

DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH IN BOTSWANA

ESTABLISHED AS A MISSION IN 1877

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THE STORY OF DRCB

The DRCB is established as a Mission in 1877. The Church Struggled to grow as expected. We have 19 Congregation with four Circuits and 19 Ministers. Only three Ministers work on full time basis and 10 ministers work on part time while other five are not called by congregations because of lack of funds to pay salaries.

The Church struggled to grow or plant new Congregations due to the fact that we don't have central funds Account to facilitate the growth of the Church. The Church also have challenges of Sponsoring the Ministers to upgrade their theological studies as the result of that church have 90% of ministers who are Diploma Graduates. Note: The Church does not have its own Theological Training Institution therefore we are open to accept any interests from any reformed Institution to get in to Partnership. The Synod Office has only two employees who are employed on three years Contracts with provisions for renewal, they are Office Assistant & Cleaner but we are currently in a process of employing the General Secretary.

The Church have challenges of Power Struggle between the Moderamen & Church Office Committee regarding the day to day running of the Synod Office and these cause the church to be stagnant.

We have three successful projects for people with disabilities which are subsidised by the Government. We have challenges of funding these projects and employing staff of special education, therefore we request for any assistant for training our church members for special education programmes.

Thank you and god bless you

Rev Masilo Poonyane