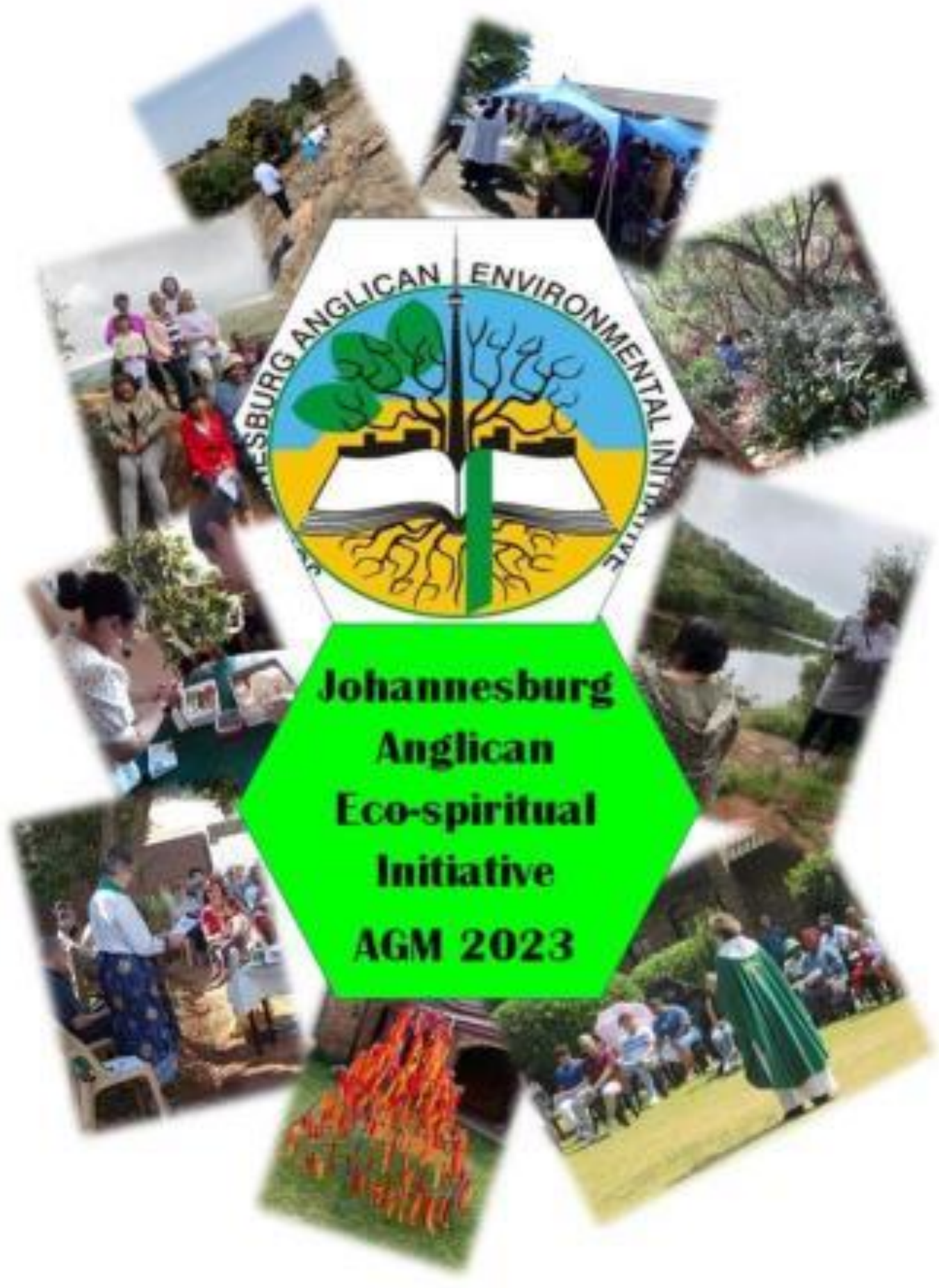




**Johannesburg
Anglican
Eco-spiritual
Initiative
AGM 2023**



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AGM Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Johannesburg Anglican Eco-spiritual Initiative will be held on Saturday, 3 June 2023 at the St Joseph Diocesan Centre, Cnr Goodman and Herman Streets Sophiatown, at 09:00 to conduct the following business:

1. To present the report on previous year's activities
2. To present financial report
3. To elect office bearers
4. To transact such other business as needed.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Business of AGM
3. Acceptance of minutes of previous year
4. Presentation and Acceptance of the Annual Report
5. Presentation and Acceptance of the Financial Report
6. 2023 JAEI Committee
 - a. Present JAEI Committee
 - b. Receive any nominations to the JAEI Committee
7. General
8. Thanks and close



