

THE CHURCH BOARD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA (RHEINISH MISSION) AT ITS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13-15TH 1984, TOOK AN UNANIMOUSLY THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

(a) The introduction of compulsory military service for all male persons in Namibia from the ages of 17 to 55 is in direct conflict with and block the much desired settlement and peace through the UN Security Council Resolution 435.

(b) This coercion into military service is a massive oppression of the whole nation with military might, and will create a situation of total civil war, elimination of any oppression, harassment and imprisonment of many people.

(c) The Church Board therefore express its strong opposition to compulsory registration and conscription into the army and call upon all concerned to immediately implement Resolution 435.

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Dear Jacqui

Thank you very much for your letter of the 19th July 1985 and the two enclosures, the first being a statement "Towards a Just Peace in our Land" and secondly a document listing people and organisations who have endorsed the declaration.

While I am in sympathy with much of your declaration, I feel I should not put my signature on this particular petition but rather identify myself with part I of the Anglican Provincial Synod's call to the Government of South Africa "to widen the grounds for conscientious objection by basing these on ethical, not only religious criteria and specifically to include selective objections."

To me conscientious objection is more the issue than conscription and it is the Defence Amendment Act which at this time should be the focus of assault. It is also realistically where some chance of success lies for the initial breakthrough in this whole matter. I recognise that at a later stage or under other circumstances, this line may well need modification.

I enclose a summary of the Synod's recent resolutions.

Please know I deeply appreciate your concerns.

Yours very sincerely

MICHAEL CASSIDY
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4 September, 1985

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Greetings,

The consumer boycott in the Western Cape area continues. The WPCC has distributed two pamphlets and held a meeting of clergy in an attempt to do the groundwork for the boycott.

The clergy who attended the meeting on the issue, felt the need to meet again and will be doing so on 5 September 1985.

Some of the group who initially met to discuss non-violent action have expressed the need to meet again in order to discuss future plans. You are invited to attend the said meeting on 10 September 1985, 5:30 pm at the Lutheran Youth Centre, 8th Avenue, Belgravia, Athlone.

I look forward to meeting with you.

Warm regards,

LESLEY LIDDELL (MRS)

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1986- 06 - 02

Dear Paula,

This is to inform you that I am not the official representative or contact person for Justice and Peace, and would appreciate it if you could send all further correspondence direct to the field workers for Justice and Peace:

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Commission for Justice and Peace

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Thanking you for the attention you will give this matter.

Yours,

M. Perez

Marie-Louise Perez.

(Youth worker)

P.S. I have passed on all correspondence

Dear

Enclosed please find copies of the minutes of the last four ECC general body meetings, as well as minutes of our annual general meeting held in November last year. We apologise for the delay in sending you these minutes, but anticipate a streamlining of this process now that we are employing a local secretary.

We have also enclosed a copy of the proposals for the alternative service project, and we ask that you study these carefully. ECC is embarking on this somewhat difficult campaign as its main project for the next few months, and we will be needing all the support we can get during this time. Any recommendations or participation from yourself or your organisation would be most welcome.

The national ECC conference is being held this weekend (Friday the 31st of January to Sunday the 2nd of February) in Durban, and twenty delegates have been sent from Cape Town. We anticipate a weekend of hard discussion, and will produce a report on the proceedings for circulation.

The next ECC general body meeting is on Thursday the 13th of February, at 8 pm in the Rondebosch Congregational Church Hall. (We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.)

Yours sincerely

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