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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Western Province Council of Churches (regional Council of The South African Council of Churches) is one the organizations reprinted on the End Conscription Committee. As the Ecumenical Officer of the WPCC, I serve on the End conscription Committee as an executive person.

The End Conscription Committee addresses vital issue in terms of the Liberation Struggle in South Africa. The role of the military affects every person in our country as it upholds the apartheid system.

One of the Durban ECC members will be available to visit potential funders. Richard Steele is a past Conscientious Objector who served one years sentence in detention barracks in 1980. Mr. Steele has been invited by the Quakers and Mennanites to give evidence on Conscientious Objection to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. He will be in Geneva from 10 to 23 February 1985 and will be available to visit funders and/or present papers on conscientious objection and the work of ECC from 23 February to 8 March 1985.

Mr. Steele's address in Geneva will be;

c/o Judith Baker
 Quaker United Nations Office
 Quaker House
 13 Avenue du Mervelet
 1209
 GENEVA
 Switzerland

I trust that you will give our application, for funding of the End Conscription Campaign, favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Liddell
 LESLEY LIDDELL (MRS)
 Ecumenical Officer - WPCC

23 January, 1985

TOWARDS A JUST PEACE IN OUR LAND

A Declaration to End Conscription

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We believe that the extension of conscription to coloured and Indian youth will increase conflict and further divide our country.

WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE MORAL RIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICANS TO EXERCISE FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND TO CHOOSE NOT TO SERVE IN THE SADF.

WE CALL FOR AN END TO CONSCRIPTION

WE CALL FOR A JUST PEACE IN OUR LAND

ENDORSED BY: _____

A FEW OF THE ENDORSERS OF THE E.C.C. DECLARATION

1. Revd. Alan Boesak
2. Archbishop Denis Hurley
3. Revd. Beyers Naude
4. Sheena Duncan - President Black Sash
5. Oscar Mpetha - President United Democratic Front
6. Helen Joseph
7. Dr. Wolfgang Kistner
8. Molly Blackburn - MPC
9. Di Bishop - MPC
10. Bishop Bruce Evans
11. Prof. Jakes Gewel
12. Prof. David Welsh
13. Prof. Michael Savage
14. Sir Richard Luyt
15. Dr. Margaret Nash
16. Prof. Francis Wilson
17. Revd. David Russell
18. Dr. Oscar Wollheim
19. Fr. Timothy Stanton - C.R.
20. Bishop Selby Taylor

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is with deep gratification that I note the growing strength of the END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN. It is a cause that deserves the enthusiastic support of all South Africans.

It is totally unfair that young people should be conscripted into the South African armed forces in order to maintain the war in Namibia and to be used in quelling civil disturbances within the country.

The consensus of world opinion is that South Africa has no right to be in Namibia and that the only way to peace is the withdrawal of its armed forces and the holding of free and fair elections under United Nations supervision. As long as the war drags on young conscripts have to be militarised and conditioned to be killing machines. This is grossly unjust.

It is also grossly unjust that in situations of civil disturbance young conscripts should have police duties imposed upon them without proper training.

A successful END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN is the best means to counteract the war mentality and to foster in its place an attitude conducive to justice and peace.

It is for this reason that I give my full backing to the END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN and recommend it wholeheartedly to those who may be approached for financial support.

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our

ARCHBISHOP OF DURBAN

19 December 1984



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Mr. D. Vaughn
S.A.C.C.
P.O. Box 4921
JOHANNESBURG
2000

10 September 1984

Dear Dan,

Enclosed is the application for funding for the End-Conscription Committee which you and I verbally discussed.

We would appreciate funding from the Asingeni Fund if you feel it is at all possible.

Many thanks,

LESLEY LIDDELL (MRS)

Ecumenical Officer - W.P.C.C.

END CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The End Conscription Committee, representing 18 organisations opposed to compulsory conscription into the South African Defence Force, has been in existence for 9 months. In that time it has managed to raise, and begin to organise around issues such as conscription, militarisation and the war in Namibia. The most successful project so far was the two-week focus on Namibia held during May.

The E.C.C. has adopted a declaration on conscription (attached) which a range of organisations and prominent individuals have endorsed. In mid-October we intend formally launching the declaration with a mass meeting. But equally importantly, we intend using the six-week period up until the launch to broaden the campaign as wide as possible.

The following events are currently being planned and organised:

1. A mass meeting on October 15, at which many of the endorsees will be present and involved
2. A press conference
3. A concert
4. A "cultural road-show" consisting of drama, poetry and music which will be taken to organisations
5. A church vigil
6. A public debate

We have drawn up an anticipated budget as follows:

Expenditure/ ...

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EXPENDITURE

1. PUBLIC MEETING

One Air ticket	R 340.00
Booking of the hall	100.00
Advertising, including press	900.00
Pamphlet and flier	250.00
Sound equipment	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
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	R1 790.00

2. CONCERT

Total cost, including bands, advertising, sound systems and hall booking	R3 500.00
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3. ROAD SHOW

General expenses	R 100.00
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4. MEDIA

Typesetting, printing etc.	R 500.00
Slide show on the declaration	200.00
Banners	200.00
Mass distribution of the declaration	300.00
Glossy A 1 declaration	800.00
Pickets	200.00
Display	100.00
Badges	200.00
T. Shirts	1 000.00
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	3500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

8890.00

Income/ ...

