



# ACSA



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## 1. PEXCO RESHUFFLING

The March 2016 Provincial Council reshuffled the Provincial Executive after the Provincial Executive proposed as such, the proposal sought to address effectiveness and efficiency in the work of the Guild that was deteriorating. The following portfolios were affected by the proposal that commenced with its mandate after the March 2016 Provincial Council meeting: Secretary: Bro. Batwa moved to Treasury; Deputy Secretary: Bro. Dube moved to Training and Development Office; Treasurer: Bro. Genu moved to Deputy Secretary; Training and Development Office: Revd. Myeko moved to Social Responsibility Office (this is as the result of the resignation of Bro. Bosega who was elected SRO) and Bro. Maki is both the Secretary and Communications Officer.

## 2. INTERNET BANKING

The March 2016 Provincial Council resolved that the Guild must use an internet banking account to replace the cheque book account which was deemed to be expensive. PEXCO has opened the internet banking account on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and is confidently reporting that the account is in use since the first day.

## 3. GENLIFE

The March 2016 Provincial Council meeting held in the Diocese of George resolved that the funeral scheme must commence on the 01/05/2016, the meeting further resolved that the Diocesan Secretaries shall distribute brochures and application forms to their respective Regions and Parishes, the said forms were to be received by the Provincial Secretary by no later than the 25/04/2016 for processing and forwarding to GENLIFE, as per Notice no. 2 of 07/03/2016. It can be reported that the date was never achieved and very few Dioceses communicated their concerns over the implementation of the scheme.

In the wake of genuine concerns over the implementation of the scheme, PEXCO took it upon itself to address these concerns with open minded approach, a meeting with ACSA's PEO and Treasurer and later with Genlife was attended by the Chairman and Secretary with Bro. Nxazonke attending the latter meeting on 02/06/2016. Both the meetings proved to be fruitful, the implementation date was revisited and revised to be 01/08/2016. The resolutions of those meetings were communicated to PCM members as Notice no. 5 of 16/06/2016. Due to no commitment and interest shown by Dioceses in joining the scheme, Genlife subsequently suspended the bank account they opened for purposes of collecting the annual premiums.

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**President:** Rev E Masoka; **Chairman:** Bro M Tsika; **Sec:** Bro F Maki; **Dep Sec:** Bro MP Genu; **Treasurer:** Bro L Batwa; **Chaplain:** Rev L Tyali; **Com Officer:** Bro F Maki; **Social Dev:** Rev S Myeko; **TDO:** Bro K Dube; **Legal Adv:** Bro S Pule

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PEXCO is of the view that the scheme is becoming expensive and a burden on the limited resources of the Guild and therefore seeks guidance from the PCM whether to consider pursuing the implementation of the scheme or just drop it without any further delays.

#### 4. NPO REGISTRATION

Registration as a Non-Profit Organisation is a lengthy process since there are legal implications and responsibilities that the Guild must assume immediately after registering. The meeting with Minister Bathabile Dlamini is still to be secured for in order to fast track the process. The Executive members have submitted their IDs to serve as Directors of the NPO, the PCM needs to also give a directive since the Guild is closer to its elective conference which will see at least three of the current Executive members not being eligible for re-election.

#### 5. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The Provincial 18<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference will be hosted by Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman in September 2017. The hosting Diocese has presented their hosting plan in September 2015 Provincial Council meeting. A meeting between the hosting Diocese and the Provincial Executive delegation was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the meeting discussed amongst other things the Conference venues and accommodation, Catering, Conference proceedings and Conference logistics and administration. The Provincial Executive further discussed the Guest Speaker (the following names have been suggested, Bishop of Zimbabwe, Mr Patrice Motsepe, Dean of ACSA), Key Note Address (the following name has been suggested, former President Thabo Mbeki), Conference Theme, Conference proposed Programme, Conference package, Conference planned income + expenditure, proposed start and end dates (Wednesday evening to Sunday early hours) and Conference donations.

Letters requesting sponsors were written and submitted to various Government Departments, delays were experienced due to South African local Government elections. The Diocese of KnK regularly corresponds with the Provincial Secretary to keep the PEXCO in par with the preparations.

#### 6. COMMISSIONS

PEXCO has noted with concern that the PCM Agenda never gets to be finished due to various reasons known to PCM such as late arrival to meetings, unnecessary protraction of Agenda items, to mention but a few. It is therefore recommended that Portfolios are given enough time to discuss and present their Portfolio discussions, the tendency of ignoring the importance and value of Portfolio discussions must be arrested. PEXCO also recommends that PCM should commence exactly on proposed time and that PEXCO members and Dioceses must arrive early so that proceedings may begin on time and without delay. Portfolio heads must take charge of the discussions and the implementation of the decisions taken.

## 7. GUILD'S BOOK PROJECT

PEXCO has engaged in talks with Revd. Dr Mbaya of the University of Stellenbosch with regards to the writing of the Guild's book project. The project was initiated by the previous administration but collapsed when Dr. Mbaya had to attend to other pressing matters that needed his immediate attention at the time. A meeting between Dr Mbaya and our Treasurer on the 07/07/2016 in Stellenbosch was held. The following was discussed in the meeting of the 07/07/2016:

- *The book will be written in a form of a research, for a period of 3 years*
- *The title of the book will be "Proudly Southern African...The History of Bernard Mizeki movement" which will be about 320 pages*
- *He will be assisted by 2 researchers, research points will be Wits University, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban*
- *Costs to be involved would be for Publishing Costs (making use of Sun Media Publishers that has the Peer Review including printing) – current cost R 30 000 + Travelling Costs to research points*

The PEXCO's views and recommendations are as follows:

- *The research should be more of qualitative study doing one on one interviews with specific old members and making use of questionnaires*
- *The secondary study should be the document study*
- *Dr Mbaya may be advised to meet Bro. Jonas and other old members of the Guild from all Dioceses*
- *The Guild will further engage Dr Mbaya on what needs to be covered and what the hypothesis is*
- *The Chairman will draft the terms of reference but in the mean time the Guild must do its own research by requesting each Diocese to provide PEXCO with names of old people who have the history of the Guild during the PCM*

## 8. ANGOLAN CLOTHING

The clothing is in a bad situation that they cannot be used or even shipped to Angola anymore. The clothing has been stored from one place to the other, previously a letter has been written to Minister of Defense requesting her to assist with shipment. PEXCO subsequently resolved that someone must be asked to pick and chose the Angolan clothing, wash and iron them, then the clothes that can be recovered must be taken to the Bishop's Court for shipping to Angola.

## 9. ANGOLAN AND NAMIBIAN APPEALS

PEXCO seeks the advice of the PCM with regards to these appeals, not all Dioceses paid the appeals and the monies paid by Dioceses were never deposited to the needy Dioceses. PEXCO recommends that this be aborted and Dioceses who paid these appeals be refunded.

## 10. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (for noting)

The Provincial Executive members are Ex-Officio members of their respective Diocesan Executives, such members must be invited to all DEXCO meetings for purposes of giving advice and clarity where it is sought after. The Ex-Officio member has no voting rights but may assist with voting processes.