

ANGLICAN STUDENTS' FEDERATION



ASF 2010-2013 POA

STRATEGIC PROGRAMS TO BE ACTIONED

Strategic focus of the Anglican students' Federation for the year 2010-2013. This strategic focus has been approved by the Provincial Executive Committee.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Provincial Executive Committee saw a need for the Anglican Students' Federation (ASF) to formulate a Strategic Plan to be presented to all An'socs, regions and chaplains in 2010-2013. This document is to guide programs of An'socs and regions and making sure that we offer uniform programs throughout the Province. ASF is committed to the Mission Statement of ASF and vision, mission of ACSA

This strategic plan responds by stating the current programme and proposes various initiatives to be considered in the year 2010-2013. Elements of branding and marketing are indicative of the successful delivery of this product and service, as we recognise the significant segments and their interdependence of one another.

ASF, in its fifty first (51st) year of existence, is the tertiary student wing of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACS A). Students are offered a '**home from home**' opportunity to continue living a Christian life and are exposed to various programmes on campus under the leadership of students committee and a Chaplain.

Post Apartheid, ASF embraced concerns such as Transformation on Education, Gender Issues, Outreach Programmes and HIV/AIDS, and now, as then, needs to ensure that students are able to step into leadership positions in the church and society regarding ongoing social injustice, racism and discrimination. Intensive collaboration, partnerships and fellowship should underpin this mammoth task.

ACSA's offering should be cognizant of our Christian walk from the cradle to the grave thereby ensuring a seamless offering across structures and organisations. Hence, ASF should be working in conjunction with other organisations that minister to the young – to acknowledge and continue building the life-long thirst for knowledge about God's purpose in our lives. Greater focus should be given to the importance of education and ASF and youth organisations must offer/facilitate sessions concerning issues impacting the schooling of learners/students, from Primary to High to Tertiary level.

BACKGROUND OF THE ANGLICAN STUDENTS FEDERATION

The Anglican Students' Federation (ASF) is the umbrella body of the Anglican Societies (An'soc) in tertiary institutions in six different countries: South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Mozambique and Angola. ASF is an affiliate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA).

This ministry was started in 1960 by a group of concerned Anglican theology students in South Africa who were aiming at that time to seek justice and equality within the Church and the South African society, which was deeply divided due to the policy of apartheid. For many years ASF was an alternative forum where students of different races, tribes and cultural backgrounds, mainly inspired by the teachings of the Anglican Church, came together with a common vision to fight social injustice, racism and discrimination.

On the advent of democracy in South Africa, as a result of the victory over apartheid, in which ASF played a small but meaningful role, the focus of ASF had to change. New concerns and new expectations emerged as part of the new political, social and economic scenarios in all the countries that are part of ACSA. The struggle against apartheid was no longer the binding factor, so the ministry had to continue in a new context and with new aims: transformation on education, gender issues, development of leadership skills, outreach programmes, and later came the issue of HIV/AIDS pandemic.

On tertiary institutions, An'soc members meet weekly with the campus chaplain for worship, Bible studies, and fellowship. They also develop outreach programs, conduct leadership training workshops, strategic planning workshops and HIV/AIDS workshops, campaigns and seminars. An'soc, for most of these students, is a **“home away from home”**. Even though the ASF is under the banner of the Anglican Church, its ministry is across denominational boundaries.

ASF is the forum where different An'socs from all over ACSA comes together for cross culture, race and nation sharing. The highlight of ASF ministry is the annual Provincial Conference, which is a life changing experience for many students. ASF conferences have been a platform of

growth for many people who are today and tomorrow's leaders in the church and broader society.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Anglican Students' Federation (ASF) of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) seeks to serve the needs of students and communities, to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and to develop mature Christian students for leadership in church and society. This we do by providing an Anglican "**Home away from Home**" on campus, Bible studies, worship, workshops and conferences. We commit ourselves to building peace, democracy and justice in Southern Africa.

