



**Minutes of the NetACT AGM held from 1-5 July 2019
At St Paul's University Kenya**

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1 CONSTITUTION OF MEETING AND MEMBERS PRESENT:

Monday July 1, 2019 at 08:15

- 1.1 NetACT chairperson, Dr **Maggie Madimbo opened the meeting**, welcomed all delegates and the Barnabas Fund people. She read 1 Peter 5:1-4 and a psalm. The message was about leadership and the role leaders should play in confronting corruption and not being part of it.
- 1.2 **The Meeting was constituted** according to the constitution and the points mentioned in the NetACT Annual Report 2019. The Report serves as Agenda of the meeting. Point 1 of the agenda was tabled and noted.
- 1.3 His Eminence Archbishop Makarios Tillyrides of the Greek Orthodox Church (Orthodox Archdiocese of Nairobi) spoke a word of **welcome to the delegates**.
- 1.4 **Attendance**. Addendum 1: Forty of NetACT's 43 members attended. Nine Associate Members attended plus five invited guests. Four new members were present and accepted. Several institutions had more than one member attending. In total NetACT had 74 people at the meeting. They came from 13 countries. Barnabas Fund invited 30 people from 19 African countries to the workshop and had five officials attending... a 100 people plus in total!
- 1.5 **The minutes** of the 2018 AGM held at Huguenot College in Wellington, South Africa, have been approved by the Executive after that meeting and have been circulated prior to the 2019 AGM.
- 1.6 Dr Chris Sugden of the Oxford Centre for Religion in Public Life introduced **Dr Patrick Sookhdeo¹ that led the meeting from Monday to Thursday afternoon on the topic "Global Politics and Religious Freedom."** It addressed the Christian – Islam relationship in particular. NetACT bought 100 flash disks on which we copied the PPT slides that was used in the presentation. They were titled:
 - The State of Africa (22 slides);
 - The Islamisation Process (globally and in Africa, 36 slides);
 - The history of Islam (132 slides);
 - The theology of Islam (200 slides);
 - The living Islam (199 slides, focussed on: the five pillars of Islam, Shari'ah; Dawa; Jihad & introducing Boko Haram; Islamic Blasphemy Laws);

The presentations and discussions thereof took place from Monday to Thursday between 08:30 and 17:00. Each NetACT member institution received ten books on Islam for their libraries, curtesy the Barnabas Fund. Our institutions rejoiced!
- 1.7 **On Monday evening** two presentations took place: Rose Birenge, Director of Partnerships, Biblica Africa, a NetACT Associate Member, had a presentation on their work and how it could help NetACT institutions. Members received Biblica publications. Rev David Stedman (Chief Executive Officer of eVitabu (eVitabu is a new mobile app, developed by APF, that places an entire library of resources into the hands of rural pastors. The eVitabu app, which is installed on solar-powered Android devices. It will help support pastors' ministries, potentially impacting the Christian journey of over half a million people.

¹ **Patrick Sookhdeo** (born 20 March 1947) is the director of the [Institute for the Study of Islam and Christianity](#) and was for 22 years International Director of the [Barnabas Fund](#). Sookhdeo is an outspoken spokesman for [persecuted Christian minorities](#) around the world. He has made many media appearances in [Great Britain](#) and is an advocate for [human rights](#) and [freedom of religion](#). Sookhdeo is a commentator on [jihadist ideology](#) and has lectured British and NATO military officers on [Islamic extremism](#) (Wikipedia).

1.8 On Tuesday evening a meeting took place between NetACT members and Dr David Tarus (ED) and Mrs Florence Kagwamba (Executive Administrator) of ACTEA. They updated delegates on developments at the Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa. It was decided that a meeting between ACTEA and FUTE (Forum for Theological Education, i.e. the Faculties of Theology of the NetACT Members in SA) should be held to finalize the MOU between the bodies. The MOU deals with synchronizing accreditation standards. Another decision was that Dr Hannes van der Walt of the Association of Christian Religious Practitioners (ACRP) in SA should be part of this meeting and that the accreditation issue should address certificates, diplomas and degrees. NetACT will help with travel and accommodation expenses and the NetACT office should initiate the process.

