

# The Executive Welfare Council of the AFM of SA



# MESSAGE OF SUPPORT: PAST. M.G. MAHLOBO - PRESIDENT OF THE AFM OF SA

## OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR STRATEGIC COMMITMENT



Some of the most significant socio-economic challenges in South Africa are poverty, high unemployment and low income, crime, family breakdown and poor standards of education. This is our missional context in which we must demonstrate our caring spirit and commit to actions that will make a difference in the lives of people.

AFM Assemblies and Members are called upon to contribute to the transformation of our communities by becoming the agents of change. We are called to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16).

First, identify the needs in your community (e.g. within your community ward, village, town and city). Secondly, identify and implement actions that will address these needs. Thirdly, find a way to measure the impact these actions are making on people's lives.

The AFM is a missional church with a heart for seeing our local communities change and transform to places where God reigns. Community Involvement is one of our drivers in the One AFM Game Plan. I encourage you to implement this driver on an ethical and professional standard. The Executive Welfare Council of the AFM of SA is here to support and empower you.

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# CALL FOR ACTION: PAST. B. PETERSEN - CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE WELFARE COUNCIL OF THE AFM OF SA



My Call for Action is premised on the Words of Jesus Christ in **Matthew 25:34-36**: Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you

gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.”

Loving and serving others is not just a calling, it is an instruction from God and it is meant for everyone. The Executive Welfare Council of the AFM of SA, is the ministry through which the AFM has and will continue to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable people, especially children women and older persons.

Community Involvement is one of the drivers of the One AFM Game Plan to fight poverty and other social ills which is of utmost importance. Every AFM Assembly can and must be involved with developmental actions that will bring change to the people; fulfilling the original missional calling of our church.

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The AFM Welfare Department has the tools and programmes to support your Assembly with understanding, planning and implementing social development actions and projects. We assist Pastors and Assemblies to identify the most important social problems in their communities and equip them to be part of the solution. Get in contact with our acting CEO, Ashley Theron for clear guidance.

We invite our Pastors and Assemblies to serve on the governance structures of Welfare Institutions and to encourage your members to support and volunteer their skills and time to the AFM Child Care and Youth Centres, Foster Homes and Old Age Homes in your area. Volunteers may be electricians, accountants, tax preparation specialists, plumbers, carpenters, mechanics, doctors, personal trainers, dentists, coaches, babysitters amongst others. Further we encourage our Assemblies to affiliate their social development projects (such as Welfare, Health, Education etc.) with the AFM Welfare, unlocking collective resources to improve our collective impact.

Whilst making this passionate call for action, it is appropriate to record my most sincere thanks and appreciation to our Pastors, Assemblies and members for their selfless, dedicated involvement in changing lives in the various institutions.

Blessings as we strive to do the will of God!

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The Executive Welfare Council of the AFM of SA (EWC) is the Welfare Department of our church, The Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa. It was established and registered as a National Welfare Council in 1938. As an organisation with its own legislative authority, it focuses on social development (welfare) work in its broadest sense within South African communities. It includes the establishment and management of institutions for children and older persons as well as community development projects with and through Assemblies, established in terms of its scope of practice.

## THE WORK OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The work of the Welfare Department includes:

1. Child Protection and Family Preservation Programme - uMephi
2. Care and protection of Older Persons
3. Community Development Programme - uManelisi



# 1. uMephi – CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAMME



The uMephi programme includes 35 Child and Youth Care Centres and 13 Foster Homes - providing services to 450 children (from all races) in need of care and protection. Children are between the ages of 0-18 years and removed from their parents' care due to physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect or abandonment. Our model makes use of House Parents (now referred to as Child and Youth Care Workers) who fulfil a substitute parenting role. uMephi cares for these children across 8 provinces of South Africa:

Type of Project	uMephi cares for children across 8 provinces in SA								
	Gauteng	Western Cape	Northern Cape	North West	Free State	Eastern Cape	Mpumalanga	Limpopo	Total
<b>CHILD &amp; YOUTH CARE CENTRES (C &amp; YCC)</b>									
For children needing care and protection	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
For abandoned babies	4	3	2	0	1	0	1	1	12
For disabled and terminally ill babies and toddlers	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>FOSTER HOMES</b>									
For children needing care and protection	0	2	1	1	2	7	0	0	13
<b>Total:</b>	26	5	4	1	3	7	1	1	48
<b>CHILDREN CARED FOR ON A DAILY BASIS BY UMEPHI</b>									
Total number of children	262	44	37	6	24	42	12	24	450



## **Community-Based Child Protection Services in Port Elizabeth**

Our only community-based child protection office, situated in Port Elizabeth, renders statutory work including Adoptions and Foster Care. We also provide services in our Foster Care Home and our partner Foster Care Homes. We provide a support service to local Assemblies in partnership with the Eastern-Cape Regional Welfare Committee, relevant Government Departments and other organisations to capacitate the community and strengthen families.

