

ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS PRACTITIONERS (ACRP) ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Pretoria East Church, 467 Kirkness St, Hatfield, Pretoria, 0001

AGENDA

Friday 25 August 2017

Overall theme: ***“Professionalisation of (Christian) religious professions within the context of the South African regulatory framework”.***

The focus will be on the process to establish ACRP as a professional body for religious professions in terms of the South African National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act (67 of 2008) and the implications for professionalisation flowing from this. The implications of the recent report of the Culture, Religion and Language (CRL) Rights Commission (constituted in terms of Section 9 of the Constitution of South Africa, 1996) will also be considered. The focus will primarily be on the South African experience, but related matters in the wider African context will also receive attention.

07:15 - 08:00 Registration (Coffee, tea and muffins served)

Session 1: Introduction (Session chair: Rev Hermy Damons)

- 08:00 - 08:30 Welcome, introductions (Dr Pieter Fourie, Dr Tertius Erasmus, Prof Nicolene Joubert)
- 08:30 - 09:00 Devotion, and message from The Evangelic Alliance of South Africa (Rev Moss Nthla)
- 09:00 - 09:20 Message from the Council of African Initiated Churches (Rev Gift Moerane)
- 09:20 - 09:30 Message from the AIC Development Programme (Rev Senamo Molisiwa)
- 09:30 - 10:00 Background and report on progress - setting the scene for the rest of the conference (ACRP Executive)

10:00 - 10:30 Refreshments

Session 2: Introducing the ACRP Professional Councils (Session chair: Dr Vincent Mazibuko)

- 10:30 - 11:00 Introducing the Council for General Ministry Practitioners (CGMP)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Introducing the Council for Pastoral and Spiritual Counsellors (CPSC)
- 11:30 - 12:00 Introducing the Council for Ministry Training Practitioners (CMTP) together with the ACRP as the QCTO Assessment Quality Partner (AQP)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Discussion, Q&A

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

Session 3: ACRP Annual General Meeting (AGM) (Session Chair: Dr Sello Maboea)

- 13:30 - 15:00 Reports of Co-chairpersons, financial reports, nomination of ACRP Board members

Session 4: Introducing the ACRP Technical Committees (Session chair: Dr Willem Semmelink)

- 15:00 - 15:45 Principles, functions and services of the *Registration Committee*

15:45 - 16:15 Refreshments

- 16:15 - 17:00 Principles, functions and services of the *Training Quality Committee*
- 17:00 - 17:45 Principles, functions and services of the *Ethics and Disciplinary Committee*

17:45 - 19:00 Dinner

Session 5: The CRL Rights Commission's Report on the *Commercialisation of Religion and Abuse of People's Belief Systems: Opportunities and threats* (Session chair: Rev Phaphile Celesi)

19:00 - 19:15 Dr Pieter Fourie: *The report of the CRL Rights Commission and the need for professionalisation of religious professions: introductory notes*

19:15 - 19:30 Adv Joel Baloyi: *The Report of the CRL Rights Commission: Points of agreement and disagreement*

19:30 - 19:45 Adv Nadene Badenhorst: The way forward - a principle based proposal (1)

19:45 - 20:00 Rev Hermie Damons: The way forward - a principle based approach (2)

20:00 - 20:45 Panel discussion

20:45 Closure

Saturday 26 August 2017

07:15 - 07:45 Coffee, tea and muffins served

07:45 - 08:00 Devotion (Dr Elijah Mahlangu)

08:00 - 10:30 Session 6: Presentations (Session chair Dr Elijah Mahlangu):

- Prof Graham Duncan: The benefits and dangers for churches and ministry institutions to work in a regulated environment, with reference to professionalising religious practice via SAQA and the NQF Act
- Prof Marilyn Naidoo: Ministerial formation: Theological principles and guidelines to maintain while working in a regulated environment
- Dr Philip Wandawa: Working towards a responsive model for delivering pastoral and ministerial training in the contemporary African context: A case study based on the Ugandan Context
- Rev David Bulger: TOPIC SA research findings on pastoral training needs in South Africa
- Discussion

10:30 - 11:00 Refreshments

11:00 - 13:30 Session 7: Presentations (continued) (Session chair: Ms Mantoa Nzeku)

- Prof Nicolene Joubert: The professionalisation of Christian religious professionals with specific reference to pastoral counselling practice
- Prof Elijah Baloyi: The challenge of pastoral practice in the African context
- Dr Barbara Louw: Post-traumatic embitterment in the South African context
- Discussion

13:00 - 13:30 Closing ceremony

13:30 Lunch.