

Annual Report 2016

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SOUTHERN AFRICAN FAITH COMMUNITIES' ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE



CARING FOR THE SACRED COMMUNITY OF LIFE

A Prayer for our Earth

Islam

Have you not considered how Allah sets forth a parable of a good word being like a good tree, whose root is firm and whose branches are in heaven?
Qur'an 14:24



Judaism

When God created the first human beings, God led them around all the trees of the Garden of Eden and said: "See my works how beautiful and praiseworthy they are! Think of this, and do not corrupt or destroy My world".
Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7

Hinduism

I am the fragrance of the Earth, the heat in fire. I am the life of all that lives.
Lord Krishna, Bhagavad Gita 7.9



Christianity

What is the kingdom of God like?... It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.
Jesus, Luke 13:18



Shintoism

Return the thing given to the human as a gift of nature to its original place.
Ancient Japanese Saying



Sikhism

Air is the Guru, Water is the Father and Earth is the Great Mother of All.
Guru Granth Sahib, p. 8

Native Spirituality

Great Spirit, help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.
Native American Prayer



Confucianism

Does Heaven say anything? The four seasons pursue their courses, and all things are continually being produced. Does Heaven say anything?
Confucius, Analects 17.19



Jainism

Nonviolence is the supreme religion. One who looks on the creatures of the Earth, big and small, as one's own self, comprehends this immense world.
Lord Mahavira



Zoroastrianism

Who created the waters and the plants? Who yoked the swiftness of the winds and the motion to the clouds? For I beheld Ahura Mazda (Wise Lord) as the primeval source of creation.
Gatha Ushavaiti 44.4



Taoism

In harmony with the Tao, The sky is clear and spacious, The Earth is solid and full. All creatures flourish together...
Lao Tzu, Tao te Ching 39



Buddhism

Cut down the forest of desire, not the forest of trees.
The Buddha, Dhammapada 281



Unitarianism

We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
Seventh Unitarian Principle



Bahá'í Faith

Know thou that every created thing is a sign of the revelation of God.
Bahá'u'lláh, Cleanings 177

THE GREEN RULE

Do unto the Earth as you would have it do unto you

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Letter from our Chairperson

Reverend Glynis Goyns

The year 2016 was both challenging and rewarding for SAFCEI in the lead-up to successful litigation against the government early in 2017 regarding the nuclear deal. The court victory achieved in partnership with Earthlife Africa, despite seriously depleted resources in both NGOs, is a win for all South Africans concerned about the unconstitutional decisions and actions currently proliferating in our country.

SAFCEI functioned throughout 2016 with staff working a three-day week. This placed considerable pressure on personnel, who faithfully and doggedly continued to pursue SAFCEI's vision and mission of working with faith communities towards better Earth Keeping and eco-justice. Additionally, a commitment to the nuclear issue combined with internal limitations as a result of funding constraints in a depressed global economy, imposed a narrowing of focus that constrained the usual range of work done by SAFCEI in the year ending 31 December 2016.

The focus was on advocacy at national level in South Africa with regard to energy policy intervention and nuclear litigation, and a community context through the Faith Leadership Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT) workshops regionally throughout SADC. Eco-congregation activities and Spiritually Empowered Earth Keeping (SEEK) workshops were other significant contributions in 2016.

Slightly improved funding possibilities came onto the horizon towards the end of the year and it was therefore decided that staff could return once again to working a full week. Two three-year funding contracts are under consideration. These could provide for the spiritual undergirding and emphasis on the religious centrality of eco-justice in all the major faith communities, as the foundation for authentic faith-based environmental advocacy. This is so important, as our spiritual connectedness with Earth's rhythms and the Divine presence is the prime inspiration and motivation for faith-based ecological advocacy.

A precedent was set in March 2017 for global earth jurisprudence with the granting of legal status to the Whanganui River in New Zealand and the challenging of the traditional anthropocentric perspective that the Earth is a resource for human use. Further work is being done to recognize the rights of forests and mountains. Recalling that the late environmental activist and former Nobel Peace laureate, Wangari Maathai, contributed to the launch of SAFCEI some 12 years ago, this provides significant incentive to continue the struggle towards more widespread ecological awareness and responsible Earth Keeping.

While environmental and eco-justice issues remain a universal concern both in the present and for future generations, numerous advocacy actions need to be taken locally according to different contexts.

This presents a challenge for a relatively small organisation like SAFCEI. In order to achieve a significant impact, both in terms of advocacy and lifestyle changes, local faith communities need to become involved in Earth Keeping, inspired by the central and ultimate beliefs specific to each of the faith communities represented by SAFCEI.