Dr Hannes van der Walt outlined the work of the ACRP in providing government accredited training for the more than 200,000 pastors in African Independent Churches in SA of which 90% has no training at all. In Africa as a whole, these figures are between 1-2 million pastors with 90% of them without any training. This situation is relevant to both ACTEA and NetACT. We decided to cooperate with the ACRP and learn / be informed by the processes they developed in getting all training institutions focussing on this level of training, to work together and synchronize accreditation standards by getting government cooperation and acknowledgement.

Dr Japhet Ndhovu, at present Program Coordinator South Asia & Southern Africa of the United Church of Canada and formerly involved with and present at the founding of NetACT and NetACT's HIV/AIDS work and programs, chaired the meeting.

1.9 On Wednesday Evening Dr Sookhdeo and Dr Chris Sugden invited the NetACT ED (Hansen), the two organizational Program Coordinators (Mostert and Hendriks) and the representatives of the SA theological faculty members (Simon, Knoetze, Letsosa, Pali, Dube, Sukdaven and Niemandt) to a meal. They discussed the OCRPL's program of helping PhD students from developing countries to do get their PhD degrees at Stellenbosch. The need to provide academic leadership is too big for one university to handle. NetACT staff played a key role in developing the partnership. This issue is not strictly on the NetACT AGM agenda but many NetACT institutions and leaders are part of the program that is aimed at developing leadership that is focussed on our continents contextual challenges. NetACT thus consulted with the other SA member-universities. All four institutions are positive to cooperate and take this further as well as strengthening their MA / MTh / MPhil programs that deal with Religious Freedom and Interreligious Issues. It was a good meal and a good discussion!

2 THE THREE MAIN REPORTS

2.1 RECONSTITUTING NETACT AGM FRIDAY 5 JULY 2019

After the presentation and discussion of Global Politics and Religious Freedom the AGM members and the Barnabas Fund invitees thanked Dr Sookhdeo for his presentation and the intense discussions that took place during the four days. Look at the evaluation (Addendum II) for more specific remark.

On Friday morning after devotions, the AGM dealt with the remaining items on its agenda. Four of the new members, Carlile College, Kenya, the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary from Nigeria, the Reformed Church University from Zimbabwe and our first French member, the Universite Shalom de Bunia from the Democratic Republic of the Congo introduced themselves. They were welcomed and voted for as members (the other new applicants will attend regional workshops, be welcomed and voted on at those meetings).

2.2 REPORT THEOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Dr Hansen gave the report and answered questions. The goal is that the book will be ready for publication by the end of 2019.

2.3 REPORT AFRICAN PUBLIC THEOLOGY

Dr Hendriks gave the report on behalf of the chair of the editorial committee, Dr Agang, whose visa got stuck in the SA consulate in Abuja in Nigeria. The meeting requests that the NetACT Office write a letter to the relevant government department about this issue. The passport was submitted on May 26 and is up to the date of the meeting, not returned to Dr Agang (17 June.. no passport & visa yet). The members discussed the report. Questions were answered.

2.4 REPORT ON THE NETACT INTERNET PORTAL

Fraser Jackson presented his report with slides to demonstrate aspects of the report. It was most enthusiastically discussed and questions were answered. Many members mentioned that they do not have electricity at daytime or, at most, sporadic electricity. They were assured that our next proposal to the funding agency will include both the hardware and what is needed to have daytime usage of the internet (i.e. solar panel & batteries electricity system). During the discussion about institutional repositories Dr Sookhdeo, as president of the Barnabas Fund, promised that they will financially support this venture if NetACT can present a workable proposal on how to have it done at the different institutions.

