



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

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

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Dear Partners, Supporters and Friends,

In the Book of Psalms we are told that “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.” So those of us who take the Bible at its word must then accept that what we own is, in truth, only that with which we have been entrusted, hopefully as wise and faithful stewards.

It is because some such wise and faithful stewards decided to partner with Life Abundant that we have been able, once again this past year, to pursue our mission of “supporting 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, through the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria.”

So I would like to dedicated this annual report, and all the blessings it recounts, to folks like Robert, a lifetime educator, Delon and Brenda, small business owners, and Nonmpumelelo, a public servant, in honour of the trust they have placed in the Life Abundant fund when they shared with us that which the Lord has shared with them. By passing on those same resources to the young adults on our varsity campus, we are simply following the example set before us, the wise, faithful and generous example of others.

Abundantly,

Dana Mahan

Fund Manager - Life Abundant

Faculty of Theology and Religion - University of Pretoria

"I'm currently doing my honours degree in Church History and Polity at the University of Pretoria. I'm a proud member of Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Africa (EPCSA), and I'm a minister of religion in the same church. I had made it this far because of all the love and support I am receiving from all areas of life. God is good all the time. To Life Abundant Fund, I appreciate you giving me the kind of help I required. Your financial assistance has relieved a lot of pressure. I owe you a lot of thanks and more. Keep on with the good work as you continue to help all who are in need."

Shipalani Shivambu

"C.S. Lewis wrote, 'We can ignore even pleasure, but pain insists on being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.' With this being said, existential pain and poverty are realities in South Africa, and that is why I am volunteering my time at Steve Biko Academic Hospital as a form of hospital chaplaincy, to help patients battle mental health issues. This is a very challenging endeavour with a lot of difficult cases. South Africa is a country that values religion, but hospital chaplaincy is not recognised as a profession, and for this reason, there is a great need for pastoral counselling. In collaboration with HospiVision, I am able to give patients basic toiletries, pastoral support, and spiritual guidance through the spreading of Bibles and spiritually educational books. The Life Abundant Fund was able to make this possible, and that is why I am deeply grateful. I wish to thank each person who has supported me in this challenging task, and I pray that God bless you for your generous hearts! Henceforth, may the road rise to meet each of you."

Bonitta Botha

“The Life Abundant Fund has not only enabled me to continue studying and to complete my various degrees at the Faculty of Theology and Religion, but it has also allowed me the peace of mind to focus on research and pursuing a career as an academic. I am so thankful for this initiative and its leaders’ belief and faith in me as a student. I hope that my contributions to the faculty and churches I serve can be a testament to the wonderful people who believed in me.”

Charel du Toit

“I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the leaders and donors of Life Abundant for their generous support towards my registration. Your commitment to empowering individuals like me is truly inspiring. Thanks to your kindness, I now have the opportunity to be a part of this incredible community, and I am excited to embark on this journey of growth and abundance. Thank you for making a positive impact in my life.”

Agreeneth Macu

Advisory Council - Member Profiles

Name Rev Anandie Greyling (Outgoing)
Position Pastor, Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa
Role Advisory Council Member

Name Ms Cathy Sandis (Incoming)
Position Departmental Head, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria
Role Advisory Council Member

Name Mr Dana Mahan (Remaining)
Position Missionary, Ripe for Harvest World Outreach
Role Fund Manager

Name Prof Danie Veldsman (Remaining)
Position Departmental Head, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria
Role Advisory Council Member

Name Dr Hanré Janse van Rensburg (Outgoing)
Position Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria
Role Advisory Council Member

Name Prof Jaco Beyers (Incoming)
Position Departmental Head, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria
Role Advisory Council Member

Name Prof Jerry Pillay (Outgoing)
Position Secretary General, World Council of Churches
Role Advisory Council Member

Name Prof Rantoa Letšosa (Incoming)
Position Dean, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria
Role Advisory Council Member

Name Prof Tanya van Wyk (Remaining)
Position Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Pretoria
Role Advisory Council Member

Financial

- Cross the R1 750 000 mark of overall giving to students of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria.

