



### The CPA: Dead... or asleep... or alive?

Dear friends. After many years, I am so excited that we can finally start this way of communication again through a newsletter. This shows that the CPA is indeed not dead, maybe a little asleep, but still vibrant as we still have dedicated and committed brothers and sisters in this CPA family.

Two police officers contacted me recently with the following question: "Does the CPA still exist?" That took me back through almost 28 years of the existence of the CPA, since it was founded in 1994. I was thinking about the great conferences that was hosted, projects, outreaches and just a wonderful family who loves each other and stayed committed through the years. Yes, we have gone through some hard times, losing members due to several reasons. The last conference that we hosted in Cape Town was small. It was just over 20 members, and one would think that it had a very negative impact on all of us. That was not the case at all. We believed that that was the remnant of the CPA that once again took hands and confirmed that this family is here to stay! Not only because of ourselves and our own needs, but especially for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ within the police environment. We agreed with each other that although there are only a few faithful members of this family, we are dedicated to work hard to infiltrate the poor conditions of police and the criminal justice world. If we say that we are followers of Jesus Christ, we also agreed that we are the light of the world. ...and if we are Police-followers of Jesus Christ, we are the light of Christ within the police environment, in the darkness of crime, brutality and brokenness. I am sure that everyone who reads this letter, is dedicated to put up their hands and say we are ready to serve! Please let us not lose hope and vision. Let us rise again with hope and inspiration and

the love of Jesus Christ. Godly police being the aroma of Christ, in our world and in our country. That stays our mission! As we will celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ soon, I wish you all the best for the festive season! May the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you everyday and may you experience the inner strength of His Spirit in you and your families. Let us take hands! Let us continue to exist as a loving family, but a family that impacts the world for the cause of the Kingdom of God. Love you so much  
Rev. Why Duvenhage

## HOPE MAKES YOU COPE

We have been tasked to bring about HOPE in hopeless situations,. What is HOPE? It is a confident expectation and desire for something good in the future. Bringing HOPE helps others to find purpose in their lives. **Helping Others Prosper and Excel.** Serving in a hostile environment, with hostile perpetrators and sometimes even hostile victims often pushes those in blue into the red. The only way not to join the hostility is to be filled with peace and hope. You cannot give what you do not possess. With The Peacemaker in your corner you can provide peace, With The Stoneroller on your side you can bring hope.

### THE CPA A LIGHTHOUSE OF HOPE

Since the inception of the CPA, it has been a **home** and **safe haven** for numerous officials. In this home, where a **loving family** has **nourished** and cared for one another, all borders and **divides** were eradicated. Ethnicity, denominations, and even ranks ceased to be visible. Different languages posed no threat but rather served to complement one another in a crescendo of worship. This resulted in a celebration of **unity**, a visible union, which enabled an almost impossible **restoration**.

In the CPA I experienced the wonderful gift of **reconciliation**, the extraordinary present of forgiveness, and an abundance of **acceptance** impossible to describe in worldly terminology.

The CPA never positioned itself to compete with the Chaplaincy Service, it never contested the Church; no, in fact, the aim was always to support the abovementioned bodies. The **equipping** of members to become better church members is a priority as the **rejuvenating** of officers to be spiritually and mentally healthier and thereby minimizing the workload of Employee Health and Wellness Services.

The CPA has become the **model for the desired future** for not only the Body of Christ but the world in its entirety. Joining in the activities of the CPA served for many as a celebration and a homecoming. The CPA is an instrument from God's tool chest in service for His children in the frontline, **removing the blues for those in blue**.

I consider myself privileged, I not only had amazing opportunities to serve in the CPA for nearly three decades, but I was also a recipient of the many blessings forthcoming from the Family, yes we started off as an Association but grew into a Family, and I can truly say, 'I love this **Family of God.**' - Jan Swanepoel

### **News from Africa:**

Like in all other countries, we experienced a lot of challenges during the Covid time in Africa. It affected everyone as well as the Christian police movement in all the different countries. We are very excited though, about new energy and initiatives that we see in different places. I can shortly report on a few of these:

1. CPA Conference: South Africa In South Africa a very significant and blessed conference was held towards the end of August/beginning September. Although not many in numbers, we arrived at our camp in Cape Town (Apostle Battery) with great spirit and a lot of expectation. We were well represented from all different parts of the country and focused on the theme: "Let hope arise."

