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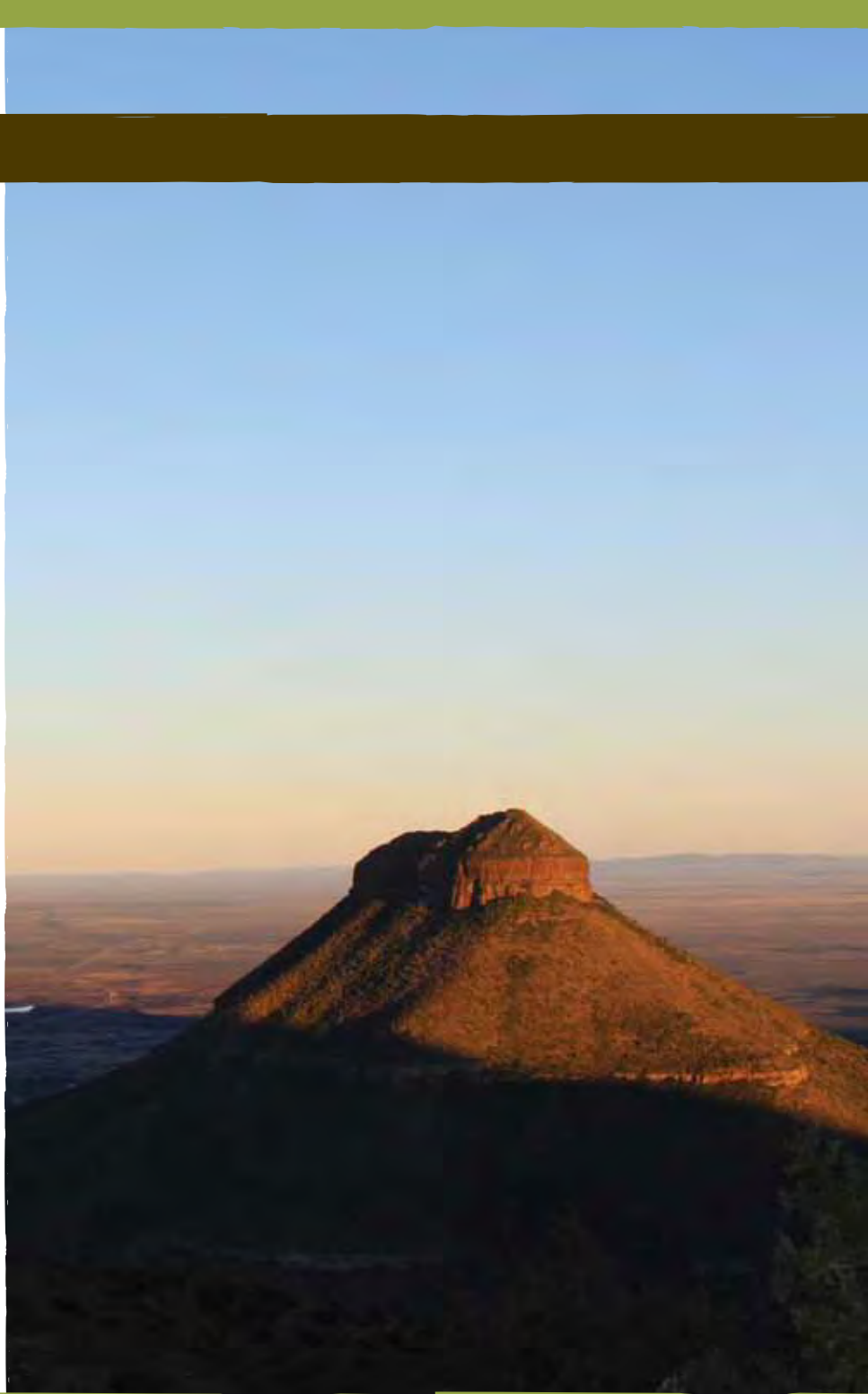
May God bless us with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's Creation, so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really can make a difference in this world, so that we are able to do what others claim cannot be done.

