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“30 years of prophetic work and witness”

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Executive Summary

“What does the Lord require us to do, to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God” (Micah 6:8).

Archbishop Tutu said, “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have already taken the side, the side of the oppressor”. Ujamaa celebrated 30 years of prophetic witness and commitment to social justice. Since 1989, the then Institute for the Study of the Bible (ISB) took a decision to stand on the side of the oppressed and not to be neutral in situations of injustice. Our 30th anniversary coincided with the farewell of our former director Prof Gerald West. Prof West served our organization with exceptional humility and commitment. As we enter into the next decade we will continue to drink from his wealth of knowledge. The Contextual Bible Study (CBS) remains fundamental in our community engagement work as a tool for religious and social change.

Our work in the Body Theology programme provides a critical platform to engage the issue of sexual gender based violence, HIV, sex work, LGBTIQA and disability from a biblical and theological perspective. Our annual Silent Protest has galvanized churches, communities and the academia to stand firm against perpetrators of sexual atrocities whenever they manifest in our churches, communities and academic institutions. Our work in South Africa and East Africa is gaining momentum as we push the boundaries on issues of religion and human sexuality.

Our work in the Bread Theology programme reminds us that we might have achieved political emancipation but we are yet to achieve economic freedom in our life time. The triple challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality persist unabated despite the efforts to curb chronic unemployment. The majority of people who are unemployed are young people between the ages of 24-35. Most of them are not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). We continue to analyse our economy from the working class perspective and offering religious tools as an alternative to a capitalist system of greed and accumulation of profit at the expense of the poor and marginalized communities.

Our work in the Public Theology programme provides us with an opportunity to re-articulate the importance of public prophetic church that challenges the dominant narrative of ‘church theology’ as articulated by the Kairos Document. We have witness the re-emerging of the ‘church theology’ tradition in the public domain with neo-conservatism being the dominant narrative in the public sphere. The church is polarized between the dominant ‘church theology’ and the marginalized ‘prophetic theology’ hence the need to reinvoke resilience for purposes of resistance.

Our work in the Earth Theology programme engages with a problem of climate change and ecological sustainability. The recent meetings of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicates that this is problem for the global community. Climate change contributes to drought, water crisis, pollution because of gas emissions as a result of excessive industrialization and profit maximization at the expense of the environment. We continue to advocate for the green economy and less carbon emissions.

Our work in the People's Theology programme affirm our commitment to grassroots incipient and inchoate theologies of the African Indigenous Churches (AICs). We have intentionally recruited prospective students from AICs to the University so that they offer an alternative theological narrative from below.

As we move into a new decade, we pray for God's justice to prevail on earth.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SS Zwane".

Rev Sithembiso Zwane

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Body Theology Programme

The fundamental objective of the programme is to engage with exclusion, marginalization and different forms of institutionalized discrimination and injustice. These forms of institutionalized discrimination manifest through Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBG), Gender injustice, HIV and AIDS stigmatization, Disability, Sex work, and homophobia and hate crimes.

Introduction

This is the biggest programme with five projects engaging embodied theologies of vulnerable women. This report reflects the work done in the year 2019 within four projects in South Africa and beyond.

Activities

The activities in 2020 focused on SGBV, HIV and AIDS, Redemptive Masculinities, Disability and LGBTIQA+ people. The activities address the systemic challenges confronting vulnerable women in our communities. The focus on Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) was an attempt to respond to persistent sexual atrocities manifested in a series of femicide in South Africa in the past 2 years or so. The dominant narrative of religio-cultural patriarchal system. SGBV and the ongoing HIV epidemic in South Africa are symptoms of deeply wounded society driven by socio-cultural and religious belief systems that promote domination, control and stigma. The SGBV contributes to HIV especially with the “blessing” phenomenon in South Africa. The sigma associated with tragically, these toxic dogmas continue to undermine the redemptive ideals of the democratic constitution and its vision of inclusivity and freedom from unfair discrimination based on race, creed, ethnicity, gender and sexuality. Our activities engaged with the reality of the shift from SGBV affecting women to Redemptive Masculinities is important in the fight against SGBV in society. Men have an important role in the destruction of religio-cultural and patriarchal system which is imbedded in the narrative of domination and abuse of power. As long as men benefits from these patriarchal systems of domination and control, SGBV will continue to exist in our communities. The communities have challenged Ujamaa to strengthen its focus on redemptive masculinities because the perpetrators of SGBV are men. The scourge of SGBV in South Africa is a reflection of negative masculinities.



