Annual Report 2015

SOUTHERN AFRICAN FAITH COMMUNITIES’ ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE
A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

-Pope Francis in his Encyclical Laudato Si
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Greetings of peace to all.

The past year has tested the resolve of SAFCEI. Like many other NGOs throughout the world, SAFCEI faced the reality of a drastic reduction in donor funding. This social reality has compelled us to learn more about working efficiently with less.

Regrettably, these financial circumstances necessitated staff reductions, with the organisation carrying out core activities with a small staff component working part-time. I thank the staff who are no longer with the organisation, and commend all remaining staff for their commitment and dedication to the mission of SAFCEI.

In addition, I express deep gratitude for the spirit of voluntarism from staff and Board members with their extra hours of work to SAFCEI. In particular, I wish to thank Sean Brown for holding the fort as manifested in his hard work in the positions of Operations Director and acting Executive Director over a long period. My sincere thanks also to Ven. Ani Tsondru, who stepped down as member of the Board and came to the much needed assistance of SAFCEI as its Executive Director since February 2016, providing excellent guidance through very challenging times.

This past year has also shown the true calibre of courage of SAFCEI’s team of selfless individuals. I salute Liz McDaid and her inspiring team for bravely and peacefully calling on the government, through court action and weekly vigils, to make our energy decision making ethical, and to tackle energy poverty through the prioritisation of renewable energy as a central component of the country’s energy future.

It is perhaps the concern for ethical governance that has demonstrated the real extent of SAFCEI’S courage and commitment, in its challenge to government to do the right thing for all the people of this country. I pray that the exemplary manner of SAFCEI in addressing eco-justice issues will demonstrate that difficulties can be approached by speaking truth to power through peaceful means, with an attitude of learning and consistency in word and deed.

For a sustainable future, SAFCEI is starting a new chapter of its organisational life by learning to raise its funds locally with the support of faith communities, Patron Bishop Geoff Davies, and Ambassador Kumi Naidoo. Strategically, SAFCEI has to align its plans and programmes to include youth to realise its mission. In terms of best practice, SAFCEI has to learn to manage its affairs with a smaller board membership and to capture faith diversity in complementary advisory structures.

At a personal level, this has been a difficult year for my family, given health challenges we had to overcome. I thank all in SAFCEI who carried us through these tough times with prayers, good thoughts and encouragement. As a family we have felt the healing power of these prayers and positive messages. In this difficult time I could rely on SAFCEI staff and the Executive to keep our work on track and deal with urgent matters.

In conclusion, I thank SAFCEI for the privilege to serve as its Chair for seven consecutive years and wish the new Chairperson well in taking the organisation forward.

Wishing each one happiness and wellness,
Tahirih Matthee
Welcome to the SAFCEI Annual Report.

We have long been without an Executive Director, and after being asked in January, I agreed to join SAFCEI as Interim ED at the beginning of February 2016, initially for a period of six months. In this time I have dedicated myself to giving strategic direction and programme oversight, and support to our Operations Director, Sean Brown, particularly on the fundraising front.

This has been a year of challenges for SAFCEI, and for the world. Underlying the worsening crises that are sweeping across the world is a climate crisis that demands our focused attention. The resulting humanitarian crises are becoming so pressing, however, that they understandably compete for the limited funds that are available internationally. This shift in the funding landscape and financial stability of SAFCEI has underscored again how intimately interconnected we all are to one another and to the Earth.

In challenges lie opportunities, of course, and we are taking this opportunity to raise funds locally. In striving to become sustainable and self-sufficient, we have made local fundraising initiatives a regular part of our activities. Fundraising events also play a very important role in raising the public profile of the work SAFCEI does in caring for our Earth. We invite all Board members, SAFCEI members, and faith communities to join us in this effort to raise funds for our work for the Planet, basing ourselves on the compassion, loving-kindness, respect, and humility that are to be found at the core of all the world’s sacred teachings.

We do this hand-in-hand with all faith movements, and sincerely invite any and all faith communities to join SAFCEI as members. The world is waking up to the importance of the sacred in addressing our problems and our uncertain future. SAFCEI gives leadership by speaking and acting with one multi-faith voice. Together as partners-in-faith we can achieve so much more. The Earth needs us to achieve so much more.

Onward!
Venerable Ani Tsundru
Our Vision
Faith communities caring for the 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

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 Laurette, Wangari Maathai, in 2005.