Adapted from a four-fold Benedictine blessing by Sr. Ruth Fox, OSB (1985)



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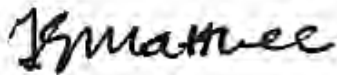
A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

Given a range of significant eco-justice and environmental challenges in our region, SAFCEI has boldly spoken truth to power consistently throughout the past year. I believe this has been possible because of the internal unity of the Board comprising of members of the major religions in Southern Africa, and the dedicated staff who have diligently carried out the decisions of the Board. In a climate of greed and a lack of transparency, the SAFCEI family has demonstrated with like-minded partners the power of faith in action for the well-being of the planet.

SAFCEI is presenting to the world a faith-based model of co-operation in presenting new ways of solving the Earth's environmental challenges which have impacted upon the poor and vulnerable in unacceptable ways. SAFCEI has grown from strength to strength, and fuelled by the power of faith and scientific knowledge will continue to take this important work forward in the face of resistance and increasing economic interests.

The Board remains grateful to all our funders for their past and continued financial support. With humility we call on Divine assistance for the work that lies ahead and give loving thanks for the contribution of Bishop Geoff Davies, the Patron of our organisation. May his health be preserved as he continues to serve tirelessly!

Mrs Tahirih Matthee, Chairperson





A LETTER FROM OUR ACTING DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

At a time when we are called to respond with outrage to the terrible xenophobic attacks in a fragmented South Africa, we celebrate the joy of diversity in faith, as we encourage communities to work together for the beautiful objective of creation care.

We are deeply grateful to our funding partners, who have demonstrated faith in our endeavours by providing us with so much more than financial support. Thanks too for ongoing support from our members, volunteers, 'champions', colleagues, board and friends, who bring so much meaning to our important work.

2014 was a year of change, in which we welcomed Bishop Geoff Davies to the position of Patron, and journeyed briefly with Stiaan van der Merwe in the position of Executive Director. We advocated

for decision-making based on ethical principles that prioritise sustainability and wellbeing of the planet and all beings. We explored a global ecology in which we are connected to, not alienated from, nature, and value the interdependence of all creation – the one web of life. In September, we invited de-growth activist and author Charles Eisenstein to journey with us to explore this interdependence, aspiring towards a “sacred economy” that would serve the wellbeing of all life.

We share our Annual Report of stories of hope, in the face of eco-injustices, which give us cause to celebrate the achievements of our growing organisation.

With thanks, Sean Brown
Acting Director



VISION. MISSION & OBJECTIVES

Our Vision

Faith communities cherishing living earth.

Our Mission

As an institute of many faiths, we are united in our diversity through our common commitment to earth keeping.

Objectives

Through collaboration, networking, research and action, SAFCEI seeks to:

- raise environmental awareness;
- engage in formulating policy and ethical guidelines within faith communities;
- facilitate environmental responsibility and action;
- confront environmental and socio-economic injustices;
- support environmental training and learning.



WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



Who we are

After a multi-faith environment conference which called for the establishment of a faith-based environment initiative, SAFCEI was launched at a colourful tree-planting ceremony conducted by the late Nobel Peace Laureate, Wangari Maathai, in 2005.

SAFCEI now has a dedicated staff team of 14 and 15 Board members representing different faiths. We enjoy a broad spectrum of membership, including African Traditional Healers, Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Quaker and a wide range of Christian denominations.

What we do

SAFCEI is a multi-faith organisation committed to supporting faith leaders and their communities in Southern Africa increase awareness, understanding and action-taking on eco-justice, sustainable living and climate change issues.

We emphasise the spiritual, moral and ethical imperative to care for the Earth and the community of all life. We encourage ethical leadership in a world wounded by rampant exploitation and pursue and speak out on issues of eco-justice, promoting and encouraging action.

