

Dear Church Ministers

The Ecumenical Service for Social and Economic Transformation (ESSET) is an ecumenical non-profit organization based in Johannesburg, South Africa. ESSET's mandate is to enable and challenge the churches and other social formations to work for socio-economic justice.

ESSET was founded in 1996 after a series of workshops and discussions facilitated by the Justice Ministries of the South African Council of Churches (SACC). ESSET is a Section 21 organization (Registration No:1996/009039/08), constituted by the Institute for Contextual Theology (ICT), the Ecumenical Foundation of Southern Africa (EFSA), the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), the Ecumenical Advice Bureau (EAB), the Christian Citizenship Department of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and the Interdenominational Committee for Industrial Mission as its founding members. Today, ESSET's board comprises of even broader representation, including a few individuals from civil society.

ESSET is committed to working in disadvantaged and marginalized Southern African communities. We do this by mobilizing and supporting disadvantaged communities and church leaders to work with impoverished South Africans to overcome poverty and social injustices.

Please consider partnering with ESSET to secure the hopes of millions of disadvantaged South Africans for a safe and prosperous future. By supporting ESSET, you will enable disadvantaged South Africans to have their voices heard by government policy-makers. This would lead to policy changes which are necessary to improve the living conditions of the disadvantaged.

There are various ways in which your church can get involved in the fight against social injustice. Please contact ESSET to find about possible programmes and partnership opportunities.

You and your church are urged to collaborate with us in the fight against social exclusions, poverty and injustice in South Africa. Help ESSET;

- Conscientise disadvantaged communities and groups about their rights and how to access them.
- Empower communities to engage government decision-makers, both alongside and on behalf of disadvantaged and marginalized people.

- Equip leaders and disadvantaged communities to advocate for social justice and to campaign to bring about the changes necessary for community transformation.
- Support advocacy initiatives of disadvantaged communities that seek to fight for pro-poor and just policies.
- Fundraise for ESSET by organising fundraising and awareness events at your church or make financial contributions to help ESSET to fulfill its mandate.
- Raise awareness and conscientise your church on issues of social injustice by inviting ESSET to address your congregation.

Please consider partnering with ESSET in order to support disadvantaged and marginalized communities, to mobilise churches and communities to change restrictive, unjust policies that prevent thousands of under-privileged South Africans from achieving thriving, safe and prosperous communities. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Yours in His Service!

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