

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA

**MINUTES OF THE 2018 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT WOORD EN LEWE,
IN BOKSBURG FROM TUESDAY 10 TO THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2018,
IN TERMS OF SECTION 5.3 OF THE CHURCH'S CONSTITUTION**

1. OPENING & CLOSURES

1.1 Monday, 10 September 2018

1.1.1 Registrations, as well as the Pastors' Continuous Development (PCD) Seminaries took place. The evening service started at 17h00.

1.2. Tuesday, 11 September 2018

1.2.1 Opening address by President Pastor MG Mahlobo.

1.2.2 Dr. J.J. Lapoorta lead in a special prayer for a Grade 12 learner and his father from Reitz who were gravely burned in a veld fire.

Pastor TW. Herbert opened in prayer and Pastor PJH. de Witt closed with prayer.

1.3 Wednesday, 12 September 2018

1.3.1 Past M Vilakazi opened in prayer and Dr F Chikane closed with prayer.
He especially prayed for the AFM in Zimbabwe.

1.4 Thursday 13 September 2018

1.4.1 Past. LDL Prinsloo opened in prayer and Past A Erasmus closed.

2. CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING

2.1 Delegates in terms of Section 5.4 of the constitution of the AFM of SA

Resolution GBM 001/2018

That it be recorded that **706 assemblies** have registered and are in attendance for the 2018 GBM; and that the 2018 GBM be declared duly convened in terms of Sections 4.3; 5.4 and 6.1 of the church's constitution as follows:

2.1.1 4 National Office Bearers

- Pastor MG Mahlobo (President and Chairperson)
- Dr JJ La Poorta (Deputy President and Vice-Chairperson)
- Dr HJ Weideman (General Secretary)
- Pastor B Petersen (General Treasurer)

2.1.2 726 Pastors and 457 delegates in attendance from 706 local Assemblies

2.1.3 43 Members of the National Leadership Forum (NLF)

2.1.4 10 Members of Standing Committees (excluding NOB and NLF members)

2.1.5. Other Observers: 261

2.1.6 The chairperson welcomed the president of Lesotho (Past. M Monoko).

2.2 Apologies:

A number of pastors apologized for their absence, as well as the following NLF members: Past. Molefe (North West) -His father passed away.

Past Henri Coertze (Northern Free State) Conducting a family funeral.

3 MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Resolution GBM 002/2018

That the meeting arrangements as per 3.1 – 3.3 be approved:

Proposer: ER. le Roux

Seconder: M. Vilakazi

Vote: General Acceptance (GA)

3.1 Time schedule

3.1.1 Monday, 10 September 2018

Registration & - 09h00 to 12h30

PCD Workshops - 11h00 to 12h30

Lunch - 12h30 to 14h00

Registration &

PCD Workshops - 14h00 to 16h00

Closure - 16h00

3.1.2 Tuesday, 11 September 2018

One AFM Game plan presentation - 09h00 to 11h00

Tea break - 11h00 to 11h30

Agenda - 11h30 to 12h30

Lunch - 12h30 to 14h00

Closure - 16h00

3.1.3 Wednesday, 12 September 2018

Plenary Session - 09h00 to 11h00

Tea break - 11h00 to 11h30

Agenda - 11h30 to 12h30

Lunch	-	12h30 to 14h00
Agenda	-	14h00 to 16h00
Closure	-	16h00

3.1.4 Thursday, 13 September 2018

Opening	-	09h00 to 11h00
Tea break	-	11h00 to 11h30
Agenda	-	11h30 to 12h30
Closure	-	12h30

3.2 Agenda: Time allocation per speaker per subject

Per subject	-	30 min
Proposer of motion	-	05 min
Speaker per subject	-	03 min
Reply per subject	-	04 min
Additional time	-	per special resolution

3.3 Appointment of Minute Keepers; Time keepers and Panel to regulate sequence of speakers

3.3.1 Minute Keepers - That Mrs Tsholo Moraka, the PA of the GS be one of the minute keepers and that she be joined by Pastor J Jonas.

3.3.2 Time Keepers - PL Tholwana and MM Shingange

3.3.3 That the panel to regulate the sequence of speakers be the same as the Time Keepers.

Proposer: LDL Prinsloo
 Secunder: RJ Coertzen
 Vote: General Acceptance

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution GBM 003/2018

That the agenda of the 2018 General Business Meeting be approved.

