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**ANC continues to mock religion**

“It is clear that Pres. Jacob Zuma and his cronies are not getting the message, and that is that Christians are offended by remarks comparing the ANC or other government institutions to the Lord,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“When Zuma recently likened voting for the ANC to a ticket to heaven, most churches – even those who do not usually take a political stand – condemned the comparison, and the United Reformed Church even went so far as to call on its members to stop voting for the ANC. The latest remarks from Gen Bheki Cele comparing the SAPS with Jesus and His disciples, sends out the message of someone who is set on offending Christians.”

“We once again call on all churches to take a stand, and at the same time point out the many aspects of ANC policy which are contrary to Biblical norms and values. It is only as churches, hammer home the message, that their members should not encourage the ANC by voting for them that this blasphemy will cease.”

**Die ANC se minagting van godsdiens duur voort**

“Dit is duidelik dat pres. Jacob Zuma en sy kornuite nie die boodskap kry dat Christene aanstoot neem van uitlatings wat vergelykings tussen die ANC of ander staatsinstellings, en die Here tref nie,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Toe Zuma onlangs ‘n stem vir die ANC met ‘n kaartjie na die hemel vergelyk het, het die meeste kerke – ook hulle wat gewoonlik nie politiek aktief is nie, die vergelyking veroordeel. Die Verenigde Gereformeerde Kerk het selfs so ver gegaan om sy lidmate te ontmoedig om vir die ANC te stem. “Die jongste vergelykings deur genl. Bheki Cele waarin hy die Polisie met Jesus en Sy dissipels vergelyk, dui op iemand wat vasbeslote is om Christene aanstoot te gee.”

“Ons doen weer ‘n beroep op kerke om opnuut standpunt in te neem, en somer ook hul lidmate wys op die talle ANC-beleidsrigtings en wette wat teen die Bybelse boodskap indruis. Slegs as die kerke, as instellings, dit vir hul lidmate op die hart druk dat die ANC nie deur hul stemme in hul kwaad gestook moet word nie, sal dié onwaardige optrede teen die Allerhoogste dalk end kry.”