Northern Synod
TASK TEAM BRIDGING MINISTRY 1&2&3
Report

1. Assignment

To coordinate a bridging ministry in the Northern Synod.

2. Task team

Task team leader: Cristoph Müller (after his retirement the leadership moved to the Director).

Task team members: Kobus Sandenbergh, Roelf Opperman.

The task team's assignment was repeated every year. Essentially there were three teams: Task Team Bridging Ministry 1 (2023/24), Task Team Bridging Ministry 2 (2024/25) and Task Team Bridging Ministry 3 (2025/26).

3. Execution of the assignment

- The task team informed congregations of its function wherever vacancies arose and helped to make good matches between suitable bridging ministers and congregations.
- The following congregations made use of bridging ministries in the past term:
  Sesmylspruit – Kobus Sandenbergh
  Groenkloof – Roelf Opperman
  Môregloed – Sampie Niemand
  Waterberg – Trix Truter
  Doornpoort – Arnold Smith
  Pierneefrant – Tjaart Venter
  Koedoesrand – Arnold Smith
  Pretoria Tuine – Gustav Claassen
  Vorentoe – Trix Truter
  Wesmoot – Sampie Niemand.

- An exceptional development in this is a bridging ministry for a whole region or presbytery. Lourens Bosman in this term did it first in Zimbabwe and is currently working in the Presbytery of Daspoort.

4. Closing word

The bridging ministry has gained traction in the past term. The trained bridging ministers who have worked in our synodal region have discharged their task with great distinction.

In our uncertain times a bridging ministry must not be undervalued. Every congregation where a vacancy arises, should seriously consider it in consultation with the task team and the relevant presbytery.