

TEASA 2024 in brief

The context. Following the 2024 election, the RSA entered an historic moment of opportunity and peril. Would it be a successful project of a non racial future, or a complete collapse of social cohesion? Would the economy grow? Corruption & crime end, and poverty diminish? More importantly, would the people of our republic know what to do with this moment, especially the opportunities it presents, such as the State Presidents call for a National Dialogue?

As for the churches, who comprise a commanding majority in the nation, will they thrive as a faithful Witness of Jesus Christ, and as salt and light in this society ?

In 2024, TEASA made important contributions to this end. ◆

Spreading the gospel :TEASA Commissions.



“Research reveals that thousands of communities in Southern Africa remain untouched by the transforming presence of a healthy church. And at the current church growth trends, most will remain beyond the reach of a local church, unless the Body of Christ is mobilised for church planting”. This is according to the **TEASA Church**

Planting Commission leaders Karl Teichert and Thomas Maphophe.

To that end the commission trains leaders to plant new churches, and accompanies them through coaching events as they get on with the task of planting churches. We praise the Lord that hundreds of churches have been planted in 8 provinces in 2024 as a result of collaborative efforts with diverse church planting networks

Other **TEASA Commissions** are:

- **Health Commission,** accompanying the Christian Health professionals as they serve the Health sector.
- **Market place Commission.** The market place is often the engine that drives our society – for better or worse. The Commission accompanies those who serve Christ within their spheres of influence.
- **Women Commissions.** Equipping women in leadership, mission and the transformation of systemic prejudice that stifle and harm the potential of women. ◆

TEASA Public voice

In 2024, TEASA engaged in public policy development across a wide range of concerns.



Church leaders with former Dirco Minister Pandor discussing ICJ case.

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- **Family values.** This included challenging the DBE roll out of Gender-Responsive Pedagogy for Early Childhood Education. Submissions on the marriage bill, anti substance abuse and human settlement, were also made.
- **Combatting corruption & advocating for whistle blowers.** TEASA East Rand rep Ps Lydia Cindi, addressed a **Defend our Democracy** public rally at Tembisa hospital, commemorating the assassination of whistle blower Babita Deokoran, after she flagged dodgy tenders at the hospital. Ps Lydia also issued a call to churches to make their voice heard on corruption that affected the sick and vulnerable. Consequently, pastors in Tembisa recently visited the hospital and prayed with senior hospital staff, urging them towards ethical leadership.
- **DHA.** In 2023 TEASA set up a meeting of TEASA church leaders with former minister of Home Affairs Dr Motsoaledi. This assisted many pastors who wanted to be marriage officers.
- **Standing with fellow believers in Palestine.** TEASA organised a 21 day fast in Dec 2023 to intercede for believers in particular, and Palestinians in general, going through a genocide in Palestine. ◆

TEASA missional partnerships

2 New TEASA local chapters were formed in the cities of Tshwane and JHB, to be missional collaboration platform of TEASA members in those cities. ◆

Resourcing TEASA.

Resourcing TEASA operations, like all Kingdom enterprises, is not without its challenges. Thankfully, due to a combination of generous contributions by TEASA members as well as the Motsepe Foundation, coupled with good stewardship of limited resources, TEASA has remained in the black, with clean Audit reports for several years.

A big thank you to TEASA members who gave sacrificially to the cause! ◆

Good governance



TEASA National Executive meeting

Good governance by the TEASA national executive continued to serve the evangelical movement in South Africa well, ensuring internal and external compliance with TEASA mandates and BGM resolutions. Additionally, under their watch, TEASA raised its impact both in the RSA and beyond. ◆