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**CDP on Ascension Day**

“Even though Ascension Day is regarded as one of the important days for Christians, it has in reality become a non-event to most, even in this country where approximately 80 percent of the population claims to be Christian. This reflects the importance Christians place in the current process of revisiting holidays in South Africa.”

So says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“We call on all Christians to celebrate today in the spirit that reflects the meaning of the day, and also to remind themselves of Jesus’ message to go and make disciple of all nations. This includes setting a example in our personal lives and opposing the evil, men do.

“My prayer is that South Africa will be an expression of the example set by Christ.”

**CDP oor Hemelvaartdag**

“Al word Hemelvaartdag as een van die belangrikste dae op die Christelike kalender beskou, het dit in die praktyk vir baie sy betekenis verloor, selfs in hierdie land waar 80 persent van die mense daarop aanspraak maak dat hulle Christene is. Dit weerspieël die belang wat Christene het by die proses om vakansiedae in Suid-Afrika te hersien.”

So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Ons doen ‘n beroep op alle Christene om die dag te gedenk, wat die betekenis van die dag reflekteer, en ook Jesus se woorde te onthou: ‘Gaan dan en maak dissipels van al die nasies.’ Dit sluit in om ‘n voorbeeld deur ‘n mens se leefwyse te stel, en om die kwaad wat mesne doen te bekamp.

“My bede is dat Suid-Afrika die voorbeeld wat die Here self gestel het, sal nastreef.”