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**CDP disagrees with ACDP on Mogoeng**

“We disagree with the ACDP’s stance that Judge Mogoeng Mogoeng is the most suitable person to become the new chief justice,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Theunis Botha. “Although we believe that the country now needs a more conservative judge – preferably a Christian – to head the judiciary in the country, this cannot be done at the expense of the judiciary, or be applied as varnish by stating that one believes himself to be God’s choice – far too reminiscent of many similar politically opportunistic remarks by pres. Jacob Zuma which was reacted to by most churches.”

“We are aware that Rev. Meshoe, the ACDP’s leader, has a tendency far too quickly, to judge a person on the grounds of a his/her statement of being a Christian, such as siding with the Ivory Coast’s presidential loser, Laurent Gbagbo, and previously stating that he will follow the example of former and later discredited Zambian president Patrick Chaluba if he came to power.”

“We believe the constitution has been subjected far too long, to a liberal interpretation. It could be equally subjected to a far more Christian friendly interpretation on matters such as abortion. Although the CDP is very circumspect on a matter such as capital punishment, this is a case in point where numerous USA states interpret the same constitutional stipulations in favour of a more conservative approach to the death penalty. “

“Many of the present pains experienced in SA can be traced back to a lack of morality, which is part and parcel of a liberal society. But Mogoeng was clearly not the right person to introduce these values, and we are convinced this will also become apