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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2016**

# WEST VIEW METHODIST CHURCH

## Annual Report 2016

### SENIOR MINISTER'S REPORT

*“West View is Christ’s Church, bringing all people into a transforming relationship with God”*

As 2016 draws to a close, few would disagree with the view that this has been a tough year for South Africans. The leadership crisis in our government, drought, a stalling economy, turmoil in higher education, and most distressing for some, the Springboks losing to Italy, have impacted the national mood. Not surprisingly, the finances at West View have come under strain, as many households of congregation members have been affected by rising costs and a static or declining income.

As Christ followers, our hope lies not in circumstances, but in God. 2 Corinthians 1:7; 11 says this about hope:

*“Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.”*

Because our hope is in God, it is unshakeable. It is this unshakeable hope that we offer to the world. The mission of West View becomes even more critical when times are tough. Now, more than ever, people need the hope and salvation that is found in Jesus Christ. Because of this, we do not become discouraged in God’s work. Instead, knowing that people need Jesus more than ever, we double up our efforts as we seek, through the help of God’s Spirit, to be a church where lives are changed as people and communities discover hope in Jesus Christ.

As I read the reports below, I was bowled over by the myriad ways in which God’s hope, healing, salvation, and life change is being shared through the ministries of West View Methodist Church. I count it an awesome privilege to be your pastor. Thank you for the ways in which you support all that is described below with your time, talents, treasures, and prayers.

*Ian France – Snr Minister*

### PASTORAL CARE

It has been a busy year for *Pastoral Care* under Rev. Siphwe Madi, who joined the team earlier this year, with many pastoral visits to members of the congregation at home and to those in hospital.

**Grief Share**, on Thursday evenings with Rev. Philip Sharpe, provides a support system for families going through a time of grieving.

**‘Journeying through Grief’** booklets are given to people who have lost loved ones and together with a pastoral visit, the booklets are given in three month intervals over a period of one year.

Dirna Coetzee and Ria Swart provide a support system by calling the bereaved regularly for the first few months after the *bereavement* allowing them to talk about their loss.

**The Funeral Tea Ministry** team of about 30, headed up by Linda Taylor and Leonie Botes, provide the eats, set tables, serve tea or coffee and clean up.

**The Garden of Remembrance** is looking lovely thanks to Linda Taylor who lovingly cares for it. Older plaques have been restored and others are regularly maintained.

Shaleen McLaren is our *caring caller*. She calls approximately twenty members of the congregation on a weekly basis to keep in touch. This highlights pastoral needs and if any changes are needed on the database.

**Hospital visitation** takes place three, sometimes four days of the week. Patients are prayed for, and if they are not in the ward or asleep, a card is left. Long term patients are given a small devotional booklet. We are grateful to Hazel Clark, Ralph Driver and Wendy Knight who visit patients at Unitas Hospital weekly. This contact assists us to know who is in hospital and in need of care. Rev. Sipiwe Madi, Rev. Philip Sharpe and Rev. Ian France have done a number of hospital visits this year, some to hospitals not in our area.

Pieter de Beer Strydom reports that the **services at Eldoraigne Retirement Village** are being well attended by between 20 – 25 people on a regular basis. Maximum attendance thus far is 36. A bulletin containing the words of hymns for the service and West View's contact detail is provided. Communion is served on a regular basis at the service. Nic & Gill Oosthuysen and Koos & Petro Smith offer communion to the homebound. We currently have eight elderly people who are visited at their homes in the retirement village.

**The Family Cross ministry** is a blessing to families and feedback has been positive after having had the prayer support of the congregation during the week the cross is in their homes. We are grateful to those who alert us to needs. Since November the Family Cross has also been extended to the Eldoraigne Retirement Village.

**Intercessory Prayer** - Currently there are about 60 people on the list whom Hazel Clark calls. Names appear in the letter once a month. Letters go out once a week to our twenty-three volunteers with prayer needs and they are lovingly prayed for by these people.

This year we also started a **prayer initiative** where the staff at West View College, Khuluma and Ditshego receive thank you cards and are prayed for by a member of staff at West View to show appreciation and support.

