



# CABSA

## Annual Report 2019

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# THE UNEXPECTED GIFTS



At the time of writing this report, it is very hard to look back on 2019 without our current lenses that are informed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Black Lives Matter campaign and the continued horror of gender-based violence. As with the HIV pandemic, COVID-19 runs on the fault lines of our societies. It reveals and magnifies the existing inequalities and vulnerabilities that we often prefer to ignore.

While the global village rages on about which lives matter most, CABSA is reminded of our vision for caring and competent Christian communities that bring life and hope in the areas of health, well-being and equality in a world affected by HIV. But we also know that our world is not threatened solely by HIV.

And therefore, CABSA advocates dignity and worth of all people, yes, but specifically for people living with HIV, because the stigma and challenges many endure daily, require an intentional effort to address and change.

In the same manner we understand the need for specific campaigns and projects to purposefully address other inequalities and discrimination that result from issues such as racism and homophobia. CABSA continues to support and promote the Thursdays in Black campaign as one strategy to address gender-based violence.

Amidst these dark times, I am also aware of a deep sense of gratitude and anticipation in my heart, because 2019 was indeed also a year filled with many highlights, opportunities, precious people and other gifts.

**CABSA has so much to be grateful for and in the annual report, we have tried to acknowledge and thank all of our partners, funders, facilitators, peer educators and friends, where relevant.**

Allow me to specifically mention Diaconia, the Calvin Protestant Church of South Africa, as well as the loyal congregations and individual donors that contribute monthly to the much-needed core funding of CABSA. This also includes Bible Media that provides free office space. We are also thankful for more formal collaboration with CLF, the Christian Literature Fund, and for participation in the Focus South Africa project of the Catholic Relief Service.

All honour and glory to God for the gifts of diversity, fellowship, friendship, social cohesion and a deeper understanding of what it means to be light and salt in this world. Praise to God for these unexpected gifts that shape and change so many of us through our involvement with the extended family of CABSA.

In solidarity

*Anelele Faurie Le Roux*

**Director**

# GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Søren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher and theologian, once said: “Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward.”

This profound statement is befitting for us as an organisation, reporting and reflecting in this annual report on our contribution during the past year. CABSA strives to create caring Christian communities that are able to bring new life and hope in the areas of health, well-being and equality in a world affected by HIV. This is even more relevant when it comes to the current realities we are facing in dealing with Covid-19 and its impact on our organisation and staff.

Applying Kierkegaard to our reality means that whilst we pause to reflect on what our life has been like, we may feel that we understand it. However, our understanding is only temporary, because life is a forward motion in which we must constantly take new action and make new choices. We are acutely aware now that there is no such thing as having a perfect understanding of our current landscape and immediate future, other than to live our lives.

The CABSA Board assists the organisation in navigating through these challenging landscapes. It consists of key role players representing different churches, faith-based organisations and academic institutions. We are deeply grateful to each board and staff member that contributes to who CABSA is and how CABSA serves faith and marginalised communities.

**Board Members as at 31 December 2019:**

- Rev Sean Esterhuizen (Chairperson)
- Ms Aneleh Fourie-Le Roux (Executive Board Member)
- Ms Nomvuyu Baba
- Prof Vhumani Magezi
- Dr Sipho Mahokoto
- Ms Zani Malan
- Ms Maxine Oppelt

**Full-time Staff:**

- Ms Aneleh Fourie-Le Roux (Executive Director)
- Ms Meloney Goliath (Admin and Finance Officer)
- Mr Clive Swartz (Programme Coordinator)

**Staff are supported by:**

- Ms Anneke Boshoff (Funding Support)
- Mr Denshir De Koker (Marketing)
- Dr Pieter Fourie (Bible Messages)
- Ms Mpho Lekgetho (Training)
- PhD(c) Martha Ndlovu (Research)
- Ms Nonceba Ravuku (Training)
- Ms Beverley Stoffberg (Finances)
- Ms Patty Thomas (Training)
- Mr Jan van Rooyen (IT and Communication)
- Ms Janine Ward (Training)



CABSA greeted Rev Tunde Fowé (Family Impact, Nigeria), in his capacity as board member as his term came to an end. He is a loyal friend of the organisation and we want to thank him for his support and involvement with CABSA since 2008. We also want to thank Ms Zani Malan for her dedication and hard work as interim chairperson.

CABSA, as a collective, wishes to confirm our unwavering belief and commitment that we will continue to motivate and assist the Church to bring transformation about in a world affected by HIV.

*Sean Esterhuizen*  
**Chairperson**

## BIBLE MESSAGES AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

In order to help people of faith hear God's voice amidst the HIV epidemic, CABSAs offers a weekly Bible Message and special liturgies for AIDS Candlelight Memorial and World AIDS Day. These messages use the prescribed texts of the *Revised Common Lectionary* and explore its relevance for faith communities and Christians in a time of HIV. Currently 885 people are registered for this free service.