Participants at the Sexual Gender Based Violence workshop

Our activities further engaged with the problem of homophobic attitude and hate crimes against the LGBTIQA+ people. This challenge remains a cause for concern in our communities despite efforts to curb it. Hate crimes against LGBTIQA+ people continues in South Africa despite a progressive constitution that accords all citizens equal rights irrespective of their race, class, gender, religion and sexual orientation. The violation of women and LGBTI community has contributed to senseless killing of innocent people because of their gender and sexual orientation. In the context of sexual abuse of women and LGBTI, older men have targeted young men.



Liturgical elements during the LGBTIQA+ workshop

The stripping of Jesus story in the gospels presented by Prof David Tombs from Oakland, New Zealand reminded students and academics of the importance of redemptive masculinities. The sexual violation of men is stigmatized in the community, which discourages the survivors from speaking out against the abuse. The sexual violation of Jesus indicates that men are not immune from sexual violence in the community. Our activities prioritized the exclusion of People with Disability in society especially women is an unfair marginalization and discrimination. Our relationship with the People with Disability has provided us with alarming statistics that suggest that there is a need to engage with labour force on the issue of marginalization of People with Disability. We will continue to develop Contextual Bible Studies (CBS) in the area of disability to serve communities in South Africa and beyond.

Results

The building of a progressive movement on SGBV which includes organizations such as Foundation for Human Right (FHR), ACT Ubumbano, and We Will Speak Out is an important outcome of the SGBV process. In partnership with the Ujamaa Centre these organizations organized the annual Silent Protest aimed at challenging the legal system to deal decisively with sexual atrocities. The annual Eudy Simelane lecture has attracted interest from a wide range of LGBTIQA+ movements in South Africa. This lecture integrate the Mally Simelane Community Project focusing on parents of LGBTIQA+ parents.

Analysis

The building of the movement to challenge the dominant narrative of hetero-patriarchal system is a progressive move towards reform of the legal system that is relatively lenient to the perpetrators of these heinous sexual atrocities. This movement will ensure that communities

are educated about the marginalization, exclusion and discrimination of minority groups like survivors of sexual gender based violence, people living with HIV and AIDS, people with disability and LGBTIQA+ people.



Participants at SGBV and LGBTIQA+ workshop

The causes of Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) have nothing to do with the appearance or the dress code of the survivors but everything to do with power and domination. The power and domination imposed on vulnerable bodies of women and LGBTI community is an indication of how dominant hetero-patriarchal system imbedded in the dominant religio-cultural construct. The violation of women and LGBTI community has contributed to senseless killing of innocent people because of their gender and sexual orientation. In the context of sexual abuse of women and LGBTI, older men have targeted young men. The stripping of Jesus story in the gospels presented by Prof David Tombs from Oakland, New Zealand reminded students and academics of the importance of redemptive masculinities. The sexual violation of men is stigmatized in the community, which discourages the survivors from speaking out against the abuse. The sexual violation of Jesus indicates that men are not immune from sexual violence in the community.

Conclusion

The fight against marginalization, exclusion and discrimination of minorities in the community continues through a progressive movement of like-minded organizations aimed at challenging systemic and structural problems.

Bread Theology Programme

The critical objective of the programme is the analysis of the contemporary economic challenges and policy formulation and its impact on the working class communities. The programme seek to analyse the role of religion in economic reflection and transformation.

Introduction

The report on the programme provides the synopsis of the work done in 2019 and the results thereof. The focus of the report is on East Africa CBS, Job Readiness and Employment, Economic Justice and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Council for World Mission (CWM) academic contribution by Ujamaa Centre.

Activities

Our activities in East Africa have prioritized the relationship between Gender and Economic Justice. The CBS work in the region has been happening in the past five years reaching the poor and the marginalized communities. The primary objective for the project was to build biblical and theological capacity on gender and economic justice among the Pastors, Clergy and Laity in East Africa to enable the church to speak theologically and prophetically on socio-economic justice challenges in the region. The economic atrocities that are committed with impunity against women and children in the African continent are an indictment on the legal system in general. The traditional patriarchal system does not allow women to own land subjecting them to all forms of abuse. Cases of sexual abuse against women are a cause for concern. The CBS project has ignited the church leadership to mobilize against patriarchal laws in solidarity with the vulnerable women in the region.



Evaluation workshop in Uganda – Contextual Bible Study (CBS) training

Our activities in the Economic Justice and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) organized jointly by the Anglican Alliance and the Ujamaa Centre focused on the development of Contextual Bible Studies (CBS). The intersection between religion and development is an important interdisciplinary pedagogical approach to community development and economic justice. The workshop on economic justice and SDGs was a collaborative process between academics, church leaders and activists. The workshop coincided with the 30th celebrations of the Ujamaa Centre. The celebrations marked 30 years of prophetic witness and involvement in social justice work.

Our activities in the Job Readiness and Employment continued to create a conducive environment for the personal development of the unemployed and the creation of job opportunities. The goal of this training is to build biblical and theological capacity on gender and economic justice among the unemployed young adults in the church, to talk theologically and prophetically about the problems of socio-economic justice in the region and to train and assist young unemployed adults in identifying their job interests and skills, which will set them on the path to finding suitable jobs. The preparation included basic employability skills, effective communication, problem solving, curriculum vitae writing, Personal SWOT Analysis, Marketability, Job Searches, Time Management, Digital Profiling, Work Place Ethics, Email Etiquette, Presentation skills, Office Protocol, Organisational Structures, Stress management, Basic Conditions of Employment and Interviewing preparation.

Our activities further engaged with the academia with the participation in the Council for World Mission (CMW) conference in Taiwan. Papers presented at the conference focused on the economy and class analysis of our context. Ujamaa was represented by three presenters who gave papers on economy and gender, economy and development and economy and the Bible. These papers were well received by the participants.

Results

It is unequivocally evident that the CBS has contributed to the transformation of society. Furthermore, the CBS has also challenged the church to revisit its social teaching to ensure that it addresses fundamental challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality that affects mostly women in the African continent. Women are disadvantaged by economic-patriarchal systems that deprive them access to land. However, after the CBS training the church leadership is organizing community dialogues to engage with religio-cultural narratives that are oppressing women. The CBS project has contributed immensely to community development in the East Africa region with initiatives to build schools, water reservoir and a sports field in Uganda in rural communities of Uganda. The Job Readiness project created training opportunities for the unemployed youth aged 24-35. Through the training, 25 young people were able to access job opportunities in various department as interns, casual workers and permanent staff. The lack of job opportunities contributed to xenophobic attacks on foreign nationals in South Africa.



Prof Gerald West facilitating a Contextual Bible Study (CBS) on Xenophobia



Theological Cluster student participating in the CBS on Xenophobia at SMMS

However, those who were unable to obtain sustainable employment obtained learning skills. Such skills have given the youth a wider and deeper view of the market environment. Those interested in becoming entrepreneurs have a clearer understanding of how to conduct their business professionally, have a clearer understanding of basic labour and how to create alliances and networks as well as rendering excellent customer service so that they can grow their businesses. The unemployed have been included in the social movements engaging with local government on economic justice. The critical component of economic justice is community development. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) workshop created a conducive environment for collaboration with the Anglican Alliance on Contextual Bible Study (CBS) and sustainable development.

In South Africa, social movements like Abahlali and Rural Network have been advocating for land reform for the past 10 years in South Africa. The recommendations of the panel are a step in the right direction in terms of land reform. The struggles of Abahlali and other social movements like Rural Network contributed immensely towards these progressive recommendations by the Presidential advisory panel on land reform and agriculture. The recommendations of the panel indicates fundamental shifts in policy because of the mobilization and submissions made to the advisory panel. These social movements have influenced land policy reform beyond their respective rural and urban communities.

They made submissions on land expropriation without compensation contributing to the amendments of section 25 of the Constitution of South Africa. The Presidential advisory panel on land reform appointed by President Cyril Ramaphosa has re-affirmed the failures of the previous ‘willing buyer willing seller policy’ of the government. Due to these failures, the panel recommended that the government must ensure equitable redistribution of land through a diversified land redistribution programme. Abahlali are forming collaborative networks and solidarity groups based on a fundamental need for social and economic justice. During the apartheid era, communities were united against a common enemy, which was an illegitimate colonial government that polarized society based on racial supremacy. Similarly, contemporary social movements are in solidarity against the minorities occupying large hectors of land depriving the majority of black people access to land. The hierarchical binaries of male and female, white and black, rich and poor, literate and illiterate are evident in the ownership of land in South Africa post 1994.

