**Pastor Xana McCauley**

Xana McCauley came to South Africa as a refugee at the age of 15 and attended Maris Stella convent in Durban. In 1982, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, and has been living for Him since then. In 1983, she joined Rhema Ministries full time, and together with her husband Alan co- founded Hands of Compassion (HOC). Hands of Compassion is a Christian Community based in Johannesburg, and its emphasis is on Recovery, Restoration and Reconciliation.  She is presently the Chief Operations Officer. She has lived communally with her family at Hands of Compassion for the past 33 years, ministering to the poor, the addicted and the rejected. Community living is about discipleship. Up to 120 residents experience life at all levels and learn to accept one another.

Xana is the Founder of GEMA (Gender Equality Matters) advocating for gender equality and working alongside other like - minded organizations such as We Will Speak Out, Christians for Biblical Equality and Thursdays In Black. She has further raised and mentored many other female pastors within the church. She is also a co-author of a curriculum for children on Gender Equality.

She studied through different religious institutions including Rosebank Bible College and has completed various accounting, computer and industrial relations courses. She was ordained as a Pastor at Rhema in 2007. Her thesis for her Bachelor of Theology was on the topic: “GENDER EQUALITY : A CASE STUDY OF RHEMA BIBLE CHURCH IN RANDBURG”, and  was completed through the South African Theological Seminary in 2014.