Our team of volunteers also visit the **homebound** and serve **communion** on a monthly basis. A suitcase with the elements is brought to a communion service to be consecrated. Team members are provided with a short copy of the communion service and are encouraged to spend time with the recipients as this is often the only contact they have with the church. Currently twelve homes are visited. Thank you Nic & Gill Oosthuysen, Koos & Petro Smith, Sean & Linda Addinall and Thomas Ferreira. We encourage the congregation to inform the office of any individuals who are unable to attend worship so that they may be included in this ministry.

This year, on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, Rev Dr Paul Eloff very graciously made himself available for **pastoral care training** to staff and members of the congregation. Our thanks to Paul for this valuable training.

We give thanks to God for his gracious guidance this year. We are so grateful to our volunteers and Mandu Mamatela, our Society Steward, for their willingness to serve so faithfully in this vital ministry.

Our Vision for 2017 is to care for people both pastorally and compassionately and to intentionally call them into a deeper and transforming relationship with Christ. We will continue to seek training and enrichment opportunities which will benefit new and existing members and seek opportunities to encourage and impassion more volunteers.

Our Challenges include a lack of volunteers and available funds. Please contact me should you wish to share God's love in any way through pastoral care ministry at West View

## *Christ has no body but yours*



No hands, no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good  
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet  
Yours are the eyes, yours are the ears  
You are His body, because Christ has no body now but yours

*Lael du Toit – Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator*

### **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE**

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

##### ***Treehouse and Greenhouse (9h45 children's church)***

Treehouse takes place on the premises of West College preschool. Treehouse is the name for Children's church for toddlers up to grade 4.

Greenhouse takes place on the William Botha house. Greenhouse is the name for children for grade 5 up to grade 7.

With weekly attendance of above 80 children a week, and above 300 registered children who have come through our gates for 2016.

Curriculum: Treehouse follow a one year bible readings at home with joint lessons each Sunday following their readings. Greenhouse have been followings lesson which speak into real life situations.

2017 – looks to bring signage to each premises. Greenhouse will be moving to the Tortelduif house.

##### ***Godly Play***

07h45 average of 8 children per week; 18h00 service with 10 - 15 per week (an increase since 2015)

Aimed at children 6 - 13 years old.

Godly Play forms the basis of the curriculum for the West View College children Grade 1 – 5. This has been fruitful with the College.

##### ***Holiday Clubs***

Have been successful as a culture is forming around and in the programme with the youth and children. Numbers exceeding 80 children and 30 youth on both January and June/July holiday clubs.

2017 – January holiday club moves to Easter holidays. June/July remains the same.

**TWIGS** is our Friday night fellowship group for senior primary children and attracts an average of 12 children a week. A decrease from 2016.

##### ***Challenges***

More signage for location of children's church.

The need to involve parents in the spiritual formation of their children. This has been addressed, but continuous attention is needed in this area.

*Josua Nicholson – Children's Pastor*

## **YOUTH & STUDENTS MINISTRY - Rooted (Youth Church)**

Rooted is our Sunday morning church that is run in the Luke Hall for all those in High school or university. It is dynamic, with video or live worship. We offer hospitality in the form of juice, biscuits. Term one we started with the "I Am statements" series in John's Gospel, term two we did a series on Identity, "Who are we in Christ" and in term three "The Twelve Steps of Spirituality". Rooted is very well attended with an average of forty to sixty on any given Sunday.

Numbers on a Sunday morning are between 50 and 80 in attendance, with a leadership team of about 10 to 15 assisting with group time, hospitality etc.

The youth band that was formed at the beginning of the year has been running throughout the year, we meet every Wednesday evening for practice, and play most Sunday mornings for the Rooted service.

Other highlights include the Prefect service hosted in January, as well as community camp.

### **Youth Alpha and Confirmation**

At the beginning of the year we started Confirmation off with the Youth Alpha course, this was a really blessed time as we joined Youth Alpha and Alpha together, creating an intergenerational faith sharing experience, one high in particular being the Holy Spirit Weekend.

This year we decided to make to significant changes to Confirmation. Firstly, we opened it up to grade 9's as the overall maturity of teens in the community seems to be a lot higher and many grade 9s seem ready for the commitment of Confirmation. Secondly we moved Confirmation classes from Thursday evenings to Sunday afternoons. This is to try and bridge the ever growing "gap" between Rooted youth and the evening service. We hope that this will help us to integrate the youth into the church and gradually give them more of an ownership of the evening service as a space of worship for them. Thirdly we augmented the mentorship program, trying to make it more relational and one on one. We also had a blessed weekend together at Cyara lodge learning about the spiritual disciplines. A huge thank you to Ditshego for hosting us for a day of outreach at Lochner road. 28 participants completed Confirmation this year.