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Letter from our Director

Francesca de Gasparis

Dear Friends,

Whilst staff working hours were reduced due to financial constraints, much was achieved by our team in Cape Town, Pretoria and Graaff-Reinet.

Great strides were made ahead of the monumental and historic win by SAFCEI and Earthlife Africa JHB against the government's illegal nuclear deal plans in April 2017. We prepared for the nuclear deal court case through liaising with the legal team and experts, and mobilising and informing faith communities and those who would be directly affected by the nuclear power plant build. We are all adversely impacted by the huge costs and the potential hijacking of our economy by Russia, as the government blindly moves forward with its ill-advised plans to build 6 more nuclear power plants across South Africa. Safety concerns are also paramount, as seen in the fall-out from the Fukushima disaster in Japan.

Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT) continued to build environmental understanding and capacity within peer groups of multi-faith leadership in the region. This is a model that has also been recognised for its potential to build peace between faith groups. SAFCEI also facilitated Spiritually Empowered Earth Keeping (SEEK) workshops in Johannesburg and Cape Town, for training of young eco-champions from a range of faith communities. We attended the annual international climate change conference - COP22 - in Morocco, where we co-facilitated a roundtable discussion on the anti-nuclear deal campaign. SAFCEI also attended the IUCN World Conservation Congress conference in Hawaii, bringing much needed faith leadership to decisions made on conservation.

At the end of 2016 we had to say our thanks and goodbyes to Dr Stefan and Erika Cramer, whose funding from Bread for the World came to an end. With great dedication and skill, they pioneered our successful work in the Karoo from 2014 on fracking, and later uranium mining and its links to the nuclear build. I was also pleased to be able to join Ani Tsondru at the helm as co-Executive Director from January 2017, in order to help consolidate SAFCEI's successes, and ensure we have sufficient capacity and support going forward.

All SAFCEI's efforts and achievements for eco-justice, *faith communities cherishing a living earth*, are shared ones. We are enormously grateful to all our friends and supporters: those who give their time, their faith and expertise, those who donate funds, and those who support us institutionally. In reading what follows in our annual report, we hope you will be re-inspired to continue the journey with SAFCEI, and that new friends will join us as we forge ahead.



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Vision, Mission & Objectives

Our Vision

Faith communities cherishing a living earth

Our Mission

We, as an institute of people of many faiths, 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

Following a multi-faith environment conference which called for the establishment of a faith-based environment initiative, SAFCEI was launched in 2005. It was registered as both a Public Benefit and Non-Profit Organisation (a Section 21 Company) in early 2006.

- SAFCEI enjoys a broad spectrum of membership, including African Traditional Healers, Bahá'í, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Quaker, and a wide range of Christian denominations.

As a multi-faith organisation

- SAFCEI is committed to supporting faith leaders and their communities in Southern Africa to increase awareness, understanding and action-taking on eco-justice, sustainable living and climate change issues.
- SAFCEI emphasizes the spiritual, moral and ethical imperative to care for the Earth and the community of all life. The organisation encourages ethical leadership in a world wounded by rampant exploitation and pursues and speaks out on issues of eco-justice, promoting and encouraging action.



Earth Keepers

“Earth Keepers must rise, it’s time for eco-justice and youth climate action!”

by Lydia Mogano

Since COP17 in Paris 2015, Lydia Mogano has been carrying this key message to the youth and faith communities alike, in her inspirational earth keeping journey in Gauteng, especially in Tshwane.

From pre-primary school to tertiary education, Lydia has facilitated and encouraged young people in both townships and suburbs to engage in environmentally sustainable practises like clean-ups, recycling, environmental awareness through arts, eco-auditing, and indigenous tree planting. In partnership with the City of Tshwane and the WaterKloof Rotary Club, many fruit and other trees were planted at schools.

Learners from Garsfontein High School and the University of Pretoria, comprising the GreenSA team, cleaned up Moreleta Spruit to commemorate Mandela Day. These dynamic learners gained new knowledge and tree planting skills, which they can share with their peers. They learnt the value of planting fruit and indigenous trees, to address general ecological problems. SAFCEI promoted good nutrition, healthy lifestyles and an appreciation for local natural and cultural heritage during these activities.