## 2. CARE AND PROTECTION OF OLDER PERSONS



### **Residential Frail Care Centres**

Provision is made for the care and protection of frail older persons in three of our Old Age Homes in Touwsrivier, Sarepta and Kuilsrivier. Committees and staff members, led by the EWC Secretary Trevor Herbert, are responsible for oversight, managing and running programmes for 260 individuals; some who come from challenging and disadvantaged circumstances. In many cases persons admitted over the years had been abandoned by their families, left homeless wondering the streets for long periods of time. They begged for basic needs such as food, clothes and medication. They now receive physical care, medical care as well as psychological care after admission.

### **Retirement Villages**

A Retirement Village as an option for retirement remains a popular choice for persons over the age of 50 years. For this reason, the units in the 5 Retirement Villages of the Welfare Department are always utilized to the maximum: Lofdal (Centurion), Kabega (Port Elizabeth), Rosestad (Bloemfontein), Vue Du Cap (Cape Town) and Villeria (Pretoria). The Retirement Villages make provision for Older Persons from all economical spheres of life. Units are available to be rented by sub-economically elderly persons or the option is also there for the units to be purchased.

### 3. UMANELISI – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our Community Development Programme, uManelisi is best placed to work with and through Assemblies to address poverty, unemployment, inequality, AIDS, violence against women and children, drug use and abuse as well as other challenges that negatively impact on South Africans. It is through this programme that substance can be given to the One AFM Game Plan driver – Community Involvement. For many years the task to care for and empower communities was passed on to the State and Welfare Organisations, with churches/assemblies offering support only when requested to do so. Today, the need for Social Service Intervention Programmes has become so big that neither the State nor Welfare Organisations are able to address it alone. This includes prevention and educational programmes.

#### **What role is the church playing in addressing these major problems?**

uManelisi is the programme that empowers the church to respond to these challenges. Through the CHURCH, a caring community can bring change in the lives of many people that are suffering. Such Community Involvement or Developmental Action can “heal” the hurt, “meet” the need and bring sustainable living circumstances for all vulnerable people.

The main aim of the uManelisi programme is to work with and through Assemblies to render:

- **Community-Based Services** - supporting vulnerable children, families, women, older persons and persons with disabilities.
- **Socio-Health Services** - raising awareness through education and training, supporting persons suffering from chronic illnesses like AIDS and TB as well as those addicted to drugs and other substances.
- **Socio-Educational Services** - support Assemblies that are running Early Childhood Development programmes, literacy programmes, schools as well as raising awareness in public schools.
- **Socio-Economic Projects** - aimed at supporting government’s priorities addressing poverty, unemployment and inequality through projects that focuses on food security, social relief, job creation, skills development, women empowerment and youth development.

## GET STARTED TODAY!

The church is ideally positioned to bring change in the lives of people across South Africa. Every AFM Assembly in their communities can and must become involved. Get involved and get started with developmental actions that will bring change to the people in your community. Implement Community Involvement to fulfil the original missional calling of our church.

### Introducing our Acting CEO Ashley Theron



Ashley Theron, a registered Social Worker with more than 40 years' experience, is one of the leaders in the welfare field in South Africa. He has post-graduate qualifications in Psychology, Social Work Supervision and Management. He held leadership positions at municipalities in East London and Pretoria. He was also the head of various structures including the North West Department of Social Development, Social

Work Services at the National Department of Social Development, Head of Social Governance and Child Protection at UNICEF SA and the CEO of Child Welfare in South Africa. Through his own Training and Development Consultancy, he has trained around 4,000 Social Workers, NPO Board Members and community members.

Connect with Ashley Theron for direction and assistance related to the AFM's Game Plan driver Community Involvement.

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## OPTION 1

Once-off  
Donations

## OPTION 2

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Contributions

## OPTION 3

Sponsorships

## OPTION 4

Bequests

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For all OTHER types of financial support contact Seneshri Williams at [seneshri@netdial.co.za](mailto:seneshri@netdial.co.za) – we will send the necessary debit order authorization form and other information.

You are also reminded to use uMephi as your charity of choice when applying for a Woolworths card.

Together, moving in unity to fulfil our God-given missional calling!  
Thank you for your involvement, support and prayers.

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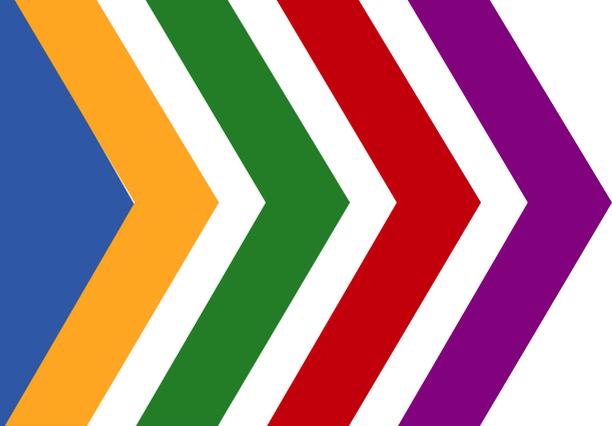
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## **The Executive Welfare Board**

**Chairperson** - Pastor Barend Petersen – General Treasurer

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**Secretary** - Pastor Trevor Herbert – National Leadership Member (Western Cape Region)

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