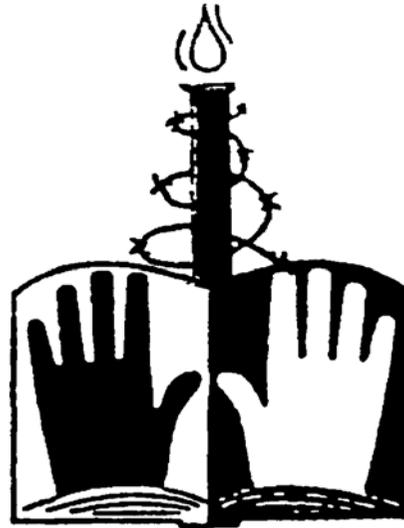


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Core Purpose

Our core purpose is to mobilise, train, support and empower the poor, the working-class, and the marginalized. We prioritise work with women, youth, people living with HIV/AIDS, and the unemployed. We work for the values of the kingdom of God and for a society in which all have abundant life (John 10:10).

Where these values and commitments are shared by other religious communities, government and civil society, we collaborate and work together for social transformation.

Our primary resources for this work are biblical and theological, making particular use of Contextual Bible Studies and the See,

Judge and Act method. We work, wherever possible, in the languages of the local communities with whom we collaborate.

We are committed to the ongoing cycle of action and reflection known as praxis.

This core purpose is given specificity by each of our programmes, which include: Research and Pedagogy, Women and Gender, Solidarity with People Living with HIV and AIDS, Economic Justice & Theology of Work, Advocacy and Leadership Development, Religion and Governance, and Community-Based Service-Learning.

Director's Executive Summary

Prof Gerald West

This half-year has been overshadowed by the unexpected death of a member of our Management Committee, Prof Steve de Gruchy, who was also the Head of the School of Religion and Theology. Prof de Gruchy drowned while 'tubing' down a river with his son. His passing has been a huge blow to the School and to the Ujamaa Centre; we have lost a friend, a colleague, a leader, and someone who was deeply committed to our work within the University system. Prof de Gruchy was contextual theologian in his own right, a comrade who lived out his commitments to justice and social transformation in the struggle for liberation. He was committed to working with us to integrate the work of the Ujamaa Centre more deeply into the life of the School and the University. He was also deeply committed to our core work in the church and local communities; he often worked with us, integrating aspects of the work of the Theology and Development Programme of the School with our work. We miss him and will continue to honour him in our work. Hamba kahle, Steve!

The Deputy Director of the Ujamaa Centre, Dr Simanga Kumalo, has been appointed as the new Head of the School of Religion and Theology. We are honoured by this appointment and congratulate him. But we also recognise that this position will place enormous demands on him and that it will affect his work within the Religion and Governance Programme of the Ujamaa Centre. We will be able to report on this more fully in the Annual Report; for now, we

pledge our support to Dr Kumalo in his new position and look forward to working with him as our Head of School.

Each of the programmes within the Ujamaa Centre are expressions of our Core Purpose (see above). What is unique about our work is that we focus on the ideo-theological dimensions of life. Very few organizations have this as their key focus, and yet the ideological and theological domains are so central to all of human life. For example, research has shown that it is impossible to deal adequately with HIV in Africa without engaging deeply with the ideo-theology realities of our context. The situation is similar with respect to gender issues.

The Research and Pedagogy Programme this half-year has been involved in a number of successful Contextual Bible Study training workshops. Significantly, one of our funding partners, Kerk in Actie, has initiated a new initiative in which they are specifically developing the capacity of partners in Latin America and Africa in the Contextual Bible Study. Within Africa the Ujamaa Centre is recognized as its leading centre in the area of Contextual Bible Study. The energy, vision, and resources of Kerk in Actie will enable Contextual Bible Study to be developed in Africa, using the Ujamaa Centre as a resource centre. Already the intervention of Kerk in Actie has enabled the Ujamaa Centre to work with the leading Latin American centre, CEBI, in Mozambique. Kerk in

Actie is thus enabling Latin American and African resources to work together to develop capacity across the globe.

Another feature of this programmes work has been the ongoing analysis of how religion is being used in the public realm in South Africa. There are worrying signs that the state is advocating a form of religion which will not 'interfere' with the political and economic domains of life.

The work of the Women and Gender Programme and the Solidarity Programme for People Living with HIV and AIDS aptly demonstrates the scope of our work. Two features of these programmes' work this half-year have been the month long Lent programme in France, at the invitation of another of our funding partners, CCFD, and the local work with the Lutheran church. The coordinators of these programme were invited as guests by CCFD during their Lent campaign in France. Maria Makgamathe and Bongi Zengele presented our work to various communities in France. There was considerable interest in their work and they were regularly interviewed by the local media. French communities saw the relevance of our work, both for our context and theirs. Closer to home, these two programmes have also worked closely together with the Lutheran Church of Southern Africa. What is significant about this work is that we have worked with every sector of the church, from ordinary lay women to bishops! Clearly these programmes are touching a deep need in the church.

The Women and Gender Programme continues to use the Tamar Campaign as a key vehicle in its work, and is hoping later this year to do a survey of how the Tamar Campaign has been taken up by

other around the world. We hope to construct a database and to use this to coordinate future reflection and research on this important work.

Another feature of the Solidarity Programme for People Living with HIV and AIDS has been its success among men. It has taken more than two decades for men to participate in numbers in support groups. But thanks to the work of this programme this is now happening. What is unique about men's support groups is that they include both men who know their HIV status and men who have not tested. This combination enables men who have not tested to realize that there is support and that they will not be stigmatized should they be HIV-positive. These men's support groups have used the momentum of the World Cup to use football as a resource for young men to support each other. As Bongi Zengele says in her report, young men who were confined to wheelchairs now know their status, are receiving ARV treatment, and are now playing football!

The Solidarity Programme for People Living with HIV and AIDS is also working with a researcher from the University of California, Los Angeles, in a study on gender and socialization. We in the Ujamaa Centre are particularly interested in what role religion plays in gender socialization.

The work of the Theology and Economic Justice programme continues to remind us all that many aspects of our lives are controlled by systems. Unemployment is the result of systemic injustices. This is a vital message for unemployed youth, who are often blamed by family and the faith community for being 'lazy'. The work of this programme uses the See-Judge-Act methodology

together with Contextual Bible Study to explore the ways in which human life is controlled by economic systems and how we can then respond to these systems. In his report Sithembiso Zwane tells of how empowering it is to unemployed youth to recognise that they are not to blame for their unemployment. With this recognition they are able to emerge from a situation of shame and are empowered to take control of their lives as they work together to change unjust systems. This report also gives a concrete example of casual workers who are finding resources through social analysis and Contextual Bible Study to challenge their working conditions. Clearly work also needs to be done in shifting the theology of the church, which tends to blame the individual rather than analyzing and understanding the system. So working with clergy is a key part of this programme's work.

The Advocacy and Leadership Development Programme has identified a key tension in our context. There has been a growing tendency since liberation in 1994 for the South African church to turn inwards. Not only has the church turned in on itself, but our nation has at times also done this. The results have been, respectively, a lapse in ecumenical commitment and a rise in xenophobia. Part of this programme's work has been to remind our church and nation of how we ourselves needed one another in our struggle and how we were supported in our struggle by other countries. Solomuzi Mabuza reports on how church leaders admit that they find it difficult to pay attention to the struggles of other

people and places when there is so much that needs to be done locally. Clearly local needs are important, but human solidarity is also part of our calling as Christians. This programme has used the Palestinian Kairos journey as a resource to work with our churches on this tension.

This programme has also taken the lead in preparing the Ujamaa Centre for our 21st Anniversary this year! This is a momentous time for us, as we look back and forward. Under the leadership of Solomuzi Mabuza we are preparing a ten day period of celebration and reflection in October, to which all of you are invited! One of the central themes of this 21st Anniversary will be 'Kairos theology', as it has developed in South Africa, Europe, India, Palestine, and elsewhere.

The Religion and Governance Programme has been affected by the appointment of Dr Simanga Kumalo as the new Head of the School of Religion and Theology. While we are proud of his appointment, it has meant that the Ujamaa Centre has had to sacrifice, both in terms of his leadership as Deputy Director and as the Coordinator of the Religion and Governance Programme. But the work continues. This programme is one of the very few in which theological resources are brought to bear on the issues of governance, democracy, and citizenship. As the report shows, many in the church, including church leadership are still not able to integrate the theological and the political.

Research and Pedagogy Programme

Co-ordinator: Prof Gerald West

Researcher: Nkosinathi Sithole

Introduction

What hold these projects together in a single programme is that each of them is concerned with how the Bible is being used in particular contexts and how the Ujamaa Centre might intervene to enable the Bible to be used more redemptively for social transformation.

Project name: Community-Based Service-Learning

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Training University theological students in Contextual Bible Study; quarterly workshops	Three workshops during the semester with Biblical Studies 210 students, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg.	Students are introduced to Contextual Bible Study as part of their normal coursework. With the assistance of Skhumbuzo Zuma, a Student Worker in the class, the students participated in a Contextual Bible Study facilitated by Gerald West, then we trained them in the methodology, and then each student, in small groups, participated in a workshop using Contextual Bible Study, facilitated by Skhumbuzo Zuma for the Theology and Economic Justice Programme.	Second year University students. 5 women 9 men 1 white 2 coloured 11 black

Impact and planning

This is a regular part of our work, introducing students to, training them in, and then giving them an actual experience of the Contextual Bible Study methodology. This half-year we focused on economic justice issues, using Mark 11:27-13:2, and collaborated with the Theology and Economic Justice programme in their work with casual workers. The impact was profound. The students were deeply moved by the stories of

casual workers. They had no idea that life was so fragile for these workers, with all of them struggling to survive financially on minimum wages and few benefits.

In the second semester this same group of students will work with the Women and Gender Programme so that they have an experience of doing Contextual Bible Study in the context of violence against women.

Project name: Contextual Bible Study Methodology

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Training trainers in Contextual Bible Study methodology; twice a year	Contextual Bible Reading Consultation, 8-10 February, Utrecht, The Netherlands	Presented a lecture: Contextual Bible Study: practitioners talking among ourselves. Participated in Consultation activities. Facilitated a Contextual Bible Study with Esther Mombo for participants and visitors from The Netherlands.	26 core participants, with another 15-20 guests. 9 women 17 men Included participants from Latin America, Africa, and Europe. All had tertiary level education and were leaders in their contexts.
	Contextual Bible Study training at Ricatla Seminary, Mozambique, 31 May to 4 th June.	Training workshops with church leaders in the morning and Ricatla third and fourth level students in the afternoon. Worked with staff of the Ricatla Seminary and a trainer from CEBI, Luis Dietrich, as well as a student from Brasil studying with the Ujamaa Centre.	Church leaders from Maputo area: Students in their third and fourth years of study:

Impact and planning

The Consultation in The Netherlands was a wonderful opportunity for practitioners in the field of Contextual Bible Study to share together. These opportunities are rare, and so very significant. From our analysis together it was clear that throughout Latin and Africa there is a need for further training and resources in Contextual Bible Study. The two sites that have the most capacity are CEBI in Brasil and the Ujamaa Centre in South Africa. The collaboration between these two sites has a long history of more than 25 years and is invaluable in building the capacity of each other and in offering resources to others. It is clear that further work and financial resources are needed to develop Contextual Bible Study in Latin American and Africa. There was also a considerable openness from the Dutch participants towards Contextual Bible Study. The hosts, Kerk in Actie, enabled a very significant consultation to take place and are committed to taking the work further. They have set up a useful website for interactive engagement.