The role and importance of trained librarians in the process of curriculum development, research and leadership development were discussed and emphasized. The presence and input of Mrs Heila Mare of the theological library at Stellenbosch University meant a lot in the discussions and at the regional workshops.

NetACT Office emphasized that it uses membership fees to pay for the running expenses of the NIP project. The biggest expense is the service fees for the server at Huguenot College etc. Members whose membership fees are in arrear will not have access to the NIP.

There was much appreciation for Mr Fraser Jackson who is the driving force behind the project. His salary was covered by Christians from his home country, Scotland. The meeting gave their appreciation to Dr Andre du Toit of the Huguenot College that provides an office for NetACT – free of charge!

3 NETACT OFFICE REPORT

3.1 Financial Statements

Stellenbosch University (SU) is responsible for NetACT's financial administration. NetACT receives audited financial statements annually. It has to follow the strict regulations of SU's accounting system. This service and the office facilities are free of charge.

The NetACT EC appointed Dr Kobus Odendaal (DRC Western and Southern Cape Synod Commission for Witness) as the Donor Representative on the EC and a voting Board Member (Constitution 4.2.1.1 B iii). At this meeting Dr Odendaal is represented by Rev Jan Grobbelaar. He received the membership fees of the institutions that paid their fees at the AGM. Addendum I to the agenda represents a more "user-friendly" version with explanatory notes that Dr Odendaal compiled.

NetACT finances follow a rather simple logic. All projects have their own income, either from donations or collaborators, or by means of monies allocated through successful funding proposals. Money handled by the NetACT Office is subject to a 10% administration

fee that covers NetACT Office expenses. We are thankful that NetACT developed a good record of accomplishment and a very strong and supportive network of collaborators.

Decision: The meeting accepted the financial reports.

The Barnabas Fund funded this AGM. It lead to the good attendance. A big “Thank You!”

3.2 Annual Membership fees

The fee structure and fees stays the same as in 2018. Rev Grobbelaar received the 2019 (and outstanding) fees of members and gave receipts.

Decision: Institutions with outstanding annual membership fees should be minuted.

Four institutions’ membership fees are outstanding. They won’t be connected to the NIP.

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3.3 The NetACT Office

Noted: the implementation of the 2017 and 2018 decisions were noted.

Dr Mostert was congratulated with receiving his PhD. NetACT now has three offices at SA members institutions: in Stellenbosch, Wellington and Bloemfontein.

3.4 NetACT house

Another of NetACT’s goals is to offer affordable and welcoming living environment for lecturers who are receiving advanced training. Stellenbosch achieved this in 2012 where a renovated house renovated house in Weidenhof Street 14 offer accommodation to 24 people.

For information on the house visit <http://netact.christians.co.za/accommodation/> and or see the video about the house at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqYQ_yads8&feature=youtu.be.

Finding accommodation for post-graduate students at NetACT’s anchor institutions remains a goal worth pursuing.

The meeting received the sad news that Dr Ron Hartgerink of South Haven, MI, USA, one of the founding members of NetACT, that sponsored most of NetACT activities for five years, has passed away in June 2019. Drr Hansen, Hendriks and Mostert visited the family at their home in Nov 2018 (see addendum X of the 2019 Annual Report. Also check the 2018 minutes at point 6). In this 2019 minutes Addendum III is a Memo of Appreciation that was read at his funeral.

Decision: 1 NetACT request its office to pay our respects to the bereaved Hartgerink family.

2 To dedicate the forthcoming book on African Public Theology to Dr Ronald Hartgerink.

3.5 Communication

NetACT furthermore strives toward developing and maintaining effective communication, internet facilities, consultation and networking among all member institutions.

The NetACT Website is regularly updated and is really something to be proud of. Look at <http://netact.christians.co.za/> A big “thank you” for the Dutch Reformed Church family in the Western Cape for this – in particular Dr Odendaal’s wife, the webmistress of our website.

