



*I HAVE COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT IN ABUNDANCE*

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a Support Fund for the Advancement of Theological  
Education and Ministerial Training

in association with

the Office of the Dean

Faculty of Theology and Religion

University of Pretoria

*ANNUAL REPORT*

*2020 - 2021*

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Dear Partners, Supporters and Friends,

It is once again my honour and privilege to share with you, through the presentation of this annual report, more stories and statistics from the Life Abundant fund, our student support programme in the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria.

As we begin to look back over the past year, I am reminded of an old saying related to those brave men and women that serve with the Fire Department at various stations across the country, namely, when everyone else is running out of a burning building, these folks are the ones running in. Ordinarily, people tend to put distance between themselves and such danger, but when people have a job to do, and when that job requires defying danger, or hardship, or suffering, we cannot help but applaud them, admiring their courage and contribution.

Similarly, as the present novel coronavirus pandemic has continued to weigh heavily upon the world, I have been duly impressed by all of you, members of the Life Abundant community. Through your leadership, you have confronted the inescapable hardships brought on by this public health crisis, rather than attempting to avoid them. Through your giving, you have countered the difficult financial realities we face, rather than just surrendering to them.

More than ever, our students have needed help with food, clothes, books, data, devices, money for rent, for tuition, for transportation, and Life Abundant has been able to meet many of these needs. Not a day goes by that I fail to take pride in the job we do, so on this day, as you continue exploring the pages which follow, my prayer is that you would also take great pride in our shared accomplishments over the past year.

Abundantly,

*Dana Mahan*

Fund Manager - Life Abundant

Faculty of Theology and Religion - University of Pretoria

OPENING BALANCE AS OF 01 NOV 2020

R33 807

### Income

Income Source	Income Type	Estimated Amount
Scribe Services	Cash	R92 338
Hartmann Trust	Cash	R50 000
Powerbrake Supplies	Cash	R50 000
Private Donors	Cash	R33 420
Interest	Cash	R3 417

**Total**

**R229 175**

### Expenses

Expense Source	Expense Type	Estimated Amount
Tuition Grants	Cash	R184 000
Study Costs	Cash	R5 186
Living Expenses	Cash	R11 751

**Total**

**R200 937**

CLOSING BALANCE AS OF 31 OCT 2021

R62 125

# the LIFE ABUNDANT fund

The supporters and friends of Life Abundant believe that our shared mission of social transformation is best promoted by **equipping emergent agents of change** so they can serve their faith communities, positioned to proclaim and embody the love and truth of God.

This fund was thus established within the **Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria** for the advancement of ministry training, so that future pastors, teachers, and activists could be richly and meaningfully empowered.

This advertisement appeared in the January 2021 edition of JOY! Magazine, the most widely read Christian periodical in South Africa.



*I had a vision to mobilise student participation in activism for the rights of children through their communities. As a student intern with Life Abundant, I learnt the necessary skills to lead and work alongside a team, which made it possible for me to start a UNICEF movement at the University of Pretoria. I am hopeful that our student organisation will*

*be successful in the pursuit of making a difference on our campus and in our larger community.*

Tshwanelo Serumola

Would you like to have a share in giving future champions of the Gospel like Tshwanelo a chance to reach their goals and live their dreams by making a financial contribution today?

Please contact the Life Abundant director by email [dana.mahan@up.ac.za](mailto:dana.mahan@up.ac.za) or by phone **012 420 6655**



## Faculty of Theology and Religion

Fakulteit Teologie en Religie  
Lekala la Thutatumelo le Bodumedi

## Advisory Council - Member Profiles

**Name** Professor Jerry Pillay

**Position** Dean, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria

**Role** Advisory Council Member

**Name** Professor Danie Veldsman

**Position** Departmental Head, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria

**Role** Advisory Council Member

**Name** Doctor Tanya van Wyk

**Position** Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria

**Role** Advisory Council Member

**Name** Doctor Hanré Janse van Rensburg

**Position** Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria

**Role** Advisory Council Member

**Name** Rev Anandie Greyling

**Position** Pastor, Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa

**Role** Advisory Council Member

**Name** Mr Dana Mahan

**Position** Missionary, Ripe for Harvest World Outreach

**Role** Fund Manager

## Financial

- Cross the R1 250 000 mark of overall giving to students of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria.

