

**Uitenhage Ministers Fraternal
Strategic Session Tuesday 26 January 2016**

1. Workshop notes

1.1 Expected items to discuss:

- Vision (of the Fraternal)
- Objectives
- Connectivity (Group, Ministry, skills within the group)
- Fellowship & interaction
- Growth/ representation
- Roles of spouses/ support group to pastors
- Structure of the Fraternity including the task team
- Building the network (sharing/ access to details)

1.2 Scope of Fraternity activities:



1.3 By the end of 2016 the Fraternity will have:

- Expanded the Body of Christ through joint evangelism events
- “Connect the Priests to the Kings” – the church works with local business
- Sharing of skills
- Becoming a place for dialogue (safe space to speak and seek help/ assistance)
- Structure that deepens: the authority to speak with one voice, trust between churches, and love & fellowship
- Fellowship of church colleagues (fellow pastors/ministers)
- To reach out to the community through collective and visible action
- The Fraternity to become known to the community – has an identity
- Spouses to play a larger role in communities
- Getting to know each other
- Leadership empowerment
- Building the Kingdom

- Unified but space to retain identity

2.Suggested Fraternal Structure:

2.1 Membership:

- Leadership & pastoral staff of Christian denominations based in Kwanobuhle/ Uitenhage

2.2 Purpose:

1. Fellowship & prayer
2. Expanding God's Kingdom (evangelical)
3. Bringing God's Kingdom to the people (social intervention)
4. Networking resources (skills, assistance, coordination) amongst churches
5. Safe space for sharing of challenges in ministry

3. Goals for 2016:

1. Clarify role of the task team – look at formalising it into a coordinating secretariat
2. Meet once a month (11 meetings) in which part is dedicated to fellowship & prayer and part is dedicated to dialogue on social intervention and lessons learnt
3. One joint evangelical event
4. Identification of social intervention priorities and desired outcomes
5. Establish a networking resource (database of members & some social media presence?)
6. Involvement of spouses in developing their role