### **TGIF**

This is Friday night ministry that was started at the beginning of the year, which is hosted at the end of every month at West View, inviting teens and varsity to come spend time together in fellowship, word and a bit of fun. It has been well attended with an average of 25 teens. A highlight was the Spring Dance party we hosted in September with about 40 coming to join us for a great time together with a live DJ.

### **Youth Connection**

Collaborative interdenominational youth event to create a youth platform and unity within Centurion

West View Methodist Church, Hatfield Christian Church, Gathering Family Church & Lewende Woord Centurion

Four Worship Nights were hosted by each church during the year and an average of 150 teenagers

## **Manna and Mercy**

This is a bible course which takes a journey reading through scripture from Genesis to Revelation but looking through the lens of Jesus. We welcomed all young adults and university students to attend this course, which was held over the course of ten weeks on Thursday evenings.

## **Aspirations 2017**

We hope to start more bible studies/life groups

Augmenting Youth church to make it feel more comfortable and welcoming

More integration with the church, getting more involved in events with Khuluma, Men @ work etc.

## **Challenges**

Integrating youth into the life of the church while avoiding the separation of older and younger teens

Fundraising and the rising costs of camps (alongside importance of camps in ministry to youth)

Continued involvement and commitment of volunteers

Balancing the busyness of school functions, sports, exams, family and church.

*James Rogers Youth & Students Pastor*

## **WORSHIP**

**This year was filled with many moments and success stories within the cluster.** Preaching series that were talking points for months, new songs sung that added to the congregation's worship involvement. Amongst all the wonderful and blessed activities, we also said a sad farewell to Wendy Walker and her family.

She left to take on a new role and life in England in August. Ian and Louise banded together to assist and run the worship cluster since Wendy's departure. This has its own rewards and challenges, but the foundation laid from Wendy was seen when the volunteers from this cluster came forward to fill gaps before being asked.

## **Highlights for 2016**

Main Stage use for worship bands

This was welcomed by the congregation. Having experimented with the placement of the band on the main stage at the 18h00 in November 2015, we implemented a similar experiment during February 2016. It was hoped that the shift in placement would enable the band to connect more with the congregation and take on a more active role in leading worship. Whilst this resulted in both positive and negative feedback, the overwhelming response was that the congregation and the musicians themselves experienced an immediate transformation in the level of depth and engagement in worship.

## **Holy Week services**

Holy Week was a deep and meaningful celebration of the redeeming work of Christ. The worship stations beforehand, sermons, various worship styles and visual art came together to facilitate memorable encounters with God for the many who attended. Tenebrae in particular was touching as young children led the readings with sincerity and as the classical team provided beautiful music.

## **Worship bands**

One of our morning teams has incorporated a choir into their worship which has been wonderful to celebrate!

The youth band is growing and developing under the supervision of our youth pastor James Rogers.

### **Challenges from 2016**

Morning services

The cluster teams are always working hard to do their part in every service. There is a need for more volunteers to assist in the morning communion activities.

### ***Evening service***

There are always less people attending during exam seasons, holiday/ public holiday weekends. This service flow, focuses on the bringing in part of the ministry for young families, and young people.

### **For 2017**

From strength to strength, we make sure our roles are understood. We focus on the 'lend a helping hand, whenever you can' mentality. We're praying for the worship position to be filled with a person that is prayerfully considered for the West View community.

*Cindy Pedlar – Worship Society Steward*

## **DITSHEGO**

### **HIGH LIGHTS**

- The realization of our vision to have our own legal premises; where we can expand to render more professional services to the children and families from Mooiplaas.
- The house on the plot was transformed over a two-month period by home groups. Volunteers and Corporate sponsors.
- The Building Committee met regularly to plan and discuss the future development of the property.
- The projects continued with a Preschool for 160 children, After care for 120 Children, Street children project 20 children and a Place of Safety for 6 children. The clinic manned by private doctors and volunteers assist 240 children weekly. Three hundred home visits are done monthly by caregivers to assist our families.
- 50 Organizations applied for Pefpar funding and 50 were successful. We are one of the 50, this money is for staff training next year and is a huge gift.
- The Department of Social Development has chosen 10 out of 43 Organisations for a support group programme to youth. Ditshego qualified and five of our staff members was trained in this regard.
- We had 5 audits this year regarding our finances, services and reports.
- During October 2015, we signed a SLA with the Department to employ 5 more caregivers, Ditshego currently has 40 full time staff members and 3 assistants.
- Enough donations were received to run and grow our programmes as well as renovate the new premises. In the present economic circumstances we realise what a privilege this is. We say thank you to Corporate sponsors, COR, West View Congregation members, individuals and volunteers.