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INCOME

Door-takings at concert	R3 500.00
Sale of T. Shirts	1 000.00
Sale of badges	200.00
Sale of declaration	190.00

TOTAL INCOME

R4 890.00

DEFICIT

~~R5 000.00~~

R4 000.00

All care will be taken to keep expenditure as low as possible. At the same time, the E.C.C. believes that as much energy as possible should be put into launching this vital campaign. Already an E.C.C. Sub-Committee of 32 people has been set up to co-ordinate the various activities.

We hope that you will be able to assist us through your financial support by providing R5 000.

i.e. our expected deficit for the campaign.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL EVANS

Chairperson - End Conscription Committee

and:

LESLEY LIDDELL (MRS)

Executive Member - End Conscription Committee

10 September 1984

BANK ACCOUNT

NAME : E.C.C. National

NUMBER : 2125102

BANK : Standard Bank - Hillbrow

SIGNATORIES: - Maria Benita Pavlicevic (Chairperson)
 - Anne Francis MacKay (Secretary)
 - Jonathan Geoffrey Campbell (Treasurer)

AUDITOR

Mr. David Douglas (B. Com; CA (SA))
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ROODEPOORT

- ★ The Church becoming a "Confessing Movement" in solidarity with the poor
- ★ The Church being churches of the poor
- ★ The Church being churches that hear the Gospel from the poor
- ★ The Church identifying in the struggle of the poor against structures of oppression and impoverishment
- ★ The Church recognising the poor in the churches.

Therefore requests the Development Division to submit to National Executive as soon as possible a detailed and comprehensive education programme that would enable the Church to respond to the challenge being made to the Church to identify and involve itself constructively and positively with the poor.

Resolution 15 War in Namibia

The National Conference :

- ★ Noting
 - the continuing illegal occupation of Namibia by South Africa
 - The breakdown once again of peace negotiations.
- ★ Believing
 - that this unjust war must end and that a just peace is urgent.
 - that our Christian sisters and brothers in Namibia have expressed themselves clearly in favour of an end to South Africa's illegal presence in Namibia and for immediate free and fair elections so that they can determine their own future.
 - That the Cuban presence in Angola should not be linked with the independence process in Namibia.
- ★ Resolves
 - To call for the speedy withdrawal of South African troops from Namibia and the immediate implementation of UNO Resolution 435
 - To call on member churches to educate their members about the nature of the war in Namibia.

Resolution 16 Military chaplaincy

★ The Conference affirms that the Church has a responsibility to minister to all people under all circumstances and believing

- that apartheid is a heresy
- that apartheid is morally indefensible
- that the SADF is engaged in an unjust war in Namibia
- ★ and noting
 - that the Churches' ministry to military personnel is carried out primarily through military chaplains, who are full members of the SADF with rank, uniform and military pay

□ that this identification with the SADF may be taken to confer religious legitimacy on the institution

- ★ therefore urges its member churches to continue the combined efforts of certain churches
 - to renegotiate the status of their chaplains with the SADF
 - To participate in these efforts if they are not already doing so
 - to demilitarise its chaplains by relieving them of the symbols of military status like rank and uniform
 - to undertake all training and financing of its chaplains
 - to bring its chaplains under church authority thereby releasing them from military influence.

Resolution 17 Conscription

This Conference, believing

- that conscription compels thousands of young South Africans to fight an unjust and ultimately futile war in Namibia and to fight against fellow South Africans inside our borders
- that increasing conscription and ever higher defence budgets — the government's path to peace — do not resolve violent conflict but make it worse
- that extending conscription to coloured and Indian youth will sharply escalate civil war
- that present conscription does not recognise the right of most individuals to object in conscience to military service
- ★ and further believing
 - that there will only be peace in our country when apartheid is dismantled and all South Africans are recognised as full and equal citizens
 - that an end to conscription will help break the spiral of violence and war psychosis in our society and increase the possibilities of negotiated peace and reconciliation;

- ★ therefore resolves
 - to call for an end to the present and proposed systems of conscription
 - to endorse the End Conscription Declaration
 - to encourage church leaders, regional councils and member churches to participate in the campaign against conscription.

Appendix to Resolution 33

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Resolution 18 Youth and the SADF

This Conference views with alarm the increasing encroachment of the South African Defence Force into the lives of young people through so-called youth camps in black schools and the cadet system in white schools.

Conference therefore urges member churches to exercise their pastoral ministry towards these young people by:

- ★ encouraging their ministers in black congregations to raise the awareness of those congregations as to the implications of the so-called youth camps offered by the SADF,
- ★ urging their ministers in white congregations to draw the attention of those congregations to the fact that under Section 57 of the Defence Act 1957 they are legally entitled to refuse to allow their sons to participate in the cadet system.

Resolution 19 Conscientious objection to the conscription of money

The basis of the above resolution was the following proposal submitted to Conference:

Noting

- ★ that military training and war require two major resources — personnel and money;
- ★ that personnel requirements are fulfilled through conscription of people, and that money requirements are fulfilled through conscription of money;

★ that money is conscripted through taxes;

★ that every South African pays some tax, even if only General Sales Tax;

★ that the "security services" proportion of the government budget is 20%

★ that therefore at least R0.20 of every R1.00 paid in tax is a direct contribution in support of the SADF and its activities in this region.

★ that money expended on military preparation and war is misspent and could be used on more pressing needs such as

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