Proposer: ER le Roux
 Secunder: PL Tholwana
 Vote: General Acceptance

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2016 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING Resolution GBM 004/2018

That the minutes of the 2016 General Business Meeting be approved.

Proposer: G Mes
 Seconded: SJ Tshikomba
 Vote: General Acceptance

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES [Pg. 1-10]**

Matters from the minutes were taken up in the General Secretary's report.

7. **REPORT: THE PRESIDENT: APPENDIX B, pages 11-14**

Acceptance of the President report: Appendix B: [Pg.11-14]

Resolution GBM 005/2018

That the report of the President be approved as tabled.

Proposer: B Petersen
 Seconder: MT Matlou
 Vote: General Acceptance

7.1 **Matters highlighted in the Presidents Report**

- COHESION
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESSION PLAN.
- COMMUNICATION
- WELLNESS OF PASTORS

7.2 **Matters raised as concerns in the report:**

- The Succession Plan & Leadership Development – the house is of the view that these issues be included into the correspondence to pastors for further perusal.
- More effective ways should be found relating to the dissemination of information.
- The question was asked whether there are key performance indicators in place to measure the quality and effectiveness of Pastors.
- Employer//employee relationship needs to be revisited.
- Effective monitoring measures to be implemented in our Church.
- There exists a dire need for an implementational plan pertaining to the wellness of the pastor's family as well.
- Leadership succession plan must also be carried over to all AFM Departments

8. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: APPENDIX C, pages 15-17**

8.1 **Constitutional amendments:**

Resolution GBM 006 /2018

That the amendments to the Constitution as tabled be approved as follows:

8.1.1 Paragraph 4a1.3

In the event of a person being newly elected to function as an Office Bearer, there will be an orientation and transition period of three months in which the previous Office Bearer will hand over the functions, knowledge and responsibilities of that office, inclusive of an exit report. In the unlikely event of an Office Bearer being incapacitated to fulfil this function, the remaining Office Bearers will provide orientation.

Proposed: B Petersen

Seconder: H Weideman

Vote: Generally Accepted.

8.1.2 Paragraph 4a.2.2

The President must have served at least one (1) term as a NLF member.

Proposer: JJ Lapoorta

Seconder: L Prinsloo

Vote: Generally Accepted.

8.1.3 Paragraph 4a.3. **FUNCTIONS**

The National Office Bearers (NOB) will:

4a.3.1 Promote and protect the interest of the Church.

4a.3.2 Actively pursue the continuous unity and cohesion of the Church.

4a.3.3 Uphold the values of unity, integrity, excellence, accountability and transparency, to ensure the confidence and trust of the church.

4a.3.4 Ensure the effective functioning and empowerment of the National Leadership Forum, the Regional Leadership Forums, National Departments and ministries of the church.

4a.3.5 Discharge their duties actively and conscientiously for the benefit of the AFM.

4a.3.6 Be the trustees of the Church and act as the agent of the National Leadership Forum (NLF) in all matters in accordance with the Constitution.

4a.3.7 Function as a collective and perform the functions of their specific offices in accordance with their respective job descriptions, which will be determined in consultation with the NLF from time to time.

4a.3.8 Ensure that they are equipped through training and development, as provided for by the NLF, to fulfill their respective and collective responsibilities.

4a.3.9 Abide by the National Office Bearers Code of Conduct and Pledge of Office, inclusive of a Confidentiality Clause.

Proposer: MG Mahlobo

Seconder: PL Tholwana

Vote: Generally Accepted

8.1.4 Paragraph 4a.5

PASTORAL STATUS

The pastoral status of the National Office Bearers will be vested in the National Office.

Proposer: MG Mahlobo

Seconder: B Petersen

Vote: Generally Accepted

8.1.5 Paragraph 4a.12

REMUNERATION AND SERVICE BENEFITS

The remuneration and service benefits of the National Office Bearers will be in accordance with a policy approved by the NLF.

Proposer: MG Mahlobo

Seconder: TW Herbert

Vote: Generally Accepted.

8.1.6 That the meeting go into Committee to discuss Paragraph 4a.1.2

Proposer: B Petersen

Seconder: B Espin.

Vote: Generally Accepted.

That the meeting go out of committee

Proposer: B Petersen

Seconder: PL Tholwana

Vote: Generally Accepted.

Paragraph 4a.1.2

The election will be preceded by a nomination period of six months prior to the GBM, in which Assemblies and Regions nominate candidates for the Office Bearers. After candidates have accepted nomination, their photos and CV's will be circulated to the church.