### **CHALLENGES**

- The Board realise we need capacity training and professional staff members to strengthen our structure.
- Funding to complete the rezoning process and build the Community Centre.

### **FUTURE PLANNING**

- Sustainability of all the aspects of our projects.

- To work more efficiently and be good stewards of all donations and resources
- Rezoning and building project

## **SUMMARY**

- What a privilege to be working at Ditshego and experience the transformation. I cannot see all the miracles and be untouched. Amazing Grace is the word that comes to my mind so often.
- I also want to thank the Board and congregation members for their on-going support, prayers and compassion. Without you we would not be able to make the difference in so many vulnerable children's lives. You are all a blessing to us in so many ways.

*Isabel Nel - Social Worker - Director, Ditshego House of Laughter*

## **KHULUMA (formerly ITHEMBA) COUNSELLING CENTRE**

### **BACKGROUND**

Khuluma Family Counselling, previously known as Ithemba Counselling Centre, established itself as the leading non-profit organisation in victim empowerment in Centurion and the only one in the Hennops River Circuit. Khuluma's beneficiaries are people who have trouble in coping with everyday things and that are struggling to make sense of the daily situation. Areas of intervention include marriage counselling, relationship issues counselling, family counselling, Play Therapy with children, Rape and Trauma Counselling, domestic violence counselling as well as support groups to people who are affected by divorce, grief, substance abuse and victims of gender based violence. We also have two skills development groups where women are empowered to become economically sustainable. Our beneficiary span includes all the key population groups such as women, children, the LGBTI community, people with disabilities and victims of crime and trauma. Khuluma Family Counselling successfully rebranded with a new name, a new logo and new colours that are in line with the West View Methodist Church colours. Although the name changed, our aim has not changed!

### **SERVICES RENDERED**

2015/16 was a year of excitement, validation and more expansion as well as challenges. During the year Khuluma rendered services to 1230 beneficiaries in the form of counselling, play therapy and awareness campaigns. This is slightly less than the previous year due to less people accessing the services at the victim friendly rooms at the police stations as they are afraid of stigmatisation. At the office at West View, 345 adult clients received counselling services during the past year. 97 children received interventions in the form of play therapy. Our number of volunteers increased to 5 as more social work students from UNISA and psychology students from SACAP did their practical work at Khuluma. The number of people accessing the counselling services at the victim friendly room at the Wierda Bridge SAPS decreased significantly from 45 to 13 clients as most people from that area made use of their private counsellors. Four fourth year social work students from UNISA have assisted us at the Victim Empowerment Centre in Mooiplaas and at the Olievenhoutbosch SAPS. In Mooiplaas only 137 clients accessed the services. This could be due to the relocation of several families to Olievenhoutbosch at the beginning of 2016. A new Station Commander took over at the Olievenhoutbosch police station and he had changed the way in which clients were referred to the victim empowerment centre and this resulted in us only seeing 175 clients. For most of the year we had five counsellors at the Thuthuzela Care Centre in Mamelodi who rendered counselling services to 532 survivors of sexual violence. This year was characterised by changes in management and staff at the

departments with whom we have partnerships and this had a huge impact on the number of clients seen.

## **INCOME DEVELOPMENT**

Khuluma successfully secured the third phase funding from NACOSA for Gender Based Violence services at the Thuthuzela Care Centre in Mamelodi for a further three years. We hosted a very enjoyable Barn Dance for Valentine's Day in February at the Rooihuiskraal Feesterrein with our own Graham Abrahams and his band providing very entertaining music. The High Tea was held for the first time at Duo of Dreams in Raslouw. For the fourth year Khuluma participated in the national Tekkie Tax campaign which has fundraising for Non-Governmental Organisations as its main objective.

### **Courses presented**

Courses presented include Marriage Preparation Courses, one Grief Share Course, one Divorce Care Course and several life skills courses to teenagers and young children.

