

NELSON MANDELA BAY:
TRANSFORMATION CHRISTIAN NETWORK

Linking leaders in transforming communities

2004 Annual Report



Purpose Statement:

Transformation Christian Network is a prayer and mission initiative linking leaders in transforming communities.

1. PRAYER INITIATIVE:

- 1.1 Annual Transformation Day of Prayer was held at the Wolfsohn Stadium, Kwazakhele, on 2 May 2004.
- 1.2 We will be participating in the Transformation Global Day of Prayer which will be held at the Adcock Stadium in Korsten on 15 May 2005.
- 1.3 Annual Pastors Prayer Summit was held on 29 July 2004, while pastors continue to meet on a monthly basis.
- 1.4 The Prayer Intercessors Network has grown rapidly and we now have 20 area co-ordinators with over 450 prayer intercessors representing 110 congregations praying regularly for the Bay. The network is systematically being spread to schools and businesses.

2 MISSION INITIATIVE:

- 2.1 **HIV and Aids:** The Gqebera Aids Network has been formed. A research pilot project, supported by local business, has been launched by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University HIV and Aids centre. The Transformation Christian Network has been requested to co-ordinate the Emmanuel Haven HIV & Aids Centre, Education and Research cluster, the Horticulture cluster and the SMME cluster in Motherwell.
- 2.2 **Crime and Violence:** Pilot scheme between churches and Walmer Police has been launched.

2.3 Poverty and Unemployment: The Walmer Methodist Church and Harvest Christian Church have joined **Robin Good Trust**, spearheaded by Colin Fox and Coleen Poisat. The Trust is responsible for supporting over fifty ministries in the Bay on a monthly basis.

2.4 Family in Crisis: In partnership FAMSA, Family Transformation International and Transformation Christian Network, hosted a workshop. It was led by Drummond Robinson and Erna Jonker in the City Hall on Friday 15 October 2004. The purpose was to pursue a vision of introducing a Marriage and Family Commitment Policy for the Bay.

2.5 Sexism: Ethel Pittaway, the co-ordinator of the Sexism Giant, attended the recent “Men, Women and the Church: A biblical approach to relationships” **conference** held at St Johns College, Durham, England. General Sessions were led by amongst others, Tom Wright, theologian, author and senior research fellow at Tyndale College, Cambridge. Our first local Workshop was held on Saturday, 13 November 2004 with Prof Piet Naude as the keynote speaker.

2.6 Racism: The Pastoral Reference Group, comprising key leaders of denominations and city ministries, is meeting regularly to network and develop relationships. This group has identified **ten issues** in our city related to racism, and at each meeting a prepared paper is presented and debated, with the purpose of developing a greater understanding and closer unity. (The ten issues that are currently being debated are Affirmative Action, Two-worlds, Human Rights Day, Ignorance, Fear, Restitution / Reparation, Reconciliation, Unity, Poverty and the question of “Coloured” people.

3. PASTORAL REFERENCE GROUP:

A larger pastoral reference group consisting of leaders from all sectors of the marketplace is being established. We define the marketplace as Business, Church, Education and Government. Bishop Bethlehem Nopece is the current chairperson of the Pastoral Reference Group.



4. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Constitution was signed at a Special General Meeting on 24 November 2004, and Transformation Christian Network has submitted its application to become a registered Public Benefit Organisation. Bishop Lunga Ka Siboto is the current chairperson of the Executive Committee.
5. **GQEBERA PROJECT:** The extensive networking that has taken place over the last few months in Gqebera is bearing fruit. The Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, AFM, and several other smaller congregations have joined hands in the above project. CARE RSA under Pastor Larry Goswell, in association with the Unit for Religious Demographic Research of the Faculty of Divinity of Stellenbosch University, is conducting a GPS Spiritual and Community Needs Survey. Also participating in the project is the **Pakamisa Trust** (which represents a coalition of seven **NGOs** working together in Gqebera) whose main aim is to fight HIV and Aids, Crime, Violence and Poverty. The project is being led by Rev Zola Nanana, Rev Richard Gowana and Max Popo.
6. **YOUTH AND EDUCATION:** In August the proposal of a **Youth Leadership Network** was presented to a dynamic group of young people from across the city. Since then a database of church and youth leaders in ministry, along with JOT teachers, has been established. Currently the YLN is gearing up for a *Change Agents Conference* (18-21 March 2005), with the purpose of the Bay-wide networking and training input.
7. **ICCC & WIN:** Mike Smith and Peter Booth-Jones are making great strides in building the local Chapter of the International Christian Chamber of Commerce.
8. **THE MORAL REGENERATION MOVEMENT:** The Transformation Christian Network is playing a key role in assisting the Eastern Cape Department of Education with its Moral Regeneration program roll out into schools and communities.
9. **NEW BRANDING, LOGO, LETTERHEAD, AND PAMPHLETS:** We are currently finalizing the above and hope to have everything in place by the end of March 2005.

God Bless You

Mvusi Gwam, Trevor Jennings, and Lance Kock.
CO-ORDINATORS