

Transformation Christian Network: 2019 Annual Report

Closing the gap between the pulpit and the community.

TCN is an informal network of volunteers supporting and encouraging Church leaders in NM Bay. We believe a Church working together guided by John 17:21 and Psalm 133.1 will make a major contribution to our metro. TCN is committed to supporting Church Leaders in Business, Churches, Education, Government and Civil Society by taking a message of hope and reconciliation to the furthest ends of the metro (www.tcn.org.za).

Different ministries in the city who share a Kingdom vision meet regularly to encourage each other. Ministries such as the Citywide Prayer Intercessors (www.pechurchnet.co.za), Worklife Ministry (www.stnicholas.org.za under "Worklife Button"), What's your Story and various Men's Ministries provide resources and a connection point for many believers in NM Bay.

Worklife, a ministry to effectively persuade Christians that there was essentially no sacred/secular divide, has continued unabated, largely due to the 70 odd Audio Clips that were recorded and aired weekly by Kingfisher FM right up to the time they were forced off air. More recently these clips are also posted on TCN Facebook page every Monday.

The Nehemiah Vision remains the glue that holds us together. The vision focuses on working with established structures already in place in municipal wards. It is a practical approach to encourage churches to influence and add value to the community outside their church buildings. It encourages communities to work together. A society that remains disconnected will never gain any traction in dealing with the challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment.

The **highlights of 2019** were undoubtedly the weekly Church in the Community column in the Herald newspaper, the Nehemiah Pocket Booklet and the launch of the 200km Nehemiah Prayer Route

The weekly Church in the Community Column, which is distributed weekly to a number of publications, social media platforms and circulated to all churches, provides the senior Church Leaders with an opportunity to communicate regularly with citizens of NM Bay on important topical issues affecting their lives (www.tcn.org.za).

The publishing of the Nehemiah Pocket Booklet made it possible for us to move the vision from the theoretical and theological to the tangible (www.tcn.org.za).

The Nehemiah Prayer Walk brought the Nehemiah Vision to the people in the community (www.tcn.org.za) The objective and final step in launching the walk is to establish regular prayer groups in every ward in NMB.

In 2020 we will embark on a program to facilitate practical initiatives on the ground that will make it possible for local churches to play a meaningful role in joining the conquering of the giants of healing and reconciliation, restoring our family life, inequality in education and health, unemployment and poverty, economic transformation and anchoring our democracy.

Thank you for your encouragement and ongoing support during 2019.

Trevor Jennings
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