### **Governance**

Four Board meetings were held to ensure that the governance of Khuluma was efficient. An Annual General Meeting was held during which the Board was confirmed. Johan Greeff was re-elected as chairperson, with Jackie Nel as vice-chair and Loni Mamatela as treasurer. The MAP students from the Henley Business School facilitated several sessions on governance and strategizing for the future to ensure a more sustainable organisation.

### **Challenges**

The challenges this year were to ensure financial and material sustainability of projects and to ensure adequate human resources were available for rendering an effective and quality service. Another challenge is the availability of transport for our counsellors and clients as our counsellors are using public transport (taxis) which are time consuming and not always reliable. Private vehicles of counsellors are also used. Staff changes at partner government institutions also affected the way that people accessed services at the various units.

### **Future**

There is still a great need in the Centurion area to render counselling services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and victims of trauma. We will endeavor to strengthen the partnerships that were established during the previous two years with the SAPS, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Community and Safety, the NPA and Institutions for Higher Education and FETs.

We are very grateful to all our donors and volunteers because without your continuing support we cannot bring these much-needed services to the community.

*Heidi Coetzee – Director, Kfuluma Counseling Centre*

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

2016 could be seen as the year of IT expenses. The systems were old and outdated and it caused most of our challenges, including

- Stability and speed of the internet connection.
- E Mail down time.
- Server old and beyond economical repair.
- Website – Remains a struggle to get updated information from ministries for website.
- The church data base software became expensive and difficult to maintain.
- Telephone costs too high.

- Unsatisfactory information desk.

### **Our highlights included**

- A new server has been purchased and is up and running. Firewall software is installed.
- A new contract was signed with Neotel and new internet connection established. The speed of the line increased tremendously.
- The ICT policy was compiled and implemented.
- The Westview Facebook Page is working well and activity continues to climb.
- Database – WINCHURCH has been installed on all PC's. A membership drive is underway in order to update the new database.
- No issues were experienced with the Posters, Bulletins, West View News and flyers. This just emphasizes the commitment of all involved.
- New MS licensing 365 installed and running smoothly.
- The commitment of the cluster office staff and minister to make things work is highly commendable.

### **Vision for 2017**

Unfortunately most of the initiatives within this cluster are cost driven and budget dependent. Despite this we are committed to provide the best possible service with the limited funds available. The following areas will be the focus areas for 2017:

- Continuous improvement on our bulletins, West View news, flyers. Looking at new and innovative ways to get information to our congregation whilst still being cost effective and efficient.
- The installation of a PABX VOIP telephone system as to save on telephone expenses.
- Upgrading the information desk will remain in our vision. Plans to remove the existing information desk and replace with a modular system that is primarily mounted on the wall .
- Updating of outdated and old signage. 'Wish list': Municipal signs on the cnr of Willem Botha and Ruimte and Willem Botha & Wierda Roads.
- Continuous information management and maintenance on the website.
- Maintenance of the IT assets register as to ensure maintenance, redundancy planning and on time license renewal.
- Investigation regarding the use of Instagram as Twitter as social media platforms for West View.

*Pieter Human – Society Steward*

## **HR**

In 2016 the church office bid farewell to Val Lazenby who retired, and welcomed Lael du Toit in the Pastoral Care ministry as well as PA to Philip Sharpe and Sipiwe Madi. Wendy Walker and her family emigrated to the UK.

The growth of the Ditshego ministry has seen active involvement from HR also. Ashley Randall has been employed in the role of PA to Isabel Nel. West View College has been interviewing for the new grade 6 post for 2017, and this should be finalized shortly.

Khuluma Family Counselling has seen Prisca Goremusando come on staff in the place of Nozwelo Ncube who moved to the Cape.

On the pastoral front, we have been blessed by the arrival of Sipiwe Madi onto our staff team, and have re-invited Philip for a second five year term. Philip will continue to serve

West View and Mnandi. From 2017, Siphwe will, in addition to serving West View, serve the Elim congregation in Olievenhoutbosch.

An updated ICT policy was put into place to keep abreast of trends in the workplace.

We give thanks to God for His presence and his favour in 2016 and look forward to entering 2017 in His strength.