ECO-CONGREGATIONS PROGRAMME

Dear Earth Keeper,

In the short time that I have been a full time Eco-congregations' Coordinator, I have found working with diverse communities and challenges on the ground to be an enormous privilege and inspiration. It is only in seeing and taking part in the small acts of eco-justice taken by congregations daily, that you begin to experience and believe that a more beautiful and just world is really possible.

The Eco-congregations team will focus their efforts in 2015 on inspiring the deepening of eco-activities in already committed congregations, as well as motivating new commitment to being centres of ecological integrity and excellence. We find that change can sometimes be frustratingly slow, but that the tide is turning and compassion for our living Earth is growing. SAFCEI's eco-audits have gone from strength to strength. Fifty two audits were completed in 2014, with participants getting to understand their water and energy consumption within their congregations. The participatory walk-through audits always provide some (energy efficient!) 'light bulb' moments, as participants realise that simple behaviour change helps people of faith to tread more lightly on the Earth. Meanwhile, recommendations that are implemented save not only water and energy, but money too.

The team is currently focusing on broadening our eco-audits to include waste, land and biodiversity, inspiring leaders (especially youth) to be eco-champions, and partnering with faith communities who run greening programmes – thereby gathering the momentum of eco-action. As a team of five – one coordinator in the Western Cape, one in Gauteng and the wisdom and support of three research, training and support staff - we hope to see greater impact in our work.

SAFCEI values an intergenerational approach in all our work, and we will shortly be recruiting a Youth Ambassador. Young leaders have the drive and passion to catalyse change. In November 2014, 24 young leaders from five different southern African countries gathered at a workshop in Simon's Town. We focused on discovering the connection of our faith and our lives to the environment. Here, we saw the blooming of a diverse and strong community of Earth Keepers. We hope to see some of the collective planning for Earth Keeper campaigns (focusing on themes of waste, education, tree planting, and more) bloom in these communities.

Moving from new beginnings to innovative endings: SAFCEI in partnership with UCT's Graduate School of Business started engaging faith leaders and communities on their views regarding funeral practices, and challenged them to find solutions for an industry with a heavy impact on both the environment and peoples' wallets. Wonderful learnings were gathered from the multi-faith participation at these workshops, including a Buddhist showing her appreciation for the simplicity and environmental friendly nature of Muslim funerals, by asking if she could be buried in this way. We increasingly realise the importance of acting with ecological integrity in our farewell practices as we consider our mortality.

Warmly,

Juanita Greyvenstein
Eco-congregations' Coordinator



ECO-CONGREGATION AUDITS

MALAWI

In partnership with the Malawian Council of Churches, SAFCEI trained members of Malawian faith communities to do resource audits. Individuals inspired by the experience formed a community based environmental organisation Save our Environment Group, which they then affiliated with SAFCEI. They see their conservation work as “one way of appreciating God’s gift” and among the themes to address are: discussing energy at faith community meetings; doing energy audits; asking local councillors to promote renewable energy; and calling for safe public transport and cycle paths.

They have started with workshops involving the youth and a variety of grass roots groups, and hope to also engage government and bigger NGOs. They are promoting water and energy savings, have done no fewer than 50 ‘mini-audits’, and have installed low wattage bulbs. In order to reduce flood damage caused by deforestation and sand mining, they have planted 200 young trees sourced from a local NGO.

CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE

A Cape Town based Anglican Church, Christ Church Constantia, wanted to save money and care for God’s Earth. Its Green Team undertook an energy audit with SAFCEI, but also called on a parishioner with a passion for saving energy to assist. They calculated how much could be saved by replacing their outside security lights with energy efficient alternatives, and that this would offset the steep installation costs within a year.

They went ahead and changed the lights. They also discovered an unused hot water cylinder that was on all the time, and disconnected it. They introduced blankets to be used during services to reduce the need for heating up of the church. Their savings in January 2014 were 23 kwh/day, translating into ZAR1,200 for the month. They anticipate even bigger savings in winter when the lights are on for longer.


