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**A wolf in sheep's clothing?**

“With 79% of the South African population professing Christianity, Zuma is once again turning to the Church, in the guise of the SACC, to support the ANC government. It is an old trick of the ANC, ahead of an election, to woo the church and so seek to entangle it in its sinister web,” says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“It wasn’t so long ago that the National Interfaith Leadership Council (NILC), founded by Ray McCauley of the Rhema Church, replaced the South African Council of Churches (SACC) as the ‘ANC at prayer’. The SACC had fallen from ‘grace’ because it had evidently refused to, at the invitation of the ANC, become a part of the Tripartite Alliance. Since then Rhema is reported to have built a new church to the value of R130m. Now the SACC appears to be keen to once again work hand-in-hand with the government, saying that it had agreed to look for ways of strengthening their relationship and working for the government (oops - for the common good). The SACC further said that they believe the church and government could work together and make a difference in people’s lives. So as to not offend members of other ‘faiths’, Zuma said that he undertook to work with the faith-based sector, and because he is a man for all seasons he also stated that other organisations would not be excluded from interaction.”

“The CDP feels that it is a shame that Christians should support a secular-humanist party such as the ANC and pledge their allegiance to those who legalised abortion-on-demand for 12 year old girls without parental consent; pornography - available at the push of a button to our children who are the most vulnerable to these influences; and gambling which has become one of South Africa’s major pastimes and is the cause of many children having to go to bed hungry as the only winners are the casino owners and the government coffers. A party, whose leader is a polygamist and self-confessed adulterer and who is involved in ancestral-worship practices.

**Van wolf skaapwagter maak**

“Met 79 % van alle Suid-Afrikaners wat daarop aanspraak maak dat hulle die Christelike geloof aanhang, het Zuma hom weer na die kerk gewend, in die vorm van die SARK, om die ANC-regering te steun. Dit is ‘n ou slenter van die ANC om voor verkiesings witvoetjie by die kerk te soek en in ‘n sinistere web te verstrengel,” sê ds. Theunis Botha. Leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Dit was nie lank gelede nie dat die Nasionale Intergeloofs-leierskapsforum (NILC), wat deur pastoor Ray McCauley van die Rhema-kerk gestig is, die SARK as die ‘ANC-in-gebed’ vervang het. Die SARK het in onguns verval omdat dit skynbaar op uitnodiging van die ANC ontsien het om deel van die drie-party alliansie te word. Sedertdien is berig dat Rhema ‘n nuwe kerkgebou van R130 opgerig het. Nou wil dit weer voorkom of die SARK begerig is om ten nouste met die regering saam te werk, en dui aan dat na maniere gekyk word om bande te versterk en met die regering (oepsie, gemeenskaplike voordeel) saam te werk. Die SARK het voorts aangedui dat geglo word dat die kerk en die regering met mekaar kan saamwerk om ‘n verskil aan mense se lewens te maak. Om nie aanstoot aan ander ‘gelowe’ te gee nie, het Zuma aangedui dat hy instem om met die geloofsgebaseerde gemeenskap saam te werk. Omdat hy ‘n man van vele seisoene is, het hy voorts verklaar dat ander organisasies nie van hierdie interaksie uitgesluit gaan word nie.”

“Die CDP meen dit is ‘n skande dat Christene ‘n sekulêre humanistiese party soos die ANC sal steun en in ‘n verbintenis met hulle sal staan wat aborsie op aanvraag aan 12-jariges – sonder hul ouers se instemming – pornografie met die druk van ‘n knoppie beskikbaar aan beïnvloedbare kinders, dobbel wat ‘n groot tydverdryf geword het en net die dobbelbase en staatskas baat terwyl gesinne honger ly, gewettig het. Dis ‘n party wie se leier ‘n poligamis en selferkende owerspelige is, en wat by voorvaderaanbidding betrokke is.