## Staffing

- Recruit and appoint an intern for the fund that will both serve its mission and grow in his capacity for ministry before finishing his degree programme.

## Networking

- Nurture and develop the alumni network of the fund, such that future endorsements will be provided and networking opportunities created.

## Operational

- Ensure all the financial systems and administrative structures that contribute to the smooth running of the fund are kept in good repair.

## Promotional

- Raise awareness about the fund within the university community and beyond, so that further charitable investments can be secured.

## Leadership

- Extend invitations to appropriate individuals for membership on the advisory council of the fund if and when its current members step down or move on.

## Programme

- Organise four e-meetings of the council throughout the course of the year ahead, and successfully host the sixth annual celebration of the fund.

## *Articles of Governance*

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### 1. Name

1.1 The name of the fund is Life Abundant.

### 2. Object

2.1 The object of the fund is to support the advancement of theological education and ministerial training by financially investing in any academic programme, scholarly research and community outreach which is aligned with Christian values, principles and standards.

### 3. Domain

3.1 The operational domain of the fund is primarily the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria.

### 4. Finance

4.1 In accordance with its non-profit status, the fund will not carry on any activities intended solely for monetary gain.

4.2 All resources acquired by the fund shall be applied to the promotion and pursuit of its object, and none of the income, property or other capital allocated to the fund will be distributed to its leaders or their associates.

4.3 The financial year of the fund will begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December. Ahead of this date, records pertaining to the fiscal position of the fund will be

carefully kept by a the director of the fund, as well as openly and fairly presented to its leaders upon request.

4.4 An independent review of the fund and its financial activity will be performed along with the larger University of Pretoria auditing process on a yearly basis, and the results thereof shall subsequently be made available to the various fund stakeholders at its annual general meeting in November.

4.5 The investment of surplus capital shall be permissible, provided that any growth on such investments is applied solely towards the object of the fund, and upon its dissolution, all assets are transferred to another fund of similar object and domain, once all debts have been settled.

## 5. Leadership

5.1 The number of leaders at any given time shall be no less than six and no more than twelve persons, all of whom will form an advisory council for the fund.

5.2 Requests to join the council will be considered by the existing members if the request is submitted in writing, and the submission is made by or on behalf of any person that is willing to promote the object of the fund.

5.3 The decision to accept or reject the request shall be at the sole discretion of the existing leaders, and decided upon by their majority vote.

5.4 Leaders of the fund have the right to resign from their affiliation at any time, and under any circumstances they deem appropriate. Such a resignation must be presented to the advisory council in writing, and upon its acceptance, will have immediate effect.

5.6 The council retains the right to terminate the affiliation of any member by majority vote, if he or she exhibits conduct detrimental to the object of the fund. The decision to terminate the affiliation of a leader will be final, with no associated appeal process, and is to be confirmed through official notification.

## 6. Officers

6.1 The advisory council shall, from amongst their number, appoint an individual to the office of fund manager.

6.2 The members may confer upon, or revoke from this office bearer such power and authority they think necessary, with those terms and conditions required to facilitate the proper functioning of the fund.

6.3 The office bearer, having been duly appointed and empowered, shall pursue the object of the fund with all diligence and prudence, subject to the stipulations of these articles of governance, and any special instructions approved by the council members.