Lydia joined many young people from all walks of life who raised their voices for social and eco-justice during the Feast of the Clowns festival organised by the Tshwane Leadership Foundation (TLF) in Pretoria. Lydia emphasizes: *“The last thing we want is a bitter or unforgiving generation of youth who inherit a dilapidated environment. We see ourselves as part of the solution to today’s challenges. We have a choice to ignore the reality, or to take action and do something positive today!”*

Through Lydia, SAFCEI has continued to add an Earth Keepers’ voice to climate justice civil society organization gatherings, as well as the national climate change policy stakeholder meetings, which were also tied to international events such as the UNFCCC COP 22, in Morocco.



SEEK - Spiritually Empowered Earth Keepers

SEEK had two workshops in August and October bringing enthusiastic and diverse groups of young people together to share, challenge and empower each other to become voices for creation.

SAFCEI supports people of faith to speak out against the socio-ecological injustices in Africa. This can be done through our words, but especially through our actions and way of life. We believe learning by participating and acting is the most effective way to understand the injustices that face us every day. The workshops were packed with practical activities, games, exercises and theatre to equip young leaders with tools that will help facilitate a different consciousness of compassion for others and for the Earth.

Jessica, a young leader from Mowbray Presbyterian church said; *"The experience I had at SAFCEI was incredible and taught me how to look after my community and to transfer that knowledge to my little sister. The eco-audit was one of the things that we have encouraged our church to do and the best part was giving the voice back to the Earth and letting people in the church know that even the Earth has a voice and feeling."*

Reflecting on the workshop, Gabieba, an intern with Muslims4Eco-justice, said: *"What I gained ... was to become more mindful about nature, to respect animals and to be more aware of the custodianship of God's creation. We already managed to apply and implement some of the information and activities given at the SEEK training into our workshops."*

Participants took part in an anti-nuclear vigil, embodied different characters in an eco-justice struggle, were inspired to address the injustices suffered by many factory farmed animals, and undertook a church eco-audit. We look forward to seeing this enthusiasm and commitment to earth keeping grow among young faith leaders, so that they are equipped to speak up for the Earth!

Eco-congregations

Caring for the earth community should be foundational to all we do as people of faith. Eco-theology emerged as the last great 20th century faith-liberating movements. Like its predecessors, liberation, black and feminist theologies, eco-theology has been seen by many as 'fringe'. How can this be mainstreamed? Led by underpinning eco-theology, earth care practice is slowly emerging as a grassroots citizens' movement that is finding a home in a wide variety of faith congregations. Each offering by individual or clusters of congregations helps grow the movement to build a more just and equitable world.

From a handful of model eco-congregations a few decades ago, we are beginning to see the blossoming of eco-faith actions in the region. These include worship services to mark special days and a *Season of Creation*. A carbon fast for Christians during lent and a parallel Islamic programme for greening Ramadan. Muslims4Eco-justice have developed a book of children's learning materials for madrasas. The local faith communities in Kalk Bay have reinstated a service to bless the fishing fleet, making the most of an opportunity to foreground our human responsibilities to care for the community of life in the ocean.

The *Green Monday* campaign has helped encourage and inspire congregations to eat more plant based food. Rondebosch United and Rosebank Methodist churches continue to host their popular *Sustainable Suppers* and St Philip the Deacon Anglican Church held a *Green Christmas in July* luncheon. *Laudato si*, the Pope's 2015 encyclical has provided practical study material for the Catholic Cathedral community in Pretoria, and many Catholic Justice and Peace groups and the wider community of faith all over southern Africa. Community clean-up campaigns and tree planting marking special occasions are becoming more commonplace, and food gardens are popping up on faith owned land. Increasing energy costs and drought in the Western Cape has driven many local congregations to review their resource use. Rosebank Methodist Church has undertaken a preliminary garden audit in search of ways to reduce their water-consumption and to foreground water-wise plants from the unique Cape Floristic Kingdom.

SAFCEI warmly appreciates all the friends and partnerships it has made as it strives to grow and support eco-congregations to become centres of good sustainable practice.

FLEAT – Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training

FLEAT seeks to equip faith leaders with skills to make transformative changes in their communities. Through networking, advocacy training and exchanging experiences, FLEAT aims to build a platform of faith leader action across Southern Africa.

It has been three years since FLEAT was initiated. The participants started with an overview of the environmental challenges facing Southern Africa. The final series of FLEAT 1 workshops in 2016 took place in Tanzania, Kenya and Malawi. FLEAT members showcased what they had learnt by presenting and organising environmental trainings with local groups or communities. Having concluded their first cycle of training FLEAT 1 participants will go out to inspire others in their countries in 2017, with SAFCEI as a resource and support.

