



MINUTES OF THE NETACT 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BRACKENHURST, KENYA 18th to 20th July 2012

24-07-2012

1 **OPENING**

The Chairman opens the meeting with Scripture reading from Daniel 11:32. The Lord is ready for struggle and war. He equips His people to confront the adversary. He enthuses us, we become like Him when we stand up for Truth and the Kingdom. If we dwell with Him, we will share His vision. Falsehood will be defeated by Truth.

2 **CONSTITUTING THE MEETING**

Present as voting members:

- 1 ABC (African Bible College - Malawi) – Mrs Maggie Madimbu
- 2 DCMA (Deaf Christian Ministry Africa – RSA) – Rev Jan Oberholzer
- 3 Hefsiba (Hefsiba Christian Institute for Higher Education - Mocambique) – Rev Miguel Nobre
- 4 ISEU (Instituto Superior Emanuel Unido - Angola) – Rev Kitu Simão
- 5 ISTEEL (Instituto Superior de Teologia Evangelica no Lubango - Angola) - Rev Avelino Rafael
- 6 JMTI (Josophat Mwale Theological Institute - Malawi) – Rev Arnold Nthara
- 7 JMTUC (Justo Mwale Theological University College - Zambia) – Dr Edwin Zulu
- 8 MThC (Murray Theological College - Zimbabwe) – Dr Rangarirai Rutoro
- 9 NETS (Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary - Namibia) – Rev Simon Gillham
- 10 RITT (Reformed Institute for Theological Training - Kenya) – Rev Thomas Togom
- 11 RTS (Reformed Theological Seminary – Nigeria) – Dr Jonathan Iorgikhir
- 12 SU-FT (Stellenbosch University Faculty of Theology - South Africa) – Prof N Koopman
- 13 ZTC (Zomba Theological College - Malawi) – Dr Joseph Thipa, also NetACT Board Chairman
- 14 NetACT Executive Director – Prof Jurgens Hendriks
- 15 NetACT Board Secretary – Rev Henry Murray

Associate Members:

16 Commission for Witness (DRC Family) – Dr K Odendaal

Observers:

17 Presbyterian Church in Nigeria – Mrs Agnes Ntanyi, Dr Uma Onwunta, Dr Olo Ndukwe

Gender Equality project co-opted colleagues: see attendance list addendum for the 18 people who were invited to take part in the discussions.

Apologies:

Hartgerink Trust (USA) – Dr R Hartgerink

3 MEETING PROGRAMME:

Wednesday 18th July: 14h00 to 16h00

Thursday 19th July: 14h00 to 16h00

Friday 20th July: 08h00 to 12h30

4 AGENDA

The agenda follows the NetACT 2012 Annual Report, and the minutes will follow the numbering NB (NetACT Board) 2012-...

NB EC MEETINGS

2012 The NetACT Executive Committee had five telephone conference meetings:
-1 24-08-2011; 15-11-2011; 16-02-2012; 03-05-2012; 26-06-2012. The minutes are available. The Annual Administrative Report incorporates the most important issues that the EC had to deal with.

NB ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

2012 Chairperson: Rev Dr Joseph Thipa of Zomba Theological College is taking up
-2 a post at the University of Malawi, and is thus to be replaced.
Secretary: Rev Henry Murray has served the maximum of two 3-year terms, and needs to be replaced.
Executive Director: Prof Jurgens Hendriks was appointed by the Board (NB 2011-9) in this post until the end of 2014.
Donor Representative: Two new additional Donor Representatives were requested to serve on the Board, but they declined because of work-related responsibilities.

Decision:

1. Nominations for Chairperson and Secretary to be handed to the ED by Thursday 19th July at 10h00. Voting to take place on Thursday 19th July.
2. The decision to again co-opt Dr R Hartgerink onto the Executive Committee as Donor Representative, was unanimous.
3. Voting took place after lunch on Thursday 19th July, and the following were elected for a three-year term (2012 – 2015):
Chairperson: Rev Dr Rangarirai Rutoro (MThC, Zimbabwe)
Vice-Chairperson: Mrs Maggie Madimbo (ABC, Malawi)
Secretary: Rev Dr Edwin Zulu (JMTUC, Zambia)

NB FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2012 Financial Statements of the financial year 2011 are explained by Rev Dr Kobus
-3 Odendaal to the satisfaction of the Board.

Decisions:

4. The 2011 Financial Statements were approved by the Board, and Rev Dr Kobus Odendaal's work is recognised and appreciated.
5. Maintenance of NetACT House should be recorded as expenses under NetACT House and not Administrative Account.

