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CDP se mooiste wense aan Solidariteit Beweging

“In rekasie op die vorming van die Solidariteitbeweging, bestaande uit 18 organisasies wat Solidariteit en die FAK insluit, het ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) hulle baie geluk, en sterkte met die moeilike pad vorentoe toegewens.”

“Ons glo dat met die toetrede van so ‘n formidabele rolspeler tot die Suid-Afrikaanse samelewing, word die grondwetlike demokrasie wat tot dusver weens die afwesigheid van sterk burgerlike samelewingsorganisasies gekniehalter is, baie versterk.

“Daar is juis via uitsprake van senior ANC-leiers toenemende aanduidings dat ander aspekte van die grondwetlike demokrasie, soos die skeiding van magte, die onafhanklikheid van die regbank, die veelpartybedeling en mediavryheid onder toenemende druk kom.

“Ons is ook verheug dat hierdie samespanning tot ‘n groot mate die vereniging van Christelike denke behels. Niemand kan betwyfel dat die land ‘n sterk moraliteitsinspuiting benodig nie.

“Waar die nuwe beweging en die CDP se doelstellings ooreenkom, kan die beweging op ons ondersteuning reken. Ons sal ons beslis nie iets doen om die beweging se politieke onverbondenheid in gedrang bring nie.”

CDP’s best wishes to Solidarity Movement

“In reaction to the formation of the Solidarity Movement comprising 18 organisations, including Solidarity and the FAK,” Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) congratulated them and offered them best wishes in the difficult road ahead.

“We believe that with the arrival of such a formidable organisation of civil society to the South African scene, constitutional democracy will be strengthened. Up to now the absence of such role players have hampered the processes of proper constitutional democracy.

“According to remarks by ANC leaders, there is a clear onslaught on our democracy, such as the division of power, an independent judiciary, a multi-party dispensation and freedom of the media.

“We are also delighted that this collaboration to a large extent includes Christian thought. No one can deny that the country needs a strong moral injection.

“Where the new movement’s principles are the same as ours, they can depend on the CDP’s support. We will however not attempt to do anything to cast doubt on the political non alignment of the organisation.”