



## **Brass Band Association ELCSA (NT) ~ Report 2014/2015**

As always, our Brass Players were again committed to proclaiming the Gospel through Brass Music in their various congregations. They have also, together with Brass Players from other churches, taken part in combined Church Services where the focus was to celebrate the faith that we share, regardless of the different denominations. I would, however, still like to see a greater effort being made on mission work by our Brass Bands, especially where we can play music in public – in shopping malls etc during Advent, Christmas or Easter, an ideal opportunity to spread the joy of the Gospel through music.

Our Brass Band Festival took place on the weekend of 9-11 May 2014 in the Music Hall of the University of KZN, Durban. It was hosted by the New Germany Congregation and turned out to be a joyous occasion; everybody enjoyed the good Brass Music and the wonderful community. Many Brass Players from the ELCSA WD, the FELSISA and the BBSA also took part – there were also Brass Players from Germany, including LPW Günter Marstatt and LPW Henning Herzog, both from the Posaunenwerk Hannover, who were visiting us after their highly valued contribution towards our D-Level Conductor's Course organised and presented on EBBASA level. I would like to thank the New Germany Congregation again for the wonderful spirit in which they hosted and organized the festival – all their guests felt very welcome indeed.

As already briefly mentioned above, the D-Level Conductor's Course (D-Prüfung Posaunenchorleitung) was organised and presented by Walter Johannes, Training Director of the ELCSA (NT), on behalf of EBBASA during 2014 and 2015. This is the first time ever that such a course was presented in South Africa. Together with LPW Marstatt, LPW Herzog, Mrs Gisela Scriba and others, Walter did an outstanding job and the first "Conductor Graduates" of the BBSA, FELSISA and ELKSA (NT) are now more than ably qualified for their duty as conductors. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who were involved and who contributed to the success of this project.

This year, our three Regional Brass Band Festivals took place as follows:

- Central Region: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in Elandskraal
- Northern Region: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Northrand (Bryanston)
- Southern Region: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Pietermaritzburg

I am filled with anticipation and joy for the second EBBASA Brass Band Festival, which will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Belgravia, Cape Town. My sincere thanks go to the hosting Association, the BBSA WC, for their preparations and dedication towards the success of the festival – especially Christo Appel, who had to jump into some deep water – and proved that he is a more than able swimmer. I would also like to express my gratitude towards the EBBASA Chairman, Tyrone Hitzeroth, and the EBBASA Secretary, Ingbert Hillermann, for their dedication and positive leadership. After initial setbacks and disappointments EBBASA is on a steady course. I am especially excited that the LBB of Namibia is committed once more to EBBASA. LPW Jörg Häusler of the Posaunenwerk Rheinland is the driving force behind this effort. He is attending the brass festival as well as LPW Kerstin Dikhoff from VeP Bayern (Bavaria), who will visit all our brass bands on a training mission from the 29<sup>th</sup> September till the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The Brass Band Association of the ELCSA (NT) has a longstanding relationship with the VeP Bayern and we are thrilled to have her with us.

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