Analysis

The introduction of the CBS in East Africa has brought tangible changes in the community in the form of resilience and resistance. The communities have collaborated on issues such land ownership by women, access to clean water and economic justice for the unemployed through small business projects. Furthermore, economic justice means access to resources, eg employment, housing, electricity and water. The job readiness project is an attempt to respond to economic injustices confronting the unemployed youth in South Africa. The project has created employment opportunities for the youth, but most importantly it has provided a platform for analytical skills and innovative thinking in the context of the 4th industrial revolution. Furthermore, the focus on economic justice contributed to the analysis of the SDGs in the context of the Anglican Alliance.

The SDGs are primarily concerned with achieving the developmental goals by 2030. They are designed to ensure that specific development goals and targets are achieved by different countries. The fundamental challenge with these targets is that they are seldom achieved within a stipulated period because of economic problems especially in the developing countries. Part of the Ujamaa contribution has been to produce religious resources to engage with the SDGs and the Five Marks of Mission as a prophetic task. The CWM conference in Taiwan offered Ujamaa an opportunity to share our biblical and theological resources on issues relating to the economy, gender and class. These contributions were analytical and insightful. Ujamaa is both a community development and research centre therefore it is important to consistently provide the ideo-theological conceptual contribution to both the academy and the community at large.

Conclusion

The CBS work done with the SDG group will be used for community development on issues relating to the economy and class. The CBS will also engage with the five key components of the SDGs, namely People, Peace, Prosperity, Planet, and Partnership. A CBS has been developed for each of these areas.

Public Theology Programme

The primary objective of the programme is to build prophetic theological capacity among the church leaders across all faith traditions. The biblical and theological empowerment of churches and community is fundamental in the programme.

Introduction

The programme reports on the work done in 2019 in the KwaZulu-Natal Province in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Christian Council (KZNCC) and the Institute for Religion, Governance and the Environment in Southern Africa (IRGESA).



Prof Kumalo facilitating a church and democracy seminar

Activities

The presentations focused on urging Christians as people of faith to get involved in political processes. Politics is all about planning of life and how to live life. Whether you like it or not politics is there because people live in society. Therefore we must understand that all things were put under human administration and hence we as people of faith should be active in politics rather than seeing it from a distance. The work of the church should also be to keep leaders accountable. Church leaders and political leaders must work together to overcome challenges that affect society. The workshops also focussed on the need for the faith community again to take responsibility and work together with the government authority in taking care of our mother earth in trying to curb the issue of climate change.

Results

More than 60 church leaders were trained on prophetic public theology in 4 regions in KwaZulu-Natal. Some of these leaders are effective in articulating a progressive liberation theology through sermons, dialogues, and workshop facilitation processes. The church leadership in these workshops in the region committed to showing solidarity with the poor and marginalized communities and to challenge the government on the issue of service delivery, corruption, lack of governance, land and poor housing infrastructure.

Analysis

At the end of the presentation in each region throughout the entire project the participants were given an opportunity to ask questions and almost in each region the questions were similar. They were mainly concerned with the issue of lack of service delivery or poor service delivery, corruption, lack of accountability, unemployment, crime, poverty, lack of municipal services, political violence, interparty conflicts, land and housing. Poor service delivery cripples business where there is interruption of electricity supply and power cuts and also lack of water. These are socio-economic challenges that the churches is struggling to engage with and provide prophetic theological direction for the community at large. The biblical and theological narratives of prophets were used to encourage church leaders to speak truth to the powerful in the community and address systemic and structural challenges that hinder service delivery and community development.

Conclusion

The programme will continue to provide theological capacity to the churches in KwZulu-Natal with a focus on religion and governance.

Earth Theology Programme

The primary objective of the programme is to provide biblical and theological resources on religion and the environment to equip the church to speak prophetically and theologically on climate change and the environment.

Introduction

The report reflects the work done in the programme in 2019 with a focus on developing Contextual Bible Studies as resources for dialogue with churches and communities on climate change and the environment.

Activities

The activities in the public theology programme included a series of dialogues with church leaders in KwaZulu-Natal regions. The theme of these dialogues was: “Religion, Governance and the Environment: Towards a healed Environment”. Three regions were targeted, that is; KRCC, SKZNCC and TMCC. The seminars unlike in the first half of the year took a paradigm shift as elections had already taken place, hence the theme “Religion, Governance and the Environment: Towards a healed Environment”. The theme of governance and the environment is critical for communities because of climate change and global warming. The previous conferences on climate change suggested that Africa was warming faster than other continents hence the urgent need to curb climate change and gas emissions to mitigate against this threat to the environment and human life.



