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THE HCFI FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear HCF Family and Friends

Welcome to the October 2026 edition of our Newsletter!

This edition will focus on our 90th Anniversary Conference - Living Faith out Loud, which took place in Benoni, South Africa, from the 4th until the 11th of September. We were blessed with 176 delegates from 44 countries and a number of others who joined online. Although this was numerically one of our smallest global conferences, there were a number of features which were unique to this conference, and I hope to highlight these in the letter.

***“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”***

Romans 14 v 17

My goal in writing this will be to attempt to share something of the spirit, atmosphere and content of the conference with those who could not attend it. This, so that no one in the global family will feel excluded or having missed out but rather be inspired to join hands as we prayerfully move into this next decade of prayer and ministry.



Overview

The goals of the conference were:

- To thank and glorify God for all that He is and has done over 90 years of ministry
- To be equipped for the next decade of ministry
- To be revived personally and revive local HCF fellowships
- To be together as a family

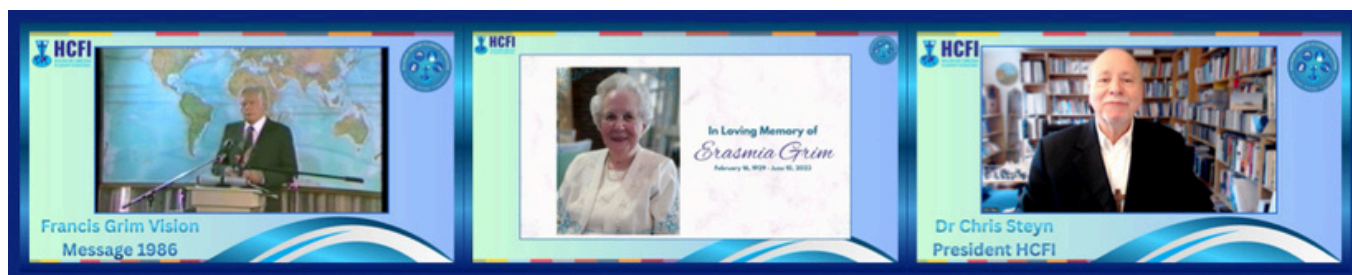
It is significant that leading up to and during the conference, there were a significant number of words given from brothers and sisters in different parts of the world that this was indeed a milestone conference which would mark the beginning of a new era in the ministry. There were at least 4 folk who, prior to the conference, felt that the Lord was encouraging us through the account of **Gideon in Judges 6 to 8**, to seek His anointing and strategy, rather than seeking strength in numbers.

The sense of unity, joy and shalom in line with the scripture in Romans above, was tangible. Of more significance though, was the inspiration to **'run with the vision'** which flowed from that sense of God's blessing on us. There was also an underlying sense that we should not tarry but **redeem the time** which the Lord is giving us as we enter this new decade in our history.

I will now walk you through some of the highlights of the Conference...

Messages from our Founders and President

Through video recordings, we were able to listen to Francis and Erasmia Grim as they shared their vision and hearts in times past. Dr Chris Steyn shared a welcome message as President of the Fellowship.



As in previous conferences, Greg and Chris led the **worship** with the anointing and skills which the Lord has given them. From the outset the Lord was honoured and given the place of pre-eminence.



Messages from our Pioneers

We also had recorded videos from 12 living pioneers. These were an encouragement to trust in God's faithfulness as we run with the vision into the future.

Americas

Africa

Europe

Asia Pacific



Morning Plenary Sessions

Our plenary devotional speaker was Reverend Richard Verreyne. He is a long-time friend of the Fellowship and was able to bring a clear word in season. I would encourage all who are part of the HCF Family to access the recordings of these messages, see below.

Dr Mathew George and Marike Römer elucidated the importance of Work for the believer and **Workplace Ministry**.



Dr Frikkie introduced the principles and practice of **Compassionate Care**, which is a new ministry stream in the Fellowship. He also spoke on the importance of establishing **Local HCF Fellowships** wherever we have contacts. These are the foundational building blocks for **Local Action Teams** and ultimately **National Fellowships**. Again, I would encourage folk to access these videos also and use them for teaching and implementation at local and national levels.

In my plenary session on the last day, I tried to summarise key areas of emphasis for **the Future of the Ministry**. This overview would be important for leaders, see the summary on page 6 "In Conclusion".

Dr Arul Anketell shared the message to launch our day of **Prayer and Fasting**. Hearts were touched and virtually all present responded in committing their lives to the Lord in sacrifice and service. At least 10 folk committed to full time or associate work. The prayer team led the remainder of the day, and we were assured that the Lord had heard our intercession for the days ahead.

Evening Celebration Sessions

The evening celebration sessions were times of great joy and thanksgiving as we listened to stories and testimonies from the past and what the Lord is doing in different parts of the world. The first and last evenings were International with a flag procession on the first as we welcomed the nations under their national flags.

Four evening celebrations were hosted by our global cluster teams; **Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa and The Americas**. Our hearts were warmed as we saw and heard what the Lord has done and is doing in the Clusters. The overall effect of this was that we were assured that 'He who has begun a good work...will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ' (Philippians 1 v 6). Put differently, the God who has sustained and blessed HCFI over the past 90 years will lead us into the future and will continue to use the Fellowship as an instrument for His purposes in the Health fields of the world.