FLEAT in action: a case study of Malawi

Sheikh Qassim Chikwakwa attended his first FLEAT programme in 2014, and Mr Andrew Gwambe joined in 2015. They both made a commitment to take action back home, focussing on deforestation.

Back in Malawi, they visited each other's places of worship – for Sheikh Qassim it was his first time at an Assembly of God Church and for Mr Gwambe, his first visit to a mosque. Working together, they created tree nurseries, planted trees in faith communities and taught people about climate change.

- In October 2016, FLEAT met in Zomba, Malawi where about 50 faith leaders came together, and heard about the inspiring environmental work of the FLEAT team, including the planting of 132 000 trees.
- Sheikh Qassim's school has also been using recycled paper to create briquettes as an alternative cooking fuel. Initially making them by hand, the school won a machine in a competition which has enabled them to meet the increasing demand. When they ran out of paper, a nearby sawmill provided waste sawdust for continued production of the briquettes.
- FLEAT training included the use of media. Arthur Chokotho, a young producer at Good Morning Malawi was fascinated to hear that a group of multi-faith leaders from a variety of African countries were in Malawi for environmental training. FLEAT were interviewed and the training workshop was filmed and broadcast over two days on Good Morning Malawi. The programme is viewed by 17 million people, including government ministers and officials.

Kelly Ngeti from the Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA Mombasa) reflected on the training:

"FLEAT has played a lead role in transforming my care for creation. I am a better advocator, I am more informed, focused and determined to conserve and protect our environment more than I could have ever imagined.

I have seen a change too with the other participants; they have grown in terms of expanding their skills. Now we not only complain but we provide solutions that we are confident can mitigate the challenges. FLEAT has reduced the distance between us; from Southern to Eastern Africa, we are extremely connected despite the distance, sharing challenges and success stories in our journey in caring for this one common home - for all. I thank the organizers of this training; it was a brilliant idea to bring faith leaders together because indeed fighting for climate justice can only be achieved when faith leaders speak out in unison."



Anti-nuclear Campaign

“Sound ethics and values must underpin good governance.”

by Liz McDaid

In October 2015, SAFCEI and Earthlife Africa Johannesburg (ELA) launched a court action against the Minister of Energy and the President of South Africa. In February 2017 SAFCEI and ELA had their case heard in court, and in April 2017, the judgement was finally announced: a sweet victory!

Many people have asked why we were compelled to take the government to court over its energy procurement plans for nuclear energy. SAFCEI believes, as an institute involving representatives of many faiths, that sound ethics and values must underpin good governance. Good governance means allowing civil society to participate in decision-making processes, and to help ensure decisions are made by government in the public's interest. SAFCEI, with like-minded organisations who supported the court action, created a campaign to challenge the government on its secret one trillion rand nuclear deal.



The nuclear industry seeks to promote nuclear power in a number of countries all over the world. In South Africa, historically, the nuclear industry has its roots in the nuclear bomb programme. Early in our democracy, renewable energy was favoured over nuclear energy in our energy policy due to the industry's apartheid legacy. However, in the last twenty years, it is clear that the nuclear lobby has fought hard to be included in the energy sector of South Africa. One example of this is that the country's energy policy assumes South Africa will build a nuclear industry, without ever having had a proper public consultation over whether nuclear energy should be part of a South Africa's energy mix. The energy/electricity plan for 2010 (Integrated Resource Plan IRP 2010), included nuclear energy in the energy mix after some "policy adjustment". Despite technical modelling showing that this was not the most efficient or cost-effective way to serve the energy needs of the people of our country. The latest version of the 2016 update of the IRP continues to manipulate modelling to restrict renewables and favour nuclear.

Although SAFCEI has many sound reasons as to why nuclear should not be part of the energy mix of South Africa, our primary concern in this case has been how procurement decisions are made in South Africa which is a constitutional and governance issue.

Anti-nuclear Campaign

Dedicated members and friends of SAFCEI have staged a silent anti-nuclear protests outside Parliament every Wednesday morning (during Cabinet meetings) for two and a half years. Civil society organisations in the Western Cape, and representatives from Gauteng and the Northern Cape, met in November 2016. Together we attended a Parliamentary Portfolio Committee Meeting on Energy and then marched to Parliament to hand over a petition requesting public hearings on the nuclear deal.