Proposer: MG Mahlobo

Seconder: B Petersen

Vote: Accepted by overwhelming majority.

8.1.7 That the meeting go into Committee to discuss Paragraph 4a.2.1

Proposer: B Petersen

Seconder: HJ Weideman

Vote: Generally Accepted

That the meeting go out of committee

Proposer: PL Tholwana

Seconder: TJ Tembe

Vote: Generally Accepted

Paragraph: 4a.2.1

No pastor shall, subject to the provisions of Appendix 7.4 be eligible for the National Office Bearers, unless he/she has served as a full-time ordained presiding pastor in a registered local assembly/ies of the Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa for at least five (5) years or is already part of the National Office Bearers.

Proposer: MG Mahlobo

Seconder: D Muller

Vote: Accepted by overwhelming majority.

8.1.8 That the meeting go into Committee to discuss Paragraph 4a.4

Proposer: G Mes

Seconder: T Faltein

Vote: Generally Accepted

That the meeting go out of committee

Proposer: B Petersen

Seconder: PL Tholwana.

Vote: Generally Accepted

Paragraph: 4a.4

The primary responsibilities of the National Office Bearers will be determined by the NLF from time to time.

Proposer: MG Mahlobo

Seconder: LDL Prinsloo

Vote: Generally Accepted

8.1.9 That the meeting go into Committee to discuss Paragraph 4a.13

Proposer: HJ Weideman

Seconder: D Muller

Vote: Generally Accepted

That the meeting go out of committee

Proposer: JJ Lapoorta

Seconder: PL Tholwana

Vote: Generally accepted

Paragraph: 4a.13

The National Office Bearers will be available to give the necessary attention to their duties, with all four being on a full-time basis at the National Office.

Proposer: H Strydom

Seconder: D Muller

Vote: Accepted by majority, but not enough to pass the motion.

Voted for: 556

Voted against: 141

A two third majority should have been 788

8.1.10 That the existing chapter 4 be adjusted to include the new Chapter 4 a.

Proposed: B Petersen

Seconder HJ Weideman

Vote: Generally Accepted

9. REPORT: GENERAL SECRETARY: APPENDIX D, pages 18-37

Acceptance of the General Secretary report

Resolution GBM 007/2018

That report of the General Secretary be approved as tabled.

Proposer: N Kekana

Seconder: RJ Coertzen

Vote: Generally Accepted

9.1 Matters highlighted in the report

- Being a Missional Church
- Discipleship
- Empowerment
- Community Involvement
- Ecumenical Relations
- Governance
- Administration
- Pastors & Assemblies
- Motion of Condolences

9.2. Matters raised as concerns from the report.

- Pg. 30 (8.2.7) The name of the church, title deeds and PTO's. Assemblies, Regions and Departments should ensure that all property documents bear the correct name of the church. It must be: The Apostolic Faith Mission of South-Africa. Annual Audits should be conducted in this regard. Regions and assemblies should also ensure that the title deeds, leaseholds and Permission to Occupy certificates (PTO's), relating to properties are duly signed. This is important, because it has legal implications.
- Quadrennial Elections - In the light of the amount of time spent on the election during our 2016 GBM, the meeting was requested to mandate the NLF to investigate the viability of making use of electronic options to conduct elections in future.
- It was noted that only 732 AFM ordained pastors have service agreements
- PCD credits – 2018 is the last year of the current four-year PCD cycle.
- Being A. Missional Church –
- The display of the name of the church on buildings.
- Clarity on the issue of land expropriation and the church's stand.

- Women in Ministry – more info on the DEL position on certain issues.
- Development for pastor's spouses

9.3 Doctrinal, Ethical and Liturgical issues: Appendix Di, pages 38-39

The report was included in the GS report and accepted as such.

9.4 Chaplaincy report: Appendix Bi, pages 40-42

Resolution GBM 008/2018

That the report of the Chaplaincy Committee be approved as tabled.

Proposed: PL Tholwana

Seconded: CA de Ruiter

Vote: GA

The various liaison officers were introduced by the President of the AFM of SA [**Past. MG. MAHLOBO**] The report was presented by Chaplain Past. John Lempe. The president asked Past. Petersen to pray for the 29 police members who died in the line of duty. The Chairperson ruled that provision be made on the AFM Webpage for information about the Chaplaincy.

10. REPORT: THE GENERAL TREASURER: APPENDIX E & Ei – Eiii, pages 43-108

10.1 Acceptance of the General Treasurers report

Resolution GBM 009/2018

That the report of the General Treasurer be approved as tabled.

