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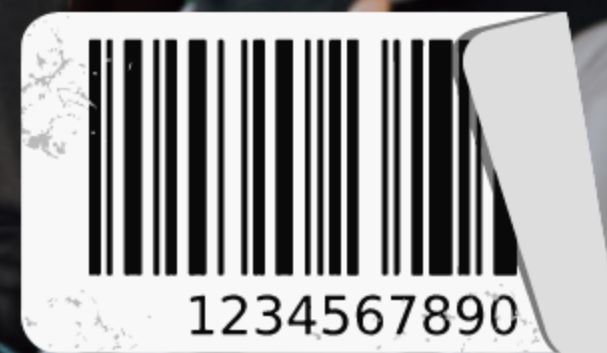
# THE GREAT TIMES

A WORD  
FROM THE  
PRESIDENT

FROM THE  
EDITORIAL TEAM

JOIN US AS WE  
UNPACK AND  
UNFOLD THE  
CONFERENCE  
PROGRAMS

OUR  
GREAT  
AREAS



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# THE CON TENT



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# ABOUT THE GREAT TIMES

This is a pretty exciting moment for us, and we want to include YOU in our first e-newsletter! To quickly address why you are receiving it: we have met, chatted, and probably had a session together. It may have been a while ago, so you might have to dig deep into the old memory banks, but don't worry that is why we are here.

Just a little story behind the e-newsletter magazine, it is a journey behind THE GREAT EAST CONFERENCE YPDERS sharing memories, insight information and knowledge on awareness, acknowledging our areas in their programs and having to tackle down some of the conference incoming programs, We do hope that you enjoy reading through our magazine and do hope to hear from you if they is anything that you'd love us to add in our next feature. But for now let us Grow Glow and Go for Christ.♥

## Did You Know?

A fact is something that genuinely happened or something that really is the case. To verify a fact, assessing a real-life experience related to that fact is a popular method.



## Words from the President

Greetings GREAT EAST CONFERENCE YPD

Quote by Barack Obama

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some time..."

It is time for us to take change East Conference and be the change we want to see in our conference. The Lord knows the wonderful desires that we have for this conference so let that vision not die while God has blessed us with the gift of life.

With that I say, "Do not wait for a chance because your time is now!"

Khanyisile Pontso Skhosana  
Great East Conference YPD President

**Words of Encouragement.**

**Keep calm and stay cool because God is in control!**

**"Those are words I live by"**



# THE EAST LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY (TELTA)

"I live not out of my religion,  
I live not out of my morals,  
but I simply live out of my  
humanity."-Words by  
Sadguru

The East Leadership Training Academy is a program aimed at promoting and providing leadership skills to members of the East Conference YPD. The program is aimed at eradicating the fear of members taking up leadership positions and the rise of popularity over quality leadership. Its purpose is to train 50 members in a period of 3 months through innovative and exciting studies. With top of the class facilitators that do not only have experience but evidence of how sustainable leadership helps develop young people. With studies ranging from...

Presidential Studies, Communications, Financial Education, Spirituality, Statistics and Parliamentarian Studies.

We hope to develop young members that will be skilled in how to grow and better our organization. TELTA will not only be a church benefit, but participants will get to use what they have learnt in their career paths, and gain an advantage in the competitive employment sector of South Africa.

# TELTA

## THE EAST LEADERSHIP TRAINING

ACADEMY

**K. G MOLOI**

East Conference 1st VP

# LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

THE GREAT EAST CONFERENCE YPD

Come with us as we look at what transpired at the Great East Conference leadership summit, with the theme of the weekend being Stepping in. Which was held at Altekker Youth Camp from the 16th till the 18th of February 2024, a spiritually nourishing event and great honour it was being in the house of the Lord, let us unpack the weekend together.

From day one the mandate was set, and it was to start a spiritual journey as a conference, and to educate future leaders on execution, with programs that were set to insight both current and future leaders, dwelling first into the constitutional talk to help members understand that we are led and guided by the constitution and helping members understand rules precisely so that we could have leaders that follow rules and do not discredit them for years to come.

The Great East Conference was blessed by the presence and presentation on "Leadership Dialogue", from the past presidents of the conference Brothers Thato Ngamlani and Kgatle Duitlwileng, our very own current Mother Director Molete and two of our officers.

Presentations were well presented and brought engagement amongst members, one can say they learnt a lot from the presenters.