On the 13th December 2016, the first court hearing was held. However at the start the government's legal team announced that the Minister of Energy had in concert with the National Energy Regulator (NERSA) made a new Determination, that designated Eskom as the procurer of nuclear energy, and was published the following day in the government gazette on the 14th December 2016. This was viewed as a blatant attempt to derail the litigation and render it moot. However, after opposition from our legal team, a draft order was agreed, which would allow Eskom to join in the court case. Eskom declined to join the case.

The nuclear deal matter was postponed to 22 - 24 February 2017 with an order included punitive costs against the Department of Energy for costs arising from the adjournment.



In the build-up to the court hearing of 22 February, civil society organisations embarked on a number of mobilisation actions to alert the public around the nuclear deal. R2K Western Cape in conjunction with SAFCEI, ELA, the Green Anglicans, One Million Climate Jobs Campaign, Catholic Justice and Peace, and Greenpeace occupied bridges in Cape Town, Pretoria and Johannesburg to highlight that the people of South Africa are against the nuclear deal.

Finally the court dates arrived and our legal team laid out our arguments in front of a panel of two judges. This was reported extensively in the press. South Korean anti-nuclear activist Kim Yong-Bock joined us outside court in solidarity with the diverse crowd of South African protesters.

The ruling was handed down in the Western Cape High Court on the morning of 26 April. We were victorious on all counts. The judges ruled that the secret tabling of the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with Russia, USA and Korea were unconstitutional and unlawful and that they be set aside. They also ruled that the decisions made (section 34 Determinations) to procure nuclear were unlawful and unconstitutional and that they be set aside.

In future the Minister and/or the National Energy Regulator (NERSA) would be required to conduct public participation before making any new decisions. The court judgement vindicated civil society, so often dismissed by government, and pointed to the need for an open government that allows its people meaningful spaces for engagement, so that we can make up our own minds. Such a dialogue is long overdue. UPDATE: *While we won the court battle, due to vested interests, the issue of the nuclear energy deal is still very much on the table. Monitoring the government, as well as mobilising and educating on this issue remains a key part of our work.*

Anti-Mining: Fracking & Uranium Mining in the Karoo

Dr Stefan Cramer, SAFCEI's Science Advisor, along with his wife Erika, started their work in the Karoo initially on fracking, and later uranium mining. Stefan's conviction that fracking was not feasible in the Karoo has its foundation in the dolerites that can be found snaking through the shale and sandstone layers of the hills, ridges and valleys of this place. Dubbed by Stefan as the 'Guardians of the Karoo', these dolerites play an interesting role, capping and protecting many mountain ranges from full erosion and acting as conduits for underground water. In pushing through the layers of ancient sediments many million years ago, they also naturally fracked the rock, releasing some of the gas that Shell wanted to exploit.

The debate around nuclear energy has been centred on the procurement process, the cost and impact of the proposed deal, and a lack of solution for nuclear waste. However little is said or heard about what comes before nuclear energy: uranium mining. The consequences could be dire for the Karoo where the mining is being proposed, also for many other parts of South Africa – and Africa, if uranium mining and nuclear go ahead here, other African nations might well follow suit. The Cramers began investigating plans for mining and launching an educational programme in partnership with communities in early 2016. Activities included:

- Workshops and meetings with farmers, farmworkers and farm dwellers in the affected areas.
- Awareness-raising and network building: understanding that the uranium cycle starts with uranium mining.
- Mobilisation and organising of concerned citizens to participate meaningfully in the ongoing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, registering as Interested and Affected Parties and engaging in public consultations.
- The Cramers presented the scientific findings on animal health and product safety from grazing animals in the vicinity of uranium mines to buyers and brokers of Karoo mohair and wool and key industry players. South African Mohair Growers' Association (SAMGA) and The National Wool Growers Association or Cape Wools (NWGA) committed to object against uranium mining as a threat to their livelihood.
- A video was made called "SA's Nuclear Bomb - Why Government's Nuclear Deal Will Destroy SA" and utilised by the alliance of SAFCEI, Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse and Earthlife Africa via You Tube.
- The educational, organising and mobilising efforts paid off as news came of large-scale withdrawal of the uranium mining developers Australian Tasman Pacific Minerals Limited and Lukisa JVCo in the Karoo. They would reapply for a much smaller area (12% of the original application).
- This was celebrated as an important step towards stopping uranium mining in its tracks, as well as nuclear down the line.

Fracking Update: in March 2017 it was announced that the Department of Mineral Resources had given the go ahead for shale gas development, aiming to issue licenses in September 2017. Environmental groups including SAFCEI, will continue to oppose fracking.



