

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED1. The Gospel and its implications:

- (1) That the Division of Justice and Reconciliation be requested to prepare a memorandum setting out the reasons for altering the existing legislation to enable other races to enter Black townships freely for the purposes of fellowship with their fellow Christians; and that the Metropolitan be respectfully requested to forward the memorandum to the Minister of Plural Relations.
- (2) That the Division of Justice and Reconciliation be requested to prepare a memorandum objecting to the legislation whereby Black people are deprived of their South African citizenship when a homeland with which the Government associates them is given independence; and that the Metropolitan be respectfully requested to forward the memorandum to the Minister of Plural Relations.

2. Family Life:

- (1) That PSC asks the Provincial Secretary/Treasurer to investigate the feasibility of the Church providing housing loans.
- (2) That in view of the high divorce rate PSC resolve to ask each Diocesan Council or its equivalent to give thought to marriage guidance through the provision of counselling for high school children, pre-marital counselling, counselling for married couples and marriage enrichment courses.  
Resource people who might be consulted could be drawn from the marriage counselling division of the SACC, the Mothers' Union, the AUF and the Nomads.
- (3) That with regard to the present crisis for squatters, especially at Crossroads, PSC upholds the principle that Africans, like all others, have the right to live as families near the place where their work is required, and urges all Anglicans:
  - (i) to pray for the people whose homes are threatened
  - (ii) to be fully informed on housing and squatter issues
  - (iii) to encourage nearby parishes to visit and attend services in squatter camps
  - (iv) To be there, if so moved by God, at the time of demolition if it occurs, and so encourage others to be there by stating their intention
  - (v) to meet whatever needs the people may have at the time of, and after, demolition.
- (4) That the PSC recognising that Jesus Christ calls us to enter with him into a new vision and a new way of life which stands in strong contrast to our prevailing assumptions and practices, acknowledges that in society there has been a breakdown in family life. Among Black people this has been exacerbated by legislation which denies husbands and wives the right to live together. The pitifully inadequate housing available in urban areas effectively prevents the family from living as an independent unit. This break-up has resulted in the loss of parental control, illegitimacy, alcoholism and drug addiction, prostitution and an increased crime rate.

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Recognising further that the word of Jesus Christ "Those whom God has joined together let not man put asunder" applies not only to private morality, but is a safeguard for society as a whole, therefore resolves:

- (i) to ask the Metropolitan to try to arrange a consultation with the relevant authorities to discuss the conflicting demands of Gospel and law so that changes may be implemented;
- (ii) to urge Diocesan Councils or their equivalent to investigate the possibility of appointing Home and Family Life Officers who would be concerned to promote the quality of family life in each Diocese.

### 3. Education:

- (1) That in response to the present crisis in African education, especially on the Rand, members of the CPSA and their Parish Councils, where appropriate, are urged to:
  - (a) assist in providing non-formal programmes of education making these non-racial where possible, (e.g. art, history).
  - (b) provide financial assistance and support for approved educational enrichment programmes (e.g. that proposed by the SAIRR on the Rand)
  - (c) investigate the possible use of church and church school premises for educational purposes
  - (d) set up 'homework' centres for students working on correspondence courses; helping further with the provision of tutors and grants/loans to students where possible.
- (2) That the Department of Education of the CPSA be requested to provide study materials, formats, etc., to enable its members to understand the basic issues underlying the crisis in African Education.
- (3) That the Clergy of the CPSA are asked at all times to encourage vocations to the teaching profession.
- (4) That Dioceses and Parishes in the CPSA are asked to be aware of those of their members who are teachers, to encourage them, in and outside the classroom, to hold high ideals of that vocation to which God calls them; and to support them in the exercising of this ministry.
- (5) That Church schools are asked:
  - (a) to examine their priorities in the light of their foundation as Christian institutions
  - (b) to increase as soon as possible the integration of Black scholars and staff
  - (c) to assist in the provision of bursaries to enable Black scholars to be enrolled.

### 4. Economics:

- (1) That PSC makes the fullest use of the SACC's facilities in caring for the unemployed and in obtaining adequate statistics as to Black unemployment in Southern Africa.
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- (2) That PSC respectfully requests the Metropolitan to ensure that the CPSA is adequately represented at the meeting convened by the SACC on April 28 for the discussion of Investments.

5. Politics:

- (1) That this PSC believes that in view of the Government's intention of producing a new constitution for this land it is essential to ensure that such a constitution is not imposed on the country by a white Parliament representative of a minority of its people. We therefore call upon the Government to call a fully representative National Convention to draft such a constitution.
- (2) That the PSC recommends to Diocesan Bishops in the Republic of South Africa that they urge all Pastoral Charges to a real multi-racial life with concern for promoting mixed services, social activities, prayer meetings, discussion groups, etc., Domestic servants should be welcome in the life of the parish in which they work.

The purpose of this campaign is to properly prepare our Church members for the changes which the Church anticipates will soon occur.