*Delano de Witt – Chairperson: HR Committee*

## WEST VIEW COLLEGE

I am proud to present an oversight on the 2016 school year of West View College Pre-and Primary School. Our mission at West View College is to be a Centre of learning which integrates Christian values and quality education, setting high expectations for our learners whilst focusing on the needs of every individual child. To develop in our children a love for learning, to become inspired learners and encourage the children to accept responsibility for their learning and behaviour. We aim to develop our children holistically that they become confident, independent, creative thinkers and instill in them values of faith, respect, excellence and fun that are inherent in all we do as a Christian school.

Although the school is situated in a growing area, with new schools being built in areas where new development takes place, we have managed to keep learner numbers stable and even showed increased enrolments during 2016.

During 2016, significant achievements were made through:

- Professional and spiritual development of all teachers.
- Full integration of STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Maths) into the curriculum.
- Implementation and bettering of effective assessment structure.
- Initiating fundraising opportunities for the further development of the school.
- Participation in the Centurion Arts Festival.
- Presenting a leadership development camp for the Grade 5 learners with the aim of developing the children's fitness, confidence, motor skills, self-esteem, leadership and teamwork skills. This programme was highly successful.
- Ongoing formation in faith through the presentation of "Godly Play" to the Grade 1-5 learners so that they come to know the significance of Christ in their lives.
- Involvement and participation in the hockey programme for primary schools.
- Participation in the "Jaguar Challenge" for primary school learners.
- Ongoing presentation in chess, recorder and sport as curriculum activities with the focus on the holistic development of all the learners.

The parents played a positive and active role as partners in the development of the school. Attention was given to the relationship between school and church and significant progress was made in this regard. Parents expressed huge appreciation to the school for the education of the learners as is noted in the words of one parent: *'From the moment my family and I walked into West View College we were welcomed with open hearts and minds. The*

*dedicated staff go above and beyond what is expected of them to meet the academic, spiritual, personal and emotional needs of the children, providing them a fantastic well-rounded education, and a place where they feel valued. Being part of the West View College family has been a huge blessing to my family.*

All of the above would not have been possible without the governances and guidance provided by the Governing Board, the support of the Senior Minister in the day-to-day management and administration of the school and the Children Pastor's personal investment in the spiritual development of the learners. Finally, gratitude to the staff for their hard work and dedication to the school.

*Erica Pienaar: School Director*

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

<b>Pastor</b>	Philip Sharpe
<b>Stewards</b>	Shawn Smith & Kevin Riddin
<b>Cluster Co-ordinator</b>	Margot Bayne

We are very grateful to welcome Kevin Riddin as an additional Society Steward in the Spiritual Formation Cluster

### **Alpha.**

A successful Alpha course was held in the second term of this year. Seventy participants completed the course of which about 40 were youth.

At a meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept a committee was established for 2017 with Zuko Mnyamana as the Spiritual Director & Nick Snyman as the Administrative Director. Registration will start in November. Group Leaders will be identified by the end of November. Training has been booked for the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> January & Alpha 2017 starts on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January & will conclude on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March before the schools close. Careful budgeting has been done to avoid financial setbacks again.

### **Disciple Courses.**

Four of the available 6 Disciple courses, run by volunteer Leaders & co-leaders, have been held this year with a total of 43 participants. Feedback from facilitators & participants has been very positive. We experienced some problems with availability of material but that has now hopefully been resolved. The Disciples banquet was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Registration for 2017 courses starts at the end of November & we plan to start the new courses in February.

### **Home Groups**

On average we have had 33 active home groups this year. During Church campaigns this has increased to about 40 with an average of 8 members per group

Philip's offer to visit groups to talk on challenging topics has not been accepted as yet. We are hoping to give this more attention in the new year.

Feedback from the groups is that the home group material is very beneficial & they would like to continue receiving this guidance. Our next Church campaign will be a 40day Lent series.

### **Prayer Ministry**

Nellis du Preez continues to arrange a roster for prayers during the services. We are grateful to those members who have made themselves available to pray with folk at the rail. However the system needs to be more organized. The way forward is being prayerfully considered. A young member of West View has been approached to serve on this ministry & we await her response.

### **Integration of New Members** ( Bringing in )

To date this year we have had 6 New Members Coffee evenings & 3 Welcome to West View dinners. About 65 people attended the coffee evenings & 41 have joined as members at the Welcome to West View Dinners. Some who attended the NMC have either left the country or joined other churches while some still want to attend a W2WV dinner & join as members. We are extremely grateful to the volunteers, the hospitality team & John & Given Kale for their hard work for the W2WV functions.