Our news portal is an important communication tool. Please visit <http://netact.christians.co.za/news/>. We report whatever happens in and around the office. We would like to receive campus news from our institutions. EC members should set an example. Send institutional news accompanied by a photograph if possible!

The NetACT Internet Portal (NIP) falls under communication. It was, however, discussed under projects (Agenda and Minutes 2).

Decision: The NetACT Office and members agree that communication from the Offices to members about events, workshops and general information that may be of use to them will be marked with FYI (For your information) in the subject line. Other official letters from the offices will have just the issue addressed in the subject line

3.6 Lecturer Exchange

Since its establishment, NetACT has organized and promoted lecturer exchanges between institutions to provide expertise where needed and to create space to study and do research.

The NetACT office regularly negotiates exchanges and assist with travel expenses. Check the 2016 Board meeting's four regulations to guide Lecturer Exchanges (Minutes 4.10). There are several well-equipped people available for lecturer exchange. Members are encouraged to contact the NetACT Office if they are looking for lecturer support.

The Office reported about the Wednesday evening discussions (above 1.9) to the meeting. The OCRPL and Barnabas Fund (OCRPL & BF) will support NetACT member institutions that would like to start a MA / MTh / MPhil in **RELIGION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY** that deals with interreligious issues and especially with Islam. Support will come in the form of curricula development, books and input from qualified visiting / supporting lecturers as well as IT help to have classes and discussion on Zoom or with a NIP virtual classroom. In the discussions it became clear that these programs can be initiated as early as 2020.

The Board discussed the cooperation between the four SA member Theological Faculties re PhD studies supported by die OCRPL and BF.

Dr Uma Onwunta raised the issue of the importance to address the issues concerning religious freedom and the influence of Islam on the level of lay people / church membership. This important aspect was referred to the OCRPL-BF, Tearfund, the ACRP as well as to be discussed at the September meeting of these associate members with the Universities that are involved with the PhD project.

Decision: The meeting unanimously and enthusiastically approve the Lecturer Exchange program as well as the Master and Doctoral program initiatives that are launched with the support and cooperation of the Associate Members OCRPL and BF. The NetACT Office is requested to assist members in the implementation of these programs.

3.7 Scholarships; an African venue for sabbaticals

The sourcing and provision of scholarships to advance the theological training of our institutions' lecturers and promising pastors have always been important to NetACT. With regard to this, the NetACT reports & minutes of the previous years, especially 2017 and 2018, can be consulted.

Sabbatical Scholarships for staff members of NetACT schools.

In 2017 the following NetACT Board Decision (2017 AGM Minutes 3.7) was taken:

The Board requests the Office to investigate the possibility of securing scholarships for NetACT institution staff and students on an ongoing basis. It furthermore requests the Office and Executive to investigate the possibility of establishing a scholarship scheme for the funding of sabbatical leave research between NetACT institutions on the continent and further abroad. In this regard it is suggested that contact also be made with the Association of South East Asian Graduate Schools of Theology as possible locations for sabbatical research.

The Office spent a lot of time and effort to pursue this goal. The Lord provided in wonderful ways because we could persuade the Dutch Reformed Church in SA (DRC-SA), that is developing the Andrew Murray Centre for Spirituality on the campus of the Huguenot

College in Wellington, to accommodate our needs and adjust the renovation of the site and buildings so that it is an ideal venue for sabbaticals, research and writer-retreats.

The Office had negotiations with the Tyndale House Foundation (THF) to sponsor, on a yearly base, scholarships for periods between six and nine month sabbaticals/writer retreats. THF awarded NetACT \$16,000 in this regard. The AMCS links with the Huguenot College (library, internet) and with Stellenbosch and the other NetACT schools. The NIP (NetACT Internet Portal) will be available at the AMCS. Daily devotions in the AMCS chapel and a full time campus spiritual director (Prof Elna Mouton, who served for several years as a NetACT board member, and was co-editor of two of our book publications) will be on site and available. Those on sabbatical will be invited to academic activities at the universities and colleges in the Western Cape.