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 seventh annual celebration of the fund.

Articles of Governance

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 November and end on the last day of October. 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. 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 have a virtual meeting on a quarterly basis, as well as one physical and annual general meeting 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.

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

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 Office 21 on Level 1 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, or emailed as one full set to dana.mahan@up.ac.za. 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

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Pledge Form

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?

How many years of this programme have you already completed?

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

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

Are you currently accommodated in some form of student housing?

What is your primary means of transportation?

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

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

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

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

What other sources of financial support are available to you?

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

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: _____

Transactional Statement

Life Abundant Fund - Transactional Record - 01 November 2022 to 31 October 2023

Date	Description	Amount
2022-11-10	Driving License Appointment for Disadvantaged Student / Transportation Support / Mahan,Dana	-240.00
2022-11-10	Driving License Fee for Disadvantaged Student / Transportation Support / Mahan,Dana	-228.00
2022-11-10	Pizza for Student Lunch / Student Social Event / Mahan,Dana	-3,791.20
2022-11-10	Drinks for Student Lunch / Student Social Event / Mahan,Dana	-432.00
2022-11-25	2022-11-25 CAPITEC AOZ418/2183 / Bank statement 2022 November	1,000.00
2022-12-02	A1A210 : A0Z418 / Transfer staff monthly contributions (Nov 22 jnl) to Life Abundant fund	2,430.00
2022-12-14	2022-12-14 ABSA BANK A0Z418 Ha / Bank statement 2022 December	100,000.00
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	295.91
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	235.15
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	226.43
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	1,062.64
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	511.31
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	360.56
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	318.29
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	1,064.96
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	88.42
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	359.08
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	511.31
2022-12-31	Interest / Interest Journals	73.04
2023-01-13	11369711 Molati P / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-01-13	22959930 Ntshotsho X / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-01-13	20806567 Enang B / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-01-13	22624946 Mwapfaa T / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-01-13	18172301 Masiya X / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-01-13	20691442 Motshwane K / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-01-13	24351522 Lediga P / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-01-13	17255262 Montlueli L / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-01-19	A1A210 : A0Z418 / Transfer staff monthly contributions (Dec 22 jnl) to Life Abundant fund	2,480.00
2023-01-23	3 x 1 Hour Tutorials for At Risk PG Student / Student Support - Tutor Fees / Mahan,Dana	-900.00
2023-01-25	2023-01-25 A0Z418/10025057 / Banking Module 038 Journals	100,000.00
2023-02-27	Funds Received By / Transfer staff monthly contribution (Feb 23 jnl) to Life Abundant fund	2,020.00
2023-03-02	19149329 Macu A / Student related transactions	-10,000.00
2023-03-09	breakfast items for hungry students that did not get their NSFAS allowances on time	-984.26
2023-03-09	lunch items for hungry students that did not get their NSFAS allowances on time	-819.69
2023-03-29	2023-03-29 CAPITEC AOZ418/2183 / Banking Module 038 Journals	1,000.00
2023-03-31	Salaries / HR Payroll Journals	-2,513.87
2023-04-10	Food Voucher for Hungry Student / Student Support - April 2023 / Mahan,Dana	-500.00