SAFCEI helped the Green Team to promote their work to the congregation and to other communities. An item on the Earth Keeper website hosted by SAFCEI was seen by Eskom, and the Church was asked to enter an Energy Efficiency competition. The eco champion says that there is more change afoot: “We sense that the community has bought into the need to make the changes necessary and is looking for ways to implement these changes sustainably.”



● KWAZULU- NATAL	5
● GAUTENG/LIMPOPO	33
● WESTERN CAPE	9
● EASTERN CAPE	1
● MALAWI	1
● LESOTHO	1
● ZIMBABWE	2

COMMUNITIES TAKING ACTION

A key method SAFCEI deploys is to conduct resource use audits with members of a congregation or other faith group. They literally walk together through the premises and complete questionnaires about energy, water, waste and more, discussing how long and how often a particular resource is used. SAFCEI then analyses the data and



AUDITS AND ACTIONS IN 2014

PRETORIA, GAUTENG

In Pretoria two interlinked faith-based NGOs, Tshwane Leadership Foundation and Yeast City Housing, working with SAFCEI are committed to the transformation of the inner city, through socio-economic development and greening initiatives.

Representing the evangelical churches, they own a number of properties in the Pretoria city centre where they provide shelter, care and low cost housing for vulnerable members of the community, including abused women and children. They are in the process of formalising a partnership with SAFCEI, whose staff have walked through their premises with them and conducted 13 informal resource use audits.

The NGOs now plan to replace 22 traditional geysers with heat pumps in their apartments and want to explore a biodigester to provide gas for cooking, as well as recycling.

The final actions taken will depend on the results of a more formal audit to pinpoint exactly how best to use their resources in order to reduce their environmental impact and set an inspiring example.

PINETOWN, KWAZULU-NATAL

St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Kwazulu-Natal has over the years undertaken a range of environmental actions from recycling to installing rain harvesting tanks and planting indigenous decorative plants and a vegetable garden.

They installed a hydro-boil, as their audit showed that there was insufficient water heating taking place to install solar panels for heating water. Their fridge was found to be inefficient, so they bought a new, more efficient one. It also became apparent during the audit that they did not use the freezer chest very often and so it was decided to switch it off and rather use the small freezer in the new fridge.

Like others who are committed to taking eco-actions, this community also supports other churches in their area who are trying to become 'green', and they do mutual audits for each other, to see where they can live more sustainably.

provides the faith community with a result and recommendations on where best to save money and precious environmental resources. Communities respond in a variety of ways. These examples from around the region also show that the number of audits officially recorded by SAFCEI is multiplied by the eco-champions who are inspired by them.

FAITH COMMUNITIES CALL FOR CHANGE



Communities are motivated to take a stand and call for a just future for people and planet

SAFCEI called faith communities to join in advocating for safe, sustainable energy generation. This was done through extensive campaigning via the media, the distribution of materials, and a range of presentations from small groups to large multi-faith gatherings. Lobbying focussed on the environmental impacts and economic justice of various energy options, denouncing nuclear energy and hydraulic fracturing as neither pro-poor nor pro-earth, and positioning renewable energy sources as “Gods

own energy from the sun, wind and water”. Formal networks and diverse communities have taken up and extended the call through letters and public demonstrations.

SADC Energy Workshops

SAFCEI held a two-day energy workshop for faith leaders in Zimbabwe, where participants grappled with the challenge of meeting our lifestyle needs with smart energy, such as solar, wind, and biogas. Such workshops are gradually being rolled out throughout the region.

Nuclear Vigils

2014 saw the South African government intensify its commitment to nuclear energy. In addition to continuing to monitor the output of Parliament and providing faith-based technical input into government policy processes, SAFCEI resolved to oppose unsustainable energy choices, both through legal action and through speaking truth to power in a quiet and dignified, but visible, way. People of faith gather for a vigil outside Parliament every Wednesday to demonstrate to the President and his Cabinet that we oppose nuclear energy that will cost our nation more than R1 trillion and only come online in about 20 years, and rather support a renewable energy future for all.

