



KZN EMMAUS



MINISTRIES



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2019

Shalom...

Oh how I love it when I can start a newsletter with good news. And the good news this month is that flowing from negotiations which commenced earlier this year we have reached agreement with the Seth Mokotimi Methodist Seminary (SMMS) in Pietermaritzburg in terms of which seminarians will be able to attend walks as pilgrims.

This agreement, actually a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU), has exciting implications, not just for KZN Emmaus Ministries but also for Emmaus Ministries South Africa (EMSA). Think of it. SMMS is an educational institution for Methodist ministers. Once qualified these new ministers spread to the four corners of South Africa and beyond. If we can step up to two sets of walks a year with only 6 seminarians (ie. one per table) at each walk, in just 5 years we could have an additional 120 Methodist ministers out there, fired up for Emmaus Ministries, promoting the ministries to their congregations and making themselves available to serve in all 3 ministries. In 10 years we could have 240 new "Emmaus" Methodist ministers out there. Now wouldn't that be something?

Rowen Wortmann, board Lay Director in charge of Walks, and I are soon to meet with Rev Luvuyo Sifo, Dean of Chapel and Head of Formation at SMMS, to discuss the implementation of the Memorandum Of Understanding, as well as to arrange for a KZN Emmaus delegation to address the entire student body on Emmaus Ministries.

Please hold this outreach in your prayers. We still have a way to go in sorting out the nuts and bolts of the MOU.

Once we have this model up and running with SMMS wouldn't it be wonderful to extend it to other denominational training and education institutions?

AGM AND GATHERING

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER AT WESTVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Please diarise this most important date. These are your ministries. Come along and exercise your right to have a say in how they are run. Hold your board accountable.

THE AGM

We have a number of board vacancies that desperately need to be filled. Please, if you want to contribute meaningfully to these ministries, prayerfully consider putting your name forward for one of the following vacancies. Those old adages of the more you put in, the more you get out, or the more you give, the more you receive, most aptly apply to serving on the KZN Emmaus board. It is such a worthwhile, rewarding way of serving our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and by no means as onerous as one might imagine.

The vacancy at the very top of the list is that of treasurer. Elaine Trotter's three-year term at the helm of our finances runs out at the end of this year and we desperately need someone with the necessary specialised skills, accounting experience and acumen to fill this vital post.

Music is another portfolio needing a replacement leader. Stefan Lucht's term as music leader also runs out at year end leaving a void that needs to be filled by someone with the necessary knowledge and understanding of the musical requirements at Emmaus functions, Walks, Flights and Encounters. After all, what would Emmaus functions be without Praise and Worship?

Supplies has been vacant for a long time and it is only through Lara Wells' willingness to run two board portfolios, those of Supplies and Chrysalis, that this vital portfolio has continued to run efficiently. Particularly now with Chrysalis up and running again, Lara needs a break. Volunteers PLEASE.

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YOU!!!**

Accountability/ Reunion Groups are also without a permanent board rep. I have been filling in, not too successfully, I'm afraid. Thankfully however, of late, Henry Reynolds has joined me and although not able to take up the board position is a tower of strength and will soon have those grossly out dated records updated and regular communication with the groups in place. This will be a huge step towards involving the entire community in all facets of

Emmaus Ministries and in coordinating agape, prayer vigils, gathering activities, sponsoring of pilgrims and caterpillars etc. etc. So if anyone would like to step in and work with Henry, (he really is a first class guy!) I'd be happy to step aside.

If any of you feel led to put your names forward for any of these posts, or would like to nominate anyone whom you consider suitable, please let me or Bunny Cuthbertson know.

THE GATHERING

As far as the gathering is concerned, Rowen and Vanessa Wortmann are going to share with us what Emmaus has meant to them, how it has impacted their lives and how it has prepared them for ministry. I always feel that it's so enriching and inspiring to hear what God has done in the lives of our fellow 4th day pilgrims. Those ordinary people who, in the grace of our Lord have overcome extraordinary obstacles and achieved extraordinary things in His mighty name.

Also, we in KZN, Drak and Eastern Cape have a "new" EMSA Regional Rep, Judy Plaaitjes, who has moved from the position of EMSA Secretary to take over the Regional Rep portfolio as from 2020. With her vast Emmaus experience, honed and sharpened during her time as EMSA Secretary, she is tailor made for the post and I know that this little bundle of dynamite that I first met at the African Leaders Conference in Harare last year, will be a great asset to us in our relationship with EMSA. There is a possibility that Judy will be able to accept our invitation to join us at our AGM and gathering. If she is able to, we will also ask her to address us at the Gathering.