Sabelo Mthimkhulu facilitating a Contextual Bible Study (CBS) on Climate Change

The Churches in Southern Africa conference at the University of Pretoria organized jointly with Humboldt University created a conducive platform for churches to engage with issues of ecological sustainability through sharing of best practices. Ujamaa shared about the importance of developing Contextual Bible Study (CBS) material to engage the churches on climate change and global warming. Faith communities believe and respect sacred texts hence the need to use

this as a tool to engage in dialogues about the need to care for the environment to ensure ecological sustainability.

Results

The Ujamaa Centre produced a CBS on the book of Ruth with a focus on famine as a result of the shortage of water contributing to food security. The CBS was done with church leaders and activists affected by water shortage in the Natal-Midlands region. The CBS was facilitated in partnership with Built Environment and Support Group (BESG) in Pietermaritzburg. The Ujamaa Centre and BESG are part of the Civil Society Group organizing the Global Water Conference in Cape Town in 2020. The CBS that has been developed is Exod 17: 1-7 which focuses on shortage of water. The proposed plan is water harvesting, for instance rain water can be collected in Jojo tanks or dug up wells. The participants said that they will arrange for each church to get a Jojo tank and a vegetable garden. Furthermore, the University module PRTA 310 is focusing on Climate change and community development preparing students for future engagement with environment from a biblical and theological perspective.

Analysis

The changes in weather patterns because of climate change contributes to escalating global warming. Global warming is seriously undermining developmental efforts in the African continent. The drought as a result of water shortage has contributed to increase in food prices further complicating the contradiction of availability of food vs affordability of food. The rich can access the available food because they can afford it, but for the poor the availability of food is inadequate because they are unable to afford it because of their financial position. The fact that Africa is the fastest warming continent in the world means that it will soon experience serious food shortage because of drought, gas emission and pollution. It is also important that these gas emissions are not produced by Africans, but mostly the North with their industrialized economies.

Conclusion

The discussion on the impact of climate change from a biblical and theological perspective will continue in 2020. Ujamaa will organize workshops and dialogues on the Bible, water and climate change.

People's Theology Programme

The primary objective of the programme is to create a platform for incipient and inchoate liberation theologies from below. These theologies are articulated by the African Initiated Churches (AICs) through lived and embodied experiences of these poor and marginalized working class churches.

Introduction

This report provides a reflection of the work done with the leadership of the African Initiated Churches (AICs) in KwaZulu-Natal Midlands.

Activities

The Ujamaa Centre received an invitation from the provincial network of African Initiated Churches (AICs) in KwaZulu-Natal. The invitation requested Ujamaa to facilitate a conference on liberation theologies, which took place on the 9-10 August 2019 in Estcourt attended by 30 AICs leaders from KwaZulu-Natal. The leadership of the AICs does not have sufficient theological training to articulate a written theology on issues relating to the economy, land and ecological justice. The focus of the conference was on the relationship between religion and economic justice. We used the book of Acts 2: 42-47, Acts 4: 32-37 and Acts 5: 1-6 to demonstrate the relationship between liberating theologies and economic justice in the Jerusalem church. The acts of the apostles demonstrate how a united church was able to address fundamental challenges of poverty and hunger which came to affect the church and community because drought under the Roman rule (Acts 11: 28-30).

Results

The leadership of the AICs benefitted from the experience of the conference especially the use of the see-judge-act participatory methodology. The participants who attended a conference requested a train the train workshop on Contextual Bible Study (CBS), which will enable them to facilitate similar discussions in their own churches across the province. Ujamaa identified a group of leaders who can participate in the train the trainer workshop planned for 2020.