Sustaining the Wild Coast - Community Resistance

The Amadiba community in Pondoland, in the province of South Africa is engaged in an iconic struggle to protect the integrity of their land and sustainable livelihoods. SAFCEI has long stood by the people in their struggle to maintain the integrity of their rural environment, against coastal dune mining developers, and the proposed N2 Wild Coast Toll Road.



The Pondo people's land and democratic rights are at stake. The development of mining for titanium and other heavy metals, though bringing vast wealth for mining magnets and an Australian mining company, would employ a handful of local labourers and destroy the Pondo ancestral coastal lands forever.

Sikhosphi 'Bazooka' Rhadebe, human rights activist and chairperson of the Amadiba Crisis Committee, was shot in cold

blood outside his home over human rights weekend in 2016. This tragic act occurred in a year that saw a record 200 killings of people defending their land, forests and rivers against destructive industries. He was assassinated because he was a community leader who said "no" to unwanted mining and toll road 'development' in Pondoland. His fellow activists continue to live in fear of a similar fate. All over the world, rural communities bear the brunt of unsolicited, destructive activities which cause a whirlwind of conflict and division the minute so-called 'development' is mooted by outside 'interested parties'. All this is set in motion long before environmental impacts are even considered.

Bazooka died defending the Earth and the right of his community to protect the integrity of their land, cultural heritage and traditional livelihoods. His actions were rooted in a deep connection to the land and to all living things: a connection we all share. The State is obliged to uphold our rights and protect communities from such adversaries, yet there is still no resolution to the inquiry into his death. In Pondoland, justice still hangs in the balance.

The well-being of humanity depends on the well-being of the Earth. SAFCEI upholds and commends the Amadiba community in their colossal struggle to protect their land and to maintain and develop more sustainable livelihoods. May others facing similar intimidation, extortion and destruction gain courage and hope from their example.



OWL: Caring for the One Web of Life

Campaign work

During 2016, SAFCEI's One Web of Life (OWL) programme took off. OWL worked with Beauty Without Cruelty, Compassion in World Farming SA, and United Front 4 Animals, on a campaign to persuade McDonald's SA to commit to sourcing its eggs from cage-free chicken farms. This campaign culminated in McDonald's announcing in November 2016 that they will make a full transition to cage free eggs by 2025 – a significant victory!

- Towards the end of 2016, SAFCEI and OWL partnered with The Humane League (THL) to develop a broader campaign against caged eggs in South Africa, and became a member of the Open Wing Alliance, a global coalition initiated by THL. THL funding has made it possible to employ a part-time Corporate Campaigns and Outreach Manager Beulah Thumbadoo, OWL's first paid staff member, to lead the campaign. This has been an exciting progression.
- Supported by Humane Society International (HSI), SAFCEI recruited local faith communities as partners in promoting the Green Monday movement amongst people of faith. Green Monday encourages plant-based eating, to reduce harm to animals, to improve human health, and to lessen people's impact on the environment. It has proven a slower than expected process to influence peoples' dietary choices.

Foundational work

The heart of OWL's work is face-to-face engagement with faith leaders, congregations, groups and individual persons of faith. During 2016 it included speaking and preaching at churches, giving talks, for example, at the Masjidul Quds Institute and the Cape Town chapter of the Third Order of St Francis, as well as facilitating small group discussions in various contexts. OWL was also instrumental in organising the blessing of animals during the Feast of St Francis Assisi celebration at the St George's Cathedral in October.

Another meaningful engagement took place in July, when Frank Molteno, a member of OWL's volunteer task team, facilitated a one-day workshop at the Volmoed Youth Leadership Training Programme. The theme was 'Creation Care: A Christian Imperative', and issues pertaining to humans' treatment of animals, particularly factory farming, were highlighted. Frank spent a week at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown, offering a short course of lectures on creation care, focusing primarily on humans' relationship to, and treatment of, animals. In August, OWL offered a session related to animals, with particular focus on factory farming, at a SEEK workshop held in Cape Town.

In order to support OWL's foundational work, several more resources were created. This included a factsheet on *Factory Farming in South Africa*, a leaflet promoting *Green Monday SA*, two pull-up banners, and a Lenten video based on an adaptation of the Christian hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.



