



# The Evangelical Alliance of South Africa

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Dear Pastor and Church Leader

God has truly blessed us with a worthy, credible, effective and faithful ecumenical body which is widely respected by more than just the evangelical branch of the church in South Africa. TEASA with its general secretary, Rev. Moss Ntlha, has stood out as a unifying witness as it researched and addressed significant issues in the South African society over the past 21 years.

- Who will forget the role it has played in restoring the church from racial division to a greater measure of its intended unity.
- TEASA has been courageous enough to stand up for Bible-based moral values as these were being eroded in a secular-minded society, becoming more and more liberated to speak its own mind and do its own will. Like the issue of same-sex unions in which TEASA worked with many Christian churches and organizations in its efforts to dissuade government from relinquishing the age-old heritage of holy matrimony as taught in the Bible.
- Joining forces with the Christian Lawyers Association, a partner in alliance, TEASA is currently speaking into government spheres regarding numerous issues of righteousness and justice as the Bill of Human Rights is being applied responsibly in matters of dispute, like religious liberty.

TEASA is currently working towards a forum for open discussion concerning:

- ❖ A Christian Appraisal of the South African Constitution and opportunities and pitfalls for Christian witness.
- ❖ The Ability of the Church in South Africa to influence Culture;
- ❖ The eradication of systemic poverty in the South African society

TEASA has worked hard and is gearing itself to continue doing that into the next 20 years of our democracy.

HOWEVER, there are constant challenges TEASA has to face, none so debilitating as the plight for financial resources. With membership fees just not coming in, and international support being redirected to other needy countries in Africa, TEASA now faces a challenge to increase funding from within our own country.

As members of the National Executive Committee of TEASA we are embarrassed to announce to you, the evangelical church and its leaders, that TEASA has not been able to sustain its vital infrastructure to function publicly as is needed and expected.

As an NEC elected from among yourselves, we state emphatically that the continued existence and effective functioning of TEASA is non-negotiable. It is like salt at our societal table – indispensable! If we lose TEASA we lose our ecumenical saltiness, our united voice, our witness together. Consider...

- Who will gather church leaders to respond to a Marikana crisis as TEASA so effectively did?
- Who will speak to government on matters of family, prostitution, poverty and corruption as TEASA has efficiently done since its inception?
- Who will fight for the right of Christians to live out their faith in schools, market place, citizenry and media as TEASA is championing these rights on behalf of the church?
- Who will steward the vision of evangelism and mission as the pinnacle of Christian responsibility in a secular society?



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- Who will sustain the international, continental and national networks and strategic partnerships that TEASA has done up until now?

Therefore we present to you, as local and national church leaders, these proposals to ensure TEASA's continued and increased delivery of evangelical leadership in South Africa and into the world:

- ✓ Adopt TEASA staff members as your evangelical missionaries and support them on a monthly basis.
- ✓ Adopt TEASA as an organization for monthly support from your Budget, Mission Budget or Faith Promise Offering. Your church can use the attached debit order to contribute consistently.
- ✓ Provide TEASA office space in the Johannesburg area where staff is currently functioning.
- ✓ Consider asking your members to sign a monthly debit order for as little as R50 per month in order for them to share in the witness rendered by TEASA.
- ✓ And as a confirmation of your appreciation and support for TEASA right now, please plan for a special offering in your church, encouraging those with ability to give substantially.

Consider one or more of these possibilities.

We are not talking membership and membership fees. We are talking participation and commitment for the evangelical advance in South Africa. While other faiths are putting money where their mouths are, let us, as God's Hope Bringers, not shrink back and hoard the blessings that we have received from Him.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ

...serving to advance the Gospel (Philippians 1:12)

... for the defence of the Gospel (Philippians 1:16)

Rev Richard Verreyne

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