



# Education Development United Foundation



## LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

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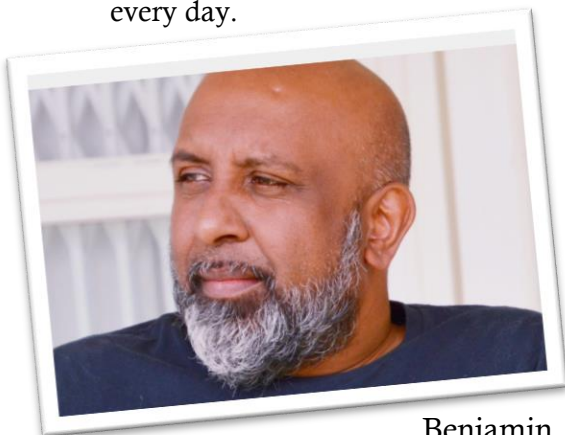
### Recent Events



- August 13 & 14 EDUF leaders were honored to attend and to present at the 2020 meeting via Zoom of ANESA (Association of Nazarene Educational Systems in Africa). See more on Page 2.

### Upcoming Events

- October 20. EDUF board will consider newly framed by-laws
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world and every day.



## Dr. Walker Steps Aside

Dr. Ken Walker has served as president EDUF (Education Development United Foundation) since its inception in 2006. At the November 2019 annual meeting he shared that it is time for him to step out of this lead role while staying engaged in EDUF. He is a retired Nazarene global missionary who served 33 years in education and church leadership as teacher and principal of Nazarene Teachers College and Nazarene Bible College in Swaziland, Director of Africa Southeast (Lusophone) Field, Africa Regional Education Coordinator, and Interim Caribbean REC (Regional Education Coordinator). Currently pastoring Family Fellowship Church of the Nazarene in Palmyra, IN, Dr. Walker and his wife and ministry partner, Linda, are both graduates of Trevecca Nazarene University and reside in Ramsey, IN.

### Who is the current “R.E.C.”?

The REC (Africa Regional Education Coordinator) is Dr. Gabriel Benjamin, who earned the title “Dr” the spring of 2020 from Trevecca Nazarene University. Hearty congratulations!



**Mr. Frank Hallum**  
Treasurer

## Transition Leaders: Crakers and M. Scott

**Dr. Randy and Mrs. Robinette Craker** have been remarkable supporters of Pastoral Education in Africa. They were leaders of the “Mozambique Miracle” that resulted in constructing seven buildings on the campus of Seminário Nazareno em Moçambique, Maputo. He is coaching the board of EDUF in this transition and offered key considerations that the board is addressing.

The goal of the transition of leadership is to ensure the ongoing engagement with and expansion partnering with those who are educating pastors in Africa. The EDUF Board voted Dr. Walker to be *President Emeritus* and **Dr. Margaret Scott**, current Vice President, to be the transition manager. EDUF has established a covenant with Dr. Gabriel Benjamin, the current Africa Region Coordinator of Education.

**Mr. Frank Hallum** has also announced his retirement. He has served faithfully as treasurer of EDUF since its inception. The EDUF Board voted Mr. Hallum to be *Treasurer Emeritus*. He is eager to pass the office of treasurer on to a new person so...

**EDUF is actively seeking a new treasurer.**

**Info: Admin@eduf.org**

### YOU can make a big difference!

#### YOU can give Attention:

Follow us on our Facebook page commenting and sharing. We organize prayer daily on our Facebook Page for the seven fields of Africa.

### YOU can CONNECT with us!

Join an EDUF hub: in a geographic area or a virtual hub that focuses on core activities:

- Engaged pray-ers
- Creative academics
- Developing libraries
- Funding mission
- Project teams

### YOU can BE one of us!

Be an EDUF rep in your local church by sharing EDUF initiatives and raising funds locally.