FLEAT – Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training

2014 saw the initiation of an exciting new SAFCEI programme called FLEAT. Faith leaders from all over the region came to Cape Town for a three-day sharing and learning experience. Sharing stories of environmental advocacy, hearing experts speak to some of the water, energy and climate change-related challenges in the region, as well as cooking bread in a solar stove, all provided food for thought, as SAFCEI's advocacy programme equips SADC faith leaders to advocate for creation care.



Fracking in the Karoo

For a few years now, the threat of groundwater contamination by massive shale gas development has hung over the Karoo, a semi-arid region in the heart of South Africa, slightly larger than Germany. In 2014, we received from Bread for the World's Personnel Overseas programme a hydrogeologist in the person of Dr. Stefan Cramer. His mission is to educate local communities on the science and technology of fracking, so that they may be equipped to respond appropriately. Stefan and his wife Erika familiarised themselves with the Karoo and developed a teaching methodology for this complex technical and political issue with a diverse range of persons in the Karoo. Under

the motto "Let the Karoo speak for herself", they take local emerging farmers and farm workers into the veld to explain the local geology and groundwater conditions.

Thus SAFCEI equips local people to make their voices heard, when the so-called community consultations take place. At the same time, Stefan is conducting field research and documenting his findings. He is convinced that fracking will not happen in the Karoo. Because of the geological characteristic of the region, drilling is far too complicated and in economic terms would not make sense.





These hard facts have infused a new sense of resolve into many people in the Karoo. Reaching out to schools has been useful, too. Through a local assistant, the anti-fracking message is now also reaching farm workers in work places, and is even reaching initiation schools in remote villages.

Aside from education and awareness building programmes, SAFCEI also believes in the power of art and culture to reach people's hearts

and minds. We commissioned an anti-fracking quilt based on /Xam mythology from the First People Artists at the Bethesda Art Centre in Nieu Bethesda. In this quilt, the gas industry drills right into the heart of the community of women and children. However, they are protected by the widespread dolerite intrusions that make fracking almost impossible. With mighty winds and scorching sunlight, the plentiful renewable energies of the Karoo are fighting back the forces of darkness - fossil fuels.



One Earth - First People Artists, Bethesda Arts Centre, Nieu-Bethesda, 2014 ©Bethesda Foundation 2014.

OWL - ONE WEB OF LIFE



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“Our hearts know that a more beautiful world is possible”^[1] – a world wherein humankind, as part of Earth’s web of life, is in a benign and compassionate relationship with all other beings; a world in which we treat other-than-human animals humanely and with respect; a world in which all animals – including humans – are free to engage in natural behaviours and to flourish according to the natures of each of our species.

The OWL programme adopted by SAFCEI in October 2014 is not content to wait for such a world to be brought into being. Compelled by the Golden Rule^[2] to “treat all others as you’d like to be treated

yourself”, OWL aims to encourage people of faith to think consciously about their relationship with all the creatures with whom the Earth is shared. While we do aspire to kindness and compassion, we sometimes reflect too little on the fundamental tenets of our various faiths.

In this foundational phase, OWL is being run by volunteers with the enthusiastic support of SAFCEI staff. For OWL to fulfil its potential, funds will be needed – for materials, permanent staffing, and mobilisation.

For more information and/or to become a supporter of OWL, email owl@safcei.org.za



¹ With thanks to Charles Eisenstein for this phrase taken from the title of his book *The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know is Possible* (Berkeley: North Atlantic Books; 2013)

² Various expressions of this fundamental moral rule are to be found in tenets of most religions and creeds through the ages, testifying to its universal applicability.