## 7. Powers

7.1 In the interest of the fund and in pursuit of its object, the advisory council shall collectively have the power:

7.1.1 To participate in any collection of financial resources for use by the fund, and to receive all contributions in money or otherwise on its behalf and,

7.1.2 To acquire any property, moveable or immovable, that they deem necessary and appropriate, in accordance with the object of the fund and,

7.1.3 To apply any resources of any kind acquired by the fund in any manner they deem to be in its best interest, or in the furtherance of its object and,

7.1.5 To institute, conduct, defend or abandon any legal proceedings for or against the fund or its affairs.

## 8. Meetings

8.1 The advisory council shall meet on a quarterly basis. One such quarterly gathering will serve as the annual general meeting of the fund, to be held within each fiscal year.

8.2 Notification of all annual general meetings will be provided fourteen days in advance, and shall specify the date, time and place at which the meetings are to transpire. Such meetings may commence only when a quorum is present, a quorum consisting of a majority of leaders.

8.3 Meetings will be presided over by the fund manager. In his or her absence, the leaders may appoint an alternative individual to facilitate the meeting.

8.4 Meetings shall deal with any business the leaders consider relevant, including the appointment of advisory council members, the consideration of financial statements, and any other matter related to the object of the fund.

8.5 Records will be kept of proceedings at all annual general meetings, including a detailed account of resolutions passed. A copy of such records will be considered official evidence of the matters therein contained, and will be circulated amongst the council members not more than two-weeks after the meeting takes place.

## 9. Indemnity

9.1 No advisory council member shall be liable for any debt or loss that may be incurred by the fund as a result of any financial investment made on its behalf, nor shall any be held legally responsible for damage to property or injury to person that may be caused by the fund or its representatives.

## 10. Amendments

10.1 The fund may remove, amend or add provisions to these articles of governance by way of resolution advanced at the annual general meeting and approved through majority vote.

### *Introductory Letter*

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Dear Student,

Thank you for choosing to study Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria. We trust the training you receive here will equip you to one day join the legions of hardy souls working in Christian ministry both near and far, so that you can also play a part in transforming the world with the love and truth of God.

Because academic preparation of this calibre can be costly, the faculty leadership established Life Abundant, a support fund designed to help students overcome the economic obstacles which may stand between them and the education they deserve.

So if your current financial resources are not sufficient to meet your annual university expenses, and you have not previously received a grant from Life Abundant, then we as fund advisors invite and encourage you to apply for assistance.

To do so, you must first collect the following documentation:

- An application form – This file should have been provided to you along with the letter you now have in hand. Please print it out, then complete and sign it.
- Your academic record – A copy of your academic record at the University of Pretoria can be found through the portal, or requested from the faculty student administrator, Ms Cathy Sandis, in Room 1-21 of the Theology Building.
- A personal appeal – In a one page narrative, provide details about your family background, your degree or diploma programme, your career aspirations and the precise amount with which you want the fund to assist you.
- Your financial statement – Visit the Student Service Centre to secure this paperwork, with details regarding the balance of your account, or download it from the UP portal.

- A recommendation letter – Speak to one of the lecturers in the faculty with whom you have established a relationship through your course work, and ask him or her for a written endorsement of your performance as a student.

When completed and compiled, all of the above documentation can be brought in hardcopy format to Office 40 on Level 2 of the Theology Building between the hours of 08h00 and 14h00. Your appeal will then be processed, and you will be informed of its outcome after the advisory council for the fund has taken the time to review your case.

Best wishes and kind regards,

*Dana*

Dana Mahan, MDiv  
Fund Manager- Life Abundant  
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## Pledge Form

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### PART ONE – PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART TWO – SITUATIONAL PARTICULARS

For what degree or diploma programme are you currently registered at UP?

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How many years of this programme have you already completed?

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Have you earned any other varsity qualifications in the past, and if so, what did you study?

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Where did you grow up, and with whom do you stay when you are at home?

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Are you currently accommodated in some form of student housing?

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What is your primary means of transportation?

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Are you involved in a church, and if so, which one?

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Are you employed, and if so, where do you work?

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Have you ever applied for NSFAS or bank loans to cover the cost of your studies?

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If you have borrowed money in the past, how much student debt do you currently have?

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What other sources of financial support are available to you?

