



Our structures

Policy of Diakonia is decided by a Council consisting of representatives of member churches and organisations. The Council elects an Executive which meets regularly to ensure smooth running of the organisation. Several committees and task groups advise and assist the organisation on aspects of its work.

How we finance our work

Member churches and organisations contribute financially, but at a modest level. A large proportion of our funding comes from international church agencies. We have steadily increased the proportion of local funding over the past years, in response to the growing need to mobilise local resources.

It is important to increase local support, through business, organisations and individuals who share our vision of a transformed society. Local sources investing in Diakonia will reap a worthwhile dividend in future, as our society and nation become more just, more peaceful, more equitable and more prosperous.

One way churches, organisations and communities can support our work is by hiring the Diakonia Conference Centre facilities.

You can also become a Friend and make regular financial contributions to the organisation.

You can also leave a Bequest to Diakonia Council of Churches.

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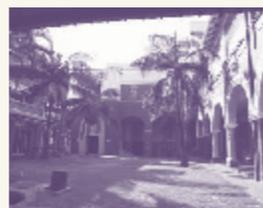
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Where we work

We work in the area covered by the eThekweni Municipality centred around Durban, on the coast of the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

This is a place of great contrasts: city centre, suburbs, townships, informal settlements and rural areas; extreme poverty alongside conspicuous wealth; people of every race, language and creed.

While a great deal has been achieved in the post-apartheid South Africa, many challenges still remain. Unemployment, poverty, inequality, environmental degradation as well as gender-based violence continue to plague our society. These challenges are exacerbated by corruption.

Thus we believe that churches are life-affirming communities, where people are empowered by their faith to overcome the despair around them. Churches have a unique contribution to make to the struggle against injustice. Our task is to facilitate a process in and through the churches for the task of making this unique contribution.

For it is clearly not God's will that the world should suffer the injustice that is present in much of creation today.



The **Diakonia Council of Churches** is an ecumenical, inter-church agency, working with churches and church organisations in the pursuit of a more just society. By this we mean an improved quality of life for the poor, as well as changes in attitudes and structures which perpetuate injustice.

Our experience

We have been active in the greater Durban area for many years. Our history has given us the knowledge, expertise and skills to better serve the churches. Our particular strengths include focusing the attention of the churches on the root causes of injustice, rather than on symptoms. We have learnt that repeatedly offering charity to the poor perpetuates dependency.

Our mission

In partnership with our member churches and organisations, we are inspired by our Christian faith to play a transformative role enabling people to take responsibility for their lives and to promote prophetic action on social justice issues.

Our core values

Justice, Truth, Integrity, Transparency, Accountability, Learning.

OUR APPROACH

- As process facilitators, we meet with churches and groups to determine how best to take action to bring positive social change in their communities.
- We start from where people are at and accompany them in their development process as social justice activists.
- We enable groups to identify, understand and address the systemic or root causes of injustice in their communities.
- We work with organised groups of people who formulate their own shared goal which expresses the change they want for themselves or their community.
- We stand in solidarity with organisations and individuals working for social justice.
- We create unique opportunities for the ecumenical church to demonstrate united witness.

BENEFITS FOR CHURCHES

- Churches work with their identified needs.
- Churches link their faith and life and put their faith into action.
- Churches and groups also benefit from our many local, regional and international links.
- Churches get an ecumenical platform to engage in social justice issues.

Our vision: A transformed society actively working for social justice