### **Emmaus**

We are very grateful to Malcolm McLean & Jeanette Burger for offering to head up the West View Emmaus reunion group. At present Jeanette is updating the database. The first meeting, to discuss the way forward was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October. West View has a large number of members who have done Emmaus & Chrysalis & we feel the group really needs to be encouraged to stay involved & support future walks & Chrysalis flights. The members who met showed great enthusiasm & we look forward to a wonderful revival of this ministry.

### **Quiet Retreats**

Two Quiet Retreat have been held this year. On the 20<sup>th</sup> August Leigh Harrison was the guest speaker & 25 members attended. It was so well received that another retreat has been booked for the 26<sup>th</sup> November. Leigh Harrison graciously accepted our invitation to lead the retreat again.

### **Fund Raising**

The SF cluster has decided to host a fundraising event in the new year, possibly in June, to help fund expected increases in costs. Funds could also be used to sponsor folk who have difficulty affording these courses.

*Margot Bayne- Spiritual Formation Co-ordinator*

## **PROPERTY AND FINANCES**

### **PROPERTY**

During 2016 numerous small improvements and routine maintenance were carried out on the premises despite a very small budget. Thanks to all those members that assisted the Property Committee in this regard.

The additional premises allocated to West View College for 2017, as well as two meeting rooms for the Church, were recently upgraded to meet requirements for 2017 and beyond. Further progress has been made in the consolidation and re-zoning of our properties to facilitate the *Future for Us* Strategy.

We continue to give God the glory for the beautiful premises we have.

### **FINANCE**

The giving figure for 2016 to end October reflects an amount of R4 783 900 with an average monthly income of R478 390. This figure is 4,3% below the budgeted figure.

Two letters were sent this year informing the Congregation of the shortfall in funding and the response was positive, but needs to be sustained till year end and into 2017 if the Church is to adequately maintain and grow its Ministries.

The Future for Us Fund has increased slightly in year but again will need increased commitment to meet the needs of the future.

Fundraising by all the Ministries at West View for 2016 to date was around R230 000.

The Finance Committee has instituted strict expenditure controls, and has committed to build up a contingency fund over the next few years to manage any cash flow shortfalls, which do occur from time to time.

One key resource that has started to be upgraded in 2016 is the ICT infrastructure, including database and website. This will continue into 2017.

We are extremely grateful for the generous tithes and offerings as well as the support of fundraising efforts by the congregation, which enables us to continue God's work at West View.

Taking cognizance of the difficult economic conditions being experienced by all, the planned giving has only been increased by 6% for 2017. The assessment paid to Circuit has reduced by around 5.6% and the HR costs have also been reduced. The good news is that whilst Administration costs have been trimmed, more funding has been allocated to the Worship and Preaching, Youth, Children's and Young Adults and Spiritual Formation Ministries in 2017. The ICT Cluster will be funded to complete the upgrades commenced in 2016. The Church continues to Tithe towards Mission Support.

*John Bayne – Finance and Admin Society Steward*

### **2017 Budget West View Methodist Church**

	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Income - Planned Giving & Plate	507 000,00
Income - Childrens Church Offertory	700,00
Income - Youth Church Offertory	500,00
Income - Church Venue Hire	1 600,00
Income - West View College Property Fee	28 000,00
Income - Bond Payments Refunded by FFU	31 000,00
Income - Support Services	19 570,00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>588 370,00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Senior Minister's - Team Building	1 150,00
Senior Minister's - Discretionary Fund	500,00
Circuit - Assessment	199 507,00
Trust - Building maintenance	3 000,00
Trust - Gardens	500,00
Trust - Security	200,00
Trust - Furniture and Equipment	1 000,00
Trust - Crockery Cutlery Linen	300,00
Trust - Vehicle Maintenance & Petrol	600,00
Admin - Telephone and Cell Phone	9 000,00
Admin - Ricoh (Printing costs)	1 500,00
Admin - Rent: Fintech (Copier)	4 500,00
Admin - Advertising & Marketing	200,00
Admin - Subscriptions	80,00
Admin - Cleaning	2 750,00
Admin - Utilities 84 Bosduif Crescent	3 045,00
Admin - Utilities 81 Tortelduif Road	19 355,00
Admin - Refreshments & Catering	3 200,00
Admin - Stationery	2 000,00
Admin - TV Licensing	225,00
Admin - Staff Welfare	300,00

