



CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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MANIFESTO OF HOPE God's Plan for South Africa

INTRODUCTION

Recognizing the threat of Communism, Liberalism, and Globalism; as well as the diversity of the people of South Africa the CDP offers you, the voter, the following solution:

WHO ARE WE?

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) is a Christian Party subscribing to a Biblical World View with all the norms and values associated therewith.

We are committed to sound, ethical and responsible governance.

We are a multi-cultural conservative party in South Africa addressing our diversity in a practical way.

We propose a confederal form of government which recognizes the right to self-determination as enshrined within section 235 of the SA Constitution.

We endorse an economic and political system that promotes private ownership over state control but directed by biblical principles.

WHY VOTE FOR US?

The CDP dares to be different.

We will serve you and your interests, and not seek our personal enrichment.

We are committed to genuine public participation in government.

We will provide you with strong ethical leadership by capable people of integrity who will get the job done.

We will entrench your God-given rights and provide you with the freedom to pursue your goals and dreams.

Your vote for us will make the difference.

WHAT WILL WE DO WHEN YOU ELECT US?

The land issue

- Private land ownership with title for all landowners
- Work with traditional leaders on land issues to benefit the people
- Disposing of state-owned land that is not required or utilised for state purposes
- Compensation for unjust dispossession of land through a fair and equitable system that is properly managed
- Placing appropriate limits and/or conditions on land being owned by foreigners

Agriculture

- Food self-sufficiency
- Empowering commercial, emerging and subsistence farming, through training, mentoring and financial support
- Land title to farmers
- Protecting all agricultural industries against foreign exploitation and dumping of subsidised products on the local markets
- Ensuring support to farmers in times of need

Education

- The right to mother tongue education
- Access by all our children to primary and secondary education through a coupon system; ensuring a choice of Public, Private or Home Schooling
- A merit-based bursary system for tertiary education
- Building and maintaining infrastructure
- Limiting undue influence by unions that impact negatively on the education system

Economy

- A tax system that incentivises large entities to partner with SMMEs thus stimulating economic growth and employment
- Pursuing policies to create economic growth and ensure financial, currency and inflation stability
- Contribution to the fiscus by everyone through fair taxation
- Privatisation as opposed to nationalisation
- Ensuring that parastatals are efficiently run and strive to be self-funded
- Effective control of national strategic assets
- A deregulated framework that empowers economic growth
- Encouraging manufacturing and mining beneficiation to create jobs
- Free market principles and the prevention of monopolistic practices
- A fair balance of power in labour relations
- A principled approach to foreign policy that ensures foreign trade agreements that are beneficial to South Africa

Immigration and border control

- Border control through specialized policing to prevent illegal immigration
- Refugee, anti-poaching, anti-drug and human trafficking control systems operated by dedicated expert personnel
- An efficient user-friendly approach that encourages tourism

Welfare and social issues

- Reversing present steps taken towards creating a welfare state and replacing with a job centred welfare system
- Develop an economic environment that enables people to escape welfare dependency
- Effective development programmes especially for the youth
- Family values in accordance with biblical principles
- Ensuring the independence of religious institutions and their freedom

Local government and service delivery

- Affordable service delivery of a high standard
- Privatisation where applicable
- Community involvement

Foreign policy

- A foreign policy aimed primarily at safeguarding a specific domestic value system governed by Christian norms and principles.
- Accepted international principles, standards and norms such as the rule of law and international law founded on justice and equity.
- Adhering to obligations in terms of bilateral agreements and international treaties
- Meaningful criteria applied to foreign representation; South African diplomatic representation abroad be cost-effective

Health issues

- Managing, upgrading and maintaining facilities
- Streamlining medicines and medical device regulation
- Incentivising health product development through patent protection
- Public Private Partnerships to develop an effective and compassionate health care system that ensures affordable access to medicines and medical care for all

Judiciary, security and law enforcement

- Ensuring the independence of the Judiciary
- Professional Police Service and Prosecuting Authority
- Enough funding to institutions to ensure their effectiveness
- Ensuring an effective and efficient national defence force