Sign up with Margaret Scott by Emailing Admin@EDUF.org

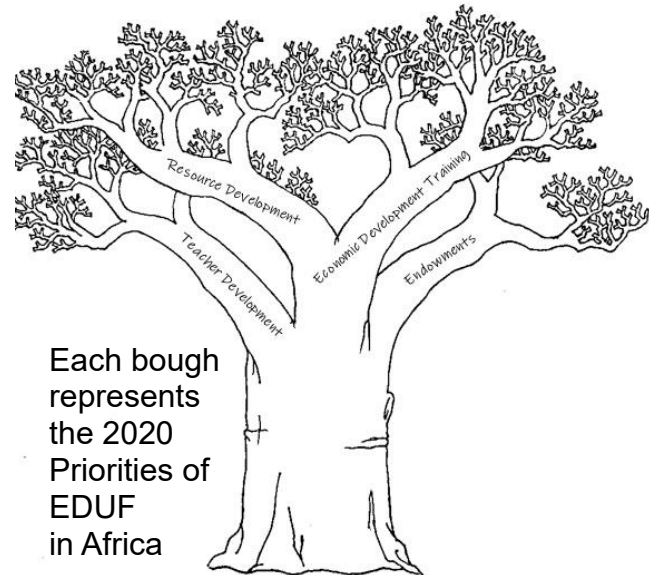




# 2020 PRIORITIES IN AFRICA

## Dr. Gabe Benjamin

- T- Teacher Development** - I am working to see some of our current faculty members across all our schools acquire higher education - Masters and PhD's in their fields. It is a challenge but it is possible. Allow me to explain. Some of Students have studied in our US institutions. For the cost of a single Masters of Divinity at NNU, for example, we could develop 5 Masters graduates in Africa through world renown Academic Houses like SATS (South Africa Theological Seminary), UNISA (Uni South Africa), UJ (Uni of Johannesburg), UP (Uni Pretoria), etc. Global Partners who have sponsored African Students to study in the USA should be made aware of this. Their money could go a long way for the future of African Scholarships.
- R- Resource Development** - It is good to see libraries being aided here, such as the one at NTC South Africa. This will go a long way to resource English language schools. I would like to see a fully functional, well-stocked Wesleyan Online French repository. This will hold great value as we are currently working to develop the French B.Th. with a double major emphasis. It would also be wonderful to develop a similarly strong Portuguese repository/online Library. (This dream may have roots in the next two years but may take longer to materialize.)
- E- Economic Development Training-** The global pandemic revealed that beneath the veneer of Nazarene Educational Systems in Africa, our clergy development models on all seven fields are in need of efficient systems development. "Survival mindsets" stunt future development. Our educational systems must break these mindsets! We need to create vocational training and entrepreneurial development courses that are well accredited, well marketed and very relevant for clergy. Most of our school leaders/teachers/clergy lead from a passion to see the Church of the Nazarene thriving in Africa but upon retirement they personally have very little to live on. Social entrepreneurial development as part of the clergy lifelong learning is what I have shared with many as an idea. If we could raise up experts and expertise to partner with us to give short courses of high impact to develop our clergy to think critically and economically, we may break "*dependency thinking*" for the new generations of Nazarenes. Sadly, many Nazarene students returning from Urban based Universities don't remain in our denomination. This is economic self-sabotage for us. The reasons for the exodus are varied and most have to do with how Nazarene clergy leadership is perceived.
- E- Endowments- Rethinking Purpose: for Strategic Communication and for Trainings Identified Above**



**Teacher Training**  
**Resource Development**  
**Economic Development**  
**Training**  
**Endowments**

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## *A Love Letter to the Bushveld.*

I remember how you look.  
I can see you in my mind's eye,  
the dips and rolls of your hills and valleys.  
A certain bend in the river or view of a distant kopje.  
I close my eyes and I see you...  
I am back again.

I remember how you smell.  
The rich earthy aroma of summer, the woodsmoke  
scent of winter.  
Sweet grass at dawn and the potato bush at dusk.  
I breathe deeply and inhale...  
I am back again.

I remember how you sound.  
The insects, rustling of grass – and the birds.  
Oh, the birds!  
Even after years, their names come unbidden  
to my lips when I hear their familiar calls.  
I conjure their song up in my mind...  
I am back again.

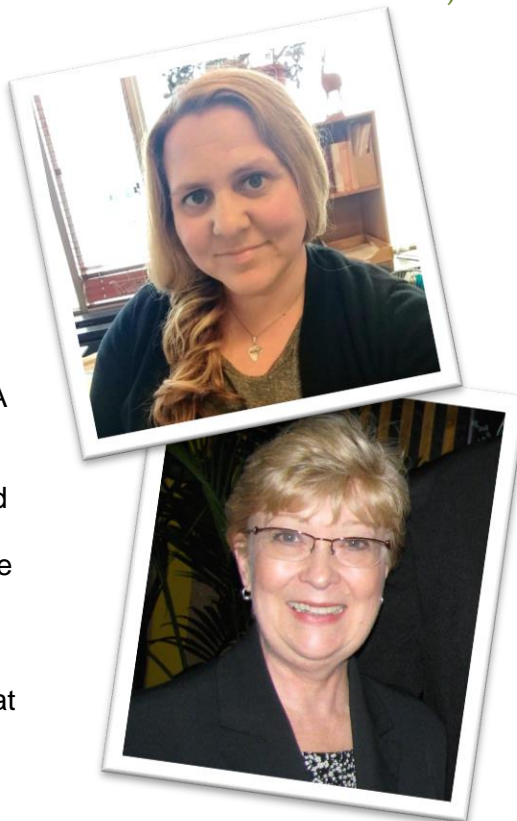
I remember how I feel. When I am there.  
And as I sit in front of my canvas, miles away,  
trying to capture you in paint.  
Where others see a picture, I see a love letter.  
For a few precious hours,  
I was back again.

*by Beth Restrick, 2019*



## Beth Restrick and Linda Braaten, EDUF Writers

**Ms. Beth Restrick**, EDUF Secretary, is Head of the African Studies Library at Boston University, and EDUF web designer. Ms. Restrick discovered her passion for librarianship while serving as a Nazarene in Volunteer Service at Seminário Nazareno em Moçambique. She earned a BA at Eastern Nazarene College, and the MLIS at Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Currently based in Boston, MA, she is the daughter of Nazarene missionaries Dave and Rhoda Restrick. She has an abiding love for missions and Africa that inspires her to write poetry and create art like her works above “*A Loveletter to the Bushveld*”.



**Ms. Linda Braaten**, EDUF Grant Writer, is a retired Nazarene global missionary with 17 years in Education & Clergy Development, JESUS Film Ministry, and Communications. Ms. Braaten was executive director of an American charitable organization in the CIS and worked for a major car rental company in the United States and Australia. She received a BA from Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK, the certificate of cross-cultural ministries, certificate in collaborative urban ministry and development, and MA in intercultural studies from Nazarene Theological Seminary. Currently engaged with collective impact projects in two school districts addressing student homelessness, mentoring, and community and police relations, she resides in Kansas City, MO.