So come along, bring a plate of eats for a bring and share lunch, renew friendships and enjoy Praise and Worship and spend a joyful time in the presence of the One we all seek to serve.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Much has happened in our community in the past while. Some, regrettably, have had health problems. Others have holidayed overseas. One got married and another inducted as a Lay Minister, while yet another, adopted early in life, was united with a brother he didn't even know he had!

Those with health issues include Marlene Nothnagel, Malcolm Thomas and Julia Potgieter and her elderly Mom. I'm sure that there are others. We hold

you all in our prayers. Even if we do not know what ails, God does, and will answer our prayers. Also please hold Brother Crispin who looked after us so graciously for all our years at Mariannahill, in your prayers. He has shingles which has affected his left eye particularly badly.

Lara Wells has recently returned from a fabulous overseas holiday while Arlene Kolver and Peter Butterworth are soon to depart on overseas trips. Bon Voyage and travel blessings to Arlene and Peter.

Our blessings, prayers and very best wishes go to Sandy Holley who was inducted on Sunday 15th, at All Saints United Church, PMB as a Lay Minister in the Anglican Church. Of special significance from an Emmaus perspective is that Sandy's calling to the ministry was sparked by her Walk which was at African Enterprise and to which she was sponsored by Corrie Meintjies, Sandy may you continue in your own inimitable way to minister to God's children of all ages, and with your love and humour, to bring His lost sheep home.

And then there's John Dickens. John was adopted at an early age and very recently, at the age of 72 met for the first time with a brother that he didn't even know he had. What an amazing and emotional occasion that meeting must have been. May your brotherly bonds grow ever stronger.

And the wedding!!! Michelle Pieterse is now Michelle Swanepoel. To you, Michelle and to you, Deon, we pray for God's blessing, guidance and love that you may have a long, happy union filled with love and companionship. The entire wedding, from the wedding cake to the catering, to the flowers, decorating of the church, and everything in between, was done by Michelle's Emmaus family. Michelle and Deon were married in a civil ceremony during the week with Rowen and Vanessa Wortmann as witnesses and the church blessing ceremony on Saturday 14 September at Cramond Church was conducted by Lyn Warr. The cherry on the top is that Deon is looking forward to being a pilgrim on Men's walk 125 next year.

If anyone out there has any community news please email me a note. I would love community news to become a permanent feature of this newsletter. After all what are we without community sharing and caring?

FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER 121

Maeve, as is her wont, continues, together with LD Ian and Bruce of the Scottburgh community, to beaver away at insuring that every "i" is dotted and every "t" is crossed in preparation for the November 12 start of Encounter 121. Simultaneously with all this preparation, the team selection committee meeting has already taken place for Encounter 122 at Hillcrest Methodist Church in February 2020 and the team formation process is well under way.



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EMMAUS WALKS 123 AND 124



Lay Director Training and team selection for Walks 123 and 124 in May 2020 is scheduled for Saturday 12 October at All Saints United Church in PMB.

CHRYSALIS FLIGHTS 125 AND 126

Lay Director Training and team selection will take place immediately following our November board meeting at All Saint United Church on Saturday 16 November, in preparation for Flights 125 and 126 in June 2020.



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BITS AND PIECES

As always I invite comment, criticism or commendation. Tell your board how it's doing..... or not doing. It would be helpful for us to know your views.

The website, IT, membership and accountability/reunion group data all remain of serious concern. Your board is once again looking into the possibility of upgrading, updating and modernising the website. Also, as previously mentioned, with Henry Reynolds' enthusiastic dedication and computer literacy the accountability/reunion group records are about to be completely updated, which will, of course, facilitate communication and

coordination with regards to agape, prayer vigils, functions, pilgrim/caterpillar sponsoring etc etc.

THE LAST WORD

As I write there are only 12 Saturdays to Christmas and now is the time for us, as the festive season approaches with its promise of family reunions, lunches and dinners, gifts and festivities, to spare a thought for others. Always good places to start are crèche's and pre-primary schools, orphanages, hospitals, old age homes and hospices, particularly those in poorer communities. There's a bottomless pit of need out there. Let us, in whatever small way we can, get involved this Christmas season in giving God's love to someone, even, or maybe especially, to someone whom we may never know, or meet. Let us live Mathew 25:31-46

"For, in truth, in this world hatred is not appeased by hatred; hatred is appeased by love alone. This is the eternal law." Dhammapada

Quoted from page 47 of Desmond Tutu's book "God Is Not A Christian in reference to The Truth And Reconciliation Commission.

Love and blessings to you all.

Yours in the service of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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