The training workshops in Mozambique were a further fruit of the collaboration between Latin America (CEBI) and Africa (the Ujamaa Centre), as well as collaboration with Kerk in Actie (The Netherlands), who contributed financially to the workshops and enabled Ricatla to host them. Through this collaborative work a whole range of current church leaders and future leaders were equipped to work with the Bible for social transformation in their communities. We plan to build on this collaboration.

Project name: Developing Contextual Bible Studies

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Working with trainers to develop Contextual Bible Studies; twice a year.	Contextual Bible Study training at Ricatla Seminary, Mozambique, 31 May to 4 th June.	The Contextual Bible Study methodology workshops above were also used to enable students to develop their own Contextual Bible Studies and for Gerald West to develop new Bible studies and to revise and rework some of the Ujamaa Centre's existing Contextual Bible Studies.	Church leaders from Maputo area: Students in their third and fourth years of study:

Impact and planning

Because each context is different it is important that those trained in Contextual Bible Study methodology are also trained to develop their own Contextual Bible Studies. While there was no sufficient time in these workshops to complete the process of each person developing their own Contextual Bible Study, Dr Hette Doorndomburg from Ricatla will take the process to completion with the participants, especially the students. Gerald West used the opportunity of these workshops to revise the training material in the Ujamaa Manual and to revise some of the Contextual Bible Studies in the Manual. By using material in different contexts and in different languages there is a wonderful opportunity to re-examine it and further develop it.

Project name: African Biblical Interpretation

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Preparing and publishing academic work on African biblical interpretation	Jesus, Jacob Zuma, and the New Jerusalem: Religion in the Public Realm between Polokwane and the Presidency, Plenary paper read at In the Presence of Faith: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Southern African Studies of Religion, 24-26 February 2010, Johannesburg, South Africa.	Research on and presentation of a paper in a series of how the Bible and religion are being used in the public realm in South Africa since liberation.	Not applicable.
	Nkosinathi Sithole has produced two papers for publication on his work with the African Independent Church, Ibandla lamaNazaretha: Acquiescence or Resistance? The Role of the AIC in the Struggle Against Apartheid; An African Bible for African Readers: JG Shembe's Use of the Bible in Sermons.	Research on how the Bible is used by a significant local African Independent Church by Nkosinathi Sithole, who is himself an insider to this community.	NA

Impact and planning

This is the fourth paper in a series on how the Bible and religion are being used in the public realm in South African since liberation. This paper has generated considerable interest, and was also presented at a seminar at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The interest is because the paper demonstrates that there is reason to be concerned about the kind of religion that is being presented in the public realm by the state. This is an ‘evangelical’, ‘Church Theology’, type of religion in which that role of religion is to focus on matters of morality and not to engage the state on matters of politics and the economy. There are plans to continue this work, with another paper in the series to be presented at a conference on the Bible and politics in Africa in Germany in July.

The work by Nkosinathi Sithole is particularly significant work in that he is himself a member of this church and so is able to present an insider’s perspective on the church.

Project name: Ujamaa Training Weeks

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Leadership training across the full range of Ujamaa Centre’s resources; twice a year.	Anglican Church “Bible in the Life of the Communion” project, 17-21 May, Pietermaritzburg.	This year the focus of the Ujamaa Training Weeks is the Anglican Church. The worldwide Anglican Communion has initiated a project which will identify how Anglicans read the Bible in different contexts and how resources like those of the Ujamaa Centre might contribute. Gerald West worked with a local organizing committee made up of a colleague from the School of Religion and Theology, a colleague from the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown, local Anglican priests, and a local bishop, as well as Maria Makgamathe, from the Women and Gender Programme.	All the participants were representatives of their diocese, with most of them being responsible for theological education. All had tertiary level training. Men 10; Women 6 Black 8; White 5; Indian 1; Coloured 2 Age group ranged from 35-60.

Impact and planning

The Ujamaa Centre has been trying in the past few years to use the Ujamaa Training Weeks to train trainers. So this was an important opportunity to take. Each of the participants had been identified by their diocese as someone who could train others. We were therefore working with people who would make a difference in their own contexts, across the whole of southern Africa. The Training Week was a great success, enabling those who had considerable experience to learn new skills.

It is clear from this work that Contextual Bible Study is perceived by some as having a particular agenda. So, for example, some in the Anglican training group were suspicious of the workshop. However, they were amazed to discover that Contextual Bible Study is actually a partnership between socially engaged biblical scholarship and the community, and that listening and being a facilitator are key skills for this work. From the work done it is clear that we must focus more on developing facilitation skills. In the past we could assume that many in the church had basic facilitation skills. This work has shown that this is not the case. One of the participants in the Anglican group, who had been a priest for more than thirty years, said that he wished he had learned these skills earlier in his ministry. There is a real need in the church for such skills and so the Ujamaa Centre must focus on this aspect of our training work. In the second workshop with the Anglican group in the second half of the year we will do more facilitator training.

Project name: Reconceptualizing inter-religious dialogue and collaboration

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Working on contextual issues across religions; twice a year	NA	The work done in this project was focused on detailed research as part of the Chart (Collaborative on HIV and AIDS in Religion and Theology) on how the Bible and Qur'an are used in the context of HIV.	NA

Impact and planning

This work is a significant contribution to inter-religious dialogue and collaboration in our context. The work is currently being prepared for publication.

Women and Gender Programme

Coordinator: Ms Maria Makgamathe

Field-workers: Badudu Msomi

Introduction

The work reported here is of the activities done from March till June 2010. I was in France the whole of March 2010 invited by CCFD (Comite` **Catholique** Conter La Faim et Pour le Development) to attended their planned lent campaign with other CCFD supported forty partners globally. I was stationed in North of France, Lille and Chalons to showcase and present my program with schools, churches, organizations and media. Many communities and movements had a great interest on how Ujamaa Center and my program use the bible to respond to issues of Gender, Violence, HIV and AIDS etc. I presented on how the bible was or is still used as a tool to oppress and marginalized women. Now in my program we use the very same bible to liberate and to give life to the marginalized women. 1) The bible is used as a tool to fight against gender based violence. 2) The bible is use tool to give a voice to the voiceless as we created that “safe space” that allow women to reread the bible for themselves and selected texts which were or are normally used to marginalized them.3) The bible is used as a tool to reconstruct new theologies that liberate, transform and give life in abundant for women. Through this presentation UJamaa Center was congratulated for its ability and skills to use the bible and to work with the church across the African Continent.

Part of my report is on the activities facilitated between my colleague Bongzi Zengele and myself as we work across programs on issues of HIV and AIDS and Gender. One of the significant workshops facilitated together is of the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa’s Regional Consultation for Women Liaison Officers, Resource Persons and Ordained Female Pastors on Gender and Power. It has been our dream to conduct workshops of this nature in our country and provinces. Through this link with LUCSA we were grace with invitation from Bishop Buthelezi and Dean Maluleke to introduce and facilitated Tamar Campaign in Kwa Ndwengo Circuit with 416 women in attendance.

Another significant activity done is of the presentations and workshop held on contextual bible studies methodologies with the Kwa Zulu Natal Regional Apostolic Faith Missions in Kwa Makuta, Illovo, Magapeni and Portshepstone- Boboyi. The Kwa Zulu Natal AFM church leadership has an interest in the popular reading of the bible and reconstructions of new contextual theologies that give life and transformation to its church members. Hence I was invited to show case our work in the above mentioned places.

Project name: Gender Literacy

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Gender Literacy Training. Quarterly, Training Male and female leadership in church and communities through out South Africa, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Gauteng and North West, Southern African Development Co-operation, Eastern and Western Region	A day workshop held on 28 April 2010 in Felekisi, South Coast of Durban with local community members.	This workshop came as a follow up of Tamar Campaign workshop facilitated by Badudu Msomi in Felekisi on 10 March 2010. The focus of this workshop was (1) to share basics information on what gender entails. (2) To explore ways of reconstructing gender and gender role in families and communities.	Total number 30 Men 10 Women 20 All black Most participants are unemployed and some are casual workers. Age group ranged from 18- 40
	Four days workshop held from 11-14 May 2010 in Johannesburg, Carmelite Retreat Center. A Regional Consultation for Women Liaison Officers, Resource Persons and Ordained Female Pastors on Gender and Power organized by Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa's HIV and AIDS Program Coordinator.	This workshop came as a planned activity of LUCSA's project: Gender Inequality in Church and Society. The project seeks to promote gender equality and empowerment of women in Southern African Development Co-operation member churches. Bongi and Maria were invited to facilitate contextual bible studies and to introduce concepts of gender, power, mainstreaming gender and HIV and AIDS.	Total number 19 All women White 2 Black 17 Ordained pastors 13 Resource Person 5 South Africans 5 1Mozambique,1Angola,1 Botswana, 4 Zimbabwe, 3 Namibia, 1 Malawi, 1 Zambia, 1 Swaziland Age group ranged from 30-56

Impact and planning

It is clear from this work that women including ordained female pastors are still struggling against power and patriarchy within their families, communities and churches. During this consultation a safe space was created for women to share their lived experiences on gender and power in the church. Horrific experiences of discrimination in the church were narrated by female pastors. Some female pastors are discriminated when it comes to occupying leadership positions. Some were denied ordination. Promotions and studies opportunities are given to male pastors. One female pastor was forced to resign.

As a result of this workshop a letter of grievances against the marginalization and discrimination of female pastors was written by all female pastors addressed to a higher authority of the church. It was clear that all female pastors in attendance need a psycho spiritual support from the church. A follow up workshop with this group will be held in September 2010.