2023-04-12	A1A210 : A0Z418 / Transfer staff monthly contributions (Mar 23 jnl) to Life Abundant fund	2,120.00
2023-04-19	22955179 Mntambo T / Student related transactions	-7,500.00
2023-04-19	19144505 Lekhema T / Student related transactions	-7,500.00
2023-04-19	95155253 Nthite S / Student related transactions	-7,500.00
2023-04-19	22961292 Xaba G / Student related transactions	-7,500.00
2023-04-19	18384278 Mlangeni G / Student related transactions	-7,500.00
2023-04-19	17100519 Mkhwebane L / Student related transactions	-7,500.00
2023-04-19	11291852 du Toit C / Student related transactions	-22,460.00
2023-04-19	21817325 Phiri A / Student related transactions	-7,500.00
2023-04-19	21473057 Makwetse D / Student related transactions	-7,500.00
2023-04-20	A0Z418 : E05940 / Reversal of journal ID 0001290835 salary reallocation journal PHR1289281	2,513.87
2023-04-27	Gown Hire for Faculty Grads / Graduation Gowns / Mahan,Dana	-270.00
2023-04-30	Salaries / HR Payroll Journals	-2,513.87
2023-05-07	New handset for student who was robbed of her previous phone near campus, so she can carry on with her school work	-999.00
2023-05-09	Food Voucher for Hungry Student / Student Support / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2023-05-15	A1A210 : A0Z418 / Transfer staff monthly contributions to Life Abundant fund	2,120.00
2023-05-31	E059040:A0Z418 PHR 1293421 / Correction of account on JRN 0001292489 and reallocation of PHR 1293421	2,513.87
2023-05-31	E059040:A0Z418 correct account / Correction of account on JRN 0001292489 and reallocation of PHR 1293421	2,513.87
2023-05-31	E059040:A0Z418 reverse 1292489 / Correction of account on JRN 0001292489 and reallocation of PHR 1293421	-2,513.87
2023-06-02	A1A210:A0Z418 / Transfer staff monthly contributions (May 23 jnl) to Life Abundant fund	1,755.00
2023-06-19	Laptop Repair for Needy Student / Student Support - June 2023 / Mahan,Dana	-1,000.00
2023-07-05	A0Z418:A1A210 / Transfer staff monthly contributions (June 23 jnl) to Life Abundant fund	1,920.00
2023-07-14	20657562 Letsoalo I / Student related matters	-5,000.00
2023-07-14	17311897 Mandla V / Student related matters	-5,000.00
2023-07-14	20782226 Ndhambi H / Student related matters	-5,000.00
2023-07-14	21823040 Dyala M / Student related matters	-5,000.00
2023-07-14	18041699 Shivambu S / Student related matters	-5,000.00
2023-07-25	Ready Made Meals for Hungry Students / Food Parcel Order / Mahan,Dana	-875.00
2023-07-26	2023-07-26 CAPITEC A0Z418/2183 / Banking Module 038 Journals	1,000.00
2023-08-02	Funds Received By / Transfer staff monthly contributions to Life Abundant fund	1,870.00
2023-08-03	0000000695982 / Departmental Receipts	4,920.00
2023-09-07	A1A210:A0Z418 / Transfer staff monthly contributions (Aug 23) to life abundant fund	1,870.00
2023-09-18	Food Voucher 3 / Student Support - Sep 2023 / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2023-09-18	Food Voucher 1 / Student Support - Sep 2023 / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2023-09-18	Food Voucher 2 / Student Support - Sep 2023 / Mahan,Dana	-500.00
2023-09-19	Screen replacement for a student laptop so he could carry on with his school work / Laptop Repair - Sep 2023 / Mahan,Dana	-1,000.00
2023-09-29	2023-09-29 A0Z418/10025057 / Banking Module 038 Journals	120,000.00
2023-10-03	Vendor: ENTERPRISES UP (PTY) LTD (UP COMPANY) / Life Abundant Grant - CFC Course	-5,000.00
2023-10-04	A1A210 : A0Z418 / Transfer staff monthly contribution (September 23) to Life Abundant fund	1,920.00
2023-10-31	PnP voucher for hungry student / Life Abundant Support - Oct 23 / Mahan,Dana	-250.00

NB – The total income of Life Abundant for the last fiscal year (01 November 2022 – 31 October 2023), as represented by the transactions listed above, is R358 954, and our total expenses, or the money we spent on students in need, is R220 284.

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