The first writers retreat will take place in November 2019. Members are to share this news with their staff and churches. The NetACT Office will receive abstracts from staff and associates of member-related institutions. Applicants should send a CV and an abstract of the topic / project that he / she is busy with as well as how far the applicant is in the process of writing. The DRC-SA has nominated ten people / research project to this meeting with the request that at least a similar number of NetACT writers be found.

Funding: NetACT has the THF funds available. Dr Japhet Ndhlovu of the UCC put it to the meeting that the UCC has a longstanding relationship with Angola and especially our member institution *Seminario Emanuel do Dôndi* (SED), Huambo, Angola. At the regional workshop / meeting in Angola a decision was taken about focusing on writing projects, thus we are assured of a number of applications from Angola. We hope that NetACT funding can cover at least 80% of costs of member applications. This will depend on the number of applicants and the time they want to spend at the AMCS. requested

Decision: The Board accepted the report and discussion outlined above with gratitude and enthusiasm and requested the NetACT Office to implement it.

3.8 Publications

NetACT has as one of its primary goals the publication of quality theological textbooks relevant to the African context.

The 2017 NetACT Annual Report listed NetACT publications. They can be downloaded, free of charge, from the NetACT website. The 2017 report also mentioned partner institutions that support our work.

Board Member Dr Olo Ndukwe from Hugh Goldie (Nigeria) proposed that NetACT investigate an open access journal. The ED supported the proposal and the discussion proved supportive with the OCRPL making resources and work already done in establishing an online journal available. The meeting requested the ED to take the lead, form a committee and report to the 2020 meeting in this regard.

Decision: The discussion outlined above was accepted and the NetACT ED requested to implement it and report at the next meeting.

3.9 Curriculum & ACTEA

NetACT set as goal the upgrading of curriculum standards at member institutions.

The decisions of the 2018 minutes and 2019 Report are in the process of being implemented at the regional workshops that is taking place this year. In 2020 a full report on these workshops will be presented at the AGM.

ACTEA

ACTEA (Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa) has been a key partner of NetACT. Acquiring ACTEA accreditation was one of the goals we set for all our institutions. NetACT supported institutions in different ways in obtaining ACTEA accreditation. Dr David Tarus (ED) and Mrs Florence Kagwamba (Executive Administrator) of ACTEA attended our AGM on Tuesday evening (see discussion above at 1.8).

Decision: The NetACT Board approve the discussion and decision take at the Tuesday evening discussion and refer it to the NetACT Office to implement.

Youth Ministry: At the 2018 meeting a discussion took place about Youth Ministry and the importance of adding such a topic to the NetACT programs agenda. It was, by mistake, not mentioned in the minutes.

Decision: The NetACT Board requests Drr Hannes Knoetze and Nathan Chiroma to present the 2020 AGM with a proposal in this regard.

Matt Elmore and a colleague of “Church Equipping” gave a short presentation on the “4:12 Youth Ministry” program, a program that empowers pastors and church leaders to have an effective and fruitful youth ministry.

Members requesting help with curriculum development: The Orthodox Theological Seminary as well as the Nile Theological College request help with curriculum development.

Decision: The NetACT Board requests the NetACT Office to help these institutions and to report to the 2020 meeting in this regard.

4 REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND VISITS

This part of the NetACT activities is summarised in the Addenda of the 2019 Annual Report.

Noted with appreciation.