Project name: Tamar Campaign

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Tamar Campaign Monthly through out the year in South Africa, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Gauteng and North West ,Southern African Development Co-operation, Eastern and Western Region	A day workshop held on 6 March 2010 with Illovo local community members	A task was given to local community members to introduce and facilitated Tamar campaign with their families, local churches and communities. The focus of the workshop facilitated by Badudu Msomi was to receive a feed back from the group on how they have introduced and facilitated Tamar Campaign.	Total Number 25 Women 20 Men 5 All black Most unemployed and few casual workers Age group ranged from 23-50 years
	A day workshop held on 16 April 2010 in St Joseph Cedara	The St Joseph's Gender Committee invited Maria and Bongzi Zengele to facilitated Contextual Bible Study Methodologies for students using	Total number 15 Men 5 Women 10 White 1

		Tamar CBS.	Black 14 13 were full time students and 1 was a lecturer Age ranged from 29-52 years
	A day workshop held on 4 May 2010 at Sobhisi Mbumbulo near Illovo with pre school teachers	The focus of the workshop was to introduce Tamar campaign to pre school teachers. To train them how to run Tamar campaign with pre school pupils. To sensitize them about all forms of abuses encountered by children. Badudu and myself co facilitated the workshop. We also invited Bobby Bear to inform the teachers on referral skills systems on sexual abuse matters	Total number 16 All women All black Employed by local pre schools Age ranged from 30-55 years
	A presentation on Tamar Campaign at Kwa Makutha Apostolic Faith Mission on 23 May 2010	I was invited by AFM to introduce Tamar Campaign as a tool to fight against gender based violence in the area.	Total number +/- 500 Men +/- 50 Women-/+ 400 Children +/- 100 All black Age ranged from 1- 90 years roughly
	A presentation on Tamar Campaign at Portshepstone Boboyi Regional Apostolic Faith Mission on 10 June 2010	I was invited by the Kwa Zulu Natal Regional AFM to introduce Tamar Campaign as a tool to fight against gender based violence in the area. To sensitize the church about all forms of abuse and help the church to explore ways of responding against these	Total number +/- 700 Men +/- 100 Women+/- 500 Youth +/- 100 Children +/- 100 All Blacks

		injustices.	
	A day workshop held at Nongoma with mothers union from Kwa Ndwengo Circuit Lutheran Church	Bongi and Maria were invited by Dean Tebogo Maluleke and Bishop Buthelezi to introduce and facilitate Tamar Campaign during the circuit meeting. The health care workers from local clinic were also in attendance	Total number 416 Men +/- 16 Women 400 All black

Impact and Planning

Through these workshops, South Coast communities are taking ownership of gender based violence and other socio economic factors that are negatively affecting them. Women are able to make their own decision and speaking out against violence. One successful story that is celebrated because of these workshops is of the arrest of the long time wanted rapist and murderer married to one our regular woman participant. She shared her horrific experiences with us. Through the support of Bobbi Bear we referred her to the right police officers who were able to do their job effectively and arrest her husband. Community members are mobilizing themselves to support and accompany her during their court case to be held in July.

There is a snow ball effect taking place through Tamar Campaign in different South Coast communities. Apostolic Faith Mission, Kwa Zulu Natal Regional branches have taken an interest in our work. As a result I have been invited me to introduce Tamar Campaign and explore the popular reading of the bible with their regional branches. We will schedule a detailed CBS training for them in second semester.

We were also graced with an invitation by Bishop Buthelezi to Nongoma after he attended LUCSA's training were Bongi Zengele conducted reflections on Contextual Bible Studies during the church leaders training on Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS workshop. This clearly shows that the church is taking interest in rereading the bible with people and exploring ways of being contextual to the lives of the people. Furthermore the local clinic staff in attendance invited us to run a workshop for them on this work. This shows that there is a need to build a network and capacity with the already existing stakeholders and organizations that are responding to issues Gender Based Violence and HIV and AIDS for referrals purposes.

Project name: Redemptive Masculinities

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Redemptive masculinities Quarterly. Training male leadership in the church and community specifically the youth	A day workshop held on 29 May 2010 with Illovo local male youth	This workshop was demanded by youth who normally seat by the local stores and buy time. They were aware that Badudu and Maria conduct monthly workshop in their area. They felt a need to change their behavior as they are stigmatized by their community for using drugs. We facilitated 1 Samuel 13 and Mark 5. The focus of this workshop was- to expose them to different forms of masculinities by using Jesus, Jairus and Amnon as examples. We also focused on building their own personal developmental skills	Total 43 All men All black Unemployed and some are school dropped outs Age group ranged from 18-30

Impact and planning

All youth in attendants were amazed at how the bible can speak positively and relevantly to their lives. Furthermore they were amazed at how the bible was not used to judge and condemn them. They knew the bible as a crucifixion tool than to a life giving tool. We had a good process where these young men became vulnerable with us by sharing their life challenges, reasons to why they are involve in drug and how they aspired to change and build their personal developmental skills. This process shows how contextual bible studies still have the ability to: 1) ‘unearthing the voice of the voiceless’. 2) And allow a personal transformation processes.

We planned to facilitated on CBS on 1 Samuel 13 however we had to be flexible by facilitating another CBS on Mark 5 with positive characteristics of masculinity since these concerned youth felt a need to changed their negative behaviors and attitudes about themselves.

Solidarity Programme for People Living with HIV and AIDS

Co-ordinator: Ms Bongzi Zengele

Field-workers: Ms Nokuthula Biyela, Mr Xolani Khumalo, Ms Sindi Makhathini, Ms Thandeka Majola and Ms Mary Jane Zibula

Introduction

The year 2010 began with more activities within the support groups and the outreach team was kept busy, it is crucial that we all work as a team; this ensures that we are able to impact peoples' lives in a more meaningful manner. It is true that the kind of work we embark on is not easily seen or observed from the outside but each individual have an important role to play and in a very unique manner we are able to assist one another and reach out to places we never thought we would. This was expressed by members of the soccer team from Mpolweni and France, '*We never thought we would be able to run with the ball again!*' These two guys were in a wheel chair for a period of more that two years. Now they play for the team of their support group and they played extremely well running so confidently as if they were never in a situation they were explaining before. They were so happy and expressing their emotions during soccer game it reflected a tremendous impact on how these young people felt liberated and freely they were able to share joy and laughter with other friends who are also in Solidarity with them as people living openly with HIV. It is these comments coming from the heart that have shaped our programme and it is growing from strength to strength. Contextual Bible studies expresses the deeper spiritual support and yearning for more of this kind of input. All support groups are familiar with the Bible and that they are more confident in using the Bible even in their own private time. This was echoes by Nkululeko a member of a support group who expressed his joy for being able to start a personal relationship with God, he tells of the times where he was alone and frustrated but from the time he joined a support group and began to familiarize himself with the Bible loneliness and boredom is a thing of the past. He feels so liberated that even living with HIV does not limit the way and manner he related to God. He reflected on the fact that living with HIV has made him to look at life differently and positively. For him to be in Solidarity with other people who are living with HIV means you are given a second chance in life and you are then challenged to living it with a purpose.

This year all support groups are embarking on the research study which is collaboration with Dr Deborah Mindry from the University of California in Los Angeles. The focus of the study is on HIV, Gender and Sexuality in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa. This is the first research of this kind and we are focusing on five areas i.e. France, EMpolweni, Mpophomeni, Mbali BB and Kwa-Mpumuza. We hope to gain more insight

into the impact of HIV and AIDS in people's social, sexual and spiritual relations as well as how are these shaped by Gender relations. This research will take the Solidarity Programme to another level as we not only hear what the co-ordinator and the research team are reporting but what do people who are directly faced with HIV and AIDS on a daily basis can share about their own lives experiences, a great opportunity to learn.

Project name: Agape Project

Proposed Activities	Actual activities, dates, place, numbers and group.	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it?	Group Profile, Gender, age, race, education etc....
Collaborative work with organized groups to promote solidarity with people living with HIV.	Network of Support Groups 'Door to door Campaign for HIV awareness and TB prevention in France 18-01-2010. This event was done by Mr Xolani Khumalo, Ms Bongzi Zengele and Ms Nokuthula Biyela.	The group observed that there are people who were defaulting in taking their day to day treatment and this was a great need for a localized 'door to door' campaign as a way of reaching out to community of France thus raising awareness on Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV as well as educating about TB which is a common illness especially to those living with HIV. The focus was on encouraging people to finish their treatment so as to escape from severe pneumonia which often ends up in death	All participants are Black South Africans, half of the group have a matric and the other half had attended primary school but do not have a matric unemployed young adults, living openly with HIV from the ages 18-48 years old. No. of Participants: 18 females 9 males Total:27
	Workshop in partnership with PACSA, Gay and Lesbian, Exploring Gender, and impact of Sexuality, Relationships in the	The focus of this workshop was aimed at creating an in-depth understanding of human sexuality, getting in touch with our own prejudices with regards to people of different sexual orientation and how these are impacted by HIV and AIDS.	This was a mixed group with regards to gender, there were 10 women and 18 men, 22 were straight and six homosexuals. Age group ranges from 17-50 year of old. The participants were all

	<p>context of HIV and AIDS. The workshop took place at Thembaletu Community Training Centre, on the 17-02-2010. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele and Ms Maria Makgamathe</p>		<p>literate and were able to converse in English, the level of education is not known as this was not asked from individuals attending the workshop. 26 participants were Black South Africans, 1 Australian and 1 Indian.</p>
	<p>Workshop on how to strengthen relationships in a Support and Conflict Management. Facilitated by Ms Nokuthula Biyela and Mr Xolani Khumalo on the 4th March 2010 in France</p>	<p>The focus of the training was on conflict management this acknowledges that people do not agree all the time and there is a need of increasing life skills on the level of problem solving so that they are able to manage themselves within support groups. The participants were encouraged to communicate their frustration openly and take a firm stands if need be as a way of exercising their rights as human beings. It has been observed that there is a great need of learning more on about communication skills as participants often find themselves in a situation that requires fair communication or making life changing decisions.</p>	<p>The participants were regular members of the support group that meet often and at times have dealt with a number of conflicts during the life cycle of the support group. There were 21 females and 18 men. Their level of education ranges from primary school to high school education, the majority are school drop outs so it is not easy to ascertain the actual level of education as they do not remember where they left schooling. All participants are living openly and positively with HIV. They are all Black South Africans</p>
	<p>Contextual Bible</p>	<p>The focus of the text was on Stigma and</p>	<p>The group is made up of men</p>

	<p>Study on John 8:1-8 on dealing with Stigma and Discrimination in a Context of HIV and AIDS with a Support Group for men who are openly living with HIV in France. On the 10th March 2010 and it was facilitated by Mr. Xolani Khumalo</p>	<p>Discrimination. There was a reflection on the similarities experienced by the woman who was brought in front of Jesus accused of adultery. The participants shared of similar experiences of stigma and discrimination as people living with HIV. They expressed negative feelings related to shame and guilt as men are often seen as perpetrators and when the judgment come is heavy on women. The group wrestled with the fact that this particular woman in the text was found in the act of adultery but she was alone and the big question was where is a men who was involved with her? This later reflected some issues of different gender roles and patriarchy can cover mess done by males but find it easy to condemn women. Lessons were learnt on how Jesus dealt with Stigma and Discrimination leaving a model for us to follow in similar situations.</p>	<p>living openly with HIV from the area called France. There were 36 men. About twenty have a matric and the rest have attended school but did not reach to matric level. They are all Black South African men. Age group of participants estimated at 15-50 years old</p>
	<p>Campaign on Condom Distribution in the taxi rank in the city by Support Groups, is one of powerful strategies that allows people to engage with sexuality and prevention of HIV. This took place on the 15th till 19th of March 2010</p>	<p>Each year around candle light week the support groups embark on different campaigns to encourage prevention and testing for HIV. Throughout the week the members of a support groups in the area meet and do home visits, door to door campaign and condom distribution to members of society. This takes place in the village as well as in the city and inside public transportation. More information is communicated in the public and people are also encouraged to test so that they can know their HIV status.</p>	<p>The campaign is able to reach out to +/- 3000 men and women who received information and were encouraged to change their sexual behaviors as a way of curbing the spread of HIV. The information goes to the public as a whole and it is not easy to find the actual number of people who were helped. Spreading the correct</p>

			information is at the heart of the campaign as more people need proper information for them to engage in doing informed decisions about their lives. Lack of sufficient information is critical and it has been observed that people can make serious fatal mistakes.
	A joint training on HIV Prevention and Gender Based Violence, facilitated by Ujamaa outreach staff, TAC and the Community Based Support Groups, took place on 23 rd of March 2010 in France	The focus of the training was to strengthen communication skills amongst the members and to affirm positive ways of channeling highly charged emotions without resorting to violent behavior. The participants appreciated the contribution and there were more stories that were told where violence became daily bread. It was fascinating to notice that some men were shared experiences where a high level of force and violence was inflicted by women in their lives and this was a point of learning from all who were present on how violence begets violence. There was an urgent need to nurture 'win-win' situation in all life circumstances.	The participants were 32 women and 18 men. Age group 15-50 years old. Level of education ranging from complete illiteracy - basic primary and high school. None of the participants have attended tertiary education. All are Black South Africans.
	Campaign on Prevention of TB and HIV was organized in collaboration with local Support Groups in Sobantu,	The focus of the Campaign is to create awareness in the community of the fact that TB can be cured and that people need to care of themselves and know about their TB and HIV status. All support groups were working together to promote this awareness. At the same time condoms were made available for the public as a	There were about +/- 40 women and +/-25 men who were directly involved during the campaign. It is difficult to know the exact number of those who were helped as the