SAFCEI now has a dedicated staff team and 14 Board members representing different faiths. We enjoy a broad spectrum of membership, including 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 to increase awareness, understanding and action-taking on eco-justice, sustainable living and climate change issues.

We emphasize 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.
SAFCEI cannot do its work without the support of faith communities and individual Earth Keepers. To be able to tackle big issues like the nuclear deal in South Africa and climate change globally, we need to work together in collective action.

We thank all the passionate and committed Earth Keepers who journeyed with us in 2015. We call on all people of faith to join us, so that we may be able to move towards a just and beautiful world.

- Donating to our eco-justice work
- Staying in touch with SAFCEI’s work through our newsletter
- Spreading the word by mouth and on social media (we are on Twitter, Facebook & Instagram)
- Encouraging your place of worship to become an Eco-congregation
- Joining our #NukeVigils
- Joining and supporting eco-events in your area
Recognising the central role played by faith leaders and eco-champions in building a groundswell of Earth Keeper consciousness and action, SAFCEI engaged with eco-champions, faith leaders, as well as youth leaders in 2015 to build the eco-congregation movement. These leaders were empowered to take both small and more substantial actions in bringing eco-justice to their respective communities.

SAFCEI collaborated with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) – Worcester to equip leaders in a new ecological ministry module. Young people from all over the globe participated in an interactive 2-day workshop in Cape Town to learn more about climate change, eco-theology and energy policies, and to formulate first steps in becoming eco-champions at college and in the home.

Two regional eco-congregations’ workshops were hosted by SAFCEI in Zambia and Swaziland, in close collaboration with the Zambia Council of Churches and the Council for Swaziland Churches. They were well attended by a diversity of faith representatives. We are consistently amazed by the collaborative learnings that take place in these multi-religious and intercultural spaces. Traditional Healers and Christians are able to grow in understanding and respect for one another and the roles each play in caring for our environment. The devastation of deforestation, for example, is understood even better, when we learn that trees are not only important for eco-systems, but are also sacred entities.

We are excited to see the flowering of interventions, including efficiency measures, at a number of faith communities who conducted eco-audits. As well as reaching an understanding of how many resources they use, congregations are gaining momentum in implementing changes – from water audits to water-wise gardens, and from changing lightbulbs to rewiring buildings.

We have also witnessed a growing engagement with eco-justice issues on policy level. The development of eco-congregations and the necessity of public witness on environmental justice issues are considered as fundamental theological tasks by a number of mainstream churches. The Anglican, Dutch Reformed, Methodist and Presbyterian Church have all released statements and policies giving primacy to the environment. We are excited to have taken part in the formulation of some of these policies and celebrate every new initiative and commitment to care for Creation.
FLEAT — Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training

FLEAT was initiated in 2014 in response to the need for environmental advocacy training of SADC faith leaders in their own contexts. Sixteen participants registered for the initial pilot phase in 2014, and in March 2015, out of over 60 applications from all over the region, SAFCEI selected a further 15 participants for the three-day introduction training.

The two groups merged in June 2015 when they met in Zambia to share their experiences of the environmental challenges they face in their respective communities and countries. The theme for the gathering was ‘Climate Change and Energy’. Participants shared the work they had done since the last time they met, including waste management, engaging in awareness raising meetings and panel discussions with other faith leaders, and lobbying government departments.

A third session was held in Zimbabwe in September 2015 with the important theme of ‘Water’. Much time was devoted to feedback on experiences and lessons learned. Peter Morris of Climate Resilient Infrastructure Development Facility (GRIDF) tackled the issue of improving resilience against water related disaster, and Tozie Zokofu, a volunteer from SAFCEI’s One Web of Life (OWL) programme, presented on ‘Compassionate Living’. Participants shared experiences and challenges about the work in their own communities, and gained technical information to take back to their own networks and communities. (Link to the FLEAT video).

“[FLEAT] trainings have become a platform for sharing experiences, skills and practical examples about the environmental problems and the effects and how they could be dealt with”. Rev. Andrew Gwambe (Malawi).