### Here are some responses to the Bible Message:

"What a lovely and challenging message for the start of the week." Nobuntu Pona, Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa

"Thanks a lot for these powerful words. We all need God's grace." Ayanda Ngezana, South Africa

"A very thought-provoking reflection." Sue Parry, World Council of Churches, EHAIA

"This really inspires me to get involved in my community!" William Ficks, Uniting Reformed Church of South Africa

"I will forever remember this story . . . as a prime example of Jesus modelling the role of the Church in nullifying the marks of the world and restoring fallen mankind to its primary markings. Thank you for these insights, which I had not seen before." Bob Carter, Moffett Bible College, Kenya

"Thank you . . . for such an eye-opening sermon." Baatseba Motea-Kim, South Africa

### About the Candlelight Memorial Liturgy:

"I talked about CABSAs last week in our church in the UK service and used material from the service you had sent out. People found CABSAs's statement of its principles and the prayer material really helpful. Thank you so much for that, and for all that you do." Maranda St John Nicolle, CCOW, UK

### Thank you to . . .

- Dr Pieter Fourie, who selects and prepares the Bible Messages
- Denshir De Koker Productions and artist Danielle Apollis, for the AIDS Candlelight video
- A variety of pastors, partners and trained facilitators who help to write these messages
- Christian Literature Fund for distributing the special liturgies

To register for the Bible Message, write to Meloney at [admin@cabsa.org.za](mailto:admin@cabsa.org.za)



# CHURCHES, CHANNELS OF HOPE



"I am definitely leaving here a different person than when I came," were the words shared by one participant at the Churches, Channels of Hope (CCoH) Facilitator training in July 2019.

Others commented:

"I always thought of my involvement as secondary, by preaching and awareness making. I realised that I have a much greater responsibility in educating people and empowering them."

"This training filled in the blind spots that I had about HIV and AIDS."

"(I look) at HIV and AIDS with another eye. (The training) was so deep and spiritual . . . Godly."

"To be in the company of a diverse group was amazing."

Churches, Channels of Hope is another precious gift that CABSA was entrusted with and is the programme used to support and empower churches, faith and community leaders, and marginalised communities.

Churches, Channels of Hope consists of three different training curriculums:

- **Facilitator Training**

This 7-day training empowers and challenges faith leaders on a personal level to discover what it means for them to be a channel of hope in the church or community she or he belongs to. This training was presented twice in 2019 - once in the Western Cape, where it was attended by 12 faith leaders and once in Gauteng. This group consisted of 20 faith leaders from various provinces and one travelled all the way from Kenya.

- **HIV Integrating Training**

The HIV Integrating training is a 3-day workshop available for any literate group who wants to make sense of what HIV means in their personal, spiritual and professional capacities. It was presented once to 7 URCSA pastors in the Eastern Cape.

- **HIV Peer Educator Training**

This 5-day workshop is suitable for functionally literate people. It equips peer educators to reach out to friends, families and colleagues in order to share accurate information and healthy attitudes. In the workplace context, the training was presented twice as part of the HIV Farm Project and once for adolescent girls and young women in the Western Cape.

*Thank you to . . .*

- Diaconia and Christian Literature Fund for the sponsorship of trainings.
- Lyn van Rooyen for partnering with CABSA and inclusion in the Focus South Africa Project. Developing a CCoH Interfaith Workshop Reader was a privilege and learning curve.



# HIV FARM PROJECT AND CHABAHIVA TRUST

CABSA is privileged to report on the continued collaboration with and support from the CHABAHIVA Trust. As part of this partnership, CABSA was invited to the CHABAHIVA International Steering Committee Meeting in Mkhondo, Mpumalanga. Subsequently CABSA was asked to facilitate a Peer Educator Consultation in Johannesburg, Gauteng.

However, the main focus of this partnership is still the implementation of the HIV Farm Project in the Western Cape. In the fourth year of this project, existing activities in De Doorns continued, activities in Wellington were scaled down and some activities were introduced in Caledon.

The primary focus of the project is on HIV awareness through peer educators in the agricultural sector. In the process it also develops leadership and promotes human dignity and healthier relationships.

One peer educator wrote about her experience:

“... thanks to everyone who encouraged me not to lose hope. You were always there when I needed you the most ... I was hopeless, but the day I broke the silence, you were my strength ... Only God knows I don't have words but thanks.”

Others wrote about the training:

“I can now look at people through God's eyes.”

“It was presented very well and not at all what I expected. The discussions and how we complimented each other was a highlight.”

And a workshop participant whose close relative is HIV positive, shared that because of the workshop he is able “to love her better.”

