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Endorsement: SA Institute for Church Administration & Dr David D Rajh

Even though I taught Practical Theology and Missiology, including church administration, for more than thirty years at the Faculty of Theology, serving with David Rajh as trustee of a huge NGO with a large staff when Covid struck, was an eye-opener. The organization where we served was not in a good place, but by the grace of God, we had a new competent General Manager, and we had David Rajh as a new trustee. He led the trustees and staff through Covid without losing a single staff member or experiencing a financial collapse of a very vulnerable faith-based organization. Once out of the Covid dip, the staff was prepared, like athletes for a race! They got everything connected to administration and good governance principles sorted out during the Covid period, got their house in order, and when the doors opened, they were speeding away like athletes rejoicing in their mission and vision. The NGO experienced a post-Covid growth curve that surpassed all previous achievements.

Covid illustrated the importance of everything outlined in the brochure on the SA Institute for Church Administration. It was a privilege being part of this team of dedicated servants that understood the nitty-gritty of good administration based on the solid foundation of the theory and theology that are integral to its mission.

In the introduction of the SA Institute for Church Administration, there is a section “Why is Church Administration vital to the health of a local church?” I have been the supervisor for some 30 PhDs and 120 Masters degrees in this field. This I can vouch for: without the platform of a service-based administration, no congregation can flourish and serve the Kingdom.

May the Lord bless this endeavour.

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