

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (N-T)

CHURCH LAW 1/2019

on the Budget of the ELCSA (N-T)

Section 1.

21 August 2019

- (1) The Expenditure budget of the ELCSA (N-T) for the financial years 2020 and 2021 is established according to the budget in Schedule 1 attached hereto as follows:
2020: R 18,763,166
2021: R 19,955,924
- (2) The financial year is the calendar year.

Section 2.

- (1) The financial requirements to be covered by contributions of congregations for Cost of Pastor in service and Church running cost and Voluntary Contributions, in accordance with Section 74 (1) of the Constitution of ELCSA (N-T) are assessed as follows:
2020: R 17,408,156
2021: R 18,630,924

The balance of the financial requirements and source thereof are shown in the table below

Church Law 1 Summary	2020	2021
Financial contributions by congregations	17,408,156	18,630,924
Pastors in service	15,710,212	16,728,556
Net Church running Cost	847,944	1,002,368
Solidarity Contributions	850,000	900,000
Other income-subsidy and Net investment return	1,507,991	1,544,810
EKD Subsidy	1,215,000	1,215,000
Investment Allocation	130,000	100,000
Other Income	10,000	10,000
Net investment return	152,991	219,810
Total Income	18,916,147	20,175,735
Expenditure	18,763,156	19,955,924
Pastors in service	15,710,212	16,728,556
Total Church running costs	3,052,944	3,227,368
Income less Expenses	152,991	219,810

- (2) The contribution per congregation is assessed as detailed in Schedules 2 and 3 attached hereto in accordance with the provisions of Section 74 (2) of the Constitution of ELCSA (N-T). These contributions shall be included in the budgets and financial statements of the congregations in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 (1) of the Constitution of ELCSA (N-T).
- (3) All congregations shall provide in full in their annual budget approved by their AGM, for all contributions payable in terms of Church Law 1 and for the Solidarity Contributions as contained in schedules 2 and 3.
- (4) A Congregation that becomes vacant shall pay its full contribution for the month in which it becomes vacant. Thereafter the congregation shall still pay the Net Church Running Costs (including Bishop and Program Facilitator's costs) as listed on the contribution Schedules 2 and 3 until the post is filled again. During the vacancy, the congregation is responsible for the costs of visiting pastors.

Section 3

- (1) a. In accordance with Section 74 (1) of the Constitution of ELCSA (N-T) the following offerings for the church are prescribed:

<u>Prescribed Offering</u>	<u>Prescribed number</u>
Mission Fund of the Church	12
Circuit Youth Work (see * below)	4
Theological Education	4
Church Music (Cantate)	1
Total	21

(*The Southern and Eastern Circuit offerings are paid into the Youth Work KwaZulu-Natal Fund. The Youth Work Northern and Central Circuit offerings are paid into their respective Youth Work Funds.)

b. **Additional Recommended offering's**

<u>Additional 'recommended' offering's</u>	
Solidarity Offerings	6
Deutsche Schule Hermannsburg*	4
Old Age Homes: APN / Richmond Road / local home*	2
Circuit Senior work*	2
Total	14

* Does not form part of the 10% as set in (2)

- (2) Congregations with the practice that offerings and tithes/contributions are given on the altar, can apply to Church Council to give 10% of these giving's at the altar in lieu of prescribed offerings. The compulsory and voluntary offerings are still announced every Sunday.
- (3) The 10% offerings received from Congregations participating in the practice as approved in (2) will be allocated as follows:

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Mission Fund of the Church	12	44%
Circuit Youth Work	4	15%
Theological Education	4	15%
Church Music (Cantate)	1	4%
Solidarity Offerings	6	22%
Total	27	100%

Section 4

- (1) One twelfth of the annual contribution shall be paid to the Central Treasury of the ELCSA (N-T) by the 20th of each month. Exceptions to the above rule require the consent of the Church Council.
- (2) In respect of Section 3 payment shall be made monthly.
- (3) Interest will be charged at prime rate for arrears of previous years.

Section 5

Budget estimates which are not based on legal or legitimate obligations may be claimed only to the extent of available funds

Section 6

- (1) Church Council is authorised to deal with excess income or expenditure at the end of the financial year as it deems fit.
- (2) Should increased financial requirements occur during the budget period, which cannot be carried forward as a deficit to the new budget year, the Church Council is authorised to prepare a supplementary budget. The supplementary budget may, however, not exceed the original budget by more than 15% of the income and expenditure as per section 1 Paragraph (1).

Section 7

This law comes into force with effect from 1st January 2020

Annexures

Schedule 1 = Budget 2020/2021

Schedule 2 = Contributions 2020

Schedule 3 = Contributions 2021