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Johannesburg Anglican Eco-spiritual Initiative (JAEI)

held at St Joseph's Diocesan Centre on Saturday 22 May 2021 - 09:00-11:00

Present: Martha Gordon, Fridah Moatshe, Judy Bassingthwaighte, Noeleen Mullett, Fiona Maskell, Janet Magner, Tim Gray, Gift Ngwenya, Tsepo Matubatuba, Isaac Meletse, Lulu Ntshophe, Stuart Marr, Cally Tuckey, Zolisa Sigabi

Apologies: Boyce Mathibela, Marjie Siziba, Anne Wright, Yvonne Phillips, Di Murray, Batlhalefeng Maleke

Opening & Devotions: The Chairperson, Martha opened the meeting and welcomed all. After a round of introductions where people also reflected on their relationship with Nature, Fridah led the devotions.

Approval of Minutes of the 2020 AGM: Noeleen proposed, Judy seconded.

Matters arising: None.

Chairperson's Report

Martha presented the report (see AGM pack for report). She said JAEI managed to keep the Ministry going despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Some activities and in-person meetings had to be shelved. Acceptance of the Report: Proposer – Fridah; Secunder – Fiona. Under general comments following the Chair's report – it was proposed that past Chairpersons should be granted life membership of JAEI. This was supported and was moved for discussion on any other business.

Finance Report

Martha presented the report and noted that with Mark's passing it was a challenge to get the records of funds but eventually managed through the Diocese. The finances were audited and verified by Arthur Christie – a Volunteer. The funds are growing and it would be good to identify projects to fund. Parishes have to identify what greening project they need funding for.

Acceptance of the Finance report: Proposer – Gift, Secunder – Janet.

Nominations

Martha noted that all current members of the JAEI Committee are willing to continue to serve. Fiona asked what the Terms of reference say in regards to length of service in the Committee. She also moved that these be observed and reflected on the AGM's Agenda. Martha said the term is 4 years for Office Bearers. She said there was a challenge however when the Chairperson (Fiona) resigned after the 2019 AGM and Martha had to assume Chair without a deputy. Due to Covid-19, the Committee insisted Martha continue which meant there was no deputy for the period. Fiona said the Terms of reference are not confined to Office Bearers only but apply to the members of the Committee also. Martha said their terms could be extended if the committee votes to do so. Martha said it will be addressed at the first meeting after the AGM. Fiona said this was fine. Noeleen proposed, Isaac seconded.

Martha announced that Judy has agreed to be Chaplain – a position previously held by Kevin Balkwell who moved to Mpumalanga. Zolisa who was co-opted as a member of the Committee, has volunteered to serve as Secretary of meetings to take Minutes. These will also be discussed at the next meeting with all other nominations of Committee members, new members, roles and rotation.

Certificates

St Francis of Moroka will be the first parish to receive Certificates of Merit in recognition of their outstanding garden Initiative. The inaugural certificates will be presented at a Service in June. Isaac received the certificates (produced by JAEI) and signed by the JAEI chairperson and Bishop Steve Moreo, on behalf of the parish. In reply he said they are taking the Greening of the parish further. Caring for Nature will be part of the Sunday school Ministry.

Brainstorm Session – 5 Questions were posed around Biodiversity and Extinction.

As the Faith community we need to find out where we can help to save Nature. The key is education. We need to consider holding Eco services and determine how often they should be. Pew leaflets should carry an Eco tip to be matched with a Bible verse.

Feed-back from Brainstorm sessions

Group A

- Restore Church land - Get rid of invader species.
 - Phased replacement of old Trees
 - Introduce litter/waste management.
- Plant indigenous trees, shrubs and flowers including those that attract Butterflies.
- Enhance education through communication.
- Involve Youth and children (5 – 18 years) and share information on invasive plants.
- Look at partnerships: Girl guides and Boy scouts, YUNGA-Youth UN Global Alliance which is part of the FAO and localise this relationship for South Africa, Alliance with Environmental NGOs.

Group B

- At Parish level - Look at ways of getting people to change. The Eco-brick was a good start to get people involved.
- Use Eco tips on the pew leaflets and match them with Bible verses.
- Identify a community project to work on and host events once a year.
- Introduce gifts that highlight the preservation of Nature for Baptisms and Confirmations (e.g. Fruit trees, indigenous trees etc).
- Explore opportunities for sharing events with other Faith groups. An intra-faith movement would make an impact.
- Involve the residents' Associations so the Church may be part of on-going Initiatives.