	Ashdown, Embali BB, Dambuza, Caluza and EMpolweni on the 29 th -31 st March 2010	practical measure towards prevention of the spread of HIV.	public is so open, may be +/- 4000 men and women were helped. All Black South Africans.
	Contextual Bible Study on 2Corinthians 4:7-18. On the 18 th of March 2010. Facilitated Ujamaa outreach staff.	The focus of the meeting was to create strength, faith and hope in life. People Living with HIV are faced with a number of challenges these stem from the mere fact that people are living with a 'Killer Virus' and calls for a constant support to strengthen people as they face life challenges on daily basis. This text is a life giving one that acknowledges that all [people are created by God who cares about them and has a plan for their future. This content of the text is key in giving those who are listening courage to wake and live again in spite of facing enormous demands of unpredictable life. Verse7 'holding a treasure in earthen vessels..,' Verse 9 'persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed'	A support group with 26 women and 11 men. They are not at tertiary but some are school leavers and with a matric or nothing at all. They all can read and write, but no confident in speaking English fluently. They are all Black South Africans.
	Contextual Bible Study in Mpolweni on John 10:11-43. Facilitated by Ujamaa outreach staff	The focus of the text points to the aspect that Jesus is a good shepherd, who goes out and looks for one lost sheep so that there is joy. These are powerful words as people are wrestling with the issue of guilt and shame which is often associated with HIV and AIDS. It is comforting to hear that Jesus gathers his sheep regardless of their circumstances and he even worries and leave the flock in search of a strayed one. These words resonate positively to members of a support group who often feel rejected and condemned by the	The members of a support group are 22 women and 16 men. Half of which are literate and the rest have matric but parents were unable to afford tertiary education as a result they are unemployed. They were all Black South Africans.

		mere fact that they are living with HIV. Sense of being love unconditionally is more that therapeutic to them and a source of life that gives them a reason to go on with life.	
	Contextual Bible Study on Job 3:1-14 in Mpophomeni, on the 31 st March 2010 Facilitated by Ujamaa outreach team.	The focus of the text was on the life of Job and he dealt with his pain, loss and faith in God during most trying times of his life. In return how the members of a support group related to the pain and suffering in their own lives impacted by HIV and AIDS. The text provided a healthy space where participants were able to mourn the loss of life free from the Virus as well as asking God to support them as they struggle in life.	The members of the support group are all women 18 and 1 men. Total 20. Age group 18-60 years. All Black South Africans, unemployed and without a good matric.
	Retreat at Kenosis on Healing of Memories for all males support group. Facilitated Ms Bongzi Zengele and Healing of Memories Team.	As part of journeying with men then a retreat was organized with Healing of Memories to create a safer space for men to do their own soul-searching as people living with HIV. The healing retreat took three days, the participants were given a chance to mourn the loss of real manhood without HIV. At a very deeper level they were helped to deal with their own hurts and were healed although for some it was acknowledged that this is a personal journey that needed more in-depth work with professionals.	25 men participated. Their age group varied from 16-50 years. They were all unemployed and 19 had a matric and the rest were school drop outs. All Black South African men and were unemployed.

Impact and Planning

Agape Project takes has managed to work directly and in collaboration with a number of support groups for People Living with HIV and AIDS. This has increased a demand for more training on a variety of topics such as understanding human sexualities, conflict management, understanding patriarchy and gender based violence, nutrition, hygiene, on-going bereavement counseling, TB and Malaria with organized groups. Activities taking place at community level by different support groups creates new interest in collaborative work that results in community mobilization around campaigning on pertinent issues about raising awareness, care, support and prevention of HIV. The fact that

support group members share a common bond of living positively and openly with HIV impacts on strengthening an interest in working together towards educating communities on curbing the spread of HIV in this way a deeper impact of engaging directly with groups in their own communities is observed by the level of their response in return reaching out to the public and pass on the clear information on HIV and AIDS. 'Door to Door Campaign' means people are breaking the silence; people are visiting each other in a spirit of being in Solidarity with those living with HIV. In this way education is no longer an isolated input far away from them but it is transformed into a lived experience. People are not only educating about what they have learned but they are informing others about their lived experience and they are encouraging and giving hope to other people who may be struggling with their own HIV status. There are synergies amongst the support group members that enhance group therapy, feeling of being in the same boat, increased sense of belonging and renewed experiences of embracing life in a different manner. This work is bigger than Ujamaa and has taken its own shape as it is in hands of People Living with HIV belonging to support groups. However there is a bigger challenge of keeping people motivated to carry on the work they have began in groups whilst at the same time having to deal with poverty and unemployment.

Project name: Lazarus Project

Treatment and literacy training	Contextual Bible Study on Lazarus, with a Support Group from Mt Elias, on the 18-01-2010. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele	The focus of the text was aimed at contextualizing Adherence to ARV treatment and healing of Lazarus. This gave people space to reflect on the importance of taking ARV's to prolong life. The fact that Lazarus already smelled some shared on their personal near to death experiences and positive impact.	This support group is made up of 22 widows, some were encouraged to go for testing after the status of their husbands became known or the cause of death was related to HIV. 4 are illiterate and the rest can read and write isiZulu. They are all unemployed Black South Africans, from the rural areas Kwa-Njengabantu.
	Healing of Memories Week-end Retreat with 22 men living openly	The focus of a retreat was to deal with life hurts. The group needed support in dealing with personal healing especially because living with HIV is hurting and a	26 participants were from support groups for people living with HIV of which 11

	with HIV, at Kenosis Retreat Centre from the 22 nd -24 th of January 2010. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele and Healing of Memories Team.	constant reminder of death, so this exercise was seen as a breakthrough from deeper levels of their being and called for a transformative response in expressing love, peace and happiness to those close to them.	have matric and the rest have been to school but drop out before finishing matric. They are all unemployed at times they get peace jobs and these are not sustainable. 18 women and 8 men participated and they Black South Africans.
	John 8: 1-8 woman Caught in Adultery. A Contextual Bible Study on fighting Discrimination and Stigma associated with HIV and AIDS on the 26 th of January 2010 in Kwa-Mpumuza. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele.	The focus of the text was on addressing issues relating to Stigma and Discrimination. The group shared of their own personal stories that let them feeling ostracized because of HIV. This provided a safe space of dealing with rejection and learning new ways of facing challenges without resorting to fighting. Reflecting on Jesus' non-judgmental attitude helped in offering an alternative way of dealing with Stigma and Discrimination.	All participants are Black South Africans who are unemployed. 10 women and 1 men living openly with HIV.
	ARV Treatment Training with Mt Elias Support Group on the 24 th February 2010. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele	The focus of the training is to encourage people on treatment to take it seriously. Aware is created around difficulties that can be created by defaulting.	23 women living with HIV, age group 14-60 years old, all Black South Africans and unemployed.
	Contextual Bible Study on Lazarus in Northdale for a Support Group of Caregivers,	The focus of the text was to help participants who are on ARV's to change their attitude towards ARV treatment. Reflecting on the life of Lazarus many expressed pain and frustrations that were associated	25 women and 15 men, age group ranges 14-59 years old, unemployed and living with HIV.

	on the 25 th February 2010. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele.	with lack of motivation and treatment. It was clear that taking treatment seriously was a solution towards positive living with HIV.	
	Workshop on Adherence and impact of defaulting ARV Treatment in Richmond Clinic with a Support Group on the 26 th February 2010. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele.	The focus of the training is to strengthen knowledge about ARV's and equipping people with proper information to deal with their treatment. This takes into consideration that ARV's are for life and thorough training is essential.	20 women and 18 men, 12 have defaulted their treatment. Age group from 12-69 years old.
	Healing of Memories Support Network in Kwa-Ndengezi on the 27 th February 2010. Ms Naomi from HOM and Ms Bongzi Zengele	The focus of the meeting was an update follow up meeting with people who had attended Healing of Memories Workshop before but needed to connect with others on an on going basis as a process for healing. Participants form a strong bond as they have a mutual feeling of being in the same boat while some had shared or disclosed serious and deeper stories of their lives. The updates are seen as after care services that allow the participants learn from his or her own life experiences as well as learning from others. So these are safe spaces for Healing in progress!	32 women, 28 Black South Africans 2 Kenyans and 2 Zimbabweans, all living with HIV. Age group 14-50 years old.
	Five Day LWF/LUCSA Training of Bishops from 1 st of March till 5 th of March 2010 in Kempton Park, Johannesburg.	The focus of the training was on Theological Reflection on CBS Methodology and Mainstreaming of HIV and AIDS in the Church. Key themes were Stigma, Discrimination and Disclosure	14 Bishops from LUCSA/LWF all men and 8 women who are resource persons in the field of HIV and AIDS. Age group ranges from 30-75 years old, trained theologians and

	Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele.		professionals.
	Treatment Literacy Workshop on the 8 th - 9 th April 2010. Facilitated by Ms Nokuthula and Mr Xolani Khumalo	The focus of the training is to help participants to learn about the basic information on ARV treatment and to understand the work of each drug that is taken by patients. This is a difficult task as it pushes us to break down medical terms and use simple terms for people to understand treatment better. In this way the participants are empowered as they learn to take charge of their lives.	15 women and 11 men, age group from 14-60 years old. All Black South Africans and unemployed.
	Five Day Training of Deans LWF/LUCSA. 19 th -23 rd of April in Namibia. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele	The focus of the training was on Theological Reflection on using Biblical Resources in dealing with HIV Mainstreaming in the Church	There were 18 Deans 12 men and 4 women. They are trained theologians working as ordained Priests in Parishes of the Lutheran Church in the SADEC region.
	Mbalenhle ARV Clinic training workshop on adherence literacy to a variety of people attending out patient. Facilitated by Ms Nokuthula Biyela and Xolani Khumalo	The focus of training was to teach and monitor the level of adherence. This is the most important training in the life of a person living with HIV as it prepares and teaches each person on the medication they are going to take for the rest of their lives.	44 women and 29 men living with HIV, Age group ranges from 14-70 years old. Information on employment status was not collected from participants.
	Mpolweni ARV Clinic training on Adherence. Facilitated by Ms Nokuthula Biyela	The focus of training was on enhancing adherence and exploring positive ways of encouraging other members of the support to assist others.	11 men and 15 women , age group approximately 14-55 years old, all Black South Africans Living with HIV. They are all unemployed.

