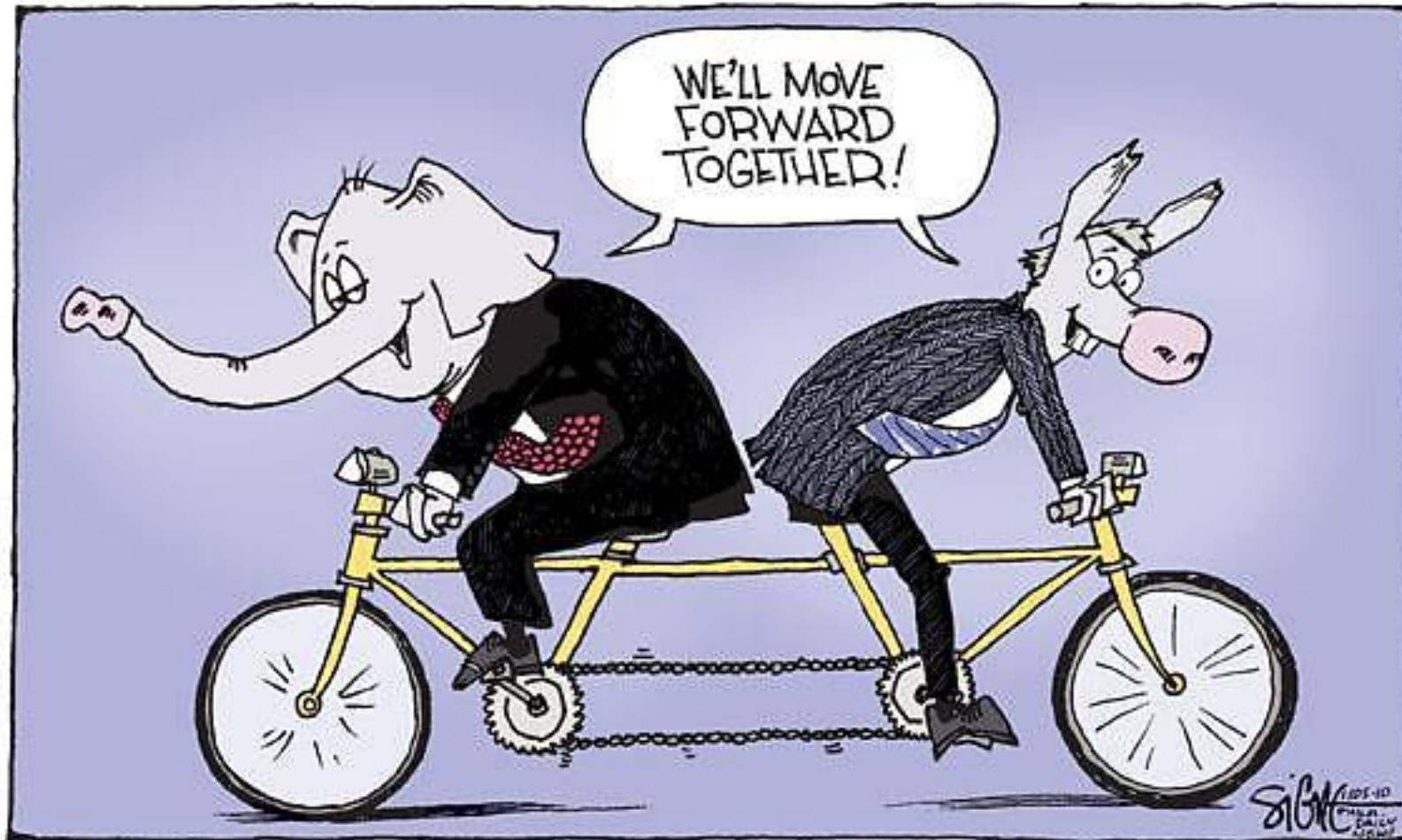


# Portfolio Reports

**The Executive**

**Time period: March 2016 AGM to June 2017**

# JOINT WITNESS BISHOPS and RELIGIOUS



# JOINT WITNESS: Fr Pius Afiabor SMA and Sr Kathy Rule RSM

1. This is the national Structure which fosters Collaboration between Religious Congregations and the Bishops.
2. There are regular meetings each year with the Executive of the SACBC Board to share on current issues both politically and in the Church seeking ways to address these.
3. **IMPORTANT ISSUES AND DISCUSSION POINTS**
  - ☐ Engaging in the revision of *Mutuae Relationes*
  - ☐ Mini World Youth Day and the Synod on Youth: Religious Congregations and Religious supporting and assisting with the Mini World Youth Day in December 2017 in Durban and engaging with giving input to the preparation for the Synod on Youth
  - ☐ Home Affairs issues
  - ☐ Engaging with and implementing the Professional Conduct Protocol: Rather be proactive than reactive.
  - ☐ Consultation and Preparation for National Joint Witness July 2017
4. A practical expression of Joint Witness was a 2 week Orientation Programme in 2016 for New Missionaries at LUMKO.
5. *It is a privilege to work at this level with the SACBC. The atmosphere is friendly and focused.*

# Council for Evangelisation: Sr Kathy Rule RSM and Br Jude Pieterse FMS

1. The new Council for Evangelisation is now the overarching structure of the SACBC
2. LCCL has two representatives on this Council
3. They attend meetings of the Council and any sub committees to which they may be appointed
4. The Council has developed a Vision and Mission Statement. The LCCL AGM contributed to this.
5. Among other things the Council is developing a new Pastoral Plan for the SACBC territories in a process of wide consultation and feedback. A preliminary draft will be presented at the SACBC August plenary.
6. There is also a process to identify pastoral needs and a plan for a pastoral institute to meet these needs.

## **VISION**

**EVANGELISING COMMUNITY SERVING GOD, HUMANITY AND ALL CREATION**

## **MISSION**

**We, the Church, the family of God in Southern Africa,  
commit to work together with others  
for the good of all,  
by responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor,  
through Worship, Proclamation of the Word of God, Formation,  
Advocacy, Human Development and Care of Creation**

# Formation: summary of reports from Sr Kathy, Sr Monica, Sr Mary, Fr Michael, Fr David

## UNDER THE AUSPICES AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF LCCL:

1. In 2016-2017 there have been initiatives taken in the areas of Initial and Juniorate formation in Gauteng, Cape Town and Kwa-Zulu Natal
