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Report of the German Evangelical Old Age Home, Johannesburg, to the Church Synod 2017 of ELCSA(NT)

Since our last report to Synod, two years ago, we are looking back and thank God for the wonderful blessings we experienced in our Home over the last two years.

In future it will be known as the, "German Seniors Residence" (GSR), Johannesburg, or translated, Deutsche Senioren Residenz.

2016 we celebrated the 70th anniversary of our beautiful home, i.e. village.

As we looked back at the 70 years of our existence we came to the conclusion that we are a retirement home, with frail care support, where staff are serving residence with care, consideration and professionalism and where we do make sure that our residents receive the attention they deserve. Indeed, our mission remains, that of engagement with all stakeholders with compassion and respect.

The GSR is managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of three promoters- i.e. Deutscher Frauen Verein, Johanniter Orden and the Church –ELCSA(NT), each promoter represented by three directors. The day to day affairs are managed ably by -our manageress, Mrs Michaela Thomas and she in turn is supported by Britta Marè as secretary to our GSR. Supporting them we have qualified nursing staff who are serving our seniors mainly in the Frailcare division, but also are concerned with the residents who live in cottages, bedsitters and single rooms. As you see, our GSR offers various facilities to our residents.

We offer regular Sunday services, Bible studies, and devotions by members and pastors of various congregations in Gauteng. We provide regular entertainment.

We offer weekly shopping outings; Ballet visits, Birthday Parties, a monthly trip to the German Woman Federation at St Peter's by the Lake where various speaker's keep you entertained.

Doctor's and clinic visits can be organised through the office. The GSR is closely situated to the Milpark and Donald Gordon Hospitals.

Café Maxi is open with fresh cake and filter coffee on weekends in the afternoons. Residents organise regular in house movie events.

Every Friday morning there is gymnastics in Großmutterstübchen. We visit the public library every four weeks. We also have a huge library available at the GSR itself. Entertainment within the home varies and we have fun afternoon' and a special Winter Evening is arranged in August every year, Spring Day and of course every year, on the Saturday before the first Advent (2.12.2017) our annual Christmas bazaar.

So that we can offer even better service, we recently installed WIFI across the properties and every resident will be able to install that in their own residence and acquire an even more spectacular entertainment for themselves.

Deutsches Evangelisches Altersheim Johannesburg NPC

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Presently we are very busy with a drive to renovate and restore our premises to be able to offer our residents a well-cared for residence. Our neat gardens certainly add so much to the peace and tranquillity of our GSR. In general our residents are happy and feel at home and well cared for. This was recently expressed by our newly elected Residents committee which works closely side by side with the management of our GSR and has direct access to the Board of Directors.

To improve the situation (especially the occupancy) of our Frail care, we are negotiating with Netcare to use a part of our Frail care for a stepdown facility. This will be of great benefit to the GSR, as we will, have more qualified staff on our premises. Netcare, is presently already assisting in the training of our nursing staff. Netcare has shown great interest in coming into partnership with us in the Frail care.

Sadly, many of our residents passed away during this past winter season.

Currently our occupancy stands at 72 people which is too low and requires our attention. We have vacancies in the following facilities:

A sun-drenched north facing room in house Protea; a morning sun filled upstairs bedsitter in Strelitzia and a north facing upstairs unit in house Kosmos.

There are vacancies in our frail care. All rooms are single rooms, that are furnished by the family to make the new accommodation a happy one. Caring staff is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Here too we offer high standards of service and welcome any new residents that require this care delivered with competence and passion for the residents.

There is a public coin operated laundry with a washing machine for individual needs.

We offer various meals and are currently negotiating to outsource this service to improve quality and service in this area of our facilities. This will also cater for visitors of families and friends who wish to stay over mealtimes and enjoy the homely atmosphere with the residents.

Office hours with our friendly secretary are from 08h00 – 17h00.

Come book an appointment and visit our GSR. For further information – Tel: 011 726 8121 or send email to: **[-michaela.germanoldagehome@absamail.co.za](mailto:michaela.germanoldagehome@absamail.co.za)**

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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(Chairman)

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