

# THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF SA DIE APOSTOLIESE GELOOFSENDING VAN SA



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Fellow Colleague,

I trust that you are staying strong in the Lord! (Ephesians 6:10 NIV) Since the lockdown started in March, effective communication with our Pastors was set at the highest level of priority. We would like to ask your feedback on how we are doing with communication during the Covid-19 crisis. May I request your feedback by asking you to complete a 4-minute questionnaire?



Your feedback is important to us:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7THPWNS>

## 1. OUTSTANDING DATES ON THE AFM 2020 CALENDAR

Our church's annual schedule post March 2020 was disrupted by the national lockdown which restricted our movements and gatherings. While we were able to continue with some on virtual platforms, we had to forego others which could not be done virtually. Some of those we had to cancel include:

### **The 2020 NOB Empowerment Visits to Regional Clusters**

We were not able to visit the Regions in the North West and Gauteng clusters as scheduled for

17–18 April 2020. The Eastern Cape and Northern Cape clusters that was scheduled for 8-9 May 2020 also had to be dropped due to the lockdown. The NOB took a decision that materials that were presented at clusters before the lockdown be made available to assemblies through their Regional Committees. The Office of the General Secretary has already sent these materials to the respective Regional Committees. These materials are also now available for download from the AFM Website:

<https://afm-ags.org/category/events/>



I am aware that the 2020 elections of the Church's National Departments' were also disrupted by the pandemic. Department Leaders will communicate with you once they have taken decisions regarding adjustments to their 2020 activities.

### **2021 Annual Calendar**

The recent virtual NLF in July, approved the Church's Annual Calendar for 2021. Please be advised that some of these activities may be affected by the lockdown rules to mitigate the spread of the infection. The calendar is available for download from our website:

<https://afm-ags.org/category/media/>

## **2. MIL WORKSHOPS**

Because of the easing of the national lockdown to alert Level 2, the MIL workshops scheduled for September (Bellville: 14-16 September; Pretoria: 21-23 September; Amanzimtoti: 28-30 September) will definitely continue. However, to comply with existing regulations of only 50 persons per gathering, we will not be able to accommodate the mentors of MIL candidates, as well as pastors attending for PCD purposes. Thus only current registered MIL participants will be able

to attend (this includes candidates part of the Resolution 818). For any inquiries, please contact the National MIL Coordinator, Dr. Christo van den Berg at 082 086 6269.

### **3. FUNERALS: GUIDELINES**

Funerals continue to be a place where most infections are spread. The AFM compiled a document with clear guidelines that can be downloaded from the link below. My request is that we ensure that every AFM Pastor takes note of this document. Let us continue to be channels of hope:

<https://afm-ags.org/category/media/>

Further the Department of Health also released information regarding the handling of deceased individuals by undertakers and mortuaries:

<https://afm-ags.org/category/media/>

Blessings!

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