

## ABBREVIATED BIOGRAPHY OF PASTOR BAREND PETERSEN



1. Born on 21 March 1960.
2. Married Dawn Petersen (ordained as AFM pastor on 14 December 2008) on 17 December 1988.
3. Children: Joy Petersen born 5 April 1991, Grace Petersen born 2 November 1993 and Karen Petersen born 15 April 1996.
4. Ordained on 17 September 1995 after having completion of probation during 1994 and 1995
5. **Theological Qualifications**
  - 5.1. Marriage Officer January 1997
  - 5.2. Diploma in Theology 1994

## **6. Non-Theological Qualifications**

- 6.1. Public Accountant and Auditor 1995
- 6.2. Chartered Accountant South Africa 1995
- 6.3. B Compt Honours Degree 1994
- 6.4. B Compt Degree 1991
- 6.5. Matric 1977

## **7. Ministerial History: AFM International**

- 7.1. Member of the Finance Advisory Committee since 2020

## **8. Ministerial History: AFM National**

- 8.1. General Treasurer of the Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa since 2012
- 8.2. Member of the National Leadership Forum since 2012 and prior to that from 1999 to 2003;
- 8.3. Chairperson of the AFM Welfare Board since 2018;
- 8.4. Member of the Doctrine, Ethics and Liturgy Committee since 2012;
- 8.5. Member of the Governing Body of the Education and Training Department since 2014;
- 8.6. Secretary of the Board of Directors of the AFM Theological College since 2014;
- 8.7. Recognised at the 2016 National Conference as an AFM veteran for the role in the unification of the AFM in 1996;
- 8.8. Initiated the founding of the AFM Campus Ministries with the National Office Bearers in 2015;
- 8.9. Member of the Financial Advisory Board ("FAB") since 2005;
- 8.10. Chairman of the FAB from 1996 to 1999 and from 2005 to 2012;
- 8.11. Chairperson of the Financial Committee of the Composite Division of the AFM from 1992 until 1996;
- 8.12. Co-writer of the AFM National Financial Policy;
- 8.13. Member of the Financial Committee from 1985 to 1992

## **9. Ministerial history: AFM Blackheath Assembly**

- 9.1. Presiding pastor since 2002 with a vision of “a spiritual home at all times.”
- 9.2. The growth in the congregation required the expansion of facilities. Consequently, a new 1,000-seater AFM Church was inaugurated on 10 December 2017 by Pastor M G Mahlobo, president of the AFM of SA.
- 9.3. The lack of socio-development facilities, the absence of a public library and the literacy problems experienced by the scholars and students in the Blackheath area led Pastors B and D Petersen to start the Evergreen Development Trust, funded by the Petersen Family. A shebeen, a place of despair and addiction situated next to the Church, was acquired and demolished and turned into a new multi-purpose building, the Evergreen Resource Center, a place of hope in 2010. The Evergreen Resource Center, inter alia, provides the infrastructure and resources to manage the affairs and activities of the congregation. A private library for public use by the schools and community was established. The Evergreen Resource Center also provide computer training and various programs for the benefit of the congregation and the community.
- 9.4. Convened a memorial service when 12 learners were killed in an accident between a train and a taxi in August 2010 attended by approximately 7,000 people at the scene of the accident in Buttskop Road Blackheath.
- 9.5. Hosted two Pentecostal Dialogues between Pentecostal Church Leaders in Cape Town with Local, Provincial and National Government Leaders.
- 9.6. Three Empowerment workshops and three Christmas Dinners for the Greater Blue Downs Ministers Fraternal and Partner Churches from 2018

## **10. Ministerial History: AFM Western Cape Region**

- 10.1. Member of the AFM Western Cape Regional Committee from 1985 to March 2016
- 10.2. Regional Chairman of the AFM Western Cape Region from 2012 to 2016
- 10.3. Vice Chairperson of the AFM Western Cape Region from 2010 to 2012
- 10.4. Regional Treasurer of the AFM Western Cape from 1985 to 1999 and from 2002 to 2012
- 10.5. Member of the AFM Western Cape Regional Burial Committee from 1985 to 1997.

