

Report on activities of the CCW Cape Church 2020/2021

(to be forwarded to Synod)

1. The impact of the Corona pandemic is still very eminent since 03/2020 not only on the CCW activities but certainly on most activities in our congregations. In addition to this challenging factor comes an overall lack of support from the CCW Congregations for inter-congregational relationship. As this should be the main focus of activities within the CCW it leaves a frustrating mark on the current committee.
2. At our 2020 AGM all previous executive members resigned (it nearly led to a crises of further existence of the CCW) and a new (steering) committee has been elected (Pastor Schalk Treurnicht, Detlev Ahlert - Belville and Martin Detering – Southern Cape). This committee met in regular intervals with the main challenge on how to make the CCW relevant again.
3. A retreat weekend at “Volmoed” (Hermanus) has been planned for Feb.`21 with the focus on reviving the CCW and bringing our congregations together. However due to Corona this has been postponed till further notice.
4. The CCW is in the fortunate position to benefit financially from the proceeds of the “Bainskloof” Fund, which is reflected in our budget. The CCW executive committee previously changed the rules for the use of these funds to be extended not only for youth work but to be spent through application for congregational development, support and uplifting of different groups within congregations.
5. On Sunday the 7th of March 2021 the yearly inter-congregational worship service took place which has been arranged by the CCW committee with the participation of most of our CCW congregations. In this virtual worship services each congregation had been given a task and the whole “product” was uploaded onto YouTube where all the congregations could watch as a part of the CCW.
6. During 2020/21 we supported the food feeding program of the Cape Church and we helped financially towards the UCT fire crisis in April 2021.
7. Our current aim is to share information, success stories and challenges between congregations, which is made difficult because of the covid situation where personal contact sessions are difficult to schedule. We therefore plan to be present in church committee meetings so that we can introduce ourselves and start interacting with congregations.

A future vision is to work towards better co-operation between the congregations to build capacity in human resources and cross pollinate much needed Church activities. In this regard a motion has been forwarded to the synod dealing with the structures and support of the laity of our Cape Church.

Regards,

The CCW Executive Committee