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Have you previously received a tuition scholarship or research grant from Life Abundant?

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### PART THREE – SIGNED PLEDGE

As a candidate for financial assistance from Life Abundant, I solemnly declare that the information here presented accurately reflects my individual circumstances as a student at the University of Pretoria, and should the contrary become apparent, I herewith commit to paying back all the money I have received, thus binding myself to any debt such an eventuality would entail.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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DETAIL TRANSACTIONAL REPORT PER COST CENTRE/PROJECT/PERIOD



2021-11-05  
 A0Z418 - Life Abundant Fund  
 12.5%  
 VAT Recovery

Date	Document Type	Document Number	Description	Amount
2020-11-05	Journal	0001185175/2	Transfers From Other Funds / Transfer of Staff contributions towards Life Abundant fund - Oct	2,660.00
2020-11-17	Expense Report	0000139332/1	Laptop Repair / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-1,000.00
2020-11-25	Expense Report	0000139974/2	Bus Ticket / Life Abundant Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-290.00
2020-11-25	Expense Report	0000139974/1	Pnp Voucher Card / Life Abundant Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2020-11-25	Expense Report	0000139974/3	Mobile Phone Data / Life Abundant Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-99.00
2020-12-03	Journal	0001188395/1	Nov staff contributions / Transfer for November staff contributions towards Life Abundant fund for needy students	2,660.00
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/57019	Interest / Interest Journals	108.03
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/47612	Interest / Interest Journals	163.32
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/7639	Interest / Interest Journals	399.34
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/4663	Interest / Interest Journals	357.18
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/24839	Interest / Interest Journals	209.88
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/19470	Interest / Interest Journals	394.95
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/42569	Interest / Interest Journals	425.29
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/5961	Interest / Interest Journals	369.69
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/45181	Interest / Interest Journals	465.02
2020-12-31	Expense Report	0000141447/1	Spar Voucher for Hungry Student / Student Support - January 2020 / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/56346	Interest / Interest Journals	203.16
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/50009	Interest / Interest Journals	217.00
2020-12-31	Journal	0001193137/54665	Interest / Interest Journals	104.75
2021-01-14	Journal	0001191508/33	20210113A0Z418/10014951 / Bank statement 2021 January credit journal 10	50,000.00
2021-01-20	Journal	SF01192290/42	/ Student related Transactions	-30,000.00
2021-02-11	Journal	0001194952/2	Transfers From Other Funds / January staff contributions transfer - Life Abundant fund for needy students	2,660.00
2021-02-19	Expense Report	0000142802/1	Food for Student Support Team Leaders / Student Meals / Mahan,Dana	-658.98
2021-02-26	Journal	0001196752/1	March, Dec 2020 staff contribu / Staff contributions towards Life Abundant fund transfer - March and Dec 2020	5,320.00
2021-03-03	Journal	BS01197339/39	CAPITEC AOZ418/21838586 / Bank statement March 2021 transaction	500.00
2021-03-04	Journal	0001197351/2	Transfers From Other Funds / Feb staff contributions towards Life Abundant fund - transfer	2,660.00
2021-03-18	Expense Report	0000143886/1	Fresh Fruit for Students / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-741.82
2021-03-23	Journal	BS01199589/1	2021-03-16 UPGENDEBT 10019219 / Life Abundant	92,337.72
2021-04-12	Journal	SF01201988/48	/ Student related Transactions	-39,500.00
2021-04-14	Journal	0001202235/2	Transfers From Other Funds / Transfer of March staff contributions from Teaclub to Life Abundant fund - to help needy students	2,660.00
2021-04-30	Journal	BS01204087/97	2021-04-30 AOZ418/10025057 / Bank statement 2021 April	50,000.00
2021-05-03	Expense Report	0000145605/2	Shirts for Needy Students - Second Bundle / Warm Clothes for UP Students / Mahan,Dana	-900.00
2021-05-03	Expense Report	0000145605/4	Shirts for Needy Students - Third Bundle / Warm Clothes for UP Students / Mahan,Dana	-900.00
2021-05-03	Expense Report	0000145605/5	Shirts for Needy Students - Fourth Bundle / Warm Clothes for UP Students / Mahan,Dana	-900.00
2021-05-03	Expense Report	0000145605/1	Shirts for Needy Students - First Bundle / Warm Clothes for UP Students / Mahan,Dana	-900.00
2021-05-04	Expense Report	0000145705/1	Life Abundant Grant Payment to Student Beneficiary / Student Housing Payment / Mahan,	-2,500.00

