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Do not dress-up political campaigning as prayer meetings

“It will be unfair to criticise the ANC and specifically Pres. Jacob Zuma for misusing religious statements for the ‘benefit’ of the party, and then be silent when the DA engages in similar tactics,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

Botha reacted to the SABC TV news that the DA in the southern Cape is now engaging in meetings as part of an election campaign, calling them ‘prayer meetings’.

“What is even more upsetting is that the DA espouses numerous policies that are in direct contradiction to the Christian Faith.

“Whilst we encourage all political parties to open meetings with prayer, and seek the will of the Lord, we feel offended when this is done to woo the electorate.”

Moenie politieke vergaderings as gebedsyneekomste verdoesel nie

“Dit sal onregverdig wees om die ANC en spesifiek pres. Jacob Zuma te kritiseer vir die misbruik van godsdienstige uitsprake vir die ‘bevordering’ van die part, en dan te swyg wanneer die DA soortgelyke taktiek inspan,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen Demokratiese Party (CDP).

Botha het gereageer op die berig van die SAUK-TV-nuus dat die DA in die Suid-Kaap nou vergaderings as deel van ‘n verkiesingsveldtog hou en daardie vergaderings gebedsbyeenkomste noem.

“Wat in dié geval die meeste ontstel is dat die DA verskeie beleidsrigtings aanvaar het wat regstreeks teen die Christelike geloof isdruis.

“Ons moedig partye aan om hul vergaderings met gebed te open, en om die Wil van die Here te soek, maar ons neem aanstoot as dit gedoen word om kiesers te beïnvloed.”