NB **REPORT**

2012 Rev Dr Edwin Zulu reported on an ACTEA seminar held at JMTUC. It was
-4 attended by, amongst many others, representatives of six NetACT institutions. The theme of the seminar: *On a Curriculum for Excellence in Theological Education*. The report is attached at the back of this minute.

NB **PUBLICATIONS:**

2012 Len Hansen extended an invitation to NetACT members with doctoral degrees
-5 to join the SU post-doctoral research associations. Should an application be successful, it has the following benefits for members:

- You will form part of an academic network sharing academic news (regarding conferences, research grants, publications).
- Membership may also open doors to research or publication opportunities.
- You will have online access to the Stellenbosch University Library website which includes online access to library catalogues, databases (some of which give access to full text journal articles!), online reference books etc.
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- A research fund will be created for you. Should you publish in any accredited academic journal and mention your status as research associate of the Stellenbosch University Faculty of Theology you will receive a subsidy from the South African government (R11 000/per peer-reviewed article or book). Subsidy monies will be deposited into your own research fund to be used for whatever research-related reason (e.g. attending conferences, buying books, buying computer hard or software related to your research).

Len Hansen can put you in contact with the coordinators of any of the three postdoctoral associations at the Faculty. ldhansen@sun.ac.za

NB **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

2012 In spite of the decisions by the Board in 2011, a number of member institutions
-6 delayed payment for a variety of reasons. As of the date of the 2012 AGM, all institutions have paid.

Decisions:

6. In line with policy laid down at the 2011 AGM, the Board decides to implement an increase in fees for 2013:
 - a. Institutions with more than 100 students: R4,000 per year: RTS Nigeria; SU, ZTC.
 - b. Institutions with between 50 and 100 students: R2,000 per year:

ABC, ISTEEL, JMTUC.

- c. Institutions with less than 50 students: R1,200 per year: DCMA; Hefsiba; ISEU; JMTI, MThC; NETS; RITT.
7. Policy for the payment of membership fees: Membership fees to be paid before the start of NetACT financial year. Therefore payment for 2013 membership fees needs to be received by NetACT before the end of this year, 2012.
8. Defaulters need to contact the ED when in trouble and delayed payment to be explained. Such cases will be referred to the EC to handle, with report to the next AGM.

NB **EXPANSION OF NETACT**

2012 The need for future development and expansion of NetACT is discussed:

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- The formation of working groups for the sake of decentralisation is recognised, as well as the value of a centralised but flexible administration
- The more the members, the more time and money will be needed to manage a successful network which has to be beneficial for all
- A fulltime ED will be needed after 2014
- There is reason for optimism that the WCRC intends to partner with NetACT concerning quality Reformed theological training
- The EC intends to meet with the WCRC as well as with the SU on 1st to 4th September 2012 in Stellenbosch, concerning the possibilities for future sustainable growth of NetACT
- Appreciation is expressed for the role played by SU in supporting and affirming NetACT
- SU confirms its availability for the future: providing a base for NetACT if and when this is the way NetACT wishes to go
- SU does not want to be the major partner, but in the spirit of service to the broader network, simply wants to be an equal partner with all the other NetACT institutions
- The current ED retires at the end of 2014

Decisions:

9. New ED:

- i. EC to immediately start concerted succession planning for a new ED to take over by the end of 2014.
- ii. new ED to come from SU.

10. For the next 5 years, NetACT:

- i. makes concerted efforts to come to a clear view of how to expand sustainably looking at all the different resources and possibilities that present itself during the course of such a planning process
- ii. office remains in SU
- iii. utilises the current infrastructure and goodwill of SU.

NB **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

2012 The ECWA Church Seminary

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Decision:

11. Invite them to attend next AGM at their own cost

Two seminaries of the Presbyterian Church in Nigeria – HGLTTIA (Hugh Goldie Lay/Theological Training Institution at Arochuwa, Abia State) and EUPTII (Essien Ukpabio Presbyterian Theological Institution at Itu, Akwa Ibom State)

Decision:

12. Accepted. To carry own travelling expenses.

Decision:

13. The following three applying institutions are invited to the next Angolan Curriculum Development Workshop for a next round of talks to come to know them better:

- IECA: Igreja Evangelica Congregational em Angola
- IEBA: Igreja Evangelica Baptista em Angola (The Evangelical Baptist Church in Angola).
- IESA: Igreja Evangelica Synodal de Angola (The evangelical Synodal Church in Angola).