	Scottsville ARV Clinic training the Contextual Reading of Lazarus as a tool of encouraging people to adhere on treatment. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele	The focus of the text was to help people on treatment that it is important to comply with adherence for better results as medication is meant to assist them as they live with HIV.	12 women and 18 men age group ranging from 15-50 years old. They are all Black South Africans living with HIV.
	Five Day 10 th – 14 th May 2010. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele in Carmelite Retreat Centre in Johannesburg.	The focus of a Consultation Workshop with LWF/LUCSA Women Theologians on Mainstreaming Gender, Power, HIV and AIDS.	16 women theologians attended and 4 lay women working on Gender Programme within Lutheran/ Moravian Churches. Age group ranges from 25-70 years old.
	Scottsville Clinic training on ARV regiments facilitated jointly by HIV lay Counselor and Ms Bongzi Zengele	The training was to introduce new ARV regiments that are more preferable in terms of side effects. D4T will be replaced with a less toxic drug. The group was full of defaulters so they were warned on the grievous consequences of defaulting that can lead to death.	15 men and 22 women living with HIV, the age group ranges from 15-50 years old. The rate of was not checked with the participants prior the meeting.
	Five Day 31 st -May – 4 th June 2010. LWF/LUCSA Deans. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele	The focus was on facilitation of CBS Methodology and Mainstreaming of HIV and AIDS in the Church. Bible Studies on Stigma, Discrimination and Disclosure were reflected upon.	22 Deans attended the training, 11 men, 8 women and 3 lay women who were resource persons. The age group ranges from 24-70 years old. They were all literate, 19 trained theologians.
	Scottsville ARV Clinic training. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele	The focus of this training is to give clarity on different ARV regiments available in South Africa and how they can be used to help those living with HIV with CD 4	20 women and 11men living with HIV, age group ranges from 16-70 years old. It was

		count less than 300. This information empowers the participants as they are learning more about ARV's which makes them take charge of their lives.	not easy to ascertain whether they were employed or unemployed as this information was asked from them.
	Contextual Bible Study on Lazarus as a tool to enhance Adherence in ARV treatment. Facilitated by Ms Nokuthula Biyela and Xolani Khumalo	The text is used as a biblical tool to encourage adherence in support groups. This concept is well received for ARV's are seen as helping people to live longer as opposed to experiences of high volumes of deaths in communities. People embrace ARV's as given them a second chance in life.	18 women and 12 men living with HIV, age group ranges from 16-70 years old. Most of the people are unemployed or hired as seasonal workers in the nearest farms
	Contextual Bible Study on Lazarus as a tool of encouraging adherence to ARV treatment Richmond Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele	This text was used as a tool of encouraging people on ARV'S to take medication appropriately. The people received the message and they were enthusiastic because HIV has changed from being a dead sentence towards looking at life and future with confidence.	32 women and 3 men receiving ARV treatment. The age group ranges from 16-70 years old. The majority were school drop out who worked as seasonal laborers in the farms. At present they are all unemployed and living with HIV.
	Contextual Bible Study in Mt.Elias on Job 3. Facilitated by Ms Bongzi Zengele	The book of Job allowed people to share their pain openly in a form of a prayer and lamentations. They all appreciated the opportunity to reflect, it was very interesting to observe as to how difficult it was to communicate directly with God expressing their pain and loss. Some felt Job was holier than them but find it difficult that God can allow such pain to happen in his life.	28 women and 4 men participated. All are Black South Africans Living with HIV and unemployed. Age group ranges from 16-70 years old.
	Contextual Bible Study	The text was aimed at creating conducive environment	18 women and 1 man attended,

	on Job 3 with Kwa-Mpumuza Support Group. Facilitated by Ms Nokuthula Biyela	to mourn the loss and to engage with God just as Job did in his anger and pain. The participants were reluctant to share their real feelings about pain and loss of life, but as the reflection went deeper it became clear that they were identifying with Job as he was wrestling with God. This helped the participants to share their frustration, pain and loss freely and this was a therapeutic experience as these emotions are not always easy to deal with.	their age group is from 17-60 years old. They are all Black South Africans Living with HIV and unemployed.
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Impact and planning

Lazarus Project has impacted on support groups and ARV clinics more than expected twinning Contextual Bible Study on the life of Lazarus with ARV treatment seemed to have worked positively at a community level. In this way this Bible Study can be viewed as a tool or a Biblical resource that has been used to encourage people to adhere to ARV treatment. People are accepting the challenge of complying with medication for best results. Within this engagement safe spaces are created to enable participants to deal with proper terminologies and side effects of ARV treatment. The fact that support group members are living positively it encourages and strengthens needed knowledge about ARV's. This affirms the fact that ARV treatment needs to be taken in a conducive environment that have people who are ready to support and monitor each other. The challenge is to keep updates on new regiment C as there are changes with old regiment A and B. There is a plan to engage more with defaulters as they pose a threat to the process of observing ARV changing human lives.

Project name: Talitha Cum

Children's Project	St Michael Parish in Kwa-Dabeka Children Workshop on Basic Information on HIV and AIDS, Prevention and Care. On the	The children from a Sunday School of the Catholic Church in Kwa-Dabeka were very open and asked difficult questions with regards to disclosure and the impact this has on other siblings which is often expressed in a variety of emotions and is often observed	This session transformed the content and subject matter, HIV and AIDS was seen from a perspective of care and support. The church became instrumental in educating
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	10-01-2010, 20 girls and 12 boys. Facilitated by Ms Bongi Zengele		young children on HIV and AIDS. Whilst at the same time it succeeded to convey positive messages that were rich in hopefulness and clear information transmission and prevention of HIV.
	Children's workshop in St Clements' parish in Clermont, Holiday Club Programme from 12-16 January 2010, Facilitated by Ms Bongi Zengele	The Catholic Church hosts Holiday Club Programme during Summer School Holidays. The focus is to teach life skills to young children; special focus was on basic information on HIV and AIDS. Children were very enthusiastic and participated with interest and they openly shared about living with family members who are on ARV's and how they help them remember the appropriate time to take pills.	There were +/- 36 girls and +/- 25 boys. They all attend school and are Black South Africans.
	Northdale Hospital meeting with Care givers and Children receiving ARV's. Facilitated by Ms Bongi Zengele	The focus of the meeting was establishing a multi-disciplinary team working jointly with Children Living with HIV on Treatment. This was well received by both trained staff and support staff. The Caregivers related their frustrations in searching for support that very scarce when one is taking care of HIV positive Children.	32 women and 8 men who are caregivers. There were 18 children receiving ARV's from Northdale Hospital, 10 girls and 8 boys all are at a school going age. All participants are Black South Africans.
	School HIV and AIDS Awareness Presentation in Mpumelelo High School in France. 02-02-2010 +/- Females and	The students were so open and asked deeper questions touching areas of sexuality, disclosure and caring for sick siblings including sick parents or caregivers. This highlighted the heavy impact of HIV in the lives of Children and how desperate and vulnerable young people are going through at this time.	This meeting helped the school to be a relevant place where learners' needs were met in a holistic manner including psycho-social. Questions indicated that most of the learners are faced with the

	+/- 300 males. Facilitated by Mr Xolani Khumalo		reality of living with HIV and AIDS in their immediate environment and at this time they were given time to reflect and share as a school on what they are struggling with. There is a great for this school to start and AIDS support network
	Training of Care givers in Memory work and Capacity Building in the field of HIV with Children.	Collaboration work with Sinomlando training of facilitators on Ujamaa's Contribution to the well-being of Children Living with HIV	12 lay counselors attended training, 8 women and 4 men. There were 11 Africans and 1 Indian women and they all have matric

Impact and planning

Talitha Cum needs to nurture collaborative with Sinomlando and other organizations like Thandanani and Schools working with children. Working with caregivers impacts positively on children and there is a need to plan strategically on how to use both opportunities in a way that complements each process. The challenge is the fact that children are minors and rely heavily on their care givers who may not at all be interested in this kind of interventions. The encounter with children in Clermont made it clear that children are carrying more burdens relating to loss, ill – health, care and support. Some children disclosed that they help to remind their family members when it is time to take treatment everyday. There is minimal or no full disclosure given to children about the kind of illness they have and pose a threat to enabling children to gain a deeper understanding and master skills of living positively with HIV. There is a plan in the next part of the year to engage more closely with caregivers as well as working directly with children living with HIV.

LUCSA/LWF working directly with the Lutheran Church starting with the Bishops, Deans and Woman Theologians illustrates the impact of Ujamaa's engagement with HIV and Gender Base Violence using Theological and Biblical resources to promote advocacy work through the use of Contextual Bible Methodologies.

Theology and Economic Justice Programme

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Introduction

The year began with the hype of the 2010 FIFA World Cup and the expectations about the benefits thereof. Our Training for Transformation, Heroes of Labour and Prophets of God projects were earmarked to engage with the unemployed youth, the working class workers and the ministers of religion on how they envisioned their role within Worker Sunday Campaign. In this report we reflect on the highlights of the workshops we facilitated in the three projects and the plans for the second half of the year. In the Training for Transformation project our intervention is gradually improving the lives of many young people both in Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal which is our sites. The highlight for us this year was in Limpopo, we discovered that one of the participant in our workshop last year (2009) is a now a volunteer in a local community station and she invited us to be on the show. The station has a listenership of about 10 000 people in Sekhukhune, Jane Furse, Limpopo. People had an opportunity to interact with us in a live radio programme about our vision as both the programme and organization. In the Heroes of Labour project our highlight was the formation of the Worker's Forum as result of our intervention with SuperCare workers at the University and this work has extended to other campuses like Howard College in Durban. The launch of the Workers Forum will take place next year and will directly engage SuperCare management on Worker Rights and Basic Conditions of Employment which never happened before. In the Prophets of God project the highlight was an interest from minister to advance their theological training to be able to articulate a 'Prophet Theology' that meets the socio-economic needs of their congregations rather than a mere 'Church Theology' that is unproductive and uncritically of the socio-economic atrocities in our communities. The rest of the projects (Studies in Industrial Mission, Mzwandile Memorial Lecture and Worker Sunday Campaign) will take place in the second part of the year.

Project name: Training for Transformation

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc
Training For Transformation (TFT) Quarterly all target groups (2 days)	Workshop from 24-26 April 2010 in Pietermaritzburg, Kenosis Retreat Centre with unemployed youth from KwaDambuza, KwaMpumuza and Mt Elias.	The focus of the workshop was to train the unemployed youth (1) to deepen their socio-economic analysis, (2) to help them understand the Contextual Bible Study tool for social transformation (3) to introduce Worker Sunday Campaign as part of an action oriented tool. The workshop was organized by Mbuyiseni Gwamanda and facilitated by Sithembiso Zwane and Skhumbuzo Zuma.	Total number: 13 Men 6 Women 7 Black: All All had secondary education All were unemployed Age group ranged from 19-30
	Workshop from 26-28 May 2010 in Jane Furse, Limpopo province with unemployed youth from Sekhukhune.	The focus of the workshop was to train the unemployed youth (1) to do socio-economic analysis (2) to facilitate Contextual Bible Study in their own context (3) to design a plan of action to deal with their socio-economic challenges. The workshop was organized by Bheki Shongwe and Mbuyiseni Gwamanda and facilitated by Sithembiso Zwane and Skhumbuzo Zuma.	Total number: 24 Men 4 Women 20 Black: All All had secondary education All were unemployed Age group ranged from 18-26

Impact and planning

It was evident from the workshops that unemployed youth thought being unemployed was because of their lack of qualification, drivers licenses, and work experience. They argued vehemently that opportunities were available for everyone and felt they had not done enough to access them as young people. As part of our socio-economic analysis which is See, (in the methodology of See, Judge and Act) we asked the participants why were they unemployed? And they gave the reasons mentioned above. We then decided to create a session called Review of Life and Worker Action (ROLWA) which was often used in Young Christian Workers (YCW) meetings to interrogate certain beliefs and economic paradigms.

