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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

During the last year our President Juliana Dreyer theme has been "Chasing Godliness" based on the passage 1 Tim 4: 7-8. Juliana has been sharing with the ladies monthly based on various monthly themes. Juliana has not been able to share with the ladies in person due to the current restrictions due to the state of emergency.

During this past year Patricia Ihlenfeldt has represented the Women's Department on the National Leadership Team. Meetings have been held virtually throughout the lockdown period.

The ministry continues to develop and as we grow, we face new challenges all the time. Personally, I have enjoyed just being home during this time of quarantine and have been able to catch up on many tasks that just have not been done because of travelling.

I have participated in many Zoom and Team meetings over the last year.

The COVID Fund initiative has been going well and we have used some of the Job's Job Fund funds as well as gifts we have received from the Hidden Treasure shop in East London to support many pastoral families in need during these difficult times.

Due to the current situation, we held a virtual Reload Conference, with the Baptist World alliance Women's Department President, Karen Wilson being one of our main speakers. Juliana hosted the meetings and shared the closing devotion with Mancy Magadlela sharing the opening devotions. The theme for the conference was "Chasing Godliness". Some of the associations held combined meetings on the Saturday to join in and we had a good attendance and many folks watched on Facebook as well.

So many aspects of our ministry have been affected. We have tried to send out messages of encouragement using the SMS contact details and emails, but I do not have a comprehensive list as the details are not being updated. We have been using the Facebook and Instagram to keep interest going and try to post something daily. The blog has been updated monthly as Juliana has continued to send video messages which focused on her theme. We would appreciate your help in sending through information that ladies can use as resources. We exist to equip and challenge the churches to have more effective women's ministry.

During Women's month in August our President' theme was "I Choose to Praise" based on Ps 34:1. She prepared presentations from various ladies in our local churches who have experienced various challenges during the pandemic. These messages have been circulated on What's App groups, on social media and uploaded to the Women's Department Blog.

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Despite the many negative consequences of the last year, it has been wonderful to see our sisters stepping up and shining God's light in their communities.

Thank you for your continued support of the Department and for your prayers.

Patricia

"for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:3

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