

# The Evangelical Alliance of South Africa

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## Culture wars and the marriage regime in South Africa



For thousands of years Marriage and the family were considered the bed rock stable societies everywhere. It was where people formed as sense of identity, character and a moral compass for wholesome living.

In contemporary society, there are different ideas about gender and gender relations that seek to fundamentally change marriage and the family as we have traditionally known it. Government has published a [green paper](#) proposing a new marriage regime. If adopted in its current form, it will amount to a fundamental challenge to the idea of marriage and the family as we Christians have traditionally known it. It will also impact adversely on the pastoral ministry of the Churches.

TEASA through its legal team, has made a submission ( read it [here](#)).

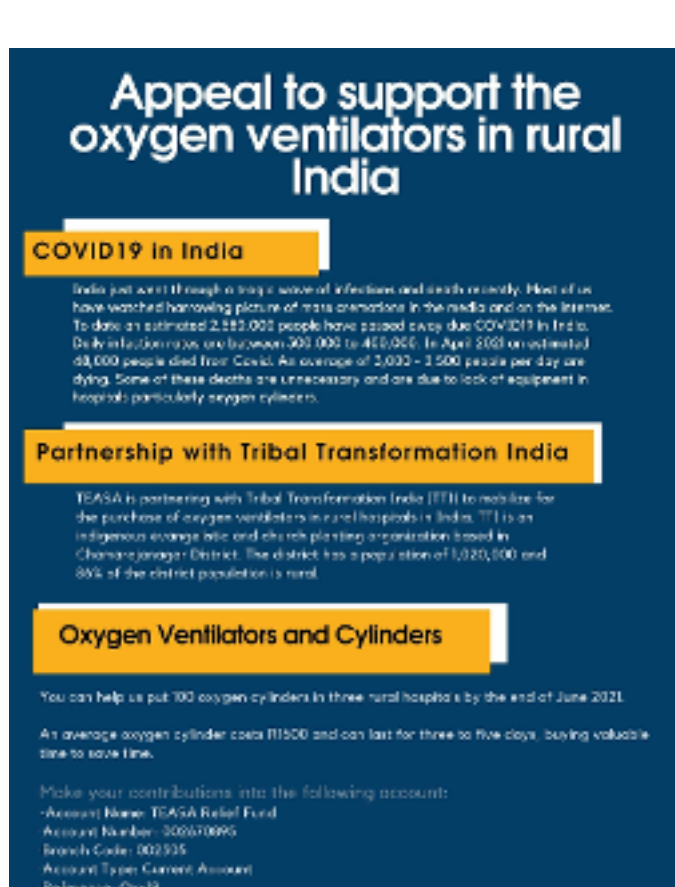
Responses for from TEASA Church leaders to the green paper have been positive. *"a great response to the Green paper!"* Said Rev John Crumpton of Break Thru Life church and Foundations ministries Intl. The Stafford Petersen, moderator of the Full Gospel Church *"The content and spirit of the letter is clearly stating our belief and stance. We support the submission of this letter as our formal response."* *"we stand in agreement with you"* Rev Justus Casten Assemblies of God.

*"I fully agree that the pursuit of equal protection under the law does not mean that all members must conform to one set of ideologies and it is not the role of the State to enforce such."* Dr. Henri Weideman AFM.

## 2. Appeal for Oxygen cylinders in Rural India

TEASA recently reached out to churches in India struggling to compliment medical care available to rural communities. The Covid -19 Delta variant resulted in a great loss of life with 3000-3500 people dying per day. Among other reasons the death were also due to lack of oxygen.

Join our TEASA mission campaign to raise financial support for 100 Oxygen cylinders for a rural hospital in partnership with an Indian Pastor and Mission Leader Rev Dr Saheb Borgalls. Kindly see below account details for your valuable contribution.



## 3. Praying for peace in the region

TEASA held a virtual prayer meeting with Christian leaders in Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of Congo on the 31st of April 2021. Beyond prayer, Christian leaders in these counties appealed for support in terms Advocacy and material aid. Through the TEASA Disaster & Relief Fund, you can partner with us to provide much needed medical and other food supplies where needed. In collaboration with One Challenge Africa, TEASA has already provided much needed ARVs to a Church in the DRC to support Evangelical outreach and care.

## 4. Praying for Palestine

*And what does the Lord require of you?*

*To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

Join a monthly Online TEASA Prayer for Palestine. The Prayer initiative follows ongoing interaction with the poor and oppressed Evangelical Christians in Palestine who live under Israeli Occupation. We pray for peace and justice to prevail for the people of Israel and Palestine.



## 5. Youth, Faith and Religion in South Africa

TEASA member churches in the Western Cape, have initiated program that will be led by youth, commencing with research on what will meaningfully impact youth. This will then continue with their youth in churches navigating which questions to priorities and address, so that youth and their leaders in the body of Christ will work together in planning and implementing programs that will make a positive impact on identified priorities.

'Although teenagers in South Africa are open to going to church, they are not necessarily trusting in religious leaders'...This raises the question of who is influencing South Africa's next generation and what are they being influenced by?

## 6. Mrs Anne Adams Retirement

In the first quarter of 2021, TEASA bade farewell to its long serving Admin secretary Mrs Anne Adams. She served TEASA with great devotion and integrity from its inception in 1995. The TEASA family and the evangelical community is much indebted to her for her faithful service. TEASA national executive paid tribute to her at local Nancefield Baptist church in Eldorado Park.



## 5. An attempted insurrection?

The last week saw a spike in violent outbreaks of lootings and disruption of strategic of supply lines for vital commodities. 161 Malls were destroyed, as were 11 warehouses, 8 factories and 161 liquor outlets. 1400 ATMs were damaged and over 150 000 jobs were put at risk. The estimated cost to GDP is 50 billion rand. Evidence suggest a planned insurrection by those who demand the release of the former State President Jacob Zuma. He was recently arrested for contempt of court and refusing to give account for large scale corruption under his presidency. President Cyril Ramaphosa described these events as "an insurrection" and "economic sabotage", and vowed that those responsible will be brought to book.

TEASA recently held a **State of Our nation** webinar to explore the underlying issues. Find recording [here](#).

Prayer Notes:

- Pray for those with dark motives to be exposed, tried and held to account.
- Pray for the Judiciary to hold steady and not be intimidated.
- Pray for President Cyril Ramaphosa to act with courage and wisdom in very difficult times within a party where the balance of forces appears at a knife's edge.
- Pray for a heightened citizens awareness and responsibility to resist lawlessness and defend jobs.
  - For churches to find their voice and ministry as Peacemakers.



## Commission Activities

COMMISSION	DATES
Marketplace	First Tuesday of each month
Palestine-Israel Prayer	Second Wednesday of the month
Health	Third Friday of the month
Theology	Last Thursday of the month