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Advancing in Our Apostolic Faith and Vision - A Review of the Year 2025, Under the Theme: Building on The Sure Foundation

As we reflect on the year 2025, we do so with deep gratitude to God for a season defined by a progressing transition, growth, and purposeful advancement under the theme “**Building on the Sure Foundation**”, as we unpacked further and rolled out the Governance, Administration, and Management Manual of the Apostolic Faith Church.

The 2025 Theme of the Year - Building on the Sure Foundation, drawn from Ephesians 2:19-22 and 1 Corinthians 3:9-11 (KJV) - provided both spiritual direction and practical focus for the Church across the regions and nations. In a world marked by uncertainty and shifting values, 2025 reminded us that only what is built on Christ, the true and sure foundation, will endure.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, declares: “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11, KJV). This truth anchored the year’s message. Every conference, ministry training and leadership development program, activities and services were intentionally aligned to strengthen the faithful beloved, and all leaders, to be anchored upon Christ alone by committing to the Word of the Lord in depth and doctrinal soundness, spiritual maturity, and unity in purpose, pursuing the one Vision, Mission, and Goals and Objective of the Church.

Similarly, Ephesians 2:19-22 reminds us that we are “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone”. Throughout 2025, this scripture found practical expression as the Church focused on apostolic teaching and prophetic direction, according to the revelation and light received by our founding Fathers through Rev. William Oliver Hutchinson, as the beginning, after the order of the early church and apostles - the Christ-centered work of the ministry. The year was not necessarily focused on mere activity, but about alignment, ensuring that structures, leadership, and spiritual life were firmly grounded in biblical truth, on the solid foundation that is Christ, rather than personalities, or self-centered service by those given the privilege and opportunity to lead the flock of God.

One of the most notable highlights of 2025 was the successful convening of conferences across both the North and South of Limpopo region countries. These gatherings were more than routine events; they were moments of spiritual realignment, renewal, unity, and reaffirmation of the Church’s foundational Faith and Vision through intentional and deliberate teaching, leadership training, and preparation for ministry. Ministers and believers gathered with one heart and one mind, sharing in worship, the Word, and fellowship, while being reminded of the importance of building on the Sure Foundation that cannot be shaken.

Across the regions, there has been emphasis on strengthening local assemblies, equipping leaders, and reinforcing the message of Christ as the cornerstone. Testimonies of renewed vision and restored commitment are being received.

A particularly significant achievement in 2025 was the continued success of leadership and

ministry training programs. These programs reflected the understanding that a strong foundation for ministry requires well-equipped builders. This may seem new today, but our founding Father Rev. W.O Hutchinson states in the Decrees of the Apostolic Faith Church on page 51 paragraph 8.1 of the Governance Manual that those men that are to be set in leadership offices must undergo a “season of training” and “give satisfactory evidence of their abilities in the gifts and graces of God” and must be approved.

Apostle Paul states, “According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise Masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation” (1 Corinthians 3:10, KJV). Leadership training throughout the year sought to raise such “wise masterbuilders” - leaders who understand and seek to understand true doctrine, walk in faithfulness, and are ready to serve with humility to pursue the vision and purpose given by God.

The pinnacle of the ministry training and leadership development was the Ministers Conference of the South of Limpopo Region, held in Daveyton, Johannesburg, South Africa, from 18th to 21st December 2025. Ministers from across the region gathered for fellowship, teaching and leadership training for realigning our Church leadership to the Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives of the Church, with a renewed understanding of our calling as ministers of the gospel, as is given in the book of Ephesians 4:11-13: “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”. The atmosphere was one of reverence, expectation, and renewed commitment to the call of God.

The conference was graced by the presence of the Deputy International Chief Overseer, who officiated and ministered during the gathering, provided Apostolic direction and insights on the revelation of Christ and the Light that was received by our founding Fathers at the beginning. He also ministered on the calling, equipping, and preparation for pastoral ministry. Leaders were exhorted to get back to a Christ-centered message rather than moral stories without the authority of Christ. The leaders were called to sound doctrine, and faithful stewardship of God’s work entrusted to us. Leaders were challenged to examine not only what they are building, but also how and upon what sort of foundation they were building. The DICO also challenged the leaders to examine their condition and motives of their hearts; to serve with a clear conscience, to serve God without any selfish agendas; to serve with a Heart for God and love the souls with tears of compassion; to care for the flock rather than scatter; to feed and protect the flock (John 10:1-17; Act 20:28-32).

Ministers of the Apostolic Faith Church were strengthened, realigned, refocused, and equipped to serve with one purpose and in unity for advancing the message of the cross, and prepared to stand accountable, and reliable faithful stewards, managers and administrators of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ with distinction and excellence, towards spiritual maturity reinforced with the understanding that the Church is to be “fittedly framed together” and “grow unto an holy temple in the Lord” (Ephesians 2:21, KJV). This collective growth reflects the very heart of our calling.

On this foundation, we must now advance and move forward in our Faith and Vision with Divine Wisdom, Revelation-Knowledge, and renewed Understanding of our calling to accomplish the purpose and will of God for our lives and our ministry as the Apostolic Faith Church, setting out to reach out and impact nations for Christ.

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