

Key Focus Area at the WENSA National Consultation Conference

God on the move Beyond Cape Town 2010

Living the love of Christ among foreigners and people of other faiths – engaging with them as our neighbours – the mission field has moved to SA

Why should we reach out to the strangers among us?

According to Scripture:

✝ For God so loved the world... (John 3:16)

✝ God made all Nations of one blood (Acts 17)

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being. 'As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring. 17:26 -28

What has happened in SA in history concerning foreigners?

Historically:

- ✚ Slaves
- ✚ Ethnic variety
- ✚ Apartheid

What is the current state in SA?

Current state:

- ✝ Post - Apartheid
- ✝ Influx of refugees, economic migrants and international students
- ✝ Xenophobia

How is the Church in SA responding?

Church's response:

- ✝ Nationalism vs. Kingdom mindedness
- ✝ Little attention for the foreigners
- ✝ Not seen SA as a mission field

The Church needs to ask the question;
What is God doing? Then join Him!

What is the vision?

- ✠ South Africa is a mission field
- ✠ God purposed SA to be full of foreigners
- ✠ Not a threat but a blessing
- ✠ Church take the lead in loving foreigners
- ✠ Kingdom will expand (natives and foreigners)
- ✠ God will be glorified

What is the way forward?

How do we expose people to the love of Christ?

- ✠ The Word of God
- ✠ Witness of God (personal and communal)
- ✠ Prayer to God

Raise the Church

- ✠ Create awareness on the Status Quo
- ✠ Create awareness that foreigners are our neighbours
- ✠ Create awareness that Christ is calling the Church to be a blessing to the strangers

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Equip the Church



- Teaching on Integral Missions
- Teaching on Hospitality
- Training how to be a witness
- Cross cultural training

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Put the Church to work



- Create opportunities for individuals to get involved, exposed and internally motivated
- Direct to existing opportunities to bless foreigners

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Put the Bible to work

- ✝ Distribute
- ✝ Different languages
- ✝ Different forms
- ✝ Different ways
- ✝ Supported by PRAYER

How are we going to do all this?

Discuss the current state of the Church in reaching foreigners and people of other faiths with the gospel.

1. Give a description (in a few sentences) of how you view the current state.
2. Do you think the church is doing a good job in living the love of Christ among foreigners and people of other faiths?

Share your dream/vision on living the love of Christ among foreigners and people of other faiths.

1. What is the ideal situation? How should it be?
2. Combine the different dreams/visions into a shared vision.

The way forward

1. Come up with a way forward that can make your shared vision happen.
2. What in your opinion must be part of a National Plan of Action concerning this KFA?