Of course we can't have all talk and no fun, especially as the youth, facilitators planned a game to test our group work and trusting abilities "Friends Like These", members were put into groups where they had to work as a team to tackle opponents to get the ultimate win. And losers had to gulp down a mixture of spices and a few other ingredients. Definitely wouldn't want to be the loser, would you?

Later on that day we had one of the greatest programs to ever happen in the Conference "What's your story" a very emotional and yet interactive session that was, members had a chance to dwell on issues that they never thought one would be interested in hearing.

We have long mistakenly believed that attending church and practicing Christianity is solely associated with praise and worship, rather than getting to know and comprehend our fellow believers. What's your story appears to be one of those programmes that seeks to bring us together primarily on a profound level. Learning and listening to other people's stories has improved our ability to understand other people and have empathy for them in all of their circumstances. We laughed, we cried, but most of all, we gained a deeper understanding of one another. Prayer was reinforced and wonderful relationships were formed as a result of this programme. We are able to pray for people to handle whatever circumstance they may have shared because of what we have heard from them. all we can say is that BE SURE TO TREAT PEOPLE WITH KINDNESS BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY GOING THROUGH. In closing of a very emotional Saturday we had a candle light service that was led by the Worship Director of the Conference, with a relay from brothers who had a message from the Lord, if you needed the holy spirit then you should have been with us at the summit, but that's okay theres always a next time. Sunday closing service with our very own past president, now pastor Rev Paledi Mahasha and his family. We've unpacked and now we can't wait to see y'all at the seminar which sits from the 3rd to the 5th of May, be sure to be there for more exciting programs.



# RECRUITMENT

BY BROTHER AMOGELANG MOREMEDI

“A modern recruiter is one who is targeted, builds relationships and knows how to not only find candidates but also get them to respond!” – Stacy Donovan Zapar



## WHAT IS RECRUITMENT?

THE ACTION OF ENSTILING NEW PEOPLE IN THE ARMED FORCES  
THE PROCESS OF ACTIVELY SEEKING OUT, FINDING AND HIRING FOR A SPECIFIC POSITION/OFFICE

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITMENT?

THE PURPOSE OF THE RECRUITMENT PROSESS IN RATHER ELABORATE FROM AQURING NEW TALENT TO CONTINUITY OF BUSINESS/CHURCH ACTIVITIRS, THE IMORTANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE RECRUITMENT PROCESS NEVER CEASES  
RECRUITMENT PROCESS ASSISTS A ORGANIZATION IN EVALUATING ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE STAPPING REQUIREMENTS  
IT INCREASES THE SUCCESS RATE

RECRUTIMENT EXPANDS TALENT POOI

THE GOAL OF RECRUTIMENT IS TO CREAT A WIDE POOI UP OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, IN SIMPLE TERMS ITS TO GROW THE CONFERENCE BY RECRUTING MEMBERS FROM LOCALS AND AREAS. THIS WILL IMPROVE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE ORINAL SATION AND OUR GREAT CONFERENCE” ‘

‘A GREAT LEADER IS SEEN BY THEIR RECRIUTMENT SKILLS’

HOW DO YOU ,DO THIS AS A LEADER?

ATTARCT AND ENGAGE BETTER

BE ABLE TO MEASURE SUCCSESS

SELL THE BRAND/ORGANIZATION

BE THE FACE OF THE BRAND

THE MUST IMPORTANT THING IS RESPACT YOURSELF AND ALSO THE PEOPLE YOU ARE WORKING WTH IN THAT WAY RECRUTING WILL BE MUCH EASY.

## FACTS ABOUT RECRUITMENT.

NETWORK IS IMPORTANT.

ATTTUDE IS WHAT LOSES YOU MEMBERS AND MAKES IT HARD FOR YOU RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS.

IT MAY TAKE TIME AND EFFORT BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY THIS PROCESS IS WORTH IT ESPECIALLY WHEN MEMEBERS ARE SUCCESEFULLY RECRUITED.

# Freedom of

LOVEALTER

EXPRESSION & OPINION

*by* Sis. Karabo Molete

The freedom of opinion and expression is a fundamental human right that is enshrined in various international treaties and conventions, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). This right is essential for the functioning of democratic societies, as it allows individuals to express their thoughts, opinions, and beliefs without fear of censorship or reprisal.



including the right to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, through any media of one's choice.

Freedom of opinion and expression encompasses a wide range of rights,

and impart information and ideas of

to hold opinions without interference and to express them

This right also includes the freedom

other form of communication.

through speech, writing, art, or any

# Freedom of

LOVEALTER

## EXPRESSION & OPINION

The right to freedom of opinion and expression is essential for the development of a free and informed society. It allows individuals to participate in public debates, voice dissenting opinions, and hold those in power accountable. It also plays a crucial role in promoting diversity, tolerance, and mutual understanding by ensuring that a variety of viewpoints and perspectives can be expressed and heard.

