey - honouring those who served, those who led, those whose lives have been impacted, and those who continue the call to care for the vulnerable.



From 12:00

Ps. Bongiwe Naile

Speaker: Maki Tselapedi

Entertainment

- Honouring the Dorcas Legacy
- Honouring Previous Leadership
- Celebrating Lives Impacted
- Celebrating Our Partners
- Looking Ahead with Hope

PCD & CPD POINTS

16 PCD Points: For pastors & religious practitioners

10 CPD Points: For social service practitioners

THANK YOU!