

Nelson Mandela Bay Transformation Christian Network

1. **NM BAY: GATEWAY CITY:** We believe that God's **redemptive purpose** for our city is to be a Gateway into and out of Africa for God's authority and power; and to be a place where His kingdom of justice and righteousness will be real and demonstrated in a transformed city. We believe that we will see significant progress if God's purpose for the city is embraced by its citizens and the **root cause** of its present condition is dealt with.
2. **ORIGINS:** The Transformation movement began in NM Bay in 1999. George Otis Junior's video on prayer and the transformation of whole cities motivated people to start praying together. Early in 2000 Graham Power initiated the historic Newlands' Prayer Day which launched the **Global Day of Prayer** (GDOP) movement. The first transformation conference in NM Bay was conducted by Dave Thompson in 2001. A working committee was established under the chairmanship of Lawrie Wilmot. The first GDOP was held in NM Bay in 2002. In 2003 TCN was established, based on initiatives such as **GDOP & SACLA** and the marketplace ministries of **Ed Silviso**.
3. **VISION:** *Linking leaders* to work in unity for the transformation of NM Bay.
4. **MISSION:** To work for reformation in NM Bay of *church, business, education, government, media & communication, family, sport and arts & entertainment*.
5. **PRAYER FOCUS:** In order for us to move in authority to effect God's rule we need to understand that **spiritual warfare** is involved in each sector in NM Bay. We need to move in obedience to God and in the power of His Spirit, opposing the usurping spirit of the world.
6. **WORKLIFE FOCUS:** To encourage church leaders to equip and care for those in the **workplace** so that they may be **salt and light** in that environment.
7. **TARGET MARKET:** Those in **Leadership** positions in all sectors of city life.
8. **WHAT MAKES TCN DIFFERENT:** The ability to **network leaders** from different denominations.
9. **NETWORK STRATEGY:** To enhance *the combined spiritual power and intellectual capacity of leaders*, in order to motivate them to accept responsibility to bring about radical change in the NM Bay.
10. **COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:** To use technology effectively; i.e. **Social media**, so as to give effect to both a top down and bottom up strategy. (Top down would focus on leaders in the workplace while bottom up would use members of local churches to fulfill their unique purpose in their areas of influence.) It was for this reason that TCN became Co-founders of Gateway News, established in March 2011.
11. **DESIRED OUTCOMES:** The defining characteristics of a community that is being transformed are the positive **socio-economic** effects that occur. The *crime* rate goes down, *per capita* income goes up, systemic *poverty* is significantly alleviated, more *learners* are completing schooling successfully, the city leaders are conducting themselves in an ethical manner, and the community presents a united front.
12. **INDIVIDUAL SECTOR FOCUS:** 12.1. **Prayer:** To **equip and link Christians** in prayer for a transformed NM Bay. 12.2. **Church:** To transform NM Bay by facilitating **church unity**. 12.3. **Business:** To encourage business people to embrace **kingdom values**, and provide greater prosperity in NM Bay. 12.4. **Education:** To encourage church leaders to facilitate community involvement in promoting **effective teaching and learning**. 12.5. **Government:** To encourage all government sectors to embrace **kingdom values and** to promote **prosperity** in NM Bay.