However, despite the importance of this right, freedom of opinion and expression is not always respected. In many parts of the world, individuals who express dissenting opinions or criticize those in power face censorship, harassment, intimidation, and even violence. Journalists, activists, and human rights defenders are particularly vulnerable to attacks on their right to freedom of expression, as they often challenge the status quo and expose corruption, injustice, and human rights abuses

# Freedom of

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## EXPRESSION & OPINION

During Human Rights month, it is important to raise awareness about the importance of the freedom of opinion and expression and to advocate for its protection.

Governments have a duty to uphold this right and to create an enabling environment in which individuals can freely express their opinions and ideas without fear of reprisal. Civil society, the media, and individuals also have a role to play in defending this right and standing up for those whose freedom of expression is under threat.

In conclusion, the freedom of opinion and expression is a fundamental human right that is essential for the functioning of democratic societies and the promotion of human rights. It allows individuals to express their thoughts, opinions, and beliefs without fear of censorship or reprisal, and plays a crucial role in promoting diversity, tolerance, and mutual understanding. It is important to uphold and defend this right, particularly during Human Rights month, to ensure that all individuals can freely express themselves and contribute to the public debate.

# AREA RECOGNITION



Thank you for always putting your best foot forward! Your performance is always top-notch, even when you take on more work.

The Bold And Believing Area 3 had a reverent spiritual candle light service in hopes to "Enhance spiritual growth and build a firm and strong spiritual awareness for the year"- The President of the Area says. They worshipped in unity alongside their neighbouring churches.

The Spirit Moved Area 6 continues to raise awareness on the increasing statistics of gender based violence and sexual assault in South Africa through their Walk a Mile in my shoes Roadtrip Series. They congress once/twice a month from the month of February to collect donations for the Theodora Indaba Safe House forable to fully comprehend their victims in Daveyton.

The Powerful Abundantly Worshipping Area 11 organised an impeccable Officers forum in hopes to instill knowledge and understanding pertaining the executive positions of the organisation. This initiative aimed to help members understand their roles precisely and allow them to work with eager as they had been able to fully comprehend their expectations.

# Our Great Areas



Together we grow glow And go for Christ



Youth is not a time of life: it is a state of mind: . . . a vigor of the emotions: it is the freshness of the deep springs of life



# Our Great Areas



A little bit more...



Travel around our areas



Area Recognitions



"From Boundaries to Boundless:  
A Journey of Love, Courage, and  
Acceptance in Building a  
Wholesome Family"



# Our Great Areas

**AREA 1**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS THABILE TLAILAI  
 DIRECTOR: SIS SEIPATI MAKWE



**AREA 2**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS NELISWA PHAKATHI  
 DIRECTOR: SIS ESTHER MFENE



**AREA 3**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS KEITUMETSE MOLOI  
 DIRECTOR: SIS KENEUWE MOLOI



**AREA 4**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS NEO RAMARUMO  
 DIRECTOR: SIS NOMBASA KGOGO



**AREA 5**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS LERATO CHUDUKU  
 DIRECTOR: SIS NNANA MOKGATLE



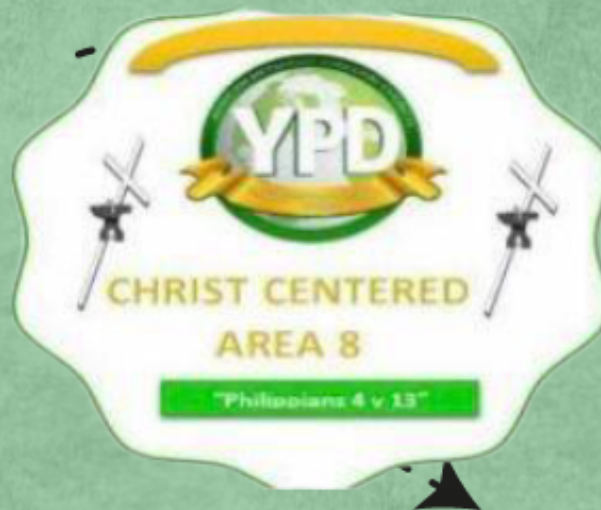
**AREA 6**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS LESEGO SHABALALA  
 DIRECTOR: SIS KATE MOLOKO