2. Other initiatives in these regions are planned
3. In the Gauteng area there is a support network and meetings for Religious Formators
4. Cape Town is actively pursuing the possibility of setting up such a forum for Formators and Congregational Leaders in Cape Town

LCCL thanks all who have helped with these initiatives. Special thanks to those who are not Executive members and have provided organisational and other skills *pro Deo*

- ✓ LCCL also supports and sends out information about initiatives taken by other bodies with regard to Initial and Ongoing Formation. Written material is sent out
- ✓ **The main LCCL Executive focus for Ongoing Formation has been all the meetings and work that has gone into preparing this AGM and Joint Witness!**

# Catholic schools in South Africa

2016  
statistics



# CBE Report: Fr Francois Dufour SDB

1. Fr Francois represented LCCL on the task Team setting up the National Catholic Board of Education'
2. The Board was formally established this year - 2017. Fr Francois has continued to be the LCCL representative on the Board.
3. The Board serves as the Governing Body for the Catholic Institute of Education and a replacement for CaSPA National which is dormant at present.
4. Catholic Schools are owned by Dioceses, Religious Congregations or Trusts
5. CBE will give a comprehensive report on its activities etc. on Friday morning.
6. This report and information is particularly important for anyone involved in Catholic Education or Catholic Schools



# Counter Human Trafficking: Sr Monica Madyembwa HC

1. Sr Monica attends meetings of the SACBC Counter Trafficking Desk
2. Sr Monica keeps herself informed about issues related to Counter Trafficking
3. There is trafficking in human beings and human body parts within the SACBC territories and in our own neighbourhoods
4. The LCCL Office sends out material on trafficking to the Network

## **Suggestions:**

- ❖ **Be well-informed about human trafficking**
- ❖ **Raise awareness where we are**
- ❖ **Report suspected cases of trafficking**



# Inter-Religious Dialogue: Sr Letta Mosue SSB

1. Sr Letta represents LCCL in the SACBC Department of Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue and takes part in some their initiatives and events.
2. Sr Letta is herself involved in the Freedom Park Inter-Faith Committee and is organising a visit of Departmental members to this Committee.

