



Highlights of

2012



From the Heart of the Executive Director



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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This past year has been very eventful for SAFFI and we want to share a few highlights as the year draws to an end. From the onset, I want to express my sincere thanks to the Patrons, SAFFI Board, partner organizations, staff and volunteers for their commitment to an organization that is literally emerging. The support and guidance enabled us to grow as an organization and reach into several communities including the West Coast, Lavender Hill, Bishop Lavis, Khayelitsha, Oudtshoorn, Strand, Stellenbosch, Bellville and Cape Town. We were able to address a range of issues including *Religion, Race, Gender and Intimate Partner Abuse* through our dialogues, pilgrimages, workshops and trainings.

In February welcomed Dr Rev Traci West, a Theologian and Gender Activist from Drew University - sent to us by the FaithTrust Institute.

We are particularly grateful for the partnership with the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation which was established in May 2012. Through this partnership we established and launched the Ubuntu in the Home project. This pilot project (May 2012-April 2013) aims to train and capacitate 20 Religious Leaders on the faith issues relating to intimate partner abuse. The training embraces Ubuntu as the foundation and critical resource in accountability and personal restorative justice interventions for the perpetrators and healing for victims / survivors and their families. The project's intention is to reclaim Ubuntu in our homes and intimate relationships and assist religious leaders and faith communities in the quest to make their places of worship sanctuaries of hope and healing. We are learning some critical lessons as the project unfolds and will keep you posted.

Apart from the various trainings and dialogues, we have also started (very preliminary) to explore how we might assist churches / faith communities to address Clergy Sexual Misconduct and strengthen their Clergy/Religious Leaders Wellness programs. It is clear that there is much to do in 2013 and we are looking forward with hearts filled with expectation and open to collaboration as we merge visions and missions to restore individuals and families who have been afflicted by gender-based violence and abuse. As strong emphasis on prevention, early intervention and aftercare accompanies the essence of SAFFI's work.

Here follows a visual reflection on some of the highlights for the past year. We pray God's blessing on you, your loved ones and the work that you are called to in 2013.

Much love, peace and gratitude

Elizabeth Petersen

Series of Dialogues

Revd Dr Traci West

(FaithTrust Institute)

Elizabeth Petersen (SAFFI), Funeka Soldaat (Free Gender), Traci C West (Drew University and Lungiswa Memela (WC Network on Violence Against Women) at Conversation on rape and killing on lesbians in Khayelitsha.



A gathering of religious leaders, LGBTI activists, Gender-based Violence Activists at the Conversation on the faith issues relating to the killing and raping of lesbians. The community conversation held in Khayelitsha was co-hosted by Elizabeth Petersen (SAFFI) and Funeka Soldaat (Free Gender) with visiting guest Traci C West (African American theologian and gender activist from Drew University, New Jersey, USA)

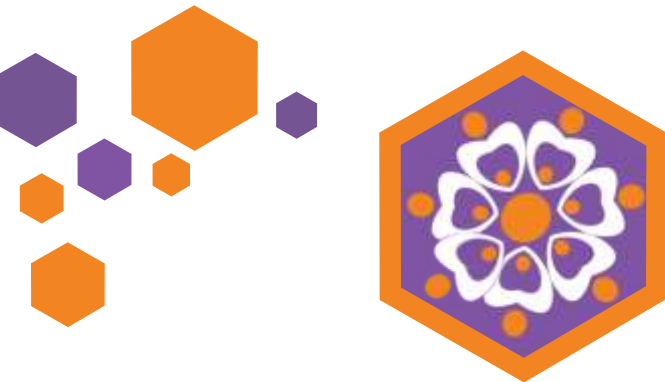
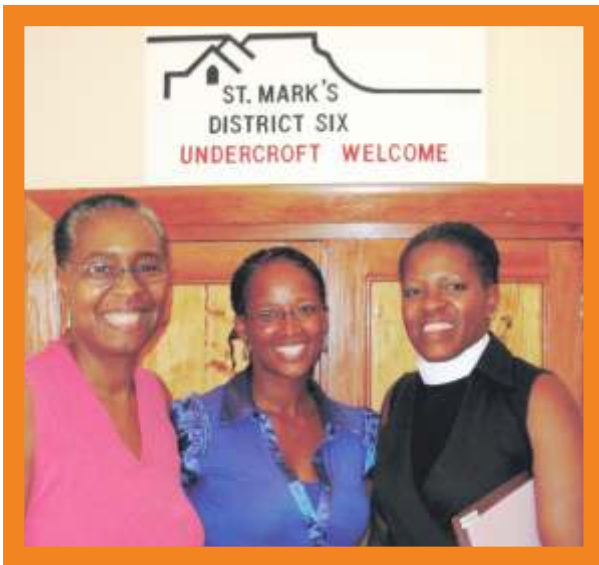