The Review of Life and Worker Action (1) focuses on the personal life experiences (2) the causes and consequences of unemployment (3) and a plan of action towards changing the situation. During an interview with Sekhukhune FM (SKFM) in Jane Furse, Limpopo, the Talk Show host, who was part of our workshop last year (2009) as an unemployed youth congratulated Ujamaa Centre for a job well done in restoring self-confidence among unemployed youth who are consistently being criticized and condemned for their so-called laziness. She argued that it was because of Ujamaa Centre that she gained confidence and got the chance with the station because she had been unemployed for 3 years and she is optimistic that she will be employed formally by the station this year. The station has a listenership of about 10 000 in the area of Jane Furse and Sekhukhune.

Our observation from the work done in these workshops is that we need to concentrate on the See part using ROLWA as a tool to challenge perceptions and propaganda created by both politicians and government about unemployment and inequalities which create the perception that people are lazy to work and to access opportunities. In the second half of the year our projects will begin with ROLWA as part of See and move to Judge, focusing on the Contextual Bible Study and conclude with Act, focusing on the plan of action. The rest of the workshop will take place in the second half of the year.

Project name: Heroes of Labour

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc
Heroes of Labour (HOL) Quarterly (2days) Fourth nightly with Super-Care Workers	Workshop from 03 February 2010 at UKZN Campus with Supercare workers.	The focus of the workshop was to (1) review the work done in 2009 (2) plan for 2010 (3) and to motivate workers to continue to fight injustices in the workplace and this workshop was organized and facilitated by Skhumbuzo Zuma.	Total number: 10 Men 3 Women 7 Black: All All with secondary education All were employed by Supercare Age group ranged from 25-55
	Workshop from 04	The focus of the workshop was (1) to introduce	Total number: 10

	March 2010 at PM Burg UKZN Campus with Supercare workers.	workers to basic Human Rights charter using the Lawyers for Human Rights booklet (2) To discuss Worker's Rights and Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA) and (3) to discuss plans for a Worker's Forum Rally for 2011, the workshop was organized and facilitated by Skhumbuzo Zuma.	Men 4 Women 6 Black: All All with secondary education All were employed by Supercare Age group ranged from 20-55
	Workshop from 11 March 2010 at Howard UKZN Campus with Supercare workers, this is extended work of the project.	The focus of the workshop was (1) to introduce workers to basic Human Rights charter using the Lawyers for Human Rights booklet (2) To discuss Worker's Rights and Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA) and (3) to discuss plans for a Worker's Forum Rally for 2011. This workshop was organized and facilitated by Skhumbuzo Zuma.	Total Number: 16 Men 7 Women 9 Black: All All with secondary education All were employed by Supercare Age group ranged from 20-55
	Workshop from 10 April 2010 at Tembalethu Community Centre in PM Burg City Centre with sub-contract workers from different sectors and companies.	The focus of the workshop was (1) to build a strong foundation of the workers ideological conviction and class identity (2) to build a strong foundation of the workers theological conviction and class identity (3) to find ways of counteracting the challenges faced by the workers. This workshop was organized by and facilitated by both Skhumbuzo Zuma and Sithembiso Zwane.	Total number: 37 (including 5 UKZN students) Men 9 Women 30 Black: All All 34 had secondary education All 5 students had matric and were second year University theology students All 34 workers were employed by various companies Age group of all participants ranged from 19-55
	Workshop from 08	The focus of the work was (1) to build a strong basis	Total number: 39 (including 3

	<p>May 2010 held at Tembalethu Community Centre in PM Burg with sub-contract workers from various companies.</p>	<p>for workers ideological conviction and class identity (2) to present a perspective and emphasis about economic justice (3) to build a strong theological conviction and class identity (4) to create a strong foundation and principles to guide the sub-contract workers forum. The workshop was organized and facilitated by both Skhumbuzo Zuma and Sithembiso Zwane.</p>	<p>UKZN students) Men 9 Women 30 All 3 students had matric and second year University theology students All 36 workers were employed by various companies Age group of all participants ranged from 19-55</p>
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Impact and planning

Emerging from the workshops conducted the Supercare management has for the first time resolved to meet the workers representative every month to discuss their challenges at work. They have also recognized South African Cleaners Workers Union (SACWU) as the union representing the workers which was previously not the case. So these workshops on both ideological and theological consciousness have really transformed the workers in this project. The workers mentioned that they see Ujamaa Centre as a partner to the Forum especially with regard to training. The God and Mammon project is now housed under Heroes of Labour project and the two workshop planned will take place in the second part of the year. Firstly, it is therefore important to continue engaging and capacitating workers particularly their leadership who will engage the Supercare management. Secondly we will assist in registering and the launch of the Sub-Contract Workers Forum as a legal representative of this sector of workers. Thirdly, we will have to ensure that the forum has a strong ideological and theological conviction that distinguishes it from other workers unions.

Project name: Prophets of God

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc
Prophets of God (POG) Monthly (1day) Quarterly (3days)	Workshop from 24 February 2010 was held in Bekkersdal AME Church in JHB with group of Clergy from the African Methodist Episcopal Church.	The focus of the workshop was to (1) introduce Ujamaa Centre to the church (2) train church leaders on socio-economic and theological analysis (3) introduce the Workers Sunday Campaign to the church. The workshop was organized and facilitated by Sithembiso Zwane.	Total number: 20 Men 14 Women 6 Black: All All had secondary education All were church employed Age ranged from 30-60
	Workshop from 18 March 2010 held in Pretoria with Lutheran Clergy from Gauteng areas.	The focus of the workshop was (1) introduce Ujamaa Centre to new Clergy (2) to introduce both our socio-economic and theological contextual analysis (3) introduce the Worker Sunday Campaign to the church as a socio-economic and theological transformation tool. The workshop was organized and facilitated by Sithembiso Zwane.	Total number: 12 Men 10 Women 2 Black: All All had tertiary education All were church employed Age group ranged from 30-30
	Workshop from 25-27 April 2010 in Estcourt with African Initiated Churches leadership particularly those from the N.D.J	The focus of the workshop to train the participants (1) to do socio-economic analysis (2) read the Bible contextually and (3) to participate in Worker Sunday Campaigns. The workshop was organized and facilitated by Sithembiso Zwane assisted by Mbuyiseni Gwamanda.	Total number: 16 Men 10 Women 6 Black: All All had secondary education All were employed informally by various

	Ethiopian Church.		companies Age group ranged from 38-65
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Impact and planning

It is clear from the work we did with the Clergy that ‘Church Theology’ was dominant and the most ministers were reluctant to embrace other forms of theology that are perceived to be political in nature. This was because we worked with these leaders for the first time because most of the people we trained previously had either relocated or were not available for the workshops. Our intention was to engage with the Clergy on the advantages and disadvantages of contemporary theologies. It was evident that they believe that ‘Church Theology’ which according to Gerald West, is superficial and counter-productive because instead of engaging in an in-depth analysis of the signs of our times, it relies upon a few stock ideas derived from Christian tradition and uncritically applies them to our context¹. We had to alert them to ‘Prophetic Theology’ which carries the responsibility of advocating for justice in the midst of oppression and injustice and we used Exod 3: 1-10 as an example of God’s concern for justice towards the oppressed. Towards the end they began to understand the need for Prophetic Theology as their mandate to the poor and the marginalized in the church. Prior to the start of one of the workshops a Charismatic pastor had remarked about how they would be better ‘Prophets’ after the workshop, referring to ‘Prophets’ in an evangelical church type. Our intention therefore in the second half of the year is to use the Kairos Document published in 1985/6 by theologians as an example towards challenging their thinking about a relevant Prophetic Theology that is both progressive and transformative. We initially planned to facilitate monthly (1 day) and quarterly (3 days) workshops but due to financial position we reconsidered and decided to focus on few workshops in the first part of the year. We plan to facilitate 5 one day workshops in the second part of the year beginning in July until November. It is clear that three days workshops are extremely expensive so this is no longer a cost effective exercise.

¹ West G O: Thabo Mbeki’s Bible, The Role of Religion in the South African Public Realm after Liberation, Religion and Spirituality in South Africa, 2009. Pg 82.

Project name: Theo 723 Studies Industrial Mission

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc
Industrial Mission (IM) (Begins in July: Second semester of each year).	The work in this project will begin in July – November 2010.	The focus of the work will be on economic globalization and theology of work. The course will be coordinated by Sithembiso Zwane and taught by different lecturers including a guest lecture from the University of Stellenbosch.	Total number: 5 Men 3 Women 2 All have secondary education All are honours students All are church members Age group range from 25-40

Impact and planning

We hope that the course will consolidate the work done by both Ujamaa Centre and Theology and Development programme within the University because the theology and development students this year will be part of this class. As part of planning our director Prof Gerald West and other scholars including Dr Clint Le Bruyns will contribute to the course to make it more insightful to the students.

Project name: Annual Mzwandile Memorial Lecture

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc
3rd Annual Mzwandile Memorial Lecture (Once a year)	The Mzwandile Memorial Lecture will be delivered on the 15 October 2010 in PM Burg.	The focus of the lecture will be (1) on the changes in global economy in the 21 st Century (2) on the replacement of standard employment with non-standard employment (3) on the theological response to these challenges. The lecture will be presented by Dr Clint Le	Total number: 60 (expected) Men 20 Women 40 All racial groups expected to attend

		Bruyns from the University of Stellenbosch.	All levels of educational background Both church and non-church members Ecumenical partners Employed and unemployed Age range from 18-60
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Impact and planning

We anticipate that the lecture will give direction to most people and organizations working within both the academia and the community ideas about an alternative theological response to socio-economic challenges facing our continent and the international community as whole. As part of our planning we have invited Dr Clint Le Bruyns to be a key note speaker at this year's lecture which will be part of the Ujamaa Centre's 21st Anniversary Celebrations.

Project name: Worker Sunday Campaign

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc
Worker Sunday Campaign (WSC) (Begins in May until December of each year).	Worker Sunday Service from 16 May 2010 with Lutheran Parish in Ladysmith.	The focus of the service was (1) to celebrate Workers month with workers (2) to show solidarity with the unemployed and poor (3) to empower workers with biblical tools to challenge their situation. The service was organized by both Rev Maseko and Sithembiso Zwane. The Sermon was delivered by Rev Maseko.	Total number: 55 Men 25 Women 30 Black: All It was a mixture of those with no qualification, basic education, secondary and tertiary Some were employed

			Some were unemployed Age group from 15-65
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Impact and planning

Due to an overwhelming response from the congregations and Lutheran ministers around the Uthukela Circuit of the Lutheran Church we plan to work with these ministers this year and beyond in organizing Worker Sunday Services and officially reporting on what they are contributing to our work as a programme. Rev Thami Maseko from Ladysmith Parish is former graduate of Industrial Mission when it was taught by the late Mzwandile Nunes and has assured us that he would like to be more involved in the training and planning of Worker Sunday Services in KwaZulu-Natal. In the second half of the year we will explore this option.