During different sessions, bible studies and discussions, we encouraged each other to keep the hope for our country, our nation, but also for the process of the Christian Police Association here. It was one of the most significant meetings and, surprisingly, one of the most blessed in all the years of the existence of the CPA., We just realised again, that God has brought us to this situation with low numbers to come back to our knees and to honour Him as the King of kings and Lord of lords of our nation and the CPA.

Thank you for all the different prayers for this gathering. Significant decisions were made for our process in South Africa, but also for the rest of the continent. I (Why Duvenhage) have retired from my fulltime position as pastor of a local church at the end of July, and the Lord laid it on my heart to continue with the work of the CPA, with renewed energy and capacity. We hope and believe that God will open ways and doors to other countries in Africa, who will join in this exciting movement and loving Christian Police family.

### **The Police Bible for Africa.**

As many of our friends all over the world are aware of, we have been dreaming about the publishing of the Police Bible for Africa for many years. Due to many reasons, it was not completed, but now there is hope on the horizon. We trust God that we will soon have everything needed in place to finally get it printed and then distributed.

Thank you for everyone who have been praying for this project, and for the CPA in Germany for assisting us in this project. Especially Matthias Lehman, who assisted us with technical and spiritual support to make this happen. We believe that Christian Police officers all over Africa will benefit spiritually by this Bible as they hear God's Word and read the applications to the Police environment in Africa.

### **Exiting new partners for the Christian Police Movement in Africa:**

The annual summit of the Leader Mundial of Africa took place near Cape Town during the last week. This is a dynamic organisation which focusses on leadership development and the guidance and mentoring of key leaders in different African countries. Every one of them is involved in some or other ministry or organisation that uplift their country and make very meaningful contributions to development. Why Duvenhage could share the vision of the Christian Police movement in Africa, and everyone agreed that the Christian spiritual work in the Christian Police is very much needed in all the different countries in Africa. We all face the problem of high crime and corruption within our police services, and we know that the solution is in Christ that heals lives and heals nations.

There were attendees from several African countries: the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and South Africa. These key leaders all embrace the vision of the CPA and committed to become partners in recruiting members in their different countries and help us with the spreading and distribution of the Police Bible for Africa. We thank God for this opportunity and pray for His blessing on this great initiative of Leader Mundial Africa.



We published our first CPA newsletter in Cape Town in January 1995, it was called "Die Blydskapblad" ; "Sensational" underneath was in that very first publication.

### !!! SENSATIONAL !!!

Sensational can have different meanings for different people.

1. For the bloodthirsty it could be a gruesome murder or a tragic F1 crash
2. For the sensation seekers it's fallen royalty or flirting cabinet ministers
3. For the angels in heaven it means a repenting heart, tears of remorse, the hand of forgiveness, a heart full of love
4. And for you?

### **J**ourneying to Bethlehem, a long and tiring trek

**E**very bed was full that night, no matter where they checked

**S**table is empty, someone said, a place to lay your head

**U**ntil a baby was born in there, a manger for a bed

**S**omeone special and holy, the angels all said

*After all the gifts has been unwrapped and enjoyed; ensure that your gifts are also unwrapped and utilised to further the Kingdom of God*



### **This Christmas, Let your Light Shine**

The Bible tells us that when Jesus arrived on this earth, He became a light to everyone around Him. He was not only a spiritual light, offering us a way to have a personal relationship with God, but His light shined brightly everywhere He went.

Jesus loved people, he healed them, brought joy and life to each situation. Because Jesus lives in us, we can shine the light of His love to everyone around us at your work, with colleagues, family and friends who don't have a relationship with God.

Just think for a moment .....

- What kind of impact would you make during Christmas time if you decided to be happy and full of joy everywhere you went?
- Take an extra mile to talk to the person at work who seems lonely or is going through a difficult time.
- Text a message to someone, to say that you're thinking about them and praying for them.

We have the privilege to let the light of Jesus shine through us when they need it most.

**You can simply pray**, "Father God, I need You today, and I know that I can't do anything without You. Right now, by faith, I give you all my worries, cares and problems. Please strengthen me in every way. You are greater than anything I am facing, and will help me, as I take in one day at a time with you. Amen



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