**AREA 7**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS ANELE NKOMONDE  
 DIRECTOR: SIS LINDIWE TSHABALALA



**AREA 8**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS DINEO MODIKO  
 DIRECTOR: SIS AUDREY MOUMAKWE



**AREA 9**  
 PRESIDENT: SIS LOMTHEMBA DHLUDHLU  
 DIRECTOR: SIS NANCY MASHIOLANE



**AREA 10**  
 PRESIDENT: BRO MPHU MALULEKA  
 DIRECTOR: SIS NOMSOMBULUKO NHLAPO



**AREA 11**  
 PRESIDENT: BRO WETHU JNR MTIMBA  
 DIRECTOR: SIS SIBONGILE GAMA



*A little bit more*

youth is not a time of life: it is a state of mind: it is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees: it is a matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions: it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.



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# THE GREAT EAST QUESTION AND ANSWER

AN INITIATIVE BY THE HISTORIOGRAPHER  
AND EDITORIAL TEAM

The Great East Question and Answer. How well do you know your Conference? Well it's time for you to test that, this activity will take us down memory lane to the likes of Rev S Mokgatle to Bro Thato Ngamlane and all the way to Sis Khanyisile Skosana.

The vision behind this is not only to test the knowledge of our members but also teach those who don't know

certain information within our Great Conference, also we hope to see the Conference grow in a way that whatever sacrifices were made many years ago benefits the next generation.

Our Mission is quite straightforward, we aim to teach and this will not only be informative but also will be paving way for future leaders of this Conference.

The office mandate remains straightforward, and it is to teach.

Our Questions will be tricky and fun at the same time, so don't be afraid to be wrong because remember AME is a teaching church.

For Example We'll have a question like  
Q. Who is the IPP of the Great East Conference in the year 2024?

A. Bro Kabelo Mofokeng

We pray and hope you guys will interact as much as possible and make this fun, see you soon.....

Amogelang Owethu Moremedi  
Lesedi Leago "Grabz" Mahlabe  
Tshiamiso Balai Mogakabe

The Great East Conference presents:

# Sweet Jar Competition

## Game Review

The office of the Secretary in collaboration with the office of the 3rd Vice President hereby officially invites/present the Great East Conference sweet jar competition that will be held at the Conference seminar. The office saw it fit that before it is done at the seminar we should introduce it at the Area and Local level, which will be done by the Secretaries of all the area with the assistance of 3rd Vice Presidents.

The office has already shared information with the Area secretaries and requested that this information should be shared with the locals.

On the 25th of January 2024 the office releases their first sweet jar poster which is the Area Edition, the area is hereby requested that the competition should be held by the end of April 2024. Each will be given tickets that they need to sell to their members local or areas and the money that they will be made will be handed in at the arrival day at the seminar.



# ***Editor's Note***

## **Vision**

**“A camera is a SAVE button for the mind's eye” -Roger Kingston**

**The Great East Conference editorial team aims to capture the most intimate and memorable moments, across all 11 Areas. We strive to create a platform that resonates the beauty of this organisation through imagery”**



## **Mission statement**

**An editorial mission statement involves answering four key questions:**

- 1. Who you are as a church.**
- 2. Who you want to reach.**
- 3. How you want to reach your target audience.**
- 4. What you want them to do.**

**It involves the articulation of ideas, opinions, positions and other forms of thought leadership. In most cases, the intended outcome of your editorial mission statement is to impact audiences through content that informs, advises, provides insights, resources, inspiration, knowledge and relevance. It is this direction that keeps branded content from being self-serving. Remember the editorial is not only about capturing moments but, It is about influencing readers in meaningful and industry-relevant ways. It represents the expertise that positions you and your church wants grow and leave an impactful message**

**Regarding the ongoing disruptions from digital technology to our daily lives, its immediate effects and implications will be delivered in detail in this article. Our mission is to oversee and guide the content as well as the direction of the YPD Newsletter and our Social media Platforms. We are determined to play a role in shaping the overall voice and message of what it means to be part of the East Conference family. We aim to work together with the other editors and create a platform of peer-learning and empowerment as part of the MARKETING AND EDITORIAL TEAM.**

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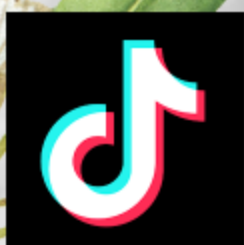
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From the bottom of our hearts,  
GREAT EAST CONFERENCE  
YPD thank you for being a part  
of our story.

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