As a direct result of the FLEAT programme, SAFCEI has developed a relationship with Hope for Tanzania in the Same District of Tanzania. SAFCEI and Hope for Tanzania now have a MoU which spells out broad areas of cooperation. Through this association, SAFCEI, Green Connection and Hope for Tanzania partnered to deliver a climate change capacity building workshop for faith leaders, journalists and government officials in Same. This was a great success and a video was produced in which faith communities in Tanzania role played the impact of climate change on their lives. This video was later shown in Paris at COP21 to high acclaim. (Link to video).

In 2016, the FLEAT participants plan to be proactive in community involvement and capacity building on the ground. SAFCEI’s main involvement will be to monitor and evaluate their work as we come to the end of the first FLEAT phase, and support FLEAT ‘champions’ in their own advocacy efforts around climate change adaptation and mitigation, and energy, water, biodiversity and deforestation.
In October 2015, SAFCEI and Earthlife Africa Johannesburg (ELA) launched a court action, taking the Minister of Energy and the President of South Africa to court. Why was SAFCEI compelled to act in this way?

Although SAFCEI, like many other environmental organisations, has sound reasons as to why nuclear should not be part of the energy mix of South Africa, our primary concern is ethical governance and how decisions are being made in South Africa.

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 for government to make decisions that are in the public interest. Furthermore, these decisions must be in the interest of generations still to come.

The government, however, has not conducted the procurement process in a transparent nor legal fashion, and our court case has already exposed a lack of accountability and secret decision making.

The publication of the section 34 determination to go ahead with nuclear procurement in December 2015 was supposed to take place according to the law, in a transparent manner and with public participation. However, the document had been kept secret since 2013, therefore failing on the first point, and, according to government meeting minutes, the only person in the room designated as a member of the public was a representative of Eskom, thus failing on the second point.

Additionally, the court case exposed a second crucial inconsistency: the Constitution, section 231.2, dictates that if an international agreement is not a technical agreement, it must be approved by Parliament. The Russian nuclear agreement which the Minister of Energy signed in September 2014 is non-technical, and has significant economic impact on the South African public. However, Minister Joemat-Pettersson did not table the agreement with Parliament’s approval as per the state law advisor’s advice.

These discoveries have shown that the government is not operating on principles of good governance - also evidenced in the way it has dragged its heels in responding, missed deadlines, and produced paperwork that seems to fail to justify the nuclear deal.

While we believe we have made substantial gains in forcing transparency, we need your support to continue, to the Constitutional Court if necessary.

Liziwe McDaid
In the Karoo: Fracking, Renewable Energy & Uranium mining

**Fracking is not on the cards.** SAFCEI’s work in the Karoo has seen substantial achievements and changes in the course of 2015. Dr Stefan Cramer and his wife Erika continued to criss-cross the vast expanses of the Karoo with their mission to educate local communities about the dangers of shale gas developments in the Karoo. Cooperating with local groups from commercial and emerging farmers, they effectively spread their message that the Karoo is an unsuitable place for fracking due to its complex geology, lack of water and infrastructure, and the high environmental cost in this unforgiving setting. The low global energy prices did their share to discourage investments. There was therefore big jubilation when Royal Dutch Shell, the main driver behind fracking in the Karoo, announced the withdrawal of its key personnel from the Karoo in March 2015.

**How to make Graaff-Reinet 100% renewable.** This confirmation opened up opportunities to concentrate on viable alternatives to fossil fuels. In order to promote a radical change in the energy systems of South Africa, we need to harness the renewable energies so prevalent in the Karoo. SAFCEI therefore developed the vision of a small local municipality like Graaff-Reinet becoming 100% Renewable. Additional funding from Bread for the World for this challenging vision helped to draw in all major role players, since local municipalities are not yet active in this field. An Energy Summit for the Camdeboo Municipality encompassing the town of Graaff-Reinet and neighbouring areas was prepared for October 2015 with national and international participation. Yet, the event had to be cancelled, as there was insufficient buy-in by the municipal management, the main beneficiary of this project. Local politics and intense service delivery protests had changed the setting overnight.

