

Profile of Pastor

1. **Name:** Jan Duvenhage

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2. **Personal history:**

Date of birth 13 June 1964

Where I grew up: Limpopo Province

Where I went to school Polokwane

3. **Marital status**

Name of spouse Antoinette



Name/s of child/ren: Elsabé (30) Xander (26)

4. **Studies:**

Where and when I studied theology? Christ Seminary (2012); Northwest University (2014); South African Theological Seminary (2021 -)

Any subsequent/other studies or previous occupations

From a Retail and -management background.

Current studies: Trauma counselling and crises intervention (Potch) & MTh – Lutheran Spirituality (SATS).

5. Congregations and positions in which I served:

Where? Pastor at Concordia and Potchefstroom Congregations

From February 2017 *until* ???

6. Personal strengths and interests

Committed; focused; intuitive; like teaching and seeing people grow; *interests*: I observe people – what a strange animal!

7. Hobbies

Sports: Trail running & Mountain biking; I love reading (non-fictional stuff); I dabble in sketching and writing.

8. What do you think, makes church relevant to people and society today?

The only relevance the Church, as institution, has in a secular and post-truth society is what can be gained from its resources like finances, diverse welfare programs and its political correct actions.

The Church's "core business" is the Cross of Jesus Christ and all that it entails.

The Church can only be truly relevant in the local communities it serves when it also speaks to the spiritual, emotional and psychological needs of individuals lost in a harsh and unforgiving environment.