SWC - SUSTAINING THE WILD COAST



The struggle continues to build cooperative community wellbeing and resilience in the Pondoland Wild Coast. The region is home to a people with deep cultural and historic roots in a landscape which hosts a storehouse of rare endemic species. For too long, people have lived with uncertainty over the proposed N2 toll road and the threat of titanium mining in coastal dunes. The lack of consultation and accountability from outside decision makers fuels outrage. Promised jobs, money and kick-backs have divided

loyalties, leaving people troubled about their future. SAFCEI partners with Sustaining the Wild Coast (SWC), a small, big-hearted NGO, which embodies the people's vision of crafting viable livelihoods that safeguard community land and cultural heritage from the ravages of inappropriate and imposed 'development'. People want a way of life that values the world differently, one that will not destroy the biodiverse landscape of God's garden that has sustained this community for generations.

IN THE GLOBAL CLIMATE JUSTICE ARENA

SAFCEI regularly attended society dialogues of the Department of Environmental Affairs, as well as South African stakeholder engagements on climate change and on transitioning to a lower carbon and climate-resilient economy. The pursuit of nuclear power as an energy choice for South Africa was a focus of a number of these meetings. Faith, persistence, and courage are what caused the walls of Jericho to fall, and so shall our presence and voices be raised until the walls of climate inaction and injustice fall!

SAFCEI engaged in high-level conversations with faith and political leaders in Europe and the US to strengthen partnerships and inspire hope, courage and collective climate action. Our Regional Coordinator, Lydia Mogano, represented SAFCEI as a guest speaker in a climate justice debate with Swedish Archbishop Anders at the Världens Fest (Feast of the World) in Sweden, and engaged in various conversations with the youth and Church of Sweden Policy team on climate justice, ecumenicity, and the multi-faith approach.

Ahead of the Ban Ki-moon Climate Summit in September, Lydia travelled to New York





with our Chairperson, Tahirih Matthee, to moderate a panel of keynote speakers at a session entitled “In Harm’s Way: How Climate Change Hurts People and Planet with a specific focus on gender, human rights and climate change”. This event was organised by Religions for the Earth Union Theological Seminar. We were also able to participate in an international climate march, which involved over 400 000 people of various faiths from all over the world. SAFCEI’s voice was also heard at a high-level breakfast dialogue organised by the ACT Alliance, entitled “Transformational change and equity in the context of climate change”, which included ministers, senior climate change negotiators, and

religious leaders, at the Church Centre for the United Nations (CCUN). Our delegation also shared in an inspiring spiritual reflection at a ‘quiet conversation’ gathering organised by The Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) and the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), to offer a space to help build communication and understanding between science and faith communities.

SAFCEI participated in faith initiatives at the COP intersessionals at Bonn and the larger COP20 in Lima, Peru, in partnership with the We Have Faith (WHF) campaign.

JOIN THE EARTH KEEPER MOVEMENT

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We can bring about change as individuals, but tackling big issues like climate change and influencing government decisions needs a collective voice.

Read inspiring Earth Keeper stories, find useful tools, tips and ideas, and share your own experiences and ideas. Find out about eco-events in your area, advertise your own initiatives and connect with other Earth Keepers on our website at www.earthkeeper.org.za.



EARTH KEEPER



INTRODUCING STAFF



In 2014 the staff complement was composed of:

Dr Stiaan van der Merwe, Executive Director from April to August; Sean Brown, Operations Director (& Acting Director); Abigail Matema, Finance Manager; Ingrid Heuwel, Office Administrator and Book Keeper; Revd Glynis Goyns, Eco-congregations Coordinator; Kate Davies, Eco-congregations Coordinator; Juanita Greyvenstein, PA to the Director & Eco-congregations Coordinator; Zainab Adams, Programmes Assistant; Tsepo Hlasoa, Eco-congregations Liaison Officer; Lydia Mogano, Regional Coordinator; Sarah Dekker, Communications Coordinator; Stefan Cramer, Science Advisor; and Liz McDaid, Energy & Climate Change Advisor.

In 2015, we welcome Bonus Ndlovu as Eco-congregations Coordinator, Louisa Feiter as Communications Assistant, and Portia Biggar as Receptionist and Office Administrator. Kate Davies and Glynis Goyns take on new part-time roles, assisting with partnerships, training

and the development of resources. Furthermore, we plan to appoint a Youth Ambassador and an Executive Director.