## Challenges:

- I am still trying to find my feet and figure out how I can add value as LCCL representative. Suggestions are most welcome.
- Together with Bishop Masela, we are asked to get involved with African Independent Churches. There are no clear guidelines about what this involves.
- One of the requests from LCCL AGM 2016 was to organize a workshop on Interreligious Dialogue. Maybe some elaboration on what kind of workshop might be helpful.

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COMSAM



# **COMSAM:** Br Constantino Kaunda FC

1. **COMSAM: Confederation of Conferences of Major Superiors of Africa and Madagascar**
2. **COMSAM has recently resolved some of its organisational problems**
3. **There will be an Continental Symposium in January 2018 in Cameroun**
4. **The overarching theme is: Consecrated people: identity, prophecy and mission**  
**Focuses will be: celibacy; those on the existential peripheries, religious violence, self-sustainable religious life in Africa**
5. **LCCL pays an annual levy to COMSAM and LCCL meets the cost of the LCCL Representative attending meetings**
6. **COMSAM wants to consolidate Regional Conferences in line with SECAM structures to promote more effective collaboration and communion.**
7. **Communication and collaboration within Africa can be a problem**
8. **LCCL is seen as one of the more effective regional Conferences in Africa!**

# **CATHCA Report:** Br Constantino Kaunda FC (CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE)

**Catholic Health Care Association: CATHA:** Sr Maureen HC  
**LCCL has the right to appoint a member to the Board of CATHCA which normally meets twice a year**

CATHCA sends me communications: so far I haven't sent these out to LCCL Members.

CATHCA receives funding from different funders and organises a number of projects/programmes: all this entails planning, organising, delivery, reporting, recording data, accountability etc.

CATHCA Office, Staff, Board etc. are professionally set up.

CATHCA reports to SACBC under the umbrella Department of Social Action through The Council for Evangelisation

I plan to attend the CATHCA AGM in April this year

## **COMMENT:**

**Every religious Congregation engaged in health care should be a member of CATHCA  
OR**

**Any Individual Religious engaged in health care ministry should be a member of**

# Finances: Fr Michael Murphy SPS

1. *LCCL has a finance committee which meets and reports to the Executive and to the AGM.*
2. People who are not on the LCCL Executive help on the Finance Committee
3. *A professional bookkeeper does the books monthly and also prepares the annual financial statement for the auditors. She charges a monthly fee.*
3. LCCL depends for income on interest from investments [not very large and mostly tied up] and annual pro rata contributions from the Congregations. Not all Congregations are members of LCCL.
4. *There is regular monthly outlay with regard to office expenses, communication and administration costs.*
5. Occasional expenses are for meetings, purchase of consumables and new equipment as necessary.
6. *Ideally, the AGM should pay for itself.*
7. There are two pages from the 2016 audited financial statement in your files. Several copies of the complete statement are available for scrutiny and discussion.
8. *LCCL is a registered PBO in South Africa and must comply with PBO requirements.*
- 8 For the last few years LCCL has been running at a loss and some reserves are being depleted. This is a reality that must be carefully considered by the incoming Executive

# Professional Conduct: Fr Pius Afiabor SMA

1. Fr Pius works with SACBC personnel on issues of professional conduct, and in matters relating to invoking and implementing the protocol.
2. *The SACBC has developed very good policies and guidelines on Professional Conduct, Integrity in Ministry, and Protocols for dealing with allegations of misconduct or abuse by Church personnel.*
3. Allegations and actual incidents with regard to professional conduct, integrity in ministry and abuse do happen among us. No Congregation can regard itself as immune from these.
4. *It is very important to follow the protocol. Grave mistakes have been made in this regard.*
5. It is also very important that safeguarding policies etc. are known and followed in institutes and organisation for which we as Congregational Leaders are responsible
6. *The names of duly appointed contact persons should be displayed or made know to our members and in our institutes, etc.*
7. There is still a lot to be done as regards being familiar with the documents and policies and protocol and especially as regards implementing them.

*Note: no individual cases are ever mentioned or discussed at LCCL meetings.*