## Activities in 2019 included:

	New Trained Peer Educators	Peer Educators Retrained	Follow-up Meetings	Community Workshops	Community WS Attendees	Family Health Day Attendants	Health Screening Participants
Wellington	-	25	5	-	-	310	104
De Doorns	12	27	6	2	58	540	180
Caledon	8	-	1	1	22	-	-
Total	20	52	12	3	80	850	284

## Thank you to ...

- CHABAHIVA Trust and Otto Per Mille of the Waldensian Church in Italy for funding
- Active Peer Educators and the goodwill of employers
- NORSA who offered the HIV testing and counselling at the Family Health Day
- The Drakenstein Department of Health, CANSA Paarl, URCSA Wellington, Orchard Primary in De Doorns and Christian Literature Fund for support and donations for the Family Health Days
- Mr Jerome Pietersen for his support and assistance in De Doorns



# YOUNG WOMEN & MEN, ADVOCACY AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



"The HIV epidemic holds a mirror up to the inequalities and injustices faced by women and girls and how the gaps in rights and services are exacerbating the epidemic," stated Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of UNAIDS. "This is unacceptable, it is avoidable and it must end."

AIDS is still the leading cause of death for women aged between 15 and 49 years. In addition, about 6000 young women aged between 15 and 24 years are infected with HIV every week. Confronted with this grim reality, CABSA cannot but continue our gender advocacy role. As an organisation, we also felt challenged and motivated to scale up our youth-focussed activities.

## In 2019 it included:

- Churches, Channels of Hope Youth Peer Educator Training for young women in Wellington
- Involvement with the Gender Justice Task Group of the Dutch Reformed Church, Western Cape Synod
- HIV Community Workshop for young people in De Doorns
- Participated in Gender-Based Violence march to the South African Parliament in Cape Town
- HIV Information Session to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, Cape Church Youth Conference
- Gender Equity Session with 26 students from 23 different countries attending the African Leadership Institute for Community Transformation
- Gender Introduction Workshops to 3 groups of students from the Huguenot College
- Distribution of Thursdays in Black (TiB) material

## Thank you to . . .

- Community Chest and Cape Empowerment Trust for funding the Peer Educator Training and Youth Workshop
- Every individual, church and organisation who supports the TiB campaign and assists in raising awareness about gender-based violence

Order your TiB pins, bookmarks, flyers, posters and T-shirts from Meloney at [admin@cabsa.org.za](mailto:admin@cabsa.org.za) and help us to use our bodies to raise the collective voice for a world without rape and violence. Let us continue to be part of a world that addresses gender-based violence, working towards healthy and safer relationships.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial recording is done by an external bookkeeper and monitored on a quarterly basis by the board. Financial statements have been audited by Broodryk Kotzé Inc.

INCOME		2019	2018	EXPENSES		2019	2018
<b>Churches and Congregations</b>		84,513	28,619	<b>Salaries and Support</b>		508,468	721,667
<b>Fundraising</b>		65,032	30,281	<b>Capacity Building and Collaboration</b>		32,658	1,000
Functions		7,691	-	<b>Office Expenditure</b>		9,085	10,779
individual Donors		57,341	30,281				
<b>Contributions and Projects</b>		904,790	1,051,785	<b>Running Costs</b>		180,389	153,082
Mensen met een Missie		-	545	Banking fees		10,128	10,380
National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund		-	180,907	Operational expenses		58,504	52,245
CHABAHIVA (Farm project)		522,043	520,636	Marketing		47,340	9,735
CHABAHIVA (CCoH facilitator training)		-	105,600	IT costs		30,516	38,137
Cape Empowerment Trust		-	52,260	Financial management		33,901	42,585
URCSA Diaconia		174,555	89,584	<b>Service Delivery and Projects</b>		843,644	1,040,471
Lesotho Evangelical Church		-	26,147	Meals and accommodation		128,606	141,000
WCC EAA		-	76,106	Travelling		83,539	108,751
Other Projects		169,242	-	Materials and resources		57,588	100,018
Project Focus South Africa		13,950	-	Salaries		483,164	599,760
Community Chest		25,000	-	Other direct project Implementation costs		90,747	90,942
<b>Registration, Sales and Licence Fees</b>		95,467	149,974	<b>Depreciation</b>		-	4,181
<b>Interest received</b>		4,859	17,658	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		1,574,244	1,931,180
Interest received		6,525	17,658	<b>(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		(419,583)	(652,863)
Finance cost		(1,666)	-				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		1,154,661	1,278,317	<b>End of year reserves</b>		785,083	1,178,221
<b>Funds pre-paid</b>				Sustainability account		190,618	163,196
Community Chest	-	25,000		Operational account		594,361	1,013,841
				Petty cash		104	1,184