Conclusion

In our Annual Report we hope to present our SADC experience with the Worker Sunday Campaign which will encompass all our projects and be used as a case study for the unemployed, the workers, ministers and business in the region in an attempt to deal decisively with socio-economic injustices.

Advocacy and Leadership Development Programme

Student Worker: Ms. Minenhle Khumalo

International Volunteer: Ms Josiney Morais and Mr Pogiso Motlhabane

Introduction

I am happy to share progress made thus far by the aforementioned programme. This year Ujamaa Centre has taken crucial decisions around student workers and the three areas in terms of output from Programme Coordinators. Community work, teaching, research and administration are the guiding focal areas for Programme Coordinators moving forward. This year we have retained the services of our talented former student workers (Minenhle Khumalo and Anniegrace Hlatswayo who is working with the Finance Administrator) in different capacities. We were able as well to introduce a new student as a volunteer who is doing an Honours degree and his Ministerial course at the Lutheran Theological Institute. Josiney Morais returned from Brasil and is being given an opportunity by the Centre to share her experience with us. Khawulani Ntuli is now employed part-time by the Lutheran Theological Institute and he does work with our Centre part-time.

This serves as a progress report and guideline in the second semester as we shape the above programmes work.

Project name: Global solidarity

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa: South Eastern Diocese, Pastors Fellowship Convention	Palestine Kairos Document Awareness: Conducted a Contextual Bible Study on the book of	Awareness raising with a progressive self-organised Lutheran clergy. The focus of the CBS was 1) to update clergy of the events in Palestine, 2) rekindle a culture of critical reading of Biblical texts, 3) build a network of solidarity within the ecumenical movement and 4) re-establish our working relationship with the progressive	Total number 17 Men 16 Women 1 Blacks All had tertiary education.

	Joshua in March 10 th , 2010 at the Appelsbosch Parish with the Lutheran Clergy	Lutheran clergy. This process was facilitated by the Programme Co-ordinator.	All were ordained church workers. Age group ranged from 24-48. Other clergy had to rush back to their congregations for Ash Wednesday services thus a lessor number of participants.
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Impact and planning

Pastors felt that the Programme Coordinator has been pushing this issue for a long time. For the participants it is a very difficult matter given that it challenges directly their faith and lived theologies. Over the past years the Bible has been viewed as a sacred text and accurate about God's promise to Israel. This Bible Study encouraged and challenged participants to see Joshua's theology as a site of struggle especially for Palestinians. For Pastors who are on probation awaiting ordination in June this was a very critical Biblical reflection. It challenged them to think twice about their sermons. There was consensus that future conventions should develop a clear project on refresher courses for all pastors. One senior pastor who is the Dean of uMngeni Circuit happened to be studying Joshua during this time and the workshop confirmed his struggle with the text.

Other senior pastors raised questions around the prioritisation of such issues when South Africa has so many challenges. In other words, the question for some is "why should South Africa bother about other people's problems when there are so many challenges in the country?" A critical debate ensued around solidarity and the route South Africa traversed towards her political liberation. It was agreed that more work should be done in this area to capacitate pastors.

The Pastors Fellowship Committee was tasked with planning for future conventions this year and prepare themselves well. More pastors should be invited so as to share the resources that Ujamaa Centre presents to clergy to enrich their work.

Project name: Ecumenical Youth Leadership Development

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa: South Eastern Diocese, KwaNodwengu Circuit Youth League Conference	Hermeneutical tools for social transformation: June 18 th , 2010, eNkonjeni Parish, Sivananda Primary School with the Lutheran Youth League Members	Introduction of Contextual Bible Study to the Youth League Membership in the Northern part of KwaZulu-Natal. Participants were introduced to the four commitments of the CBS process. Matthew 25: 31-46 was the focal text linked to the Youth League Motto: “Here I am Lord. Send me”. This process was co-facilitated by the Programme Co-ordinator and Minenhle Khumalo with Josiney Morais teaching Brazilian ice-breakers.	Total 215 Men 60 Women 155 Blacks Age group ranged from 14-40 A diverse group of participants from school going age. Some participants are at tertiary institutions. Others are employed. Most of the leadership committee members are working adults who are married.
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa: South Eastern Diocese, uMngeni Circuit Youth League Conference	Keynote Address and Facilitation in June 19 th , 2010, Nhlankakazi Parish, Montobello High School with Lutheran Youth League Members	“Healing of invisible wounds”: Biblical principles were established as a framework to deal with issues affecting youth who are affected by lack of parenting. This theme was selected by the Youth League Committee leadership. A local Muvhango soapie celebrity who hails from Pietermaritzburg was invited to address the youth. The programme coordinator led a healing of memories process and used the celebrity life story as a case study. Dean Myaka (who is a graduate of the former School of	Estimate 300 Men 60 Women 240 Blacks Age group ranged from 14-40 A diverse group of participants from school

		Theology, Natal University) ably led Bible Study in this subject.	going age. Some participants are at tertiary institutions. Others are employed. Most of the leadership committee members are working adults who are married.
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Impact and planning

For the Nodwengu Circuit a change of Leadership with the retirement of Dean Gwamanda enabled Ujamaa Centre to approach the new Dean TW Maluleka (who is a graduate of the School of Religion and Theology) to open up space for Ujamaa to share her resources with his Circuit. Our first introduction to the Youth also rekindled a past link with one of the congregations in this Circuit – KwaCeza. This is an important region in our province as it used to be the capital of KwaZulu Homeland.

We found our short time with the youth very instructive of the needs at congregational level. For pastors who were present and actively participated this process was welcomed. So, we hope for opportunities to do more focused work in this Circuit.

uMngeni Circuit Youth League Conference

The South African Broadcasting Co-operation air some telling programmes such as Khumbul' ekhaya. Relatives try to locate their lost loved ones using TV as a medium to reach them. The guest actress was seen on Khumbul' ekhaya (SABC 1) and Motswako (SABC 2) sharing her story. Another programme which touched youth and society at large is Cutting Edge where a story was screened of an 11 year old girl taking care of her 6 siblings – the youngest was reported to be 3 years old.

These issues are affecting the psyche of young people and more and more youth is concerned about their missing parents. Family problems go a long way in the lives of youth. This conference explored these issues and called for more pastoral care and counselling at congregational level. The programme coordinator provided elementary tools for youth to deal with the challenges they face under these circumstances.

Through this conference the question of spirituality was visited as a deep theological resource that society needs to heal her wounds. Biblical texts were utilised as a way to set the foundation for engaging with issues of confession – forgiveness – healing. Moving forward it is important to refer local pastors to community resources in this area especially professional counselling services which do not come easy in our congregations.

Project name: Men as partners: Promoting Positive Masculinities

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Promoting Positive Masculinities and Post-Violence Trauma in Eldoret, Kenya	Contextual Bible Study with a Dalit Theologian: Facilitation of Masculinity and Sexuality Workshop: Devotion: Presentation on Formation of Masculinity from a South African perspective in February 1 st to the 7 th , 2010 held in Eldoret, Kenya with the Presbyterian Church in East Africa and the Eastern Africa Presbyterian Church Clergy, Laity, Theology Students and select Women Theology Strudents.	Recently Kenya went through a difficult political turmoil over allegations of elections rigging which led to eminent leaders such as Kofi Annan to be tasked to help Kenyans resolve their conflict. In partnership with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the World Council of Churches the Programme Coordinator was invited to share Ujamaa Centre' biblical and theological resources. This ranged from co-facilitating CBS and moderation of other sessions with a Dalit Theologians (Philip Peacock) and Joseph from Bangalore) and a Medical Doctor (Manoj Kurian).	Total 28 Men 17 Women 11 Blacks Indians/Asians Most had tertiary education. University Theology students. Ordained clergy. Age group ranged from 20-65. Resource people who were participants as well came from Geneva (representing WARC and WCC), Jamaica, Guyana, Kenya, South Africa, Malawi, India and Malaysia.
Resource Manual Writing for Promoting Positive Masculinities commissioned by WARC and WCC	Dialogical sermon with Nicqi Ashwood: Contributed a Case study: Co-wrote a piece on the Formation of Masculinities	All the writers of the Resource Manual had a chance to share what they had written at the time and shape it further. Some subject matter was shared and distributed amongst the contributors. Philip was appointed as the Project Leader – a Dalit Theologian.	Total 9 Men 5 Women 4 Blacks 6 Indians 3

	with Dale Bisnauth. February 8 th to the 12 th , Limuru, Kenya. Writers from Jamaica, Malawi, Guyana, Kenya, South Africa, India, Malaysia and Geneva.		
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Impact and planning

Male participants felt that this workshop was long overdue and a rare opportunity for them. For the first time male clergy understood the struggles of women who are fighting for ordination in the Presbyterian Church. The conflict after elections which led to death made a number of people homeless and displaced them in the process. Young men were the main tools during the brutal and violent killings in Kenya. These were not just atheists or people who do not belong to local churches.

During the conflict ethnic tensions gained momentum. Christianity was put aside and factional and historical suqables around land and resources in Kenya became a rallying point. The manner in which the Presbytery Moderator handled the opening session with participants and leadership of the delegation to the Eldoret Municipality enabled all participants to handle very sensitive matters of life and death.

Beyond the conflict the participants were able to tackle issues of masculinity. Women gave men enough space to explore their issues uninterrupted. There was interest generated from men and women around the issues which each of the select groups discussed. Male clergy conceded that women have a case to make and pushed for a different approach from their female counterparts and not a confrontational one as one male participant put it.

The week spent in Eldoret generated positive energy and synergies in the writing team. We took our positive experiences to Limuru and were able to cover much ground. The Manual is due for printing in June and time is against us in this project. This project is drawing to a close as the WARC Conference is underway in June and new priorities will take centre stage. From the WCC end this project will culminate at the IEPC to be held in Jamaica 2011.

As Ujamaa Centre we will use the experience gained in the above processes to enrich work done by the Women and Gender Programme. Direct beneficiaries in our context are young men in the Church and local communities. We await the printing of the Resource Manual with anticipation and excitement.

Project name: Political and Prophetic Theology (formerly Consultation on Contextual Theology)

Proposed activity	Actual activities: Date, place, and group	Focus of activity: Summary of what was done and who did it	Group profile: Gender, age, race, education, etc.
Celebrating Ujamaa in the spirit of Kairos: 21 st Anniversary	Promoting the 21 st Anniversary: Pilgrimages for Transformation Consultation 18 th to the 21 st May in Geneva and National Seminar on the Palestine Kairos Document Launch 28 th May 2010 in Kempton Park.	The Programme Coordinator took advantage of the aforementioned activities to link his presentations and reflections to promote the forthcoming 21 st Anniversary which is a collaborative project of the entire centre.	Estimate 37 Men 27 Women 10 Blacks 12 Whites 10 Asians 5 Coloreds 4 Arabs 6 Directors of Ecumenical Agencies and International Non-Profit Agencies. Activists, clergy and academics.

