

ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 2004 TO MARCH 2006

Transformation Christian Network (TCN) is a bible-based prayer and mission initiative linking leaders in social transformation and moral regeneration.

Our vision is Christian leaders in churches, business, education and government (civil society) working together to bring about measurable social transformation.

The challenge is to tackle the giants of HIV and Aids, crime and corruption, violence, poverty and unemployment, family in crisis, racism and sexism.

1. PRAYER INITIATIVES:

United prayer is the foundation on which TCN continues to build its network.

* Our Global Day of Prayer on 15 May 2005 was rained out at the Adcock Stadium, but gave us a wonderful opportunity to innovate as we broadcast our entire program from the Radio Kingfisher studios while participants arriving at the Stadium were re-routed to either the Ebenezer Centre or Harvest Christian Church.

* Our Pastors' Prayer Initiative continues to meet regularly, while plans are in place to host our first Pastors' Prayer Summit in July 2006.

* Our United Prayer Movement (UPM) is about *pastors* praying together and promoting united prayer.

Objectives of UPM:

To use prayer as a vehicle to unite *church leaders*.

To ensure that every sector of the *marketplace* is covered in prayer daily.

To promote and develop *prayer ministry*.

To encourage the formation and linking of denominational and interdenominational area prayer *networks*.

Initiatives of UPM:

Pastors Prayer Initiative (PPI): to encourage church leaders to take *spiritual authority* by praying together in unity. Prayer *meetings* are held monthly.

To encourage Church Leaders to *mobilize* their members to pray.

To encourage the establishing of marketplace prayer networks in every *school* and place of learning, *business* and company; *department* of local and provincial government and *youth* network.

* UPM Prayer requests are collected weekly and sent out to the entire marketplace via radio, e-mail, sms, newspapers and church bulletins.

* The UPM is supported by the monthly Pastors' Prayer Initiatives; Global Day of Prayer and the Annual Pastors' Prayer Summit.

2. MISSION INITIATIVES:

2.1 HIV AND AIDS

* The Emmanuel Haven Project, a Christian response to HIV & Aids, in *Motherwell* is progressing steadily as the community, business, the church, government and education join hands in a vision of an "*HIV and Aids free Motherwell*".

* The findings of the baseline research project conducted by the NMMU HIV & Aids Centre, financed by John Huddleston and Rotary, are being discussed with the *Gqebera* Community and all the NGO's in the area. Once the community has agreed on the way forward, we will endeavour to motivate and mobilize other interested parties to participate.

* TCN plays a key role in coordinating the Emmanuel Haven project. It is made up of the following clusters: HIV & Aids Research Unit; Emmanuel Haven Farms; HIV & Aids Day Care Centre; VCT Unit; ARV Unit; Information /Education /Communication Unit; Eye Wellness Centre; Orphans Club and Christian Outreach.

* The Horticulture cluster (Greenhouse) was opened by the premier, Nosimo Balindlela, on 23 February 2006. The premier and the MEC for Agriculture, Mr G Nkwinti picked the first cucumbers on Monday, 20 March 2006.

* An especially exciting development is the application for Emmanuel Haven's own Community Radio Station which will focus on Christian outreach and health education.

2.2 CRIME, CORRUPTION AND VIOLENCE

* The highlight of the year was the successful SAPS and TCN joint initiative. Director Michelle Pretorius from Sophiatown SAPS was the main speaker at a workshop held at the Mount Road Police Station in August 2005. As a result of this workshop, the Provincial Commissioner Ross Mpongama invited TCN to form a prayer intercessors group at each police

station by 28 February 2006. He then suggested that once this goal had been achieved in the Bay, we should assist him by initiating a similar process throughout the Eastern Cape Province.

- * The first annual Police Service was held on Sunday, 6 November 2005. This project was initiated by the Police Chaplains, TCN and the Methodist Church under Bishop Siwa and Reverend Java.

- * The TCN and SAPS joint initiative has gone from strength to strength. There are now prayer groups at all 22 police stations in Port Elizabeth and we are supporting another 21 stations in the surrounding towns. One of the objectives of this project is that every policeperson and the individual members of their families should be prayed for by someone every day.

2.3 POVERTY:

- * The TCN decision to join the *Community Chest* "Winter Woolly Week" network with Caltex, Redibox, Pep Stores, Algoa FM, Robin Good Ministries, Churches, Schools & Police Stations, assisted in creating a united effort by the Metro to care for those suffering from an extremely cold winter.

- * Robin Good, under the guidance and dedication of Colin Fox, continues to supply food and essentials to thousands of needy people on a monthly basis.

2.4 FAMILY IN CRISIS:

- * Spearheaded by TCN, FAMSA & the Family Transformation Centre, a research project has been started to develop a directory of Family Counseling and Marriage Services. This is being handled by Trish Daniels in the Walmer Fraternal.

- * A first special package deal for training the trainers / counselors of all churches, was presented by Drummond and Linda Robinson of Family Transformation International on Saturday, 22 October 2005.

- * The Family in Crisis interest group is assisting with the running of 3 Alpha marriage courses in the Walmer fraternal. Churches are starting to work together as they share their resources in this area.

2.5 SEXISM:

- * A very successful conference entitled "Let's Go Biblical on Gender" was organized by Ethel Pittaway and her Gender Reconciliation Association Committee. The guest speaker was Miranda Pillay, senior lecturer in the Department of Religion and Theology at the University of Cape Town, who asked the question "Can we go biblical on gender?" She pointed out the similarities between race and gender discrimination.

2.6 RACISM:

- * Conversational Xhosa Project: In an effort to promote cross cultural relationships, four churches in Walmer were invited to participate in a pilot scheme to teach Xhosa to interested church members.