5 NEW MEMBERS AND EVALUATION

Over the past year leading up to the AGM NetACT received the following new applications for membership and associate membership. As per the NetACT Constitution, a prospective member has to be present at an AGM where all new applications are tabled and needs to be approved by the Board. The representatives of the institutions below are requested to introduce their institutions to the meeting:

1. **Carlile College of Theology and Business Studies, Nairobi, Kenya.** Dr Patience Wanzala, principal@carlilecollege.ac.ke
2. **Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho.** Edward Nnanna eddytenor2k4@gmail.com
3. **Reformed Church University, Zimbabwe** Mondli Sibanda sibandam@rcu.ac.zw
4. **Université Shalom de Bunia; The Democratic Republic of Congo.** Dr George Atido, Associate Professor of Missiology and World Christianity; President USB: george.atido@gmail.com, recteur@unishabunia.org Phone: +243 996 587 605

The representative of the institution introduced the institution upon which the Board gladly welcomed them as new members. USB is our first French member, a big step forward!

The following members also applied but being too late to be welcomed at the AGM, will be welcomed and voted for at the remaining regional meetings (this way of dealing with new members was approved by the Board).

5. **Apokalupsis Theological College, Kafanchan, Nigeria** Apostle Dr Emmanuel Nuhu Kure; emmanuelkure@yahoo.com
6. **Baptist Theological Seminary, Kaduna** Dr. Moses Audi. His contact email is mosesaudi@yahoo.com
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8. **ECWA Theological Seminary, Aba, Nigeria** Dr Godwin Etukumana, Provost, gaetukumana@yahoo.com and ecwaseminaryaba@yahoo.com
9. **Kigali Anglican Theological College, Rwanda** Dr Ndikumana annyndikum@gmail.com & Bishop Muvunyi louiskigali@gmail.com;
10. **Life Theological Seminary, Aba, Nigeria** Rev Dr. Joseph Isaac, Rector. beautifulgate2000@yahoo.com.
11. **Life Theological Seminary, Ikorodu, Lagos, Nigeria** Dr Cletus Orgu, ccorgu@yahoo.com

Associate membership applications:

1 **Oxford Centre for Religion in Public Life:** Dr Chris Sugden, sugdenmainstream@gmail.com, +44 7808297043, 21 High Street, Eynsham, Oxford, OX294HE, United Kingdom. <https://www.ocrpl.org/>

2 **Barnabas Fund, UK.** Rev Gavin Mitchell, Gavin.Mitchell@barnabasfund.org , Cell: 27 837990726

Termination of membership:are two years in arrear of payment.

Evaluation forms was distributed and the Office was requested to compile it and add it as **Addendum 3** to the minutes. The evaluation proved to be “as good as it gets.”

6 ELECTION AND CONSTITUTION

The term of all current executive members of the EC runs until the next AGM in 2020 when voting needs to take place.

The 2015 NetACT constitution has a section that describes clusters (Constitution 4.1.2). These units did not play a role and it seems as if the regional workshops is a better way of dealing with programs. The ED / NetACT Office is requested to evaluate the four 2019 regional workshops and propose an amendment to the constitution at the 2020 meeting.

The Board requests the ED to adapt the constitution re the approval of the minutes according to the way it is always done. The minutes have to be circulated to all members for remarks and suggestions before the Executive can approve it.

7 ANNUAL MEETINGS

7.1 Previous venues

2000 Karen, Nairobi, Kenya.

2001 Lusaka, Zambia

2002 Lilongwe, Malawi	2012 Brackenhurst, Kenya.
2003 Stellenbosch, SA	2013 DCMA, Worcester, SA,
2004 Zomba, Malawi	2015 Johannesburg, SA
2005 Hefsiba, Mozambique	2016 St Paul's University, Kenya
2006 Windhoek, Namibia	2017 Scott Christian University, Kenya.
2007 Lusaka, Zambia	2018 Huguenot College, Wellington, SA.
2009 Stellenbosch (150 th anniversary)	2019 St Paul's University, Kenya
2011 Lilongwe, Malawi	

7.2 2020 Annual Meeting

The ED reports the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology reaffirmed their invitation at the 2018 meeting to host the 2020 AGM there. The Executive is of opinion that the AGM country has to be visa-friendly and airport-friendly (from a financial point of view). Thus, Addis is ideal.

Decision: The Board unanimously approve the EGST invitation.

Daystar University invites NetACT to their Alti River Campus for the next AGM. Noted.

In the aftermath of the meeting the idea of a 2020 four-day meeting with a two-day workshop on Human Rights developed. Such a topic, introduced by experts, will lead to good discussions and support the APT project and built on the Religious Freedom foundation that was laid at this meeting.

8 GENERAL

8.1 Approval of 2019 AGM minutes

As with previous meetings, the NetACT EC requests the Board to grant it the authority to approve the minutes of the AGM after circulating it to Board members for comments and suggestions. See above at 6 the decision to make this procedure part of the constitution.

Decision: Approved

8.2 In closure

The chair thanked all members for their presence and contributions. The ED expresses a special word of thanks to the Programme Coordinators, Jurgens Hendriks and Nico Mostert, for the logistical organization as well as our host, SPU and especially Dr Zablon Bundi and his staff, for their efficient hospitality. Dr Rutoro closes the meeting with prayer at 13:40.

ADDENDUM 1: ATTENDANCE 2019



1. Africa Bible College (ABC), Malawi	Rev Bentry Mhango bentrymhango@yahoo.com
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3) Cameroon	Rev. Dr Jean Libom Li Likeng	Gen Sec of EA
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6) Chad	Rev. Kaligue Batein	Chad Evangelical Fellowship
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8) Ethiopia	Pastor Tsadiku Abdo Alema	Evangelical Churches Fellowship of Ethiopia
9) Ethiopia	Alemayehu Goshu Kebede	Living Gospel
10) Ethiopia	Pastor Dereje Shiferaw Tekle	Ezra Rural Ministries
11) Gambia	Samba Alieu Bah	House of Wisdom Evangelical Church
12) Ghana	Paulina Kumah	AEA
13) Guinea	Saa David Kamano	Gen Sec of EA
14) Kenya	Rev Connie Kivuti	EA of Kenya
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16) Kenya	Dr Aila Tasse	Lifeway Mission
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18) Kenya	Safia Mohamed	Works with Somali mbb's
19) Kenya	Jared Omondi Konyando	The Sheepfold Ministry
20) Liberia	Rev. Clinton T Gbawoh	Tentmakers, Liberia
21) Malawi	Alpheus Eleazer Katiyi Banda	Evangelical Association of Malawi
22) Niger	Adamou Yazid	Tentmaker, training, outreach
23) Nigeria	Hillary Danjuma Yusuf	Dreams Alive Project
24) Nigeria	James Adebayo Famonure	AGAPE Missions and Evangelical Network
25) Senegal	Pastor Georges Manga	Leader of the Senegal Evangelical Community
26) Sierra Leone	Rev Jonathan Titus-Williams	EFSL
27) South Sudan	Bishop Arkenjelo Wani Lemi Jeberi	Africa Inland Church, Gen Sec of EA
28) South Sudan	Paula Achan Omoya Loding	AIC Women's Ministry
29) Tanzania	Bishop Andrew Petro Gulle	Council of Churches in Tanzania
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ADDENDUM 2: EVALUATION 2019 AGM

46 evaluations received. Instructions on the evaluation sheet: Rate the organization, venue, workshop and AGM meeting on a 1-5 scale. Make comments if you want to!

1 **Organization (everything that was done / communicated before and during the meeting)**

29 out of 46 gave a no comment 5 out of 5. 8 awarded a 4; 2 a 3: Average: 4.7

Remarks: Written remarks were all positive.

Two had a negative experience with the taxis at the airport which they could not find and had to pay their way to SPU.

Three mentioned the accommodating attitude of NetACT; one mentioned the obvious love of the DRC-SA for the wider church in Africa; one said: "I love Patrick and I thank God I attended.

2 **Venue (accommodation, facilities, meals)**

22 out of 46 a straight 5 out of 5; 13 x 4; 3 x 3: Average in figures: 4.5.

