



Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa / NT Southern Circuit Kwa-Zulu Natal

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Report on the Contemporary Worship Music Ministry in the Southern Circuit

Dear members of Synod of ELCSA/NT,

Contemporary music workshops have been held in the Southern Circuit since 2007 in response to a perceived need to introduce and promote modern Christian music growing in popularity with a large number of congregation members, especially the youth.

The biannual contemporary music workshops continue to be a great blessing in the congregations of the Southern Circuit. The number of people attending these workshops is steadily growing. We are pleased that a few members of FELSISA are taking part in these workshops, showing that we can build bridges through this ministry.

One of the highlights of the past 2 years was our first Contemporary Music Festival, held in New Hannover on 17 August 2014. We had a wonderful service with many musicians taking part from most congregations in the Southern Circuit. The support from the community could have been even better had the festival not clashed with other events taking place in neighbouring congregations that weekend.

The committee welcomes its new member and pastors' representative, Pastor Rolf Schmidt. We thank the outgoing member, Pastor Dieter Klee, for his contagious enthusiasm and dedicated service over the past years. We also say farewell and a heartfelt thank you to Sonja von Fintel, who has also recently resigned from the committee.

The next contemporary music workshop will take place on Saturday, 14 November at the Hayfields Church in Pietermaritzburg. The theme for this workshop is "Advent and Christmas".

For further information regarding this ministry feel free to contact any of the committee members.

Yours faithfully,

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