A team of volunteers was also identified to lead the One Web of Life (OWL) project. Our Green Bishop and Founding Director, Geoff Davies, continues to contribute to the work of SAFCEI as our Patron.

As part of the WWF Nedbank Green Trust Project, we collaborated with Rev Rachel Mash of the Green Anglicans and Mariam Baderoon at Muslims for Eco-justice and interns of the respective faith communities.

Additionally, we are very grateful to our numerous consultants, volunteers, and field workers, including Kim Kruyshaar, Johan Liebenberg, Patrick Chauke, Eureka Rosenberg, Megan Heuwel, Carin Heuwel, Erald Smith, Michiel Dekker, and Andrea van Meygaarden, who all worked towards creating “a more beautiful world”.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT



SAFCEI Board members in 2014 were as follows:

Tahirih Matthee (Baha'i): Chairperson; Moulana Riaz Simjee (Muslim): Vice-Chairperson; Archbishop Seraphim Kykkotis (Greek Orthodox); Baphiwe Nxumalo (Diakonia Council of Churches); Fiona Maskell (Anglican); Ani Tsonдру Sonam (Buddhist); Gina Flash (Jewish);

Jayaseelan Naidoo (Methodist); Liz Palmer (Quaker); Usha Jevan (Brahma Kumaris); Sheikh Dr Ridwaan Gallant (Muslim); Luxmi Desai (Hindu); and Fatima Hassan Ragie (Muslim), coopted as a youth representative.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and expenditure	2014 (ZAR)	2013 (ZAR)
Total income	6034092	4168416
Total expenditure	5978601	4109200
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	55491	59216

Income	2014 (ZAR)	2013 (ZAR)
Grants	5850742	4093351
Donations	9608	2686
Administration fees	26024	-
Sale of resources	4766	3010
Membership fees	7300	8467
Interest	135652	60902
TOTAL INCOME	6034092	4168416

Expenditure	2014 (ZAR)	2013 (ZAR)
Governance	111442	99496
General operating costs	1679985	1382737
Premise and equipment costs	186643	172622
Professional services	214169	175300
Programme costs	3786362	2279045
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5978601	4109200

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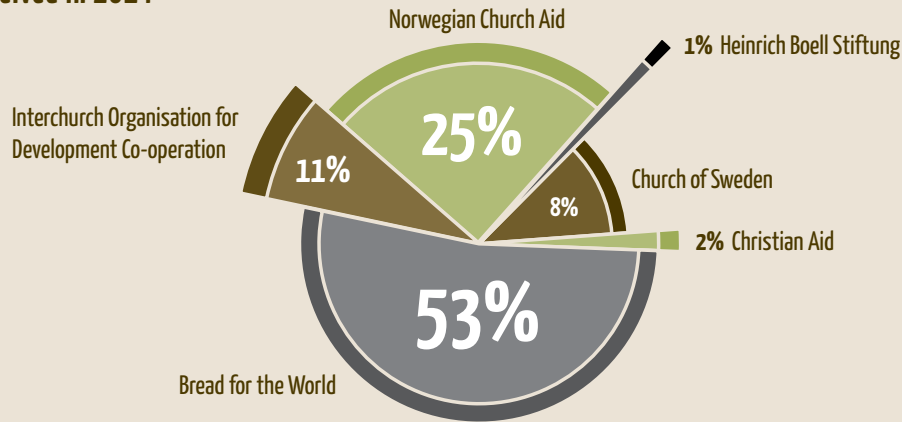
Balance sheet	2014 (ZAR)	2013 (ZAR)
Non-current assets	84460	99184
Current assets	2168027	3136212
TOTAL ASSETS	2252487	3235396

Reserves and liabilities	2014 (ZAR)	2013 (ZAR)
Capital and reserves	638608	640186
Current liabilities	1613879	2595210
TOTAL RESERVES AND LIABILITIES	2252487	3235396