Staff and Board

In 2016 the staff complement was composed of:

- Executive Director Venerable Ani Tsonдру Sonam whom we welcomed in February 2016, after Sean Brown - Operations Director served as Acting Executive Director from August 2015. Francesca de Gasparis joined Ani Tsonдру Sonam as Co-Executive Directors early in 2017.
- Eco-congregations coordinators, Juanita Greyvenstein in the South and Bonus Ndlovu in the North were supported by founder member Kate Davies, working on training and resources.
- Lydia Mogano continued her portfolio as Regional Co-ordinator in the SADC. Stefan Cramer continued as Science Advisor, as did Liz McDaid as Eco-Justice Lead.
- Zainab Adams served as Outreach & Logistics Coordinator, Sarah Dekker was Communications Coordinator and Louisa Feiter was Communications Assistant, along with Natasha Adonis as Press and Media Consultant for the Anti-Nuclear Campaign.
- Ingrid Heuvel, Office Administrator and Bookkeeper and Rev Glynis Goyns, Resource Development; reduced their days at SAFCEI during this time. Portia Biggar continued as Administrator and Receptionist.
- The OWL Programme appointed their first staff member Beulah Thumbadoo, as part-time Corporate Campaigns and Outreach Manager. Volunteer members of the Programme Coordinating Group were Frank Molteno, Sonia de Villiers, Dr Elisa Galgut, Fozea Fryddie, Dr Les Mitchell, Ani Tsonдру Sonam, Beulah Thumbadoo and Tozie Zokufa.
- Our Green Bishop and Founding Director, Bishop Geoff Davies, continues to contribute to the work of SAFCEI as our Patron.



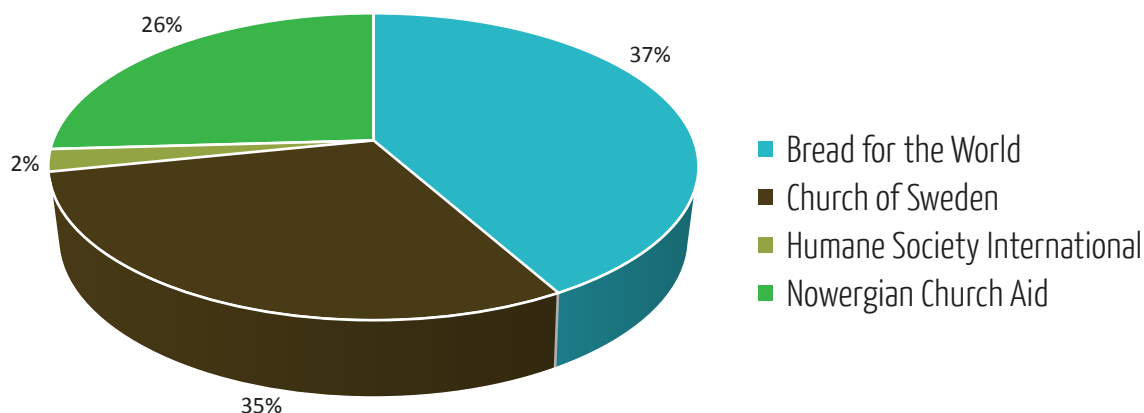
Board Members serving in 2016:

Glynis Goyns (Chairperson, Presbyterian), Tahirih Matthee (Vice-chairperson, Bahá'í), Gina Flash (Jewish), Ani Tsonдру Sonam (ex-officio, Buddhist), Fiona Maskell (Anglican), Sheikh Dr Ridwaan Galant (Muslim Judicial Council), Francesca De Gasparis (ex-officio), David Botha (Dutch Reformed), Baphiwe Nxumalo (Diakonia Council of Churches), Liz Palmer (Quaker), Bishop Tsietsi Seleokane (Anglican).