Leaders of the AICs during the conference on liberation theology and Economic Justice presented by Rev Sithembiso Zwane from Ujamaa Centre

Analysis

The AICs are a predominantly working class church with the majority of the members affected by the triple challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality. The use of the book of acts to deliberate on liberation theologies and economic justice created a platform for a reflection on what it means to be a working class church. In an unstable economic climate, a working class church is subjected to extreme conditions. In the Jerusalem church serious food shortages occurred during the reign of the Roman emperor Claudius (Acts 11: 28-30) because of drought that affected most of the Roman Empire for a few years. What is significant about this experience is the response of the church in Jerusalem in Acts 2: 42-47 (a united church), Acts 4: 32-37 (a sharing church) and the contradiction in Acts 5: 1-6 (a greedy church). The AICs identified with a united church, a sharing church, but struggled to understand a greedy church that is not able to address fundamental issues of poverty and hunger in Acts 5: 1-6. As a working class church, the AICs are able to support each other to ensure that people have food. The same approach used by the Jerusalem church in Acts 2 and 4 during famine.

Conclusion

The AICs remain the strategic partner in liberation theology and economic justice in South Africa. Ujamaa will explore the relationship between liberation theologies and ecology among the AICs.

Appendix

Activity Plan: 2019

Body Theology				
Date & Place	Activity	Output	Numbers	Outcome/Results
22 April 2019, PMB, South Africa	Workshop	Contextual Bible Study on HIV and AIDS	35 People 30 Women 5 Men	Positive living network strengthened Sithembiso Zwane Noluthando Gasa Belinda Crawford
24-27 April 2019, Kwa Thema, Gauteng	Eudy Simelane Public Lecture and workshop	LGBTIQA+ awareness and Contextual Bible Study on sexuality	+- 500 People +- 350 Women +- 250 Men	Strengthened LGBTIQA+ movement Charlene van der Walt Sithembiso Zwane
3-4 June 2019, PMB, South Africa	Public Lecture and Workshop	Stripping of Jesus: Masculinities	+- 45 People +- 25 Women +- 20 Men	Developing Contextual Bible Studies (CBS) on Violence against men Gerald West David Tombs Charlene van der Walt
24-26 July 2019, PMB, South Africa	Workshop	Contextual Bible Study on sexuality	15 People 8 Women 7 Men	Development of Contextual Bible Studies (CBS) on liberative resources in five different languages Charlene van der Walt Gerald West Sthembiso Zwane
7 August 2019, PMB, South Africa	Methodist Women in Ministry Conference	Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and “Blessers”	35 People 35 Women	Building theological capacity on SGBV Sithembiso Zwane Belinda Crawford

7-11 August 2019, PMB, South Africa	Silent Protest	Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and “Blessers”	+ 350 People + 250 Women + 100 Men	Building theological capacity on SGBV Charlene van der Walt Gerald West Sithembiso Zwane
18 September 2019, PMB, South Africa	Public Lecture	Old Testament Society of South Africa (OTSA) Religious best practices: Human sexuality	+60 People + 45 Women + 15 Men	Development of an academic article Charlene van der Walt Gerald West Sthembiso Zwane
21-25 October 2019, PMB, South Africa	Workshop	Inclusive Curriculum on Gender, Sexuality and Religion	25 People 10 Women 15 Men	Development of a interdisciplinary template for an inclusive curriculum in Africa Charlene van der Walt Gerald West Sthembiso Zwane
28 October 2019, PMB, South Africa	Workshop and Classroom	Contextual Bible Study on Violence: Redemptive Masculinities	45 People 25 Women 20 Men	Community consciousness and activism Gerald West David Tombs
4-8 November 2019, Limuri, Kenya	Workshop	Contextual Bible Study on sexuality	35 People 15 Women 20 Men	Development of Contextual Bible Studies (CBS) on liberative resources in five different languages Charlene van der Walt Gerald West Sthembiso Zwane
1-5 December 2019, PMB Midlands, World AIDS Day and Prayer Services	Workshop	Commemoration and Prayer Services	+ 250 People + 150 Women + 100 Men	Building positive living theological capacity of HIV members Belinda Crawford Noluthando Gasa Takitso Mokoena

