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Dear Brothers and Sisters.

I greet you in the Name of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**SUBJECT: 2026 GBM AND ABLAZE CONFERENCE DETAILS, W & L ACADEMY QCTO
NQF 5 NLF DECISION AND REGULATION 7.4.3 AMENDMENTS PROMULGATION**

We are writing to provide important updates and official notifications.

1. 2026 GBM AND ABLAZE NOTIFICATION DETAILS.

1.1. We are pleased to inform you that the upcoming 2026 General Business Meeting (GBM) and Ablaze Conference will be held from 6 to 10 September 2026 at AGS Woord en Lewe, in Boksburg, Gauteng. We encourage all pastors and assembly delegates to attend. A follow-up circular with comprehensive details about the 2026 GBM and Ablaze Conference will be sent.

2. NLF DECISION CONCERNING QCTO (Quality Council for Traders and Occupations), NQF (National Qualifications Framework) LEVEL 5 QUALIFICATION

2.1. We are pleased to inform you that the National Leadership Forum (NLF), held in November 2025, made a decision concerning the W & L Academy QCTO NQF Level 5 qualification. The NLF decision states:

2.1.1. "That the students who have completed the QCTO occupational certificate on NQF level 5 be granted access to the MIL program, due to the fact that the credits for the NQF 5 are 237 credits; however, these students must complete the four AFM-Specific modules, which are worth 24 credits, in conjunction with the MIL program."

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3. PROMULGATION OF REGULATION 7.4.3 AMENDMENTS

Additionally, we wish to draw your attention to the recent promulgation of amendments to Regulation 7.4.3 by the March 2026 NLF. Please note the amendments highlighted in red.

- **7.4.1** Normal retirement for a pastor shall be upon reaching sixty-five (65) years; however, a pastor may voluntarily retire at any time after **reaching fifty-five (55) years of age;** (Promulgated in November 2015)
- **7.4.2** A pastor who has retired in terms of Regulation 7.4.1, or prior to reaching the age of fifty-five (55) for **medical reasons**, shall not be eligible for election to a position in the Regional or National Leadership Forum; (Promulgated in November 2015)
- **7.4.3** Local assemblies, and other statutory bodies within the church may utilize the services of a pastor who has retired in terms of Regulation 7.4.1 on a fixed-term contract that may be subject to renewal, such renewal and/or extension thereof at a Local Assembly level shall be considered at a duly convened meeting of an assembly governing body in the presence of the Regional Leader;
 - **7.4.3.1** An initial post-retirement fixed-term contract for a period of no longer than 12 months, from the date that the pastor has reached the retirement age of 65 years, must be agreed in writing between the pastor and the Local Assembly's Governing Body, prior to the pastor having reached the age of 65 years; *to be chaired by the regional leader or secundus;* (Promulgated in March 2026)
 - **7.4.3.2** Any further renewals after the initial post-retirement fixed term contract referred to in 7.4.3.1, shall be subject to the consideration of a duly convened meeting of the Local Assembly's Governing Body, without the retired pastor present, and to be chaired by the Regional Leader or *secundus*, by no later than three months prior to the termination date of the 12 months or shorter term agreed to in terms of Article 7.4.3.1 above; (Promulgated in March 2026)
 - **7.4.3.3** At this meeting, details of the governing body's succession plan should be submitted, which should include a timeline towards the date of the pastor's replacement. Should the timeline be longer than 3 years, a written motivation should also be included; in addition, it should be made clear whether the replacement will be the call of a new pastor or utilising the interim services of the vice chairperson or any other identified person. (Promulgated in March 2026)
- **7.4.4** That regulations 7.4.1 to 7.4.3 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to local assembly governing body members, *but without the need of a contract or the presence of the Regional Leader.* (Promulgated in March 2021)

Should you have any questions or require further clarification on any of the matters mentioned above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you, and we look forward to your attendance at the 2026 GBM and Ablaze Conference.

With AFM Blessings,


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