- * This was held at St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Walmer and proved to be a great success. We believe that we will improve intercultural relationships if we learn to speak each other's language. This initiative will continue and we have planned to hold three courses during 2006.

- * SACLA have approached TCN to facilitate a colloquium on "Racism: How are we doing in the Church, Business, Education and Government?" This will be organized in 2006 in conjunction with Bishop Lunga ka Siboto and Professor Piet Naude of the Institute of Ethics at the NMMU.

3. YOUTH LEADERSHIP NETWORK:

- * The youth have experienced a great year and undoubtedly remain the pace-setters in the Bay. The highlight of the year was the introduction of the "Silver Ring Thing" on 22 and 23 July. An estimated 3500 people attended the two SRT concerts held at the NMMU Sports Centre and Ebenezer Christian Centre. Faced with the belief that "HIV and Aids is envisaged to impact 66% of today's 15 year olds, therefore we must act with a new resolve to turn the tide", TCN is accepting the challenge to make a difference by spearheading an abstinence movement in the Bay.

- * CHANGE AGENTS Youth Leaders Conference was held from 17 - 20 March at Sumcay camp site. The privilege of partaking in a gathering of over 100 passionate youth leaders from many nationalities (SA, USA, Malawi, Zambia etc.) left every attendee forever changed, challenged and inspired! The overwhelming opinion is that "This annual event is not to be missed!"

- * IGNITE 2006 was a continuation of the youth and children's ministry convention with a new vision and direction. With 28 workshops and 90% of the speakers coming from Madiba Bay, we had an awesome time together. During the last weekend of February every year we will wait on God to ignite us with His passion for young people.

- * KICK - "Kids in Christ's Kingdom" is a Bay-wide initiative for children from Grades 1 to 7. It involves worship, drama, games, loads of fun with friends and leaders and children ministering and praying for one another!

4. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:

- * SACLA DVD "Moment to Movement" using NMB: TCN as a case study, was produced for national distribution.

- * TCN has completed an exciting new branding exercise to give it more of a NM Bay identity. We finalized our new logo, newsletter format, compliment slips and letterheads, which we launched early in 2006.

- * TCN and Radio Kingfisher launched a new "whole metro praying together" initiative in February 2006. This will involve identifying the current needs of the metro and providing appropriate prayer pointers for the entire NM Bay to pray together

- * Our new TCN website was launched in January this year. Please consult our website: www.tcn.org.za for more detail.

* The “Join us in extending God’s Kingdom in the Bay” pamphlet was launched in March 2006. The pamphlet sets out clearly our focus on marketplace, social transformation and moral regeneration, together with our purpose, vision, challenges and initiatives.

5. EDUCATION:

* “Mothers Who Care” is a Christian ministry dedicated to pray for our children, teachers and schools. A very successful workshop was held at Grey High School on 17 September 2005 to launch the network. The network has now formed its own working committee and is already functioning in 70 schools.

* The next step, in conjunction with TCN, will be the identifying and linking together of Christian school principals.

6. HEARTLINE PROJECT:

* TCN is working with the Mass Media Project to promote this moral regeneration initiative in the NM Bay.

* TCN and the Youth Leadership Networking group are hard at work coordinating the launch of Heartlines on SABC TV2 in July 2006. Heartlines is an innovative way to start tackling moral regeneration. It is a divinely inspired initiative that uses the power of the media to address social issues from a Christian Worldview by promoting Godly values. The values are forgiveness, confession, self control, responsibility, grace, tolerance, perseverance and integrity. Material on video and DVD have been created for Churches and cell groups.

7. BUSINESS:

* The Workplace Intercessors Network has now grown to over 100 members who meet regularly to pray for businesses in the Bay.

* WIN is busy encouraging workplace Christians to make their work environment a place of prayer, where the presence of God is realized and to use their finances to support community projects.

* The highlight of the Businessmen’s breakfast was the address by Juan Zuccarrelli from Argentina.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS:

* We have commenced with the promotion of prayer networks in all government departments.

9. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE:

9.1 **Pastoral Reference Group:** Bishop Bethlehem Nopece (Chairperson)

9.2 **Executive Committee:** Bishop Lunga ka Siboto (Chairperson); Bishop Nkosinathi Vika; Pastor Andre la Grange; Pastor Richard Keet; Pastor Afrika Mhlophe; Pastor Carol Burton; Mrs Lynn Page; Bishop Zipho Siwa; Mrs Abigail Tukula

Changes during the year

Pastor Richard Keet - replaced Pastor Raymond Mentor who relocated to Cape Town; Pastor Afrika Mhlophe - replaced Ms Alison Glover who joined TCN Staff; Pastor Carol Burton, Mrs Lynn Page, Bishop Zipho Siwa and Mrs Abigail Tukula - were co-opted to ensure we meet SARS/Government requirements.

9.3 **Finance Committee:** Bishop Nkosinathi Vika (Chairperson); Mr Alan Anderson; Mr Dick Forster; Mr Gugu Nxiweni

Changes during the year: Mr Gugu Nxiweni - replaced Mr Mike Smith who stood down due to time constraints.

9.4 **Marketing Forum:** Mr Adrian Ristow; Mr Andre Viljoen; Mr Eric Momsen; Mr Neil Hart; Mr Shaun Gouws

9.5 **TCN Co-Ordinators:** Pastor Mvusi Gwam; Mr Trevor Jennings; Mr Pierre van Wyk; Pastor Lance Kock

9.6 **Office Staff:** Mrs Margie Noble (Office Administrator); Ms Allison Glover (Prayer & Youth Co-ordinator)

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