## **11. Ministerial History: Youth Ministry**

- 11.1. Director of the AFM National Youth from 1999 to 2003
- 11.2. Member of the AFM Western Cape District Youth Committee from 1979 to 1991
- 11.3. Leader of the AFM Western Cape Youth from 1984 to 1987
- 11.4. Deputy Leader of the AFM Western Cape Youth 1982 to 1984 and from 1987 to 1991
- 11.5. Secretary of the AFM Western Cape Youth from 1981 to 1983
- 11.6. Assistant Secretary of the AFM Western Cape Youth from 1979 to 1981
- 11.7. Youth Leader of the AFM Ravensmead from 1981 to 1989
- 11.8. Deputy Youth Leader AFM Ravensmead 1980 to 1981
- 11.9. Youth Secretary AFM Ravensmead 1979 to 1980

## **12. Ministerial History: AFM Ravensmead Assembly**

- 12.1. Chairperson of Governing Board since 2012
- 12.2. Co-pastor of the AFM Ravensmead from 1996 to 2002
- 12.3. Vice Chairman of the AFM Ravensmead from 1995 to 2002
- 12.4. Probation at AFM Ravensmead from 1994 to 1995
- 12.5. Secretary of the AFM Ravensmead from 1983 to 1995
- 12.6. Assistant Secretary from 1982 to 1983
- 12.7. Elder of the AFM Ravensmead from 1991 to 1994
- 12.8. Deacon of AFM Ravensmead from 1985 to 1991
- 12.9. Assistant Deacon of AFM Ravensmead from 1982 to 1985
- 12.10. Sunday School Teacher of the AFM Ravensmead from 1978 to 1979
- 12.11. Member of the AFM Church Band from an early age until 2002
- 12.12. Member of the AFM Ravensmead Choir from an early age until 2000

## **13. Ministerial History: Ecumenical and Socio-economic Involvement**

- 13.1. A member of the Steering Committee of the Global Mining Faith Reflection Initiative involving the Methodist, Anglican and Catholic churches and the major mining companies since 2014. The Mining and Faith Reflections Initiative begins with an acknowledgement of our common humanity. The

churches have heard the calls from communities around the world for mining companies to work for the common good. The churches have also heard from some mining companies that mining activities should be of a better and wider benefit to society and the environment. Those involved in the Initiative share a vision for mining to do better at serving the common good by enabling those engaged and affected by its activities to lead lives that are fulfilling, just and reflect human dignity and respect. They do so with regard for both current and future generations. Dialogue were held at the Vatican during November 2013, September 2015, and during May 2019 which included an audience with Pope Francis, and at Lambeth Palace with Archbishop Justine Welby on 11 May 2016.

13.2. A founding member and Chief Facilitator of the Courageous Conversations led by the Archbishop T Makgoba of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. The Courageous Conversations initiative brings together the mining industry, labour, civil society and government to provide safe space for dialogue between the parties. Led several dialogues held during October 2015, February 2017, November 2017, October 2018 and October 2019 to envision a new future for mining in South Africa. The dialogues are attended by senior leaders of several churches and religious bodies, senior leaders of the government, major mining companies, trade unions, by senior academics from around the country, civil society and anti-mining advocacy groups. This broad diversity of opinion created a space for genuine courageous conversations in which participants engage on a human basis for the greater good.

13.3. Participated in a conference convened by the Roman Catholic Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and International Christian Union of Business Executives held at the Vatican during November 2016 with the theme “Business Leaders as Agents for Economic and Social Inclusion”. This was a follow up on an early meeting on Global Common Good, towards a more inclusive economy.

- 13.4. Participated in a dialogue on 19 April 2018 arranged by the Church of England during the Common-Wealth Heads meeting in London held during April 2018 to consider the impact of moral convictions and ethical business practice under the theme “Better business for a better world”
- 13.5. Responded to an address by Cardinal Reinhard Max at a meeting of senior church leaders held on 28 May 2018 at Bishops Court. Cardinal Max is a German cardinal of the Catholic Church and chairman of the German Bishops' Conference. He serves as the Archbishop of Munich and Freising.
- 13.6. Member of the Steering Committee of the Indlulamithi South African Scenarios 2030, a multi-stakeholder research-driven initiative that seeks to help understand the country's trajectory and make long-term informed decisions. This initiative provides tools to assist individuals and organisations to imagine alternative routes and facilitate dialogues within and among society regarding the social cohesion in our country. President C M Ramaphosa launched the scenarios on 21 June 2018. There is a clear consensus that South Africa needs to develop a more social inclusive compact. Our country is at a crossroads and decisions made in the next two years will determine the trajectory of our country for years to come.
- 13.7. A Trustee of the South African Future Trust formed in March 2020 to administer a R1 billion donation from the Oppenheimer Family to pay the salaries and wages of employees of SMME who were at risk of losing their jobs due to the Covid-19 pandemic.