OBJECTIVES OF ASF

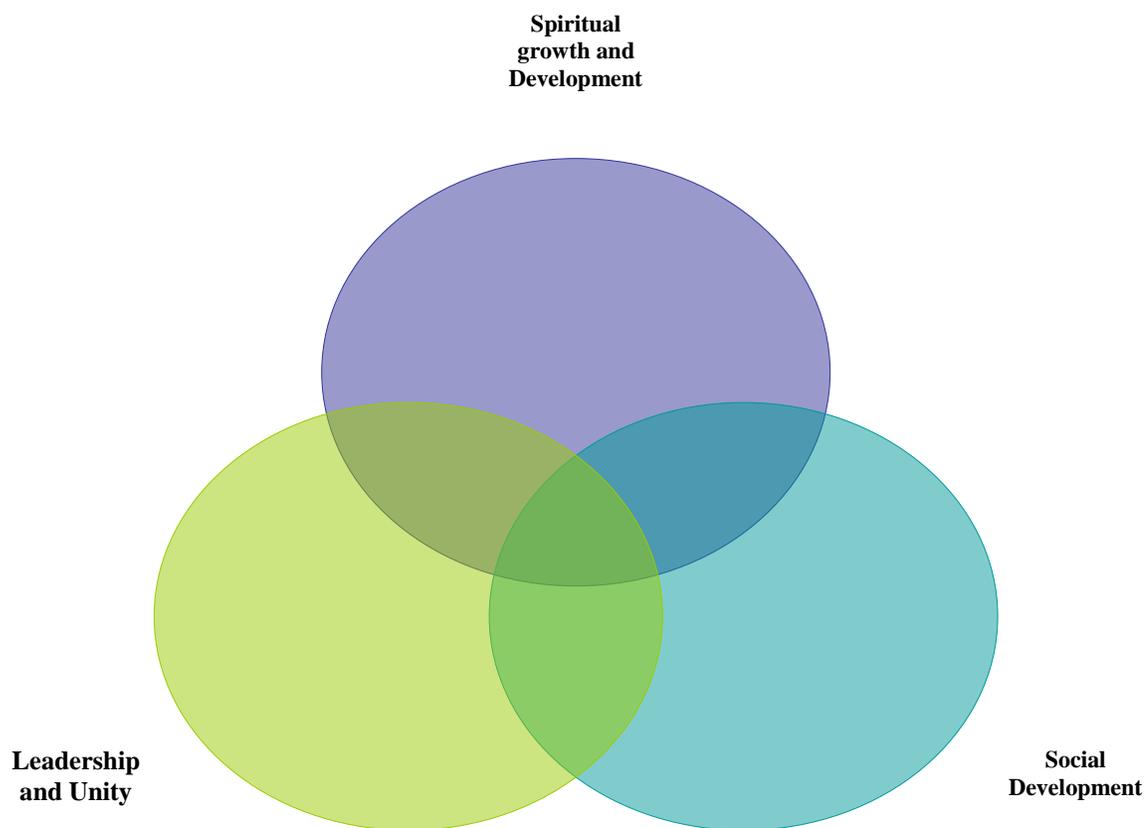
- To proclaim the Gospel of Christ.
- To strive to participate fully as members of Anglican Societies (ANSOCs).
- To exercise a ministry of reconciliation among the people of Southern Africa.
- To demonstrate that Christians are one in Christ.
- To exercise a prophetic role, particularly in discerning and speaking out against the evils in our society.
- To be hope-instillers and agents of God's healing, both for individuals and society.
- To build leaders for the church and community
- To worship God.
- To be a co-ordinating body for Anglican Societies (Ansocs).
- To stimulate awareness and concern as Christians for the broader society in which we live, for example through ASF Publications, Provincial and Regional conferences.
- To seek to alleviate the sufferings of those around us.
- To seek, prayerfully, to work out the practical implications of being Christians in our society.
- To encourage people to live out the practical implications of being Christians in our society.

ABOUT ASF

- ASF students offers guidance and tries to create the “home away from home” feeling
- For the last 8 years, ASF has held conferences in South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland and Lesotho.
- ASF is an international organization; it enables students from different countries, with different languages and cultures, to share experiences and widen their vision as Christians and persons.
- ASF encourages An’soc programmes such as regular Bible studies, worship, workshops, conferences and community outreach programmes.
- ASF has a commitment to building peace, democracy and justice in Southern Africa as well as ecumenical and interfaith relationships.
- ASF aims to send a daily devotional email providing a worship resource to all who are interested
- ASF encourages HIV/AIDS Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) at the institutions as well as student visits to and involvement in AIDS shelters.
- ASF partners with a national youth development agency in the implementation of an entrepreneurship programme
- Students in ASF offer each other emotional support during stressful times
- ASF offers leadership training and leadership development opportunities for students
- At the An’soc level, Pastoral Care provided by the chaplains

ASF VISION FOR 2010-2013

The Anglican Students’ Federation (ASF) has come a long way in its fifty years of ministry in the Province of Southern Africa, and we continue to grow and expand our mission. In this coming year, we hope to continue to strengthen and develop our current programming, but also aim to engage students in new and exciting ways in three main spheres: leadership and unity, social development, and spiritual growth and development.



❖ **Spiritual Growth and Development**

- Have revivals for branches, regions and individuals
 - Offer Bible studies
 - Prayer and fasting
 - Teach the importance of tithing
- Motivate youth to explore the possibility of a vocation in the church such as lay ministry, the priesthood, or what it means to be a bishop
- Inform students about Anglicanism and what it means to be part of Anglican Communion
- Have spiritual journey with God

❖ **Leadership & Unity**

- Offer leadership workshops at a regional level
- Keep more detailed records both for future reference and to ease further communication
- Provide more social activities and opportunities for networking among students
- Run more interactive workshops covering a variety of topics
 - Personal relationships/issues
 - Cultural and political differences
 - Sexuality and gender-based discrimination
- Develop relationships with dioceses and inform them about ASF for future partnerships for charity and fundraising projects

❖ **Social Development**

- Engage in community outreach, fostering students sense of responsibility for the needs of the community
- Run awareness workshops
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Environmental awareness
- Coordinate social activities such as picnics and bring & shares
- Initiate, monitor and evaluate long-term projects
- Peer Education Program

CONCLUSION

In addition to establishing these exciting new programs, the ASF's also aims to create and implement a successful plan to ensure their sustainability. Whether or not a programme survives the transition from one student officer board to the next is as important as its initial launch. In order to ensure a programme's sustainability, each officer rotating off at the end of the year should submit a final report summarizing the programs that he/she was responsible so that the new board will have a complete summary of the programs they are now responsible for. A summary of these outgoing officer reports and a document listing which incoming officer is taking over each program should be sent to the ASF office at the time of the transition.