

TEASA 2023 BGM Resolutions

1. State Capture Report

Noting the following: -

- 1.1 In view of the deep moral crisis in South Africa, as reflected in the State Capture report, and elaborated by the secretary of the State Capture Commission, Prof Itumeleng Mosala.
- 1.2 The report has implications for the people of South Africa as whole.

Therefore resolves:-

- 1.1 To work with member denominations, our theology commission and other church bodies to reflect on the theological theme of the soul of the nation, more especially in light of the report and revelations of the State capture Report.
- 1.2 To engage the crisis of corruption in South Africa by collaborating and joining up with like-minded organizations to campaign for the implementations of the recommendations of the State Capture Commission
- 1.3 To combat corruption
- 1.4 To join with like-minded organizations to support the cause for a legislation to protect whistle blowers.
- 1.5 To mobilize member churches and individuals to prioritize the discipleship challenge of equip believers for ethical leadership and civic participation.

2. Unity and Voice in the Nation

Noting the following trends: -

- 2.1 Continuing tendency of fragmentation amongst sections of evangelical movement in the country.
- 2.2 The growth in independent charismatic (Pentecostal) ministries in the country most of whom are outside of TEASA fold.
- 2.3 The growth in evangelical churches and ministries started by Africans from our continent in our country.
- 2.4 Some of our member denominations like NG Kerk, AFM and Baptist Conventions are active members of the South African Council of Churches (SACC)
- 2.5 The distinct evangelical voice is at times mute and disjointed in our nation.
- 2.6 A wide spectrum of evangelical personalities who have made unique evangelical contributions were honored at the TEASA 25th anniversary.

Thus resolves to: -

- 2.7 To continue to serve and work towards consolidate evangelical unity in South Africa.
- 2.8 Amplify the voice of the evangelicals in the broader church and society.
- 2.9 To put in place measures and processes to honor significant evangelical leaders who have made a distinct contribution to church and society on a regular basis.

3. Disciple making and the Discipleship Decade

Noting the following: -

- 3.1 Ongoing culture of social and spiritual decay in our nation,
- 3.2 The above is exemplified in the breakdown and weak family structure particularly in the black community,
- 3.3 The Crisis of Fatherhood in our nation, particularly low fathers' presence and involvement in the lives of children in some communities,
- 3.4 The emergence of anti-family policies and legislations from government quarters as exemplified by the decriminalization of sex work, etc.
- 3.5 The gullibility to false teachings on miracles, prophecies and wealth from sections of our the evangelical movement
- 3.6 The cry for stronger disciple making by church and mission leaders in South Africa, as well as the WEA declaration of the Discipleship decade from 2020 to 2030 by WEA and the baseline discipleship research done by TEASA in 2020.

Therefore resolves.

- 3.7 To mobilize member churches, ministries and agencies to prioritize the discipleship decade in their work.
- 3.8 To collaborate with likeminded churches, missions networks and agencies pursuant of to mainstreaming the disciple making decade in the life of the church in our country.
- 3.9 To undertake research to discipleship, disciple- making amongst our member churches, rrrrrsaap and agencies.

4. Reconciliation Commission for TEASA

Noting the following: -

- 4.1 The abiding and pervasive legacy of Apartheid racialism and economic inequality
- 4.2 The memory of the history of racialism militates against the possibility of a shared vision of the future of South Africa.
- 4.3 The limited contribution of Churches in modelling and serving South Africa in this regard.

Therefore resolve:

- 4.4 To initiate a Reconciliation Commission.
- 4.5 For the newly established commission to promote and advocate for racial reconciliation in churches and in the society
- 4.6 To strengthen a fit for purpose theology of Reconciliation

5. Establishing a permanent TEASA Office and Financial Sustainability

Noting the following: -

- 5.1 TEASA Offices were closed a few years ago due to a downturn in foreign donor funding.
- 5.2 Denominational, Ministry and individual Membership fees are still a small part of our income
- 5.3 Our impact in the nation is dependent and related to our financial sustainability.

- 5.4 Our country is a developing country, with a significant middle class population and with fairly developed economy
- 5.5 Our growing giving cultures towards charities and good causes

Thereby resolve:

- 5.6 To consider to establish an endowment fund that will guarantee TEASA's financial sustainability.
- 5.7 To work on a plan to mobilize and encourage local giving towards TEASA from members and other donors.
- 5.8 To raise funds for the acquisition of land and building of permanent offices.