

WEIDENHOF HOUSE

A historic house in Stellenbosch, consisting of semi-detached houses in Weidenhofstraat, has been completely refurbished in order to accommodate theological students from other African countries. It is able to accommodate up to 24 students who generally are post graduate. The house was initially bought in 1994 by the Hartgerink Trust and the Missions Department of the DRC family of Church. In 2008 it was given to the Stellenbosch University.



At the General Meeting of NetACT (Network for African Congregational Theology) in 2009/2010 the "keys" of the House were ceremonially handed over to the Rector of Stellenbosch University, Prof Russel Botman.

Apart from the house having converted with the "green" technology in mind, it also is designed to accommodate married couples and people with handicaps. Each room has an internet access point.

Many alumni of the house testify to its friendly and welcoming nature. Here students find a home away from home. Weidenhof House, according to Prof Nico Koopman (Dean of the Faculty) is a place where students assist each other and develop strong friendships. One of our UPCSA students Tatenda Garande says that the facilities make it easy for him to concentrate on his studies and the regular bible studies held at the house contribute to his spiritual growth.

Over the past 20 years students from a great variety of countries have been accommodated:- Namibia, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Mozambique and Nigeria. Two former residents obtained their Doctors Degrees.

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NetACT – a network of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of sub-Saharan Africa was constituted in 2000 to help develop leaders in theology.

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