Jumuia Guest House not so good with no Wifi (1); Cold weather (2); small rooms (1); cold water & not clean (1); beds too short (1); I would recommend this venue for others (1); good value for money (1); too many rice during meals (1); Five had really positive remarks on food and venue; food needs diversification;

3 **Workshop on Religious Freedom & global politics** (please give us your thoughts and evaluation of the workshop in a few sentences)

30 fives; 3 fours and 3 threes thus the numerical average is 4.75 (most written replies equivalent to fives though!)

The overwhelming positive replies used words like excellent-"the best" (and synonyms) *many* times as well as: important, fruitful-informative (4); kept me spellbound; needs ultra-urgent action; how do we counter Islam without war? How can we support Islamic reform? Eye-opener (10); thankful for Patrick's courage;

Specific remarks: thank you for books (4); we need Qurans for our seminaries, underlined importance of Islamic Studies (4) and sharing the knowledge at institutional level as well as in theological disciplines; for us under Islamic attacks it helped a lot (2); repeat after three years; we need to share this knowledge; presenter "the best" or "worldclass"

Critical remarks: this was one approach to the Islam question; rather a monologue with little diversity; The danger-side exposed but not the way to counter it in a Christian way; very anti-Islam; How do you love your enemies? A biblical perspective can be added, why not Rev 5-7? Give more hope; concern for non-English speakers needed; presentation needed more time.

4 **AGM Program and meeting**

Average 4.5. Appreciation for sharing all info well ahead of time - one can come well prepared & it saves time (6+); very informative for a new member (2); consider M and PhD programs for librarians; thanks to chair and executive; Impressive organization (several); Critical: quite a rush! Limited discussion time; prefer hard copies; wireless mike for floor (2); slide projector too dim (2);

5 **Any other suggestions:**

Work on gender balance; Keep it up (15); book tables appreciated; Involve members more in presentations and preparations (2); last hour of every day too little for Barnabas people; develop regional workshops / meetings / organization; discussions need more time;

ADDENDUM 3: IN MEMORY OF RON HARTGERINK

From the Network of African Congregational Theology, Africa.

12 June 2019

Dr Harold Englund, then pastor at Second Reformed in Zeeland and president at Western Theological Seminary, introduced us.

Our first journey together was from Cape Town to Lusaka, 1864 miles (and back) in a Toyota Hi Ace van. We were seven people from different countries in Africa going to the first official meeting of the Network for African Congregational Theology (NetACT). We had to write a constitution, but none of us felt fit to take the lead – and then Ron volunteered to guide us. He did it extremely well and in the process a wonderful unity developed between the representatives present.

The next year, 2002, we met in Malawi. The HIV-AIDS pandemic was the central issue on our agenda. I remember us visiting a prayer house in the rural area of Nkhoma where eight older women and two men looked after 220 orphans – all present for the occasion. Ron and I was standing next to one another and we wept.

In the following year, 2003, the Annual General Meeting was near Zomba, also in Malawi. Ron arrived but his suitcase did not. The representative from Angola, Afonso Campos, also arrived without a suitcase. Forty years of war in Angola just ended and he simply did not have a suitcase and extra clothes. Ron took Campos and they went to buy what was needed for the week. On the last day of our meeting a taxi arrived where we were sitting under trees at a lunch break. The taxi driver jumped from his vehicle, grabbed a suitcase from the boot and ran to Ron! We all cheered and laughed at this last-day reunion.

In 2006, Ron told us that the network should not be dependent on their funding alone and he guided us over those early years to get financially on our feet. We began the network in 2001 with eight Reformed schools and later pretty much all the Reformed Schools in Africa were members. The number of leaders in church and society that were formed by the Network and by the Hartgerink family's support, are considerable. Today we have a growing membership of more than 55 schools from many denominations. In the words of Mark 4:8: "a harvest exceeding his wildest dreams" (Message translation).

We loved Ron and we miss him. He was, like Abraham, a blessing to the nations (Gen 12:3).

Jurgens Hendriks.