Bread Theology				
Bread Theology				
Date & Place	Activity	Output	Numbers	Outcomes/Results/Facilitators
15 February 2019, PMB, South Africa	Workshop	Community Development and Contextual Bible Study (CBS)	25 People 15 Women 10 Men	Consolidation of community development projects Noluthando Gasa Sithembiso Zwane
20 March 2019, South Africa	Workshop	Job Readiness and Employment	30 People 20 Women 10 Men	Building the unemployed youth network Noluthando Gasa Belinda Crawford Sithembiso Zwane
1-2 April 2019, South Africa	Workshop	Unemployment and the economy in South Africa	30 People 15 Women 15 Men	Employment creation project for the youth Noluthando Gasa Belinda Crawford Sithembiso Zwane
26 May 2019, South Africa	Pre-Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) workshop	Contextual Bible Studies (CBS) for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	35 People 15 Women 20 Men	Developing a framework for the SDG workshop Gerald West Beverley Haddad
13-16 May 2019, Zululand, South Africa	Workshop	Youth Development	30 People 25 Women 5 Men	Developing resources for youth development Belinda Crawford Sithembiso Zwane
18-22 June 2019, Taiwan	Conference	Faith, Labour and Class academic paper	+- 500 People +- 300 Women +- 200 Men	Production of a book on Faith, Labour and Class Gerald West Sithembiso Zwane
26-27 June 2019,	Workshop	Job Readiness and Capacity building	35 People 22 Women	Solidarity and building youth movement

Empangeni, South Africa			13 Men	Belinda Crawford
10 July 2019, South Africa	Workshop	Job Readiness and Employment	30 People 20 Women 10 Men	Access to job opportunities by the unemployed youth Noluthanda Gasa Belinda Crawford Sithembiso Zwane
8-12 July 2019, Uganda	Workshop	Evaluation of Contextual Bible Study (CBS) Training in East Africa	15 People 8 Women 7 Men	Evaluation and continuation of the project Sithembiso Zwane Mote Magomba
9-13 September, PMB, South Africa	Workshop	Contextual Bible Studies (CBS) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in partnership with Anglican Alliance	35 People 18 Women 17 Men	Booklet of Contextual Bible Studies (CBS) on SDGs and Five Marks of Mission Gerald West Sithembiso Zwane Beverley Haddad
13-15 September 2019, PMB, South Africa	30 th Anniversary of Ujamaa Centre	See-Judge-Act- Celebrate	+- 250 People +- 150 Women +- 100 Men	Ongoing reflection on the 30 years journey of ISB-WM- Ujamaa Centre All staff
3 October 2019, PMB, SMMS, South Africa	Workshop	Contextual Bible Study (CBS) on Xenophobia and the economic justice	+- 120 People +- 70 Women +- 50 Men	Consolidating student theological cluster Gerald West Sithembiso Zwane
11 December 2019, PMB, South Africa	Seminar	Presentation	45 People 25 Women 15 Men	Remembering Mzwandile R Nunes legacy of social justice Lulu Ngcobo Noluthando Gasa Sithembiso Zwane

Public Theology				
Date & Place	Activity	Output	Numbers	Outcome/Results
30 th July 2019, KRCC, South Africa	Workshop	Seminar on church and democracy	29 People 15 Women 14 Men	Building a prophetic public church Smanga Kumalo Roger Ndawula
31 st July 2019, SKZNCC, South Africa	Workshop	Seminar on church and democracy	48 People 12 Women 36 Men	Building a prophetic public church Smanga Kumalo Roger Ndawula
18 th Aug 2019,	Workshop	Seminar on church and democracy	28 People 8 Women 20 Men	Building a prophetic public church Smanga Kumalo Roger Ndawula
Earth Theology				
Date & Place	Activity	Output	Numbers	Outcome/Results
28-31 October 2019, Pretoria, South Africa	Conference	Presentation on Education for ecological sustainability and Climate Change	150 People 70 Women 80 Men	Book project on ecological sustainability and climate change Sithembiso Zwane
15 November 2019, PMB, South Africa	Workshop	Contextual Bible Study on sustainable development and climate change	45 People 28 Women 17 Men	Civil Society participation at the Global Water Conference in Cape Town in May 2020 Sithembiso Zwane
11 December 2019, PMB, South Africa	Workshop	Contextual Bible Study (CBS) on water, drought and climate change	35 People 20 Women 15 Men	Developed CBS on Environment and Climate Change Sabelo Mthimkhulu Sithembiso Zwane
13 December 2019, PMB, South Africa	Seminar	Gunther Wittenberg climate change Awareness	45 People 28 Women 17 Men	Creating awareness about climate change Sabelo Mthimkhulu Sithembiso Zwane

People's Theology				
Date & Place	Activity	Output	Numbers	Outcome/Result
9-10 August 2019, Estcourt, South Africa	Conference	Contextual Bible Study (CBS) and public lecture	30 People 10 Women 20 Men	A network of African Independent Churches (AICs) supported in KZN Sithembiso Zwane