WWF Nedbank Green Trust - Funds held in Trust	2014 (ZAR)	2013 (ZAR)
Balance at the beginning of the year	309721	-
Income received	405238	405237
Amount distributed	-595280	95516
BALANCE AT YEAR END	119679	309721

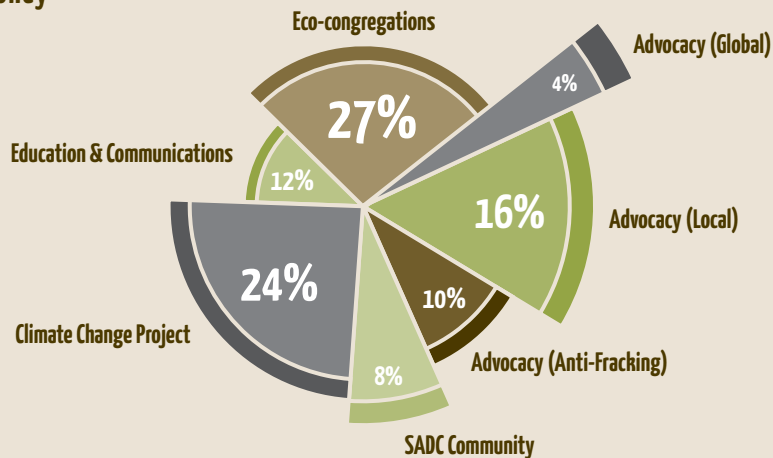
Statement of changes in reserves for 2013	Accumulated funds (ZAR)	Equipment fund	Total
Balance at 31 December 2013	541002	99184	640186
Net surplus for the year	55491	-	55497
Transfer to equipment fund	-42345	42345	-
Assets acquired during the year	-42345	42345	-
Depreciation during the year	-	-57069	-57069
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2014	554148	84460	638608

Grants Received in 2014



The above excludes a contribution received from WWF Nedbank Green Trust for onward transmission to the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and a Muslim community represented by the leadership of the Claremont Main Road Mosque. These partners of SAFCEI are implementing a pilot project that builds faith community leadership capacity and develops training resources that focus on environmental eco-justice.

How we spent our money



PARTNERS

SAFCEI expresses warm thanks to our major funding partners:



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Church of Sweden 

SAFCEI acknowledges with appreciation our partnerships with a growing number of eco-congregations and faith leaders. Other collaborative partnerships include:

- 350.org
- African Climate & Development Initiative (ACDI – UCT)
- Alternative Information & Development Centre (AIDC)
- Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC)
- Anglican Church of Southern Africa Environment Network (ACSA-EN)
- A Rocha South Africa
- Diakonia Council of Churches
- Earthlife Africa
- Electricity Governance Initiative (EGI-SA)
- Fossil Free South Africa
- Green Anglicans
- Green Deen (Muslim Students Association – South Africa)
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Johannesburg Anglican Environment Initiative (JAEI)
- KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Religious Council (KZNIRC)
- Ministry for Poverty and Compassion of the DRC & URC Church in the Western Cape (BADISA)
- Muslims 4 Eco-justice
- Muslim Judicial Council (MJC)
- Oikotree Global Faith Forum under the aegis of the World Council of Churches (WCC), World Council for Mission (CWM) and World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)
- Project 90 by 2030
- South African Jewish Board of Deputies (SAJBD)
- Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC) – Justice and Peace
- Sustaining the Wild Coast (SWC)
- Tshwane Leadership Foundation / Yeast City Housing
- Western Cape Religious Leaders' Forum (WCRLF)
- Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
- World Wildlife Fund South Africa (WWF-SA)

And the We Have Faith (WHF) campaign partners

- Economic Justice Network (EJN)
- Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC)
- The Councils of Churches of the following countries: Angola (ACCC), Botswana (BCC), Lesotho (CCL), Mozambique (CCM), Tanzania (CCT), Namibia (CCN), Zambia (CCZ), Swaziland (CSC), Malawi (MCC), South Africa (SACC), Zimbabwe (ZCC)

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