Admin -Staff Development & Team Building	-
Admin - Utilities 2 Wierdahof	3 160,00
Admin - Audit Fees	1 500,00
IT Costs - IT Equipment	18 000,00
IT Costs - Maintenance	8 500,00
IT Costs - Neotel Line Rental	5 000,00
Finances - Interest Paid	19 000,00
Finances - Bank Charges	2 800,00
Finances - Insurance on bonds	1 300,00
HR - Salaries and Wages	166 000,00
HR - Salaries: Workmans Compensation	2 000,00
HR - Salaries: Retirement Annuity	5 000,00
HR - Salaries: Staff Bonuses	14 000,00
HR - Salaries: Casual Labour	750,00
HR: Salaries: Comp UIF	1 660,00
New Members - New Members Coffee Evening	125,00
New Members - Welcome 2 West View Dinner	425,00
Communications - Signage	500,00
Communications - Website Running Costs	700,00
Communications - DVD's Frames etc	100,00
Communications - Advertising	100,00
Communications - Bulletins Flyers	500,00
Communications - Bulk Communications	60,00
Communications - Data base	600,00
CM - Sunday School Cleaning	650,00
CM - Twigs	75,00
CM - Registration and Stationery	250,00
CM - Refreshments	60,00
CM - Facebook Ads	60,00
CM - Holiday Clubs	160,00
CM - Youth Pastor's Bash	450,00
CM - Resources and Props	150,00
CM - Maintenance/Repairs	500,00
CM - Family Events	150,00
CM - Godly Play Training	150,00
Pastoral Care - Family Cross	50,00
Pastoral Care - Pastoral Care	200,00
Pastoral Care - Retreats Courses Quiet	100,00
Spiritual Formation - Courses	200,00
Spiritual Formation - Alpha	475,00
Spiritual Formation - Home Groups Resources (Library)	150,00
Spiritual Formation - Disciple Course	200,00
Youth - Refreshments	150,00
Youth - Confirmation	300,00
Youth - Youth Alpha	50,00
Youth - Events	200,00
Youth - Resources and Props	125,00
Youth - Registration and Stationery	150,00
Youth - Pastoral Care	100,00
Youth - Travel Expenses	125,00

Youth - Bulk SMS Communications	125,00
YA - Mission Outreach	600,00
YA - Worship Events	100,00
YA - Young Adults Events	150,00
Family - Baptism Prep Books	115,00
Family - Baptism Candle and Card	130,00
Family - Seedlings (Childrens' Chapel)	20,00
Worship - Sound & Music Equipment	3 000,00
Worship - Jews for Jesus	85,00
Worship - Flower Ministry	350,00
Worship - Supplies for services	300,00
Worship - Printing Costs	400,00
Worship - Communion	350,00
Worship - Gratuities: Guest Speakers	300,00
Worship - Creative Arts	80,00
Worship - Prefect Service	50,00
Worship - Worship Brunches	25,00
Mission Support - Khuluma Family Counselling	42 550,00
Mission Support - Other	-
<b>FFU</b>	<b>15 000,00</b>
<b>DITSEGO LOAN</b>	<b>1 058,00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>574 710,00</b>

**WEST VIEW METHODIST CHURCH**

**2017 BUDGET**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>7 060 440,00</b>
Income - Planned Giving & Plate	6 084 000,00
Income - Other	976 440,00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>6 896 520,00</b>
SENIOR MINISTERS	19 800,00
CIRCUIT	2 394 084,00
TRUST	67 200,00
ADMIN	609 780,00
IT COSTS	378 000,00
FINANCES	277 200,00
HUMAN RESOURCES	2 272 920,00
NEW MEMBERS	6 600,00
COMMUNICATIONS	30 720,00
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	31 860,00
PASTORAL CARE	4 200,00
SPIRITUAL FORMATION	12 300,00
YOUTH	15 900,00
YOUNG ADULTS	10 200,00
FAMILY	3 180,00
WORSHIP	59 280,00
MISSION SUPPORT	510 600,00
FFU CONTINGENCY FUND	180 000,00
DITSHEGO LOAN REPAYMENT	12 696,00