



## Special Appeal

Dear Congregation, dear Friends

Due to the international Corona virus pandemic and the national lockdown, many of us have been hit hard with financial difficulties. Even though the lockdown regulations have been relaxed, the Corona virus pandemic seems to be getting out of hand in PE, which does not bring much hope for the short to medium term.

We would like to express our thanks for all the generous support that those have already given, even though times are tough. It is truly appreciated! This generosity is helping to keep the "church doors open". A special thanks for all donations (in cash and in kind) to help our members in need. Please inform us if you or anyone you know is struggling financially to put food on the table.

Unfortunately, our congregation was already struggling financially before Corona. We are truly facing a grim financial outlook for the year. All planned fundraisers had to be cancelled - most notably the Easter Market and the Christmas Market, which combined had historically brought in R80 000 to R100 000. We are also not receiving any rental income from hall hirers.

We are in discussions with the Church Council of the Cape Church, but as you can imagine - all congregations that form part of the Cape Church are facing similar challenges.

### **Our present challenges:**

Our fixed costs are in the region of R48 633 p.m.

Our average income is currently in the region of R41 066 p.m.

We also still have the obligation to pay off our medium-term loan at R3 500 p.m. We must also still make a plan for our historic debt as a result of monthly shortfalls in Stewardship contributions since February 2018 to June 2020.

We would like to appeal to all congregants, but only those that are financially able to, to continue regularly supporting us financially. Any additional support that could help narrow the current monthly shortfall gap of R7 567 p.m. will be appreciated.

We wish you all our congregants and friends strength and health during this difficult time.

Please feel free to contact our Treasurer, Gerhard, at [gerhard@froehlich.web.za](mailto:gerhard@froehlich.web.za) should you have any financial queries.

Sincerely,  
The Committee