Group C

- Churches should have food gardens especially during this period of Covid19 pandemic. In Jabavu there is a food garden NGO that is training young people.
- Breed Poultry – Chickens, Ducks and Geese at the Diocesan grounds
- Set up creative gardens in Parishes including Roof gardens.
- Install Jojo tanks to harvest rainwater.
- Use Enviro-friendly liturgy.
- Encourage more Outdoor worship.
- Encourage Parish walks and hikes to learn about and instil the love of Nature.

Any Other Business

- The suggestions made at group sessions can be implemented during the Environment month of June and the Season of Creation in September.
- Consultation on the Diocesan grounds project are on-going. Rough estimates of costs have been sought and they are steep. Meantime, Gift Ruda, the Centre's groundsman will be assisted in identifying alien trees and shrubs that are easy to remove.

Closing with the Grace by all. This was followed by a book sale and a walk around the garden and the Melville Koppies trail bordering the Diocesan Centre. Spekboom branches were available to take home and harvest for their Parish.

Compiled by Z Sigabi - 01 June 2021

JAEI Report for 2022

JAEI continues to promote eco-spiritualism throughout all organisations and parishes in the Diocese of Johannesburg despite the challenges of resources.

We continue to provide a monthly prayer diary while assisting parishes to host eco-spiritual events and activities such as clean-ups, food gardens, planting indigenous plants and trees, fun walks, and eco services, especially for World Environment Month (June) and Season of Creation (September). We had a record number of parishes hosting innovative and popular outdoor worship services in September. These services brought much excitement and inspiration.

Our WhatsApp group is popular and many issues, ideas and inspiring stories shared. We continue to engage with Green Anglicans and the Southern African Faith Communities' Environmental Institute (SAFCEI).

JAEI Events included:

- JAEI committee planning workshop on Saturday 5 February.
- Pre-Lent Eco-Quiet Morning at Kloofendaal Nature Reserve on 26 February.
- Diocesan Jojo Tank sponsored by JAEI (R30 000), approved April and installed in May.
- Flower morning on how to make eco and cost-effective floral arrangements on 21 May. There were 19 participants and R450 raised.
- Visit to St Andrews School for Girls with eco sermon and awareness raising. Each learner was given a bean to take home and plant.
- Morning session on Eco-spiritualism for Fellowship of Exploration (FoX) candidates at St Joseph's Diocesan Centre on 1 October.
- Eco hike for Region 1 Confirmation candidates at Kloofendaal Nature Reserve on 14 October. Spekboom was used to decorate the church for the joint confirmation service on 21 Oct and 41 Candidates in 4 parishes received spekboom seedling gifts.
- Eco session during Cathedral Archdeaconry Youth Zoo Lake outing on 22 October.

Committee: Revd Martha Gordon (Chair), Revd Judy Bassingthwaighte, Fredah Moatshe, Noeleen Mullett, Gift Ngwenya, Zolisa Sigabi

See: www.jaei.org.za and to join our WhatsApp group, or for more information please message Martha 083 399 5934 or email: marthahgordon@gmail.com

Revd Martha Gordon
Chairperson

Financial Statement

Johannesburg Anglican Eco-Spiritual Initiative
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31 December 2022


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Income	2022	2021
Donations	0	3500
Interest on deposit account	0	1386
AGM net income	0	490
Other Income	450	155
	<u>450</u>	<u>5531</u>
Expenditures		
Website	400	400
SAFCEI subscription	0	-
Diocesan donation	30000	-
Reversal of accruals	0	R1 850,00
Other expenses	100	565
	<u>30500</u>	<u>895</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	-30050	6420
Surplus brought forward	48157	41731
	<u>18107</u>	<u>48157</u>

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

Accumulated Funds	-18107	-48157
Project funding - unspent surplus	-3199	-3199
PrePaid expenses	0	400
Cash on hand	430	80
Sundry Creditors	0	0
	<u>-20876</u>	<u>-50876</u>
Represented by:		
Funds deposited with the Diocese	20876	50876

Report of the independent verifier

I have examined the above financial statements and records supplied by the chairperson. From my investigations, I confirm that these statements are in agreement with the accounting records, and that in my opinion adequate records have been maintained. It is not possible to verify income before it is recorded in the records as cash received. I further report that the value of the funds deposited with the Diocese at 31 December 2022 would appear to be dependent on future positive cash flows within the Diocese. As such I am unable to give an opinion on the value of these funds, or the Balance Sheet and Income Statement of the JAEI at 31 December 2022.


Christie

Independent Verifier


24 March 2023

Report of the Chairperson

The above financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared from the records and vouchers supplied to me by the Committee. In my opinion, the above balance sheet at 31 December 2022 fairly represents the financial position of the JAEI at that date, and the income and expenditure account fairly represents the results of its activities for the year ended on that date. These financial statements have been approved by the Committee.

Chairperson

24 March 2023


Martha Gordon (Rvd)