Proposer: RJ Coertzen

Seconder: TI. Sedidi

Vote: Generally Accepted

10.2 General remarks: The following general remarks were focussed upon by the General Treasurer

- South African Economy
- Financial Results
- AFM Education
- Major Risks
- SARS
- Effective financial management be compliant.
- Remuneration of pastors
- Auditing reviews

- ATS Court Case
- 10.3 Matters raised as concerns from the report
- Ending of financial year, no uniformity within the church.
 - A plan of action pertaining to those assemblies in arrears.

11. **DEPARTMENTS' REPORTS: APPENDIX F (Fi-Fvi)**

- 11.1 Executive Welfare Department: Appendix Fi, pages 109-172

Resolution GBM 010/2018

That the report of the National Executive Welfare Council be approved as tabled.

Proposer: T Faltein
 Secunder: J Josias
 Vote: GA

- 11.2 National Children's Department: Appendix Fii, pages 173-194A

Resolution GBM 011/2018

That the report of the National Children's Department be approved as tabled.

Proposer: T Venter
 Secunder: T Liremi
 Vote: GA

- 11.3 National Youth Department: Appendix Fiii, pages 195-202

Resolution GBM 012/2018

That the report of the National Youth Department be approved as tabled

Proposer: T Sedidi
 Secunder: N Kekana
 Vote: GA

- 11.4 National Sisters' Fellowship: Appendix Fiv, pages 203-215

Resolution GBM 013/2018

That the report of the National Sisters Department be approved as tabled

Proposer: M Faltein
 Secunder: IM Mmolotsane
 Vote: GA

- 11.5 National Men's Fellowship: Appendix Fv, pages 216-219

Resolution GBM 014/2018

That the report of the National Men's Fellowship Department be approved as tabled

Proposer: T Faltein
 Seconder: P Douglas- Henry
 Vote: GA

11.6 Education and Training Department: Appendix Fvi, 220-225

Resolution GBM 015/2018

That the report of the Education and Training Department be approved as tabled

Proposer: P Douglas Henry
 Seconder: N Kekana
 Vote: GA

12. BIBLE SOCIETY: Appendix G, pages 226-233

Resolution GBM 016/2018

That the report of the Bible Society be taken as read.

Proposed: HJ Weideman
 Seconded: JJ Lapoorta
 Vote: GA

13. DEAF FRIENDLY: Appendix H, pages 234-239

Resolution GBM 017/2018

That the report of the Deaf Friendly be approved as tabled.

Proposed: JJ Lapoorta
 Seconded: LDL Prinsloo
 Vote: GA

14. ECUMENICAL MATTERS

14.1 AFM International: Appendix I, pages 240-242

Resolution GBM 018/2018

That the report of the AFM International be approved as read.

Proposer: D Muller
 Seconder: B Petersen
 Vote: GA

14.2 Empowered21: Appendix J, pages 243-252

Resolution GBM 019/2018

That the report of Empowered 21 be approved as tabled.

Proposer: TI Sedidi
Seconder: DT Mthembu
Vote: GA

15. **MOTION OF CONDOLENCES:** Appendix D, pages 34-37 (with correction to the errata)

15.1 Corrections to the list

- Emeriti Pastor G.C. Coetzee from Durban Central Region must be deleted from the list.
- Emeriti Pastor W Rezant, from South Peninsula Region must be removed and Mrs V Rezant the spouse of Emeriti Pastor W Rezant, from South Peninsula Region be added.
- That the names of Pastors E Delport and WJ Louw who passed on since the list was compiled be added.

Resolution GBM 020/2018

That a moment of silence and prayer be observed to honour their memory. Furthermore, that a motion of condolences be tabled towards the families of the pastors and pastor's spouses who passed on between 2016– 2018 as per the Administrative listing held by the General Secretary.

Proposer: B Petersen
Seconder: L Phiri
Vote: Generally Accepted

15. **MOTION OF THANKS**

Resolution GBM 021/2018

That a motion of thanks be expressed towards Woord and Lewe assembly who hosted the conference and GBM, the conference committee, all personnel that contributed to the success of the conference and GBM, the minute keepers, the President and the Deputy President for chairing the meeting, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, all pastors and assemblies who participated.

Proposed: P Tholwana
Seconded: B Petersen
Vote: General Accepted

16. **CLOSURE**

The GBM closed at 12H00 with a prayer by Pastor A Erasmus.