



# Africa South

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Dear Fellow Disciples,

### OPEN LETTER FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR AFRICA SOUTH TO THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

Fond greetings from Africa South.

I trust that you all are busy with your final walks for the year and already planning for the New Year. A big thank you for all your wonderful reports. Reading through them is indeed a blessing to see with what selfless dedication the communities are doing God's work and serving Him in this special manner.

I know you are all very busy so I will try and keep it short.

Notice of a proposed change to the Africa South Emmaus/Chrysalis Association Constitution.  
The following changes to paragraph 7.5 and 7.6 are proposed:

#### Current wording.

7.5 The person elected to the position of Africa South lay director will first serve for one year as the ASLD-elect and then serve as ASLD for two years.

7.6. The past lay director on the executive committee must remain on the committee for one additional year in an ex-officio capacity to ensure continuity and support.

#### Suggested New wording.

7.5 The persons elected to the position of Africa South lay director *and Africa South spiritual director* will first serve for one year as the ASLD/*ASSD*-elect and then serve as ASLD/*ASSD* for two years.

7.6. The past lay director *and spiritual director* on the executive committee must remain on the committee for one additional year in an ex-officio capacity to ensure continuity and support.

This aspect will be discussed at the AGM for approval.

Chrysalis/ Emmaus relationship. The Africa South LD Chrysalis is requesting that the Emmaus members become more involved with Chrysalis. This means participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day events, working on the flights as well as being voted onto the Chrysalis board. Experienced people are

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required to help keep Chrysalis operating within the stipulations of the Upper Room manuals. Some communities do not even own manuals. Some communities are fully compliant but we need more Emmaus involvement. It is not only the Emmaus LD's responsibility to support Chrysalis; it is the whole community's responsibility! So please get the oldies in there and go and fly with Christ!

Reports for the AGM. The format and date of the Community Report for the AGM are as follows:

The CLD reports and AS Exec report should be in by 07 October. These reports (not more than 300 words) should highlight the following:

- The highlights for the year
- The challenges encountered for the year
- Issues or Concerns to be raised at the AGM
- Walks / Flight dates for 2012
- Directors for 2012 Walks / Flights

These reports will be sent to all the delegates to read before the AGM in electronic form. It will be assumed that all the reports are read at the meeting. What will be discussed at the AGM are the issues and concerns you raised in your report. The Africa South Exec wants to hear what **you** have to say this time. Please let us have all the reports in by 07 October 2011 so that we can finalise the agenda in time so that you can also receive it back in time.

Manuals. Elsa already sent out an email On 31 August regarding the manuals. If you haven't read it yet, please do so. Between her and Liz they have done a lot of hard work and the good news can be found in her email. If you haven't received it, please contact me and I will forward it to you.

Amendments. The latest reports on non-compliance, amendments to the manuals and the AS MinXMin are the following:

- Sponsors Hour and Send off. Many communities are not following the correct procedure. Please read the manual and AS MinXMin. This will also be stressed at the AGM.
- Candlelight. This needs to be changed and followed as per the manual. Crosses prayed over on Thursday night and pilgrims prayed for by name on Saturday night. Sponsor's to be encouraged to attend Sponsors Hour and Candlelight. Candlelight to include a Fourth day speaker.
- Book Tables. In SA communities are setting this up outside of the Conference Room – this is incorrect and needs to be corrected. Book tables are to be set up in the Conference Rooms and left open for the duration of the day. Board Reps are to be in charge of the Book table.
- Africa South MinXMin. There are some communities still using their own minXmin schedules and therefore still set in their own ways regarding agape, book tables, visits to the chapel, etc. Because these documents are copies from the past, old customs not in the manual are still being done. The longer these communities wait to conform, the bigger the heart ache to change. Please see to it that you get used to the published MinXMin.

Community Reports. There is much to be learned from the reports and although it is 36 pages I urge you to read through them. It is good to learn how the various communities are tackling the problems encountered in running a community. I have answered the questions to the CLDs in individual emails because all I had to do was to quote from the manuals. There is ample material on the following:

- The difficulty in finding suitable clergy.
- The dwindling numbers on Men's walks.
- Ideas for fund raising.
- The value of the contribution of the Regional facilitators in communities.
- The need for proper data bases of communities. Rautie asked if we need a National data base for Emmaus/Chrysalis. The Exec felt that it is difficult enough to just keep the data of a community up to date and that a National one would be out of date the moment it is released because of people moving, phone numbers and email addresses changing, etc.
- How difficulties with communication within the community are tackled.
- Bringing back the old members.
- Concentrating on building up the communities when Walks are cancelled and keeping the members focussed on building up.
- The importance of sound financial management.
- The importance of sponsorship.
- The results achieved when conducting constructive workshops.
- The participation and increase in co-operation with Kairos
- How book tables are conducted.
- The highs and lows in co-operation with Chrysalis and relationships.
- Reaching out to black communities.
- Find out about Protea conducting their 100<sup>th</sup> Walk and how to be part of the celebration.

It is a good 20 minute read. So don't put it down and please share it with your communities. Your society members want to know what is happening in the various communities.

Looking forward seeing you all at the AGM. Please travel safely and let us all gather together with the "Spirit of Emmaus/Chrysalis" in our hearts and minds.

Your servant in Christ,

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