Impact and planning

This is work in progress as Ujamaa Centre prepares herself for the 21st Anniversary which will showcase our work and be shaped by the current context. We are partnering with a number of organisations in the country and abroad. Worth noting in the country is the connection between the Theologians Forum which was a brainchild of Albert Nolan and other theologians who were shaped by the Kairos Theological Approach to doing theology in South Africa. Much more will emerge in this regard as the year draw to a close. All programme Coordinators are playing a

significant role in making this event as success and a watershed moment for theology in South Africa and the South dialogue which will be picked up in the build up to October 8th to the 15th, 2010.

In the final year report I will report more on the outcomes of the consultation in Geneva wherein the Programme Coordinator responded to a presentation by the WCC Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum Programme Executive. At the consultation the Programme Coordinator presented a paper on Promoting Tourism in Palestine as a tool for Peace Education. A press statement was released thereafter which was drafted by the Media Team and refined by a smaller task team of three participants where the Programme Coordinator was drafted in as well.

Conclusion

The next task for the Programme Coordinator will be the Performance Key Management System which takes a queue from the Activity Plan and Narrative proposals, respectively. The second semester will be spent largely on promoting the 21st Anniversary of the Centre and collectively raising funds for specific projects related to the event with other Programme Coordinators. Other activities which are not reported above will feature in the final year report.

Religion and Governance Programme

Co-ordinator: Rev. Dr. Simanga Kumalo

Field-workers: Field-workers: Mr Roger Ndaula and Rev Herbert Moyo

Introduction

Religion and governance programme is doing its work as usual though there is the constant uncertainty of funding for 2011 on wards since our traditional sponsor has indicated discontinuity of the funding of the programme as from 2011. Despite the above challenge the Religion and Governance staff is going on energetically empowering communities on issues of Religion and Governance.

The Religion and Governance Programme seeks to build a culture of democracy and good governance in the SADC region through sponsorship mainly by the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). The programme is unique from others because it approaches the issue of democracy from a Theological perspective as we are based in a School of Religion and Theology. The other characteristic that makes the programme unique is that it is committed to working with the poor and marginalized people. It is from the perspective of the poor that we do a theological reflection on democracy, justice and good governance. Our primary commitment is to helping communities of the poor to participate in the process of democracy building, leading to them influencing the decision-making process in their communities. Another point of uniqueness for this programme is that we are working with faith communities, drawing from their religious resources such as sacred texts, symbols, theology, spaces and constituencies. Since the inception of the programme five years ago we have been encouraging and empowering Church leadership from all denominational backgrounds to participate in the building up of the Democracy in South Africa and the SADC region, through workshops, seminars, symposiums and lectures. Our South African political history shows that during the apartheid system, Church leaders were active in fighting the status quo of the day. However since the beginning of Democracy in 1994, Church leaders have withdrawn in regard to most issues that relate to Socio, Economic and Political contexts. As a project we are working hard to bring back church leadership to the political arena so that they can influence it and make a contribution. We believe that politics must not be left in the hands of a few (politicians) to decide the lives of the majority, but with citizens from all sectors, including the Religion and Governance Programme, we encourage Church leadership to be Theological and Political activists. We equip them with political and theological skills in order for them to engage political officials.

This report entails work which was done from January to June 2010 and covers activities that took place in South Africa and Mozambique. We look at the activities planned, the actual activities, the outputs and impact. It also looks at the reflections and plans for the future.

Broad Objectives of the Religion and Governance Programme

1. To promote participation of religious denominations through their leaders and structures in building democracy and good governance.
2. To encourage and support democracy and participatory forms of leadership within and outside the church.
3. To facilitate a process of socio-ecclesial, and political analysis.
4. To facilitate dialogue between government structures, religious denominations and other faith-based organizations.
5. To develop theological knowledge on issues of democracy and governance through research.
6. To disseminate theological knowledge through seminars, symposiums and annual lectures.
7. To provide follow-up workshops to churches and communities on matters of good governance.

Religion and Governance plan for the first half of 2010

Region	Activity	Date	Facilitator
Pietermaritzburg	Theology (Religion) and Democracy training	15-19 March 2010	Rev H Moyo Roger Ndaula
Pietermaritzburg	Symposium	17 March 2010	Rev Dr Kumalo Roger Ndaula
Mozambique	Theology (Religion) and Democracy training	25-30 April 2010	Rev H Moyo
Swaziland	Theology (Religion) and Democracy training	19-23 April 2010	Rev Dr RS Kumalo Roger Ndaula
Namibia	Theology (Religion) and Democracy training	3-7 May 2010	Rev H Moyo
KZN regional visits by invitation	Topic to be decided by the hosts	Open	Rev H Moyo

Projects

Planned activities (proposal)	Actual activities: date, place, numbers, profile	Actual outputs and impact	Reflections and plans
Planning meeting One-day planning and strategizing meeting	09 Feb. 2010, UKZN staff club, 7 people, R &G staff, and staff from KZNCC. One-day planning and strategizing meeting involving partners, UKZN R & G staff and KZNCC.	-The annual working plan was amended and accepted by all the members of the consortium -Strategising and planning for the whole year	Concluded that the training this year will continue to focus on theology and democracy as a form of good governance. There will be more regional visits and theological cafes will be conducted from the perspective of R&G. There will be more regional (SADC) visits to get feed back directly from the participants in their own context
Theology and Democracy Training 1 workshop in Pietermaritzburg	17 – 21 May 2010 in Pietermaritzburg at the Botanic Hotel - A total of 38 participants of a mixed nature such as Bishops, Pastors, and community organizational leaders, leaders of youth and women’s groups attended the workshop.	The Theology and Democracy trainings cover topics planned by the field workers as well as topics raised by participants during the session on participant expectations. The most common topics are the bible and politics, Theology and Citizenship, Theology and Democracy, remembering roles of women, understanding of healing memories, challenges of democracy and good governance, economic justice, government structures and good service delivery. Religious and community leaders were trained and	We managed to conduct the one planned workshop in Pietermaritzburg. The evaluation by the participants consistently raised the importance of the training for people of faith if they are to understand the dynamics involved in democracy. It also became clear that the theological aspects of the training are crucial. Our focus in 2010 was in strengthening the democracy aspect of the training. There was also a call for us to strengthen the regional visits. So we have planned to focus on the regional visits in the second half of the year.

		<p>equipped to reflect on theology and governance and were encouraged to be involved on matters that relate to Church and state.</p> <p>The training intended to achieve the mutual working relationships between Church leaders, local municipalities, NGOs and Government in order to promote democracy in the SADCC region.</p> <p>We also encouraged Church leaders to create dialogue spaces for discussions with the government officials, by discussing the different types and levels of spaces of dialogue and collaboration.</p> <p>The training also included topics such as elections, voting and the role of the religious community.</p>	<p>This project is very important and still needed by our constituency. However more training must be done in communities themselves. We have also observed that some of regions are already working with government but they need to have the knowledge on how they can protect their spaces and not be used by government's agendas. This workshop failed to attract people from other religions such as Hindus, ATR and Moslems</p>
<p>SADC Theology and Democracy Training. 3 workshops were planned, one in Swaziland, one in Namibia and one in Mozambique.</p>	<p>10 – 14 May 2010 in Maxixe – Mozambique</p> <p>A total of 35 people attended this workshop. The majority of the participants were activists attending the second level workshop as a continuation from where they left last year. These are people who are already involved in activism who need capacitating.</p>	<p>The aim of the SADC visits was to fulfill our commitment of visiting our partners and providing training in their contexts and constituencies. Participants were addressed on Religion and Governance and on the role of the Church in democracy building in local communities.</p>	<p>The major focus of this workshop was on lobbying and advocacy. We did not manage to do the other two SADC workshops because of the events at the school of theology that led to the promotion of Dr Kumalo to Head of School hence the challenge on staffing in Religion and Governance. The majority of the participants wanted the deliberations to justify theological the</p>

			<p>involvement of the church in politics. The discussions were very stimulating and it became clear that there is a need for theological institutions to include issues of faith and politics in their training so as to equip pastors with the skills they need in political engagements.</p> <p>Due to funding constraints the workshops that were not covered will be allowed to fall away.</p>
<p>Symposium and theological cafes. One symposium was planned</p>	17 March 2010	This did not materialize because of workloads and funding constraints	We will cover up this gape by resorting to theological cafes which are less demanding on human resources and financial resources in the second half of the year
<p>Regional workshops by invitation: We always keep slots for impromptu invitations from the KZN regions belonging to our consortium.</p>	<p>18 June in Montebelo -361 youths from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA) from Umngeni Circuit attended the gathering -11 ELCSA pastors -24 Adult ELCSA members -5 Catholic sisters</p>	<p>1. Participants wanted to learn about Religion and Governance in general 2. The youth wanted to know their possible role and as young Christians in the political developments in South Africa</p>	<p>1. The Lutherans still generally believe in the separation between church and politics 2. Christians think that politics is a dirty game, so good clean people (Christians) should not be involved in politics 3. But if Christians are good people and are not involved in politics then it will only be bad people playing the game of politics hence one would not expect anything good from politics. Christians should be involved to make</p>

			<p>it clean</p> <p>4. If the world and everything in it belongs to God, and if Christians are the children of God and apparent heirs of the things of God then they should manage the world including and through politics which by virtue of being in the world belongs to their father.</p>
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August to December 2010 Religion and governance programme Plan

Region	Activity	Date	Facilitators
Pietermaritzburg NEW ARTS –Tea room (1pm to 2pm)	Theological Café –Church and state in the Diaspora (Tentatively - Hewitt)	August – On a Wednesday	Rev H Moyo, Rogers Ndaula and Dr RS Kumalo
Pietermaritzburg DST	Symposium – A panel of speakers *(Pastor Dube -National Interfaith council i.e. religious forum in Zuma’s government; Trikamgee – Leader of Hindus in Durban who is the former chairman of the religious forum in Mbeki’s leadership; Selby Kumalo i.e. a government representative from the premier’s office in KZN; and Phumzile from KZNCC representing the church)	August?	Rev H Moyo, Rogers Ndaula and Dr RS Kumalo
Pietermaritzburg	Theological café- Safe guards in election systems from a theological perspective (Guard against rigging)	September	Rev H Moyo, Rogers Ndaula and Dr RS Kumalo

Pietermaritzburg	Symposium – Black theology post 1994 by Ben Kumalo	Late September	Rev H Moyo, Rogers Ndaula and Dr RS Kumalo
Pietermaritzburg	John Dube lecture – The role of religion in social transformation (Tentatively by Mamphela Ramphele)	October during the Ujamaa celebration period (Exact time to be discussed with Prof West and Rev S Mabuza)	Rev H Moyo, Rogers Ndaula and Dr RS Kumalo
PACSA	One day follow up workshop	6 December 2010	Rev H Moyo
KRCC	One day follow up workshop	7 December 2010	Rev H Moyo
TAMCC	One day follow up workshop	8 December 2010	Rev H Moyo
YMCA	One day follow up workshop	9 December 2010	Rev H Moyo
Ugu Ministries	One day follow up workshop	10 December 2010	Rev H Moyo
DIAKONIA	One day follow up workshop	13 December 2010	Rev H Moyo