1. ASCENSION DAY, PENTECOSTAL WEEK & PENTECOSTAL SUNDAY

Dear Colleagues,

I trust you are well! I want to remind all that Ascension Day is next Thursday on the 10th of May 2018. The Pentecostal Week starts on 11 May 2018 and conclude on the Pentecostal Sunday which will be on the 20th of May 2018. My appeal is that Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the Gifts of the Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit should be given priority both during the Pentecostal Week and the Pentecostal Sunday. Let's believe God for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
I have asked Past. Robbie Black to give us feedback on the Up4SA united prayer initiative that took place during the month of February this year. This is a growing prayer movement with more and more communities getting involved:

Up4SA is all about standing ‘Up’ to the call for PRAYER and UNITY in South Africa on grassroots level. There is no better time for ordinary believers (across denomination and race) to grab the opportunity to be ambassadors of Unity through Prayer all across South Africa! The body of Christ needs to take the lead in this regard! I’m whole heartily convinced that healing in our Nation will come from grassroots level, it’s time for the Christian community to ACTIVELY PURSUE UNITY!

We honour the Lord for more than 250 towns that joined in united prayer this year. There are so many testimonies of towns where relationships are being restored in communities and between local churches and pastors since the start of Up4SA in 2016. The gates of hell are shaken when believers across race and denominations take hands in United Prayer. Strongholds of hate, anger, racism, self-righteousness etc. are broken when we unite in prayer. We have a responsibility as Christians to reach out to each other, we need to build relationships so that we can be united to take a stand for what is right and pure in our Communities and Country! We can start by praying together in unity! Let’s not wait for next year’s nationwide Up4SA prayer weekend, start now!

There are some very important aspects on prayer that we need to emphasize! Remember that prayer is about relationship, whether we want to know it or not, our prayer life reflects our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Secondly we know that prayer is a discipline. We need to discipline ourselves to pray, it doesn’t just happen or comes easily. Thirdly, prayer is also about responsibility. So many times we say that we pray for issues of concern and for each other, but do we really pray?

Lastly, we do realize that prayer is continual, Acts 12:5 (KJV) “Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.” The Bible also teaches us that the Holy Spirit are constantly interceding for us. Praise the Lord! If we say that we are truly filled with the Holy Spirit and that we are Pentecostal, we should have the nature and fullness of the Holy Spirit in us. This means that we will have a supernatural unction / desire / yearning to be a praying Body!

What a blessing it is to be a Pentecostal Church, the blessing of praying in the Holy Spirit! When we don’t know what to pray, the Holy Spirit guides us. The wonder of receiving the revelation of the mysteries of God, to experience the heart of God in prayer, to get in sync with God as we pray in tongues.

Let us keep four things in mind: God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer, God delivers by prayer.” EM Bounds

Love and blessings!
Robbie Black
We are excited to share information about the upcoming AFM National Men’s Conference:

To download the Formal Invitation Letter, Registration Form and Accommodation Options follow the link below to the Events page of the AFM website:
http://afm-ags.org/category/events/

Or visit the AFM Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/events/196441254470991/
4. **AFM NATIONAL YOUTH: CONFERENCE**

All our regions, networks, committees and members are encouraged to register for the annual AFM National Youth Conference in Gauteng:

To download the Registration Form please visit the AFM website:  
http://afm-ags.org/category/events/

For more information on how to register online for the conference visit:  
https://www.facebook.com/events/171720516868544/

5. **EMPOWERED21 AFRICAN CONGRESS AT WOORD & LEWE, BOKSBURG**

Download the Registration Form Here:  
http://afm-ags.org/category/events/

Today I am sharing an extremely important and strategic event with you – and especially with our AFM Pastors, Governing Body Members, Leaders and Members in and around the Gauteng Province.

Empowered21 is an organization that is helping to shape the future of the Spirit-empowered movement throughout the world. It is open to all Spirit-empowered churches, ministries, organisations, networks and fellowships. The Empowered21 African Congress is a strategic empowerment opportunity that speaks directly into the heart of missionality and the AFM’s “One
AFM Game Plan. The vision of EMPOWERED21 is:

“That every person on earth would have an authentic encounter with Jesus Christ through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit...by Pentecost 2033.”

This vision mirrors the Great Commission and connects to the basic vision of every Christian church – and especially every AFM assembly. In attendance will be a wide array of ministry leaders from around the world, including William Wilson (President, Oral Roberts University), George Wood (Chairman, World Assemblies of God Fellowship); Opoku Onyinah (President, Ghana Pentecostal and Charismatic Council), Frank Chikane (President, The Apostolic Faith Mission International); Daniel Kolenda (President, Christ for All Nations); Ron Luce (Global Youth Strategist, Generation Next) and many others.

Ten focus areas have been identified for both the main and individual track sessions (that are aligned with the AFM’s missional church strategy):

- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Prayer networks
- Women’s ministry
- Children’s ministry
- Next Generation Youth Network (NGN)
- Theological scholars
- Advocacy & prophetic leadership
- Humanitarian aid & disaster relief
- Christian Business Network

Through registering for this congress you get the opportunity to be part of network structures (from continental to national levels) that serve and network with African leaders on each of the focus areas. The idea is to create new connections that will empower the Spirit-filled movement to fulfil the Great Commission.

On Saturday 19 May 2018 the program will focus on inter-generational impartation. All young people, Youth Pastors & Leaders are invited to participate in the sessions hosted by the Next
Generation Network (NGN). Local youth that can't afford to come to the whole Congress are
couraged to buy tickets for the Saturday only at a special youth discounted price of R150.
Youth tickets for the Saturday will be available soon.

I want to encourage you to attend this Congress as it will strengthen the overall leadership in your
assembly, region, network or department. The registration fee has been lowered to R600. Online
registration can be done through i-tickets at https://itickets.co.za/events/383130. The link is also
on the Empowered21 official website:
www.empowered21.com

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Blessings!
M.G. Mahlobo