



## THE AFM OF SA's DRAFT POLICY ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

1. MANDATE: 05.30.2 Resolution: NOB2018:06:19-21/07
  - 1.1 At the June 2018 National Office Bearers (NOB) Retreat, this matter served as one of the priority issues in the agenda.
  - 1.2 After discussions the meeting reached a consensus on the formulation of this policy. NOB, further, resolved that such a policy should include:
    - 1.2.1 Coordination of the work currently done by the AFM of SA mission agencies and local assemblies across the world including consideration of their views on, and approach to the current missional approach by the AFM of SA.
    - 1.2.2 Establishment of AFM churches in countries where the AFM, does not exist, especially, where there is no presence of any Evangelical or Pentecostal churches or ministries.
    - 1.2.3 Involvement of AFM local Assemblies and AFM members in the diaspora.
    - 1.2.4 Strengthening of church structures (policies) and the development of leadership
  - 1.3 The task of preparing a draft policy in this regard was given to the President
  - 1.4 This draft policy was accepted by the March 2019 NLF for purposes of circularization in terms of Clause 12.2 of the constitution of the AFM of SA.
2. PROPOSED DRAFT
  - 2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is intended to give guidance to the AFM of SA towards the fulfillment of the following two of its mission's objectives:

    - Development, equipping and release of believers into ministry (P.4.4) and
    - Extension of the church's influence beyond its boundaries and abroad (P.4.5)
  - 2.2 Need for coordination

Noting with appreciation and thanks the impact of the missions' projects, currently undertaken by the AFM of SA local assemblies and Specialized ministries there is a need for some coordination of these endeavors.
  - 2.3 Current strategic plan

Noting the current strategic plan which is aimed at transitioning the church into missional church and the concomitant results of such transitions upon its pastors and members, and further

Noting that the AFM of SA, currently, does not have a policy regarding its mission beyond the borders of South Africa there is a need for the church to produce a mission policy that would guide its mission activities beyond the South African borders.



### 3. MISSION ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES WHERE AN AFM CHURCH EXISTS

Mission activities by the AFM of SA structures (local assemblies, regional structures, national structures, specialized ministries, etc.) in foreign countries where the AFM church has been registered as a church shall:

- 3.1 Register and coordinate such activities with the Leadership of the AFM in that country. Such registration should include a full motivation as to the goal/s that are to be reached.
- 3.2 Adhere to the constitutional requirements of the AFM in that country;
- 3.3 Sign a formal agreement with the leadership of the AFM in that country. The formal agreement must include the following:
  - 3.3.1 Nature and purpose of the foreign mission to be undertaken
  - 3.3.2 Relationship and responsibilities of the sponsors and the host church/country.
  - 3.3.3 Period of service in the host country should be specified from the outset, but may be adjustable depending on circumstances
  - 3.3.5 Release such work or establishment to the AFM in that country once the initial goal, as per the registration thereof in clause 1.1, has been reached;
- 3.4 Abide by the laws of the country in which such mission project is to be conducted.

### 4. MISSION ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES WHERE THE AFM CHURCH DOES NOT EXIST

Mission activities by the AFM of SA structures (local assemblies, regional structures, national structures, specialized ministries, etc.) in foreign countries where the AFM church does not exist shall:

- 4.1 Register and coordinate such activities with the office of the AFM of SA General Secretary and the office of the Secretary General of the AFM International. Such registration should include a full motivation as to the goal/s that are to be reached.
- 4.2 Abide by the laws of the country in which such missionary work is to be conducted.
- 4.3 Second pastors, where necessary, to the work in such country in terms of the AFM of SA secondment policy.
- 4.4 Make an effort, in collaboration with the AFM International to register the Apostolic Faith Mission in that country.
- 4.5 In collaboration with the Office of the General Secretary of the AFM of SA guide the newly established AFM church on the road to maturity in terms of Biblical Principles and approved constitutional prescripts over a period as agreed upon;
- 4.6 Release the newly established AFM church to govern themselves in terms of their own constitution once the goals clause 4.1 have been reached.



## 5. COORDINATION OF MISSIONS PROJECTS

- 5.1 All missions' projects operating beyond the South African borders must be registered as specialized ministries through the Office of the General Secretary
- 5.2 Annual reports of these projects must be submitted to the General Secretary's Office
- 5.3 Annual meetings for these projects must be convened by the General Secretary for purposes of sharing mission experiences and challenges.
- 5.4 Reports from these meetings must be submitted to the National Leadership Forum for action.

## 6. REACHING OUT TO THE UNREACHED

### 6.1 Scope of the Great Commission

The scope of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, goes beyond South Africa and covers the entire global community.

### 6.2 Countries least reached

The National Leadership Forum must identify countries that are the least reached in terms of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One indicator in this regard should be where there is no presence of Evangelical or Pentecostal churches' presence.

### 6.3 Mobilization and coordination of missional activities

The NLF must mobilize and coordinate missional activities to reach out to countries that have not been reached with the Gospel of Jesus.

### 6.4 Members in the diaspora

Our members in the diaspora must be made aware of their missional calling and be encouraged to live up to it.

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