"The Nations that You have made"
(Psalm 86 v 9)



Africa Celebration Evening

Training for Trainers (T4T) Courses

Delegates were able to select from 12 different training courses, receive training in those courses as well as be equipped to train others in those topics. These were intense 10-hour courses (2 hours per day) which included group work and future planning. The testimonies from the groups on the final evening revealed that the Fellowship now has a significant pool of trainers which are able to equip our leaders and Frontline workers with powerful tools for ministry.



Other Meetings

There were several other meetings which took place during free time:

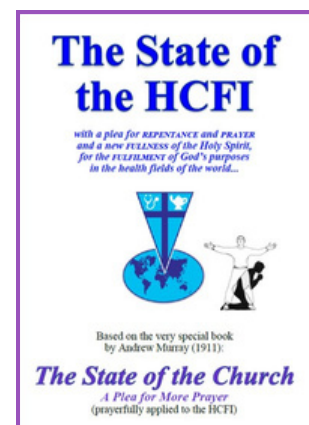
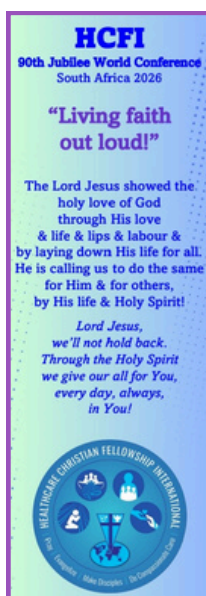
- The **Global Action Team (GLAT)** met with Regional and National Leaders to discuss future areas of focus and strategies (photo below).



- **Saline Process** trainers met to discuss ongoing Saline training and
- Delegates from the **four Clusters** met in their Clusters to discuss implementation of what had been gleaned from the conference.

Literature

The book table was so well supported that Mariana had to go home and collect more books! Each delegate received a copy of the story of HCFI by Francis Grim as well as a booklet entitled "The State of HCFI". A bookmark with a bold declaration of **"Living Faith out Loud!"** accompanied these items.



In Conclusion

The planning team for the conference is deeply grateful to the Lord for His overwhelming blessing and favour at the conference! In answer to fervent prayer before and during the conference:

- The goals of the conference were abundantly realised.
- There were no major travel or health challenges for the delegates.
- Donors from around the world gave more than R400 000 (\$24 000) towards sponsorship.

With regards to the future of the ministry, the following key points have come into renewed focus:

- The Lord has confirmed that **He will be with us** as He was with Gideon and his 300 selected soldiers as we embrace this new decade of ministry!
- We will continue to seek the Lord to **Revive, Renew and Rebuild** for His glory!
- Our **Vision, Mission, Identity, Focus and Goals** have been refreshed in our hearts and minds.
- Our mission remains to **inspire and equip Frontline Healthcare workers and Leaders** to run with the vision.
- **Compassionate Care** is becoming established as our fourth primary ministry stream together with **Prayer, Evangelism, Discipleship and Disciple making**.
- **Starting and Growing Local Fellowships** at healthcare facilities as the primary building blocks for national fellowships.
- We should seek to identify and coach **younger generation leaders and workers** for the season ahead. Reaching **healthcare students** is also linked to this point.
- A **leadership training programme** is being developed for existing and emerging leaders. This will be fundamental for leaders in the Fellowship. Reviving **Residential Training** and other forms of training are also being considered.
- Our journey of **decentralization** will continue through strengthening our **Clusters, Regions, National Fellowships and Local Fellowships** who will support our **Frontline workers**.
- We will continue to seek healthy **finances, communication** networks and **partnerships** with the broader Body of Christ (local churches, partner organisations and others).

I will expand on these points in future editions of the Newsletter.

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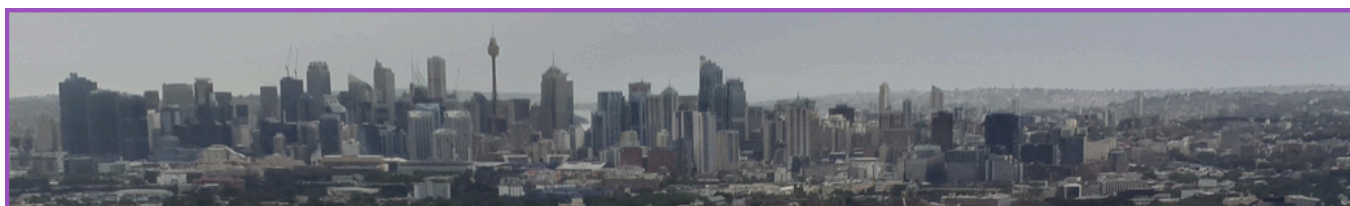
How to access videos and PowerPoints of the plenary sessions at the Conference

The video recordings of the morning and evening sessions are available on the HCFI website, www.hcfglobal.org/videos/
Click on the link above.

And finally...

Marta and I were blessed with traditional African shirts from Tanzania and South Africa at the Conference.

HCFI will remain a global family of people, cultures and languages who seek and proclaim His Kingdom through the health fields of the world.



Johannesburg skyline

Dr Keith Michael
International Coordinator/CEO
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