**Uranium is the real threat to the Karoo.** While busy with the renewable energy theme, SAFCEI almost accidentally uncovered the advanced plans for uranium mining in the Karoo. The Cramers, with a geological and mining background, quickly realised that this would be a more imminent, pressing and damaging threat to the integrity of the Karoo. Unlike fracking, the resource is well known and ready to exploit. More than 750,000 hectares of the Central Karoo have been earmarked for this highly disruptive industry, which threatens the livelihoods of a large section of the Karoo. Yet, the industry had been able to operate under a veil of secrecy: no public debate had ever taken place. An Australian mining company had been able to silently finalise a successful exploration programme with 10,000 boreholes. At the end of the year 2015 they applied for 30 years of mining rights over large sections of the Karoo. It was clear, from our experience with fracking, that a wave of public consultations on uranium mining would suddenly sweep over unsuspecting and unprepared Karoo residents. SAFCEI therefore identified the priority of enabling a meaningful participation, and this meant a new series of trainings and lectures across the vast distances of the Karoo.
The Conference of the Parties 21st Session (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) brought a moment we’ve long been awaiting: World leaders delivering an ambitious, legally binding climate change agreement on emission reduction targets to keep temperature increases below 1.5°C.

Although COP21 successfully established a new climate agreement (unlike Copenhagen), we still have a long way to go.

The climate justice road to Paris pilgrimage played a significant role in many people’s lives, facilitating a bottom-up approach of engaging with climate policy. SAFCEI participated in the global faith pilgrimage to Paris through the ‘We Have Faith: Act Now for Climate Justice’ campaign (WHF). The role and voice of faith, which enforces environmental stewardship, justice, accountability, morality, peace, urgency, equality and diversity, to name a few, was warmly received ahead of the COP 21 conference and we urge faith communities to continue to take the lead in climate justice debates and actions beyond Paris.

The WHF campaign forged partnerships in the Southern African region, as well as with like-minded networks in the north, making it a global campaign. The campaign involved embarking on a 90 day cycling caravan that included 9 African countries (Mozambique, South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya), raising awareness on climate change in local communities and elevating Africa’s voice within the climate justice discourse. The South African leg of the campaign involved a climate conference entitled ‘Building a Spiritual and Moral Foundation for COP21’, hosted by the Nan Hua Temple in Bronkhorstspruit and organised by the City of Tshwane, WHF and SAFCEI.

SAFCEI journeyed to Paris and contributed towards the strong message of solidarity among religious groups, calling for peace and climate justice, in the context of the Paris attacks and COP 21 negotiations ahead. The subsequent agreement reached in Paris was encouraging. However, our journey for climate justice clearly did not end in Paris, for the agreement is undermined every time fossil fuels are removed from the ground. A unified voice in promoting eco-justice policy and action is needed more than ever,
SAFCEI’s youngest and mainly volunteer-driven One Web of Life (OWL) Programme, through the dedication of its members, has made some significant strides in the last year. OWL works for a world wherein humankind, as part of the wider Earth community, is in a benign and compassionate relationship with all other beings; no animal is subjected to cruel or inhumane conditions or treatment; and all animals are free to engage in natural behaviours and to flourish according to their natures.

As its initial priority, OWL focused on the development of core resource materials. These took the form of a powerful video animation, together with an accompanying ‘comic’; informative flyers; banners to use at marches; and a recipe booklet on faith and food.

OWL also wrote a new section for a revised edition of the Anglican Church’s Season of Creation 2 booklet, focusing on compassion for animals, in particular farmed animals, as well as contributing to SAFCEI’s newsletter, calling on people of faith to recognise our intimate connection to the web of life.

Taking action was also important to OWL, and an OWL representative led sessions on compassion for animals at a FLEAT training workshop in Zimbabwe in September.

To further make visible that people of faith care about the rights, welfare and protection of animals, OWL was part of the Animals Matter To Africa march to Parliament in October, talked on the Nancy Richard’s national Enviro Show on SAFm, led a group discussion on Animals & Us from a Christian perspective at a ‘world café’ event hosted by the Rondebosch United Church in Cape Town and hosted a public forum in Cape Town to mark World Animal Day.

A network of supportive relationships has been built, including with international organisations Humane Society International (HSI) and the Animal Interfaith Alliance, and local organisations Compassion in World Farming (SA) and United Front 4 Animals.

The heart of OWL’s work will now take the form of face-to-face engagement with faith leaders, congregations, groups and individual persons of faith, as well as involving itself in specific campaigns. In addition, OWL celebrates its partnership with HSI in driving the Green Monday campaign, which is about conscious and sustainable eating, amongst people of faith in South Africa.
Located in the North-East corner of the Eastern Cape, the Pondoland Wild Coast is a pristine and beautiful stretch of coast where the amaMpondo people have lived for generations. The community is deeply rooted in the land, which is rich in endemic plant and animal life, species that are found nowhere else in the world.

