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Network for Interim Ministry in Southern Africa



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Dear friends,

The departure of a priest/pastor/minister from a community causes a disruption in itself. Other demographic factors, transformation processes and change at all levels of life, require a time of reflection in every congregation. This can be achieved more readily through the appointment of an Interim Pastor. This conviction is not forced upon congregations, but is rather achieved through explanation and “success stories”, which challenge communities. It is our dream that with every vacancy in ministry, an Interim Pastor will be appointed initially.

At the fifth Annual Conference and AGM of Nimsa (October, 2013) held in Kempton Park, this was decided. Through the various reports submitted, the growth and implementation of Interim Ministry, was very evident. The Ned. Herv. Church advised that a Memorandum regarding Interim Ministry was tabled before their General Church Meeting, and was well received. It was formally decided that Interim Ministry would be positively adopted. The existing training of Interim Ministers/Pastors was approved and membership of NIMSA was accepted. The enthusiasm for Interim Ministry was infectious and many new members were welcomed. A positive feedback was also received from other denominations and Synods. This can be reported on later.

The Website of Nimsa (www.nimsa.co.za) was redesigned by Martin Lazenby and a variety of information has accordingly been made available for all. An Afrikaans version of the Website has been appended and is called NIBSA (Netwerk vir Interim/Brugbediening in Suidelike Afrika). We readily welcome comments and contributions to our web page which can easily be placed.

Consideration is still being given to detailing the advantages of membership, such as discounts for training and conference fees, exclusive information only available to members etc. By becoming a member of NIMSA you can help promote and support Interim Ministry throughout the churches of Southern Africa. Membership fees are R150-00 pp per annum for individuals, and R500-00 for denominations/synods/congregations per annum. It would be appreciated if membership fees could be paid before 31 March, 2014 to enable us to finalise our budget.. Membership fees can be paid as follows: Nimsa-Brugbediening, Account No. 921 642 1615, Bank code 632 005. Please send a copy of the deposit slip to: Ernst Zeelie at ernstzeelie@absamail.co.za or fax to: 011 826 3776.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Good wishes for a healthy and blessed 2014 to you and your congregation.

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