



Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Africa

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The Chairman
Glacial Ridge Conference

Dear Sir

RE: APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BULD THE CHURCH AND THE PASTORS RESIDENCE. (RE-NKANDLA PARISH)

We as a communittee representing the congregation of Nkandla Parish under Eshowe circuit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church hereby request financial support from the Glacial Ridge conference to build the church and the pastor residence at Nkandla.

Nkandla Parish was part of Ekhombe Parish for many years and it was funded by the Norwegian society who funded the institution during the times of the Missionaries. in the 1880's they built the mission which was the church , pastor hours and the hospital which still exist. When the missionaries left the congregation has to keep the church going on their own and with little help from outside which from outside which soon dried out as well. Things then became difficult because the community had to fully support the church to keep it going but things were not the same as they are extremely poor.

When Ekhombe parish was divided it meant that Nkandla branch had to become a parish independently of Ekhombe. This meant that Nkandla had to have its church and the pastors residence to perform all the functions of a Parish in the district. This was never realized because the church hourse at Nkandla is very small and it can't even contain its own members let alone the district. Ever since it was moved away from Ekhombe parish it has never had its own pastor because there is no house for him. Even the church that still exist is so small that its just bigger than a classroom,

it's cracking badly it's nearly a health hazard. Every time there is big church service to be conducted the committee has to either request a community hall or go to a school to make use of a school hall which is not always available. Most church member are pensioner and those that are at their prime age are not employed which make it extremely difficult to save enough money to build this most needed structures for the community. nkandla has been a parish by name it has not performed to that level and the congregation is lifeless without the services of the pastor. Everything is difficult under these circumstances even to hold weddings or funerals are a big challenge.

it is under view that the congregation is seeking the Glacial Ridge condense assistance in trying to realize their dream that has been hanging for years . Because of the problems associated with that small church, the congregation has acquired a new site to build a bigger abs better church that will be suitable for all congregational functions, which would allow having a pastor's residence next to it. We humble request the foundation to consider our application so as to enable the congregation to perform its congregational responsibility.

The foundation is free to come and see the church that were currently using and to see for themselves the difficulty we're facing. The church is situated near Nkandla hospital and is easy to find should the foundation with to come and ground truth what we are requesting.

Hopefully our application / request will meet your favourable consideration. Thank you in advanced.

Yours Faithfully

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