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**Zuma maak weer omstrede politieke godsdienuitsprake**

“Pres Jacob Zuma moet kerke nie agterna verwyf as meer van hulle nou die Verenigde Gereformeerde Kerk se voorbeeld volg, en hul lidmate pertinent afraai om vir die ANC te stem nie,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) in reaksie op berigte dat Zuma volhou om die ANC as God se politieke keuse voor te stel.

“Met sy hemel-vergelykings het al die susterkerke, die AGS en vele meer hom oor die kole gehaal, maar nie so ver soos die VGK gegaan nie. Nou wys Zuma wat hy van kerke dink as hulle hul profetiese roeping uitoefening. As die ander kerke nou verder gaan en ook hul lidmate ontmoedig om vir die ANC te stem, en die lidmate daarop wys dat die ANC se aborsie, dobbel en ander sekulêre wetgewing onbybels is, moet die ANC bloot hulself verkwalik deur so ‘n persoon as hul leier aan te wys.”

“Die CDP staan daarby dat God niemand, se werktuig is nie, maar dat die Christen well ‘n werktuig van God is – ook wanneer hy sy kruisie op die stembrief trek.”

**Zama again engages in controversial political religious statements**

“Pres. Jacob Zuma should not blame churches if they now decide to follow the example of the United Reform Church, and specifically advise their members not to vote for the ANC,” Says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) in reaction to reports that Zuma has once again portrayed the ANC as God's party of choice.

“When he previously made the heaven-comparison, all the Afrikaans sister churches, the AFM and many others protested, but did not go as far as the VGK. Zuma now simply demonstrates what he thinks of churches who are determined that their prophetic voice be heard. Should other churches now follow the example of the VGK, and point out to their members how the ANC's abortion, gambling and other secular legislation contravenes the Bible, then the ANC can only blame themselves for electing a person such as Zuma as party leader.”

“The CDP maintains that God cannot be used as a political tool, by anyone, but that the Christian rather is God's tool, and that includes his responsibility when making his cross on the ballot paper.”