MORAVIAN CHURCH – UNITAS FRATRUM

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Unity Prayer Day Offering 2015 South Africa: Projects for Youth and Sunday school. Projects that will be supported through the Unity Prayer Day Offering 2015.

MORAVIAN YOUTH UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The Union has 12 Districts. Presently they are challenged by a lack of resources.

The Moravian Church in South Africa do not have a youth minister to see to the needs of the youth. We hope this will be rectified in the future. We need support in our youth development programs. This year we would like to do a follow-up on last year's program but do not have the funding yet.

A Youth Leadership Development Workshops was held last year 19-21 September to equip the youth with the necessary skills.

Aim

Equip present youth leaders Equip new leaders

Topics

Formal lecture sessions:

Youth ministry in a South African context: the youth Youth ministry in a South African context: the leader Youth ministry in a South African context: the team Practical workshop sessions:

Teambuilding
Discipleship
Strategic planning

MORAVIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION (MSUSA) Statistics

The following are 10 of the 12 districts statistics: 347 Teachers and 4184 learners.

The Sunday School new Curriculum was work-shopped in all the Districts. The 70th Birthday of MSUSA was celebrated in 2012.

Presently the Sunday Schools function in almost all congregations. The Union members are thus challenged financially as the congregations do not pay their contributions to the Union. Sunday School camps are thus organised locally if they have funding. There is no Sunday School teachers training in all our Districts. The churches stretch over a wide area, making it financially difficult to reach all by Union members.

They plan a national conference this year to elect new members to serve on the Union. Resources especially in the rural areas need attention.

MASANGANE MORAVIAN AIDS PROGRAM - MASANGANE (Xhosa: embrace)

The vision of Masangane is to reach out to people with HIV/AIDS and mobilise the Moravian church to make a sustainable, positive contribution to aids challenges and the reduction of the number of new HIV infections and to engage in HIV /AIDS education and care in partnership with others.

It is a Community-Based outreach programme of the Moravian Church that involves caring for HIV/AIDS infected and affected persons and families. The programme caters for orphans and the vulnerable. As from this year 2014, the programme has expanded its activities by introducing a woman forum which is called gender based programme, brothers union as well as an orphan's forum.

Masangane is well known in the surrounding areas of Maluti, Mt Fletcher and Shiloh by its program of initiating ARVs since from 2004-2010. The project saved many lives and most stakeholders including hospitals and clinics staff learnt from Masangane about ARVs. There are other activities conducted in the communities, they are as follows:- Health counselling and testing, Home base care and five poultry projects for the support group.

Due to financial constraints in 2014 staff members had to be retrenched and the Mount Fletcher branch had to close its doors.

MORAVIAN BRIGADES ASSOCIATION IN SA (MOBRASA)

STATISTICS

25 Brigade Companies are affiliated to MOBRASA. Companies exist in Districts 2, 3, and 6 with 17 Chaplains, 65 Officers and 683 Brigaders.

The boy's and girl's brigade work in close cooperation with the other unions of the MCSA. They attend Exaudi Sundays, Music Department Festivals and All African Mission Day. Visits to institutions and the Aged in communities are part of the four square programme.

The national conference took place in 2014.

The union is financially challenged as they do not function in all congregations and are not well supported despite the major role they play to instil good values and skills in the children.

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