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1. From the Director's Desk

Dear Readers

Greetings from PACSA as we celebrate the beginning of spring. Over the past few months we had a number of comments from our readers that help us improve this newsletter. We hope that you will find these news items interesting and that readers in the Pietermaritzburg and Durban areas will join us in our upcoming events.

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2. News

· PACSA participating in the 2013 Mandela Day Marathon

39 PACSA staff, family members, board members, community partners and friends participated in the 2013 Mandela Day Marathon under the banner of PACSA. The marathon, held on Sunday, 25 August 2013 started at the Manaye Hall in iMbali where Mandela gave his last public speech before his arrest and imprisonment on Robben Island and ended in Lidggeton, at the spot where Mandela was arrested by the security police in 1961.

[Read the full article \(with gallery of photographs\) here](#)



· The Electricity Action Group visiting the Soweto Electricity Crisis Committee

The Electricity Action Group and PACSA visited comrades from the Soweto Electricity Crisis Committee (SECC) in Dube, Soweto and the Landless People's Movement in Protea South. The visit was to connect with the SECC to think and learn together around questions of electricity, human dignity and the nature of capital, the state and democracy in contemporary South Africa.

[Read the full article \(with gallery of photographs\) here](#)



· Sharpening skills for improved home based care: Abanqobi and Hilton Valley Groups participate in a home-based care training programme

Pictured above are 11 members of the Abanqobi and Hilton Valley groups with the Home Based Care certificates they obtained after completing a 10-day course during August 2013 with the Gezibuso Projects. Both Abanqobi and Hilton Valley work in the field of HIV prevention and together provide home-based care to over 70 patients. This training was to update their knowledge on the changing nature of the provision of health care to HIV positive persons and to improve their skills to deliver quality care to their patients.

[Read the article here](#)



· 'Reclaim the night' in Durban

'Reclaim the night' is an international protest movement and action against rape and sexual violence in which women demand the right to move freely in their cities and communities during the day and at night without the threat of rape and sexual violence. uMphithi Men's Network and some PACSA staff joined hundreds of people who marched in the city of Durban to assert the right of women to move without fear in their city and community.

[Read the article \(with gallery of photographs\) here](#)



Programmes in Theology and Development at the University of KwaZulu-Natal

The Theology and Development Programme at UKZN is offering exciting and interdisciplinary programmes which envision the increased capacity of Christian leadership in Africa to reflect on and be engaged in social transformation for the public good. Applications to study in 2014 are open, until 30 September 2013. A limited number of bursaries are available based on academic merit & promise.

[To read more on these programmes click here](#)

3. Upcoming Events

· Pastors' Breakfast

Date: Friday, 20 September 2013.

Venue: City Royal Hotel, Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg

Time: 09h00 to 11h00

All pastors and leaders of faith communities invited.

(RSVP to Sonia Nunthoolall at 033 342 0052 or admin@pacsa.org.za)

This breakfast, hosted in collaboration with the Midlands Council of Churches, will launch our joint campaign for a Churches week of Action on Food from the 13 to 20 October 2013. This week of action forms part of a global church campaign led by the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, of which PACSA is a member, which encourages church communities to focus on how we can overcome hunger in a world with enough food for everyone to live in dignity. We will distribute a resource pack at the breakfast that church communities can use during the week of action.

· Round Table Discussion on Leadership in South Africa

Date: Friday, 18 October 2013.

Venue: City Royal Hotel, Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg

Time: 10h00 to 15h00

Public invited

(RSVP to Sonia Nunthoolall at 033-3420052 or admin@pacsa.org.za)

PACSA, in collaboration with the Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office and the Goedgedacht Forum for Social Reflection, is hosting a round table discussion on Leadership in SA today.

The four panelists that will address this topic, from various perspectives, are: Prof. Steven Friedman, University of Johannesburg; Minister Yunus Carriem, Minister of Communications in the national cabinet; Bishop Reuben Phillip, Bishop of the diocese of Natal, and a representative from Transparency International (name to be confirmed).

As we approach the 2014 national elections the question of the kind of leaders we require and their influence is of importance to the national dialogue. The roundtable will discuss ways in which we can re-configure what leadership means in our context and how this capacity can be strengthened.

4. PACSA in the Media

· See the article, 'Ensuring a past not Forgotten' in the Witness newspaper of 29 August 2013 which makes reference to PACSA's role in the struggle against apartheid and the PACSA Archival Collection in the Allan Paton Struggle Archives on the campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

[Read the full article here](#)

· **PACSA FACEBOOK PAGE:** We started the year with no more than 10 'likes' on our Facebook page. At the end of August we had 129 'likes' and a few of our postings reaching 350 people. Help us to increase the number of Facebook users who is linked to the PACSA page by sharing our postings with your friends and colleagues.

[To access the Facebook page. click here and 'like' the page](#)

5. Feature/Debate

South Africa is reaping the fruits of inequality as far too many people feel alienated and excluded from the economy, writes Frank Meintjies, in 'Public should support policies that reduces inequality'. He argues that without greater economic inclusion, social cohesion is a bridge too far.

[Read the full article here.](#)

6. Meet the Kwadindi Youth Organisation, a PACSA Community partner group

Kwadindi Youth Organisation is an organization that PACSA started working with during 2012. The group has 30 members, 24 women and 6 men. They are situated and work in Vulindlela, a large rural area outside of Pietermaritzburg. The group is involved in youth leadership



development, poverty alleviation and food security.
[Read the article \(with gallery of photographs\) here](#)



7. Support PACSA financially through MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet Card

PACSA is registered as a beneficiary of My School/My Village/My Planet card programme. This means that the My School card users can list PACSA as a beneficiary and we will receive a small contribution each time you swipe your card at participating outlets. If you are a card user and would like to list PACSA as a beneficiary then please follow the steps below:

1. If you already have a MySchool card, but would like to change your beneficiary, simply call our Client Service Centre (0860 100 445) - there is no need to get a new card!
2. If you don't have a MySchool card yet, simply apply for your card online or fill out an application in store at any participating Woolworths Store.

Online:

Go to <http://www.myschool.co.za/>

Get your free card today.



8. Write to us!

Here we encourage readers to write to us!