However, the Amadiba community are finding themselves opposing two major threats to their habitat: titanium mining, pursued by the Australian-based Mineral Commodities Ltd (MRC), and the building of a major toll road. Whilst proponents sell this 'development' as an opportunity to bring infrastructure and jobs to people on the Wild Coast, the affected community knows that only contractors and other interested parties will reap the benefits. Mining would despoil the land, foul the scarce water supply and wreck the estuaries, destroying the long term job creation potential of eco-tourism.

Already the prospect of mining has brought a deep division to the community. Neighbour is pitted against neighbour, family member against family member. The threat of mining has not only destroyed the social fabric of the community, but has brought about the tragic death – by assassination - of the courageous Sikhosiphi “Bazooka” Rhadebe, the Chairman of the Amadiba Crisis Committee that opposes mining activity. Others opposing mining have also been threatened with death.

The Amadiba Crisis Committee and supporting community members, though shaken, are standing strong. Our prayers are with them and the family of Sikhosiphi.

SAFCEI is a partner with Sustaining the Wild Coast (SWC), a small, committed NGO which embodies the people’s vision in crafting viable livelihoods that safeguard community land and cultural heritage. If any Earth Keepers would like to provide support for the Amadiba community, we will gladly connect you with SWC.
In 2015 the staff complement was composed of: Sean Brown, Operations Director (and Acting Director from August 2015 to January 2016); Abigail Matema, Finance Manager; Ingrid Heuvel, Office Administrator and Bookkeeper; Rev Glynis Goyns, Resource Development; Kate Davies, Training and Resources; Juanita Grevenstein, Eco-congregations’ Coordinator, South; Bonus Ndlovu, Eco-congregations’ Coordinator, North; Lydia Mogano, Regional Co-ordinator; Zainab Adams, Programmes Assistant; Tsepo Hlasoa, Eco-congregations Liaison Officer; Portia Biggar, Receptionist and Office Administrator; Sarah Dekker, Communications Coordinator, Louisa Feiter, Communications Assistant; Stefan Cramer, Science Advisor; Liz McDaid, Energy and Climate Change Advisor.

In 2016 we welcomed Venerable Ani Tsondru Sonam as our interim Executive Director and sadly said goodbye to Tsepo Hlasoa, Abigail Matema, and Sarah Dekker (and in part, Ingrid Heuvel and Rev Glynis Goyns, who have reduced their days at SAFCEI).

The One Web of Life (OWL) Programme has a dedicated group of volunteers including Frank Molteno, Sonia Mountford, Tozie Zokofu, Elisa Galgut, Fozea Fryddie and Beulah Thumbadoo. Our Green Bishop and Founding Director, Bishop 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 of Muslims for Eco-justice, and the interns of their respective faith communities.

The SAFCEI Board members were as following for 2015: Tahirih Matthee (Chairperson, Baha’i); Ani Tsondru Sonam (Vice-Chairperson, Buddhist); Moulana Riaz Simjee (Muslim); Gina Flash (Jewish); David Botha (Dutch Reformed); Fiona Maskell (Anglican); Sheikh Dr Ridwaan Galant (Muslim Judicial Council); Dhunluxmi Desai (SA Hindu Maha Sabha); Baphiwe Nxumalo (Dialonia Council of Churches); Archbishop Seraphim Kykkotis (Greek Orthodox); Liz Palmer (Quaker); Usha Jevan (Brahma Kumari); Hennie Naidoo (Methodist); Bishop Tsietsi Seleane (Anglican); and Fatima Ragie (Muslim), co-opted as a youth representative.
Financial Report

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The pie charts exclude a contribution received from WWF Nedbank Green Trust for onward submission 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.
### Balance sheet

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<td>Balance at year end</td>
<td>477 77</td>
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### Statement of changes in reserves

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<th>Accumulated Funds (ZAR)</th>
<th>Equipment Fund</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>Balance at 31 december 2014</td>
<td>554 148</td>
<td>84 460</td>
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<td>Net surplus for the year</td>
<td>-160 077</td>
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<td>Transfer to equipment fund</td>
<td>-36 386</td>
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<td>Assets acquired during the year</td>
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<td>357 685</td>
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