Engaging religious studies academics from UWC Theology Department and Stellenbosch University

Elizabeth Petersen (SAFFI), Dr Traci C West (Drew University) and Dr Miranda Pillay (UWC Religion & Theology Department)



● Front row from left: Lungiswa Memela (WC Network on Violence against Women), Dr Traci C West (Drew University, New Jersey, USA), Elizabeth Petersen (SAFFI). Back row from left: Venessa Padayachee (NICRO), Rev Suzanne Peterson (Archbishop Makgoba's Office), Joy-Faith Kronenberg (South African Council of Churches), Rev Margaret Heyns (St George's Cathedral), Rev Cheryl Bird (Anglican Provincial Gender Desk) and Rev Mpho Tutu (Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation). These were some of the women who participated in a sacred conversation about gender-based violence, religion, race and racism at St Mark's District Six Church undercroft in February 2012.



● Traci C West (Drew University, New Jersey, USA), Elizabeth Petersen (SAFFI) and Rev Mpho Tutu (Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation) at in a sacred conversation about gender-based violence, religion, race and racism at St Mark's District Six Church undercroft in February 2012

● Women Gender Activists in Conversation with Dr Traci C West on the impact of religion, race and racism in the struggle to end gender-based violence against women and girls at Simelela Centre in Khayelitsha organized and co-hosted by Elizabeth Petersen (SAFFI) and Zarina Majiet (Mosaic Simelela Centre).



Gender & Education Conference

Stellenbosch
University



◆ Revd. Barry Isaacs (WCRLF), Venessa Padayachee (NICRO), Elizabeth Petersen (SAFFI), Dr. Miranda Pillay, (UWC), Revd. John Oliver (WCRLF)

Partnership
with the
Desmond &
Leah Tutu
Legacy
Foundation



◆ Leah Tutu, Revd. Mpho Tutu, Elizabeth Petersen (SAFFI), Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

*and launch of the
Ubuntu in the home pilot project*



The facilitators
and supporting staff



Combating intimate partner violence



◆ Cheryl Crowie (staff), Naomi Claassen (facilitator), Anthea Benjamin (facilitator), Elizabeth Petersen (Executive Director), Revd Mpho Tutu (CEO D<LF), Reva Collins (facilitator), Revd. Nobuntu Matholeni, Charlen Jacobs (facilitator), Revd. Ruth Jonas (facilitator), Pst. Eben Messiahs (facilitator). (absent: Thembekile Gqwaka - facilitator)

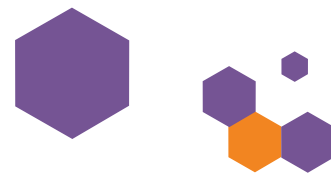
Women's Month

Women's Pilgrimage on Robben Island in partnership with the St George's Cathedral Justice & Reconciliation Group



Masculinity Event

in partnership with UWC Theology Department and Centre for Christian Spirituality



SÄFFI'S Inaugural Annual General Meeting

Patrons & Board members

● Front row from left: Revd Mpho Tutu, Elizabeth Petersen, Revd Barry Isaacs, Venessa Padayachee. Back row from left: Leah Omar, Noelene Blekkenhorst, Imam Dr Rashied Omar, Nonandi Diko, Vimla Pillay.



Men's Pilgrimage *on Robben Island* *in celebration of International Men's Day*



16 Days of Activism Campaign

Morreesburg Conference in Partnership with West Coast District Municipality - 29 November 2012



*Lavender Hill Workshop in Partnership with New World Foundation
5-6 December 2012*



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