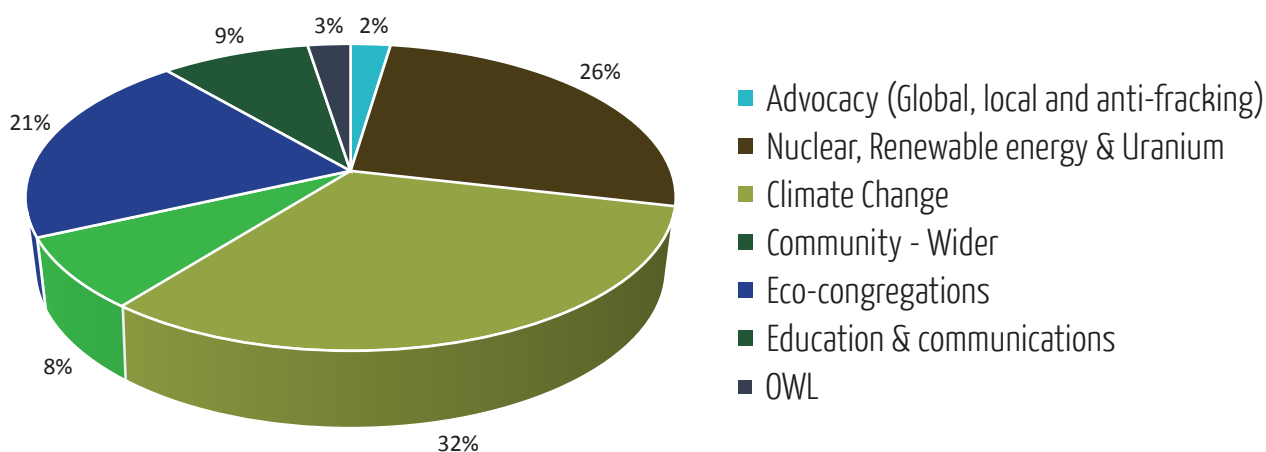
Financial Report

Grants received in 2016



Income	2016 (ZAR)	2015 (ZAR)
Grants	2 497 997	4 521 180
Donations	201 271	51 067
Administration fees	26 545	24 138
Other income	8	7 480
Interest	54 947	55 638
TOTAL INCOME	2 780 768	4 659 503

How we use programme funds



Expenditure	2016 (ZAR)	2015 (ZAR)
Governance	2 356	130 131
General operating costs	753 561	1 131 832
Premise and equipment costs	202 138	194 479
Professional services	246 802	113 570
Programme costs	1 885 222	3 300 923
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3 090 079	4 870 935

Financial Report

Balance sheet	2016 (ZAR)	2015 (ZAR)
Non-current assets	33 491	69 491
Current assets	647 388	875 663
TOTAL ASSETS	680 879	945 154

Reserves and liabilities	2016 (ZAR)	2015 (ZAR)
Capital and reserves	117 865	427 176
Current liabilities	563 014	517 978
TOTAL RESERVES AND LIABILITIES	680 879	945 154

WWF Nedbank Green Trust - Funds held in Trust	2016 (ZAR)	2015 (ZAR)
Balance at beginning of the year	47 777	119 679
Income received	728 298	732 448
Funds disbursed	(600 222)	(804 350)
BALANCE AT YEAR END	175 853	47 777

Statement of changes in reserves	Accumulated Funds	Equipment Fund	Total
Balance at 1 January 2016	357 685	69 491	427 176
Deficit for the year	(309 311)	-	(309 311)
Transfer to equipment fund	1 303	(1 303)	-
Assets acquired during the year	(2 999)	2 999	-
Disposals during the year	4 302	(4 302)	-
Depreciation during the year	34 697	(34 697)	-
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2016	84 374	33 491	117 865

Tribute to SAFCEI's Science Advisors

Farewell to Dr Stefan and Erika Cramer

Scientific advisor, hydro-geologist, community educators, eco-justice activists, mentors, wise elders, supporters of community arts programmes, nature-lovers, home-makers and friends: Stefan and Erika Cramer were all of these and much more to the SAFCEI family and community circles they lived and worked amongst.

Seconded to SAFCEI by Bread for the World in 2014, the Cramers settled in the heart of the Karoo in Graaff Reinet, establishing a satellite SAFCEI office in their home. Stefan was no stranger to SAFCEI. As friend of Kenyan Nobel Peace laureate and environmentalist, Wangari Maathai, Stefan was a guest of honour at the launch of SAFCEI in 2005. Almost a decade later he and Erika returned to spearhead a major community educational initiative to highlight the threats of fracking. Invited to be part of a high level review panel, Stefan was as comfortable amongst scientific and academic specialists as he was wandering in the veld, teaching and inspiring small scale farmers and school children. Challenging every public participation process and building a community of resistance, the Cramers can be thanked for the major role they played in stalling fracking in the Karoo.



Stefan then transferred his sleuthing skills to exposing the dangers of open caste uranium mining in this arid region. With meticulous tenacity, he alerted local farming communities to flaws in clandestine mining application processes.

Supporting Stefan in his work, Erika helped build new relationships and bridges in the community. In three years, the Cramers achieved more than many do in a lifetime. They are greatly missed by the SAFCEI family not only for their wide experience, expertise and a variety of contributions they made to our work but for the gift of friendship and generous hospitality that they shared with so many of us. Farewell Stefan and Erika.



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Our Members

We are so grateful for the support of our members. Donations from our individual and community / congregational members are essential in making this work possible. Thank you!

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