



Dear ACSI Family!

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From The Director's Desk**

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Dear Principals

Hearty congratulations go to all our schools and their learners on the excellent results obtained by their Grade 12 students in the 2023 exams. We know that the results were the culmination of years of hard work by the students, ably supported and encouraged by their teachers and parents. We trust that the Lord will go before these students as they move onto the next chapter of their lives, and that the strong Christian foundations which were laid in your school will sustain and strengthen them in their walk with the Lord.

ADVOCACY

SA-SAMS

I will be joining the rest of my colleagues on NAISA (the body which represents the majority of independent school associations in South Africa) to meet with DBE officials regarding the SA-SAMS reporting system. We will meet early next week but in the meantime could I ask any principals who have questions or comments regarding SA-SAMS to send these to me urgently – by **tomorrow (Friday 26th January)**.

NATIONAL PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

Registrations are now open. It has been good to note that within a day of registrations opening, we have already received a number of paid-up delegates. Annerie kindly offered to send out invitations individually, so should you not have received yours yet, it is likely to arrive in your inbox within the next day or so. We look forward to welcoming a large contingent of principals to what promises to be a most worthwhile time of engaging with each other, while being challenged by some top speakers.

RESOURCES

ACSI Guiding Principles on Biblical Sexuality

You may recall that towards the end of last year I sent out a discussion document on the challenges which schools are likely to face regarding gender issues. As I said at the time, the document was intended to provoke discussion within schools and to assist school leadership teams with putting policies and systems in place to answer questions regarding their stand on gender and sexuality. Now, ACSI Global has released its own 'Guiding Principles on Biblical Sexuality'. It would be worth your while to go through this document as part of a wider discussion at your school on the topic.

[Click here](#) for the document.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ACSI 2024 Calendar

Please take note of the venue changes for both the Principal Meeting and the Teacher Conference being held in **Limpopo** in May. Access the **updated** 2024 calendar [here](#).

Teacher Conferences 2024

The registrations for the Teacher Conferences being held in 2024 are open. Individual invitations will be sent to schools at least six weeks before the event, but if you would like more information or to book early, [click here](#) for the ACSI Calendar and click on the event in your area.

“And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
Matthew 4:19

God bless.

Neil Malherbe

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