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DETAIL TRANSACTIONAL REPORT PER COST CENTRE/PROJECT/PERIOD

2021-11-05  
 A0Z418 - Life Abundant Fund  
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Date	Document Type	Document Number	Description	Amount
2021-05-12	Journal	0001205219/1	Dana Transfers From Other Funds / April Salary deductions - transfer funds contributed by staff to Life Abundant fund to support needy students	2,660.00
2021-05-14	Expense Report	0000146183/1	Food for Needy Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2021-05-19	Journal	SF01206040/50	Food related Transactions	7,500.00
2021-05-27	Journal	BS01206837/187	2021-05-26 CAPITEC AOZ418/2183 / Bank statement 2021 May	500.00
2021-06-07	Expense Report	0000147171/1	Food Voucher for Hungry Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2021-06-10	Expense Report	0000147326/1	Food for Hungry Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-1,000.00
2021-06-11	Journal	0001208829/1	Transfers From Other Funds / Transfer staff May contributions to Life Abundant fund where it will be utilized for needy students	2,660.00
2021-06-18	Expense Report	0000147557/1	Laptop Repair / Student Support - S Zungu / Mahan,Dana	-1,000.00
2021-06-23	Expense Report	0000147568/1	Golden Key Membership / Student Support - S Shivambu / Mahan,Dana	-750.00
2021-07-03	Expense Report	0000148260/1	Food for Hungry Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2021-07-06	Expense Report	0000148379/1	Data for Postgrad Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-99.00
2021-07-08	Expense Report	0000148474/1	Data for Student During Exams / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-99.00
2021-07-12	Journal	SF01211850/24	Food related Transactions	-72,000.00
2021-07-16	Expense Report	0000148767/1	Grocery Voucher for Hungry Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2021-07-21	Journal	0001212586/1	Transfers From Other Funds / Staff contributions June transferred from Theology Tea Club to Life Abundant Fund to support needy students	2,660.00
2021-07-23	Expense Report	0000148933/1	Data for Needy Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-99.00
2021-08-10	Journal	0001214646/2	Funds Received By / Staff contributions July - transfer to Life Abundant fund for needy students	2,660.00
2021-08-10	Journal	BS01214624/111	2021-08-06 AOZ418/21851973 / Bank statement 2021 August	1,500.00
2021-08-19	Expense Report	0000149046/1	Food for Hungry Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2021-09-09	Expense Report	0000150919/1	Laptop Repair for Needy Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-1,000.00
2021-09-15	Journal	0001218574/2	Funds Received By / Aug staff contributions for needy students transfer - from Tea Club to Life Abundant fund	2,660.00
2021-10-12	Journal	0001221209/2	Funds Received By / Transfer Sept staff contributions towards needy students to Life Abundant fund	2,660.00
2021-10-18	Expense Report	0000152604/1	Textbooks for needy Students / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-520.00
2021-10-18	Expense Report	0000152605/1	Textbooks for Students / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-520.00
2021-10-18	Expense Report	0000153063/1	Shoes for Needy Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-499.00
2021-10-20	Journal	SF01222332/43	Food related Transactions	-42,500.00
2021-10-29	Expense Report	0000153806/1	PC Repair for Needy Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-899.00
		---- Pending Payments Start ----		
	Purchase Order	0000778469/1	DANDELION EVENTS / Life Abundant Fund - Annual Celebration Lunch	-3,000.00
		---- Pending Payments End ----		

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