NB SUPPORT BY NETACT

2012 The IERA church is planning to rebuild their seminary at Kinkuni, Uige province, Angola. It was twice demolished during the struggle/war period (1962-2002). Moral support and advice is gratefully accepted by them. ED advised them during the past years.

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Decision:

14. The ED is encouraged to maintain contact, advise and help them.

NB NEXT AGM

2012 The venue will be dependent on:

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- funding for the next GE workshop in 2013
- the need to alternate future venues for AGMs and Workshops between Stellenbosch, SA and other venues

Decision:

15. Pending the above, the offer of the DCMA in Worcester, SA to offer their premises as venue, is gratefully accepted.

NB REPORT

2012 Rev Miguel Nobre reports and gives a PowerPoint-presentation on his recent attendance of a WCRC theological workshop in Indonesia. NetACT funded his travelling expenses. What struck the meeting is the prevalence of natural disasters in that part of the world, and how the Indonesian Church is responding to it theologically and practically. During discussions that followed this report, the need for a Theology of the Environment in Africa is emphasised as a possible future area of focus for NetACT.

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NB MINUTES OF 2012 AGM

2012 The corrected minutes of the 2012 AGM are accepted as a correct record of the proceedings and decisions.

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NB EDITORIAL TEAM

2012 The following are elected as the Editorial Team to work towards the publication
-13 of the next book:
Prof Elna Mouton
Rev Gertrude Kapuma
Rev Dr Tomas Togom

5 **CLOSING**
The AGM is closed by the outgoing Chairperson, Rev Dr Joseph Thipa

Copy of the report on the ACTEA-ICETE workshop held at JMTUC:

**REPORT ON CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SEMINAR TO THE NETACT AGM,
BRACKENHURST, LIMURU KENYA, 18TH JULY, 2012**

1. Introduction.

This report is about the Curriculum for Excellence in Theological Education Seminar which was organized by the Accreditation Council for Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA) in conjunction with the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE), and was hosted by Justo Mwale Theological University College in Lusaka, Zambia from 9th to 12th July, 2012. The Seminar focused on the theme: **Curriculum in the Seminary**. This Seminar was the second in a series of three for Southern Africa. This report aims at highlighting major activities and topics covered during the Seminar and some recommendations.

2. Major Activities and Topics.

The activities of the Seminar included devotion, presentation of different topics by different speakers from different organizations and institutions, time for fellowship and sharing, reflection time, small group discussions and reporting on a given topic in a plenary session which invited questions, discussions and recommendations from the participants. The speakers presented on the following topics:

- Information about ICETE – *Dr. Fritz Deininger.*
- Steps to curriculum design – *Dr. Steve Hardy.*
- Evaluation of the curriculum – *Dr. Steve Hardy.*
- Academic guidelines for curriculum design: ACTEA standards – *Rev. Joe Simfukwe*
- Experiences, challenges and practical insights in curriculum design – *All participants.*
- Integrated curriculum design – *Dr. Fritz Deininger.*
- The important role of the Dean in teaching and learning – *Dr. Edwin Zulu.*
- Creating a community for life-long learning – *Dr. Steve Hardy.*
- Creating learning communities in the African context – *All participants.*
- Transformation Learning – *Rev. Joe Simfukwe.*
- Contextualized curriculum design – *Dr. Steve Hardy.*
- Assessing teaching and learning – *Dr. Fritz Deininger.*
- Reflection: Evaluating teaching and learning – *All participants.*

These presentations were made available on a soft copy for all members of staff to read and learn as well.

3. Recommendations.

- 3.1. As the process of curriculum review comes to an end, there is need to determine the purpose of the curriculum; thus, it need to reflect the biblical values for training and equipping, and must be student based.
- 3.2. Institutions need to continue to strictly work on quality control of programmes by adhering to ACTEA standards and enhancing a balance of academic, spiritual and vocational components.
- 3.3. In order to ensure progress of students who graduate, the institutions should put place means of connection with alumni and interconnectivity among these graduates.
- 3.4. In order to create a community for life-long learning, there is need to, once in a while, conduct outings and retreats for lecturers and the institution as a whole.
- 3.5. Members of the faculty need to share information in their fields for integrated teaching and learning.
- 3.6. NETACT members should consider to attend the last of the series of meetings that will take place at JMTUC on 8th to 12 July 2013.

5. Appreciation

I would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Lameck Banda for assistance to compile this report. The Seminar was an eye-opener to us as participants, and to NEACT.

Dr. E. Zulu – Rector, Justo Mwale Theological University College

Attendance Register, NetACT Gender Equality Workshop. 17-21 July 2012 (including the 2 new member institutions **)

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