

## JUNE 2021

**He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8**

Dear Friends,

With great joy, I introduce Teresa Conradie as the next President and Chief Executive Officer of Advocates International. Thank you for your encouragement and prayers. We have clearly seen God’s direction throughout the process.

For many of you, Teresa needs no introduction. She is already your colleague, co-laborer, and friend. You have worked and prayed with her. You have seen her capable and godly leadership at the helm of the Global Council and Advocates Africa. You have attended conferences that she organized. Teresa has long been a critical leader in Advocates International. She knows the network well, and its mission has been hers.



For those who don’t yet know Teresa well, here is a little bit about her. Teresa is the Managing Director with Maphalla Mokate Conradie Inc, a law firm in Pretoria, South Africa. She has been active in the profession, teaching law students, training lawyers, and engaging in many other ways with the bar. She has served several terms as an Acting Judge of the High Court of South Africa.

Teresa’s work with Christian lawyering is unmatched. Teresa has served on Advocates International’s Global Council since its creation in 2008, including as chairperson for much of its life. She is a founding member of Advocates Africa, and she has served in various capacities within the organization, including as chairperson. She has attended all the Advocates Africa conferences ever held. Teresa has been a long-time member of the Christian Lawyers Association of South Africa and has served in various leadership capacities, including as board chairperson.

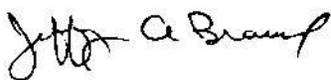
Teresa has been on the front lines of many of the crucial issues facing Christian lawyers and Christians generally, including promoting the sanctity of life, protecting the family, preserving religious freedom, and pursuing peace and reconciliation and justice for the poor. She is committed to the rule of law and integrity.

During the interview process, Teresa shared her passion for the mission of Advocates International and an exciting vision for how to carry it out in the coming years. I am confident that all of you will be hearing more about that vision soon – and that you will share the board’s excitement and confidence about what lies ahead.

Central to all Teresa’s accomplishments and plans is her deep faith in God. She believes in a big God – one who answers prayer and is active in the lives of his people. As she shared with the board: “In my view, prayer and obedience to the will of God is and should be the foundation of everything we do in Advocates International.” Teresa knows that dependence on God is the key to any impact Advocates International has or successes it achieves.

Please join me in welcoming Teresa and praying for her as she transitions into her new role. And continue to pray for Brent and his future steps and thank him for his faithful, humble, and prayerful leadership over the past decade.

Thank you,



Jeffrey A. Brauch  
Chairman, Advocates International Board



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