6. Law and Order:

- (1) That this Special Meeting of PSC of the CPSA affirms that the Anglican Church supports the principle of giving obedience to the laws of the State, provided however that such laws do not conflict with God's laws.
- (2) That this meeting affirms also that restrictive laws such as those providing for detentions, bannings and imprisonment without trial are a form of violence against the freedom of the individual and an attack on the dignity of mankind and lead to counter-violence against the State imposing such laws.
- (3) That in pursuance of these affirmations the CPSA protests in the strongest terms against all laws
- (i) which provide for detention, banning or imprisonment without charge or trial and the consequent deprivation of freedom and treatment of such persons;
  - (ii) whereby the Rule of Law has been abrogated, and persons are denied access to the Courts, legal assistance, their families, their clergy and the Holy Scriptures;
  - (iii) whereby the discretion of the judicial authorities as to minimum sentence is removed, as this constitutes an interference with the presiding judicial authority in deciding on a just punishment in the circumstances of each case.
- (4) That this meeting therefore calls urgently on the Government of the Republic of South Africa to take immediate steps

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- (i) to repeal forthwith all laws offending against the Rule of Law and the dignity of all persons in the Republic of South Africa and South West Africa;
  - (ii) for the release of all persons held under such laws who have not been charged before a Court of Law;
  - (iii) to restore to all the right of access to the Courts, and
  - (iv) for the review by the Superior Courts of all proceedings of Inferior Courts where the sentence exceeds one of ninety days imprisonment.
- (5) That a copy of these resolution (i) to (4) should be sent by the Provincial Executive Officer to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice and Police and to all other members of the South African Parliament, to the Administrator General of South West Africa, to the Church Press and the secular Press, to the heads of all other major denominations and to all Diocesan Bishops for them to circulate among their people.
- (6) That this meeting urges all Anglicans
- (i) to pray constantly for all those persons who are concerned with the administration of justice together with all who are banned or detained or imprisoned for alleged political offences without trial, and to report through their clergy to their Bishops and to the Division of Justice and Reconciliation of the CP&SA the names of all those so banned, detained or imprisoned; and
  - (ii) to pray for and to support the families of those persons spiritually, morally and financially, including the provision of funds for legal aid.
- (7) That PSC further recommends that a Theological Committee be appointed forthwith by the Metropolitan to study, develop and advise as a matter of urgency on the biblical and theological basis of law in society with a view to enabling Christians to make responsible decisions in relation to God's law and man's law.
7. Social Action:
- (1) That PSC asks each Diocesan Board of Trustees and the Provincial Board of Trustees to report to the November 1978 meeting of PSC what response it has made to the resolution of November 1977 on the question of Church investments.
- (Note: The resolution referred to requested investigation by Trust Boards of their investment portfolios as a matter of urgency having regard to:
- (a) racially discriminating practices.
  - (b) unsatisfactory working conditions
  - (c) the production of that which is detrimental to the well-being of the community).
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- (2) That PSC calls upon every Church member seriously to consider his lifestyle and how it gives witness to Christ, e.g. avoiding attendance at racially restricted recreational venues, living simply that they may have something to share with others.
  - (3) That the matter raised by the motion set aside "That PSC requests the Bishops to make clear to the parishes and to all individuals concerned that holding Church office is in present circumstances incompatible with being a member of the Security Police and similar agencies" be referred to the Synod of Bishops.
  - (4) That PSC requests Parish Councils and Action Groups
    - (i) to identify how we each participate in the violent society with particular reference to the private ownership of guns and the purchase of defence bonds,
    - (ii) to encourage support for the families of conscientious objectors, and
    - (iii) if possible to report through their Diocesan Bishops to the November meeting of PSC.
  - (5) That PSC requests the Provincial Executive Officer to obtain and circulate to members of PSC the SACC document on the question of marriage officers, if possible, before the next meeting of PSC.
  - (6) That the Department of Education and the Southern African Anglican Theological Commission be asked to prepare teaching material on Christian Social Ethics.
  - (7) That it be noted that the Group on Social Action regrets that it has not had time to look through all the matters contained in its report to the plenary session and requests that the Provincial Justice and Reconciliation Division work urgently on these and if possible to temporarily co-opt members of the Group for that purpose.
8. War and Peace:
- (1) That PSC requests Dr James Mulder, together with the Diocese of Natal's "Resolution 7" group, to prepare simple material as soon as possible, that can be put into the hands of persons who may be involved in military action, or parishes who wish to make a study of the issues involved, to enable them to see some of the ethical dimensions and to make a more considered and Christian decision as to their own response; this material to be made available to parishes through the Publishing Department.
  - (2) That PSC requests the Southern African Anglican Theological Commission to form a work group, not necessarily of its own members, to draw up a detailed and definitive document to guide the Church in its attitude to violence in the South African situation.

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It should include considerations of Old and New Testament teaching, the past tradition and practice of the Church, and a consideration of whether the present situation in South Africa justifies Whites in taking up arms to defend the status quo, or Blacks who feel the time has come for violent armed revolution.

The document should in the first instance be presented to the Synod of Bishops.

(3) That PSC

- (i) endorses the call by Episcopal Synod for a system, whereby conscientious objectors can do a non-military form of national service, e.g. in hospitals, housing, welfare, etc., to be permitted by the State as an alternative to military service in South Africa; and
- (ii) believes that the Government's attention needs to be re-drawn to the fact that the threat on our borders and the danger of Communist influence arise to a very large extent from the grave injustices within our land; that were those injustices redressed, Communism would have little attraction, and that until these injustices are redressed, an elaborate defence system cannot ultimately prevent infiltration;
- (iii) respectfully requests the Metropolitan to appoint a small body who will make continuing personal representations to the Government and the Army on these issues.
- (iv) That PSC
  - (i) believes that the Church and its members are called to be "peacemakers" (Mt.5.9); that peacemaking means making active efforts to reconcile estranged groups and to enable them to speak the truth in love to each other while still being in fellowship; and that in fulfilling this task the Church will discover blessedness;
  - (ii) respectfully requests each Diocesan Bishop to appoint a group in his Diocese who will explore ways of 'making peace' there between Black and White, English and Afrikaans, other languages and tribal groups. Such ways might include regional 'seminars' for clergy, adults and young people; or youth events such as camps or hikes; or work camps. Each Bishop is encouraged to cause a report to be given to each meeting of PSC on what has been attempted and achieved in his Diocese, in order that we may thank God together for his works.

(N.B. Archbishop Hurley's 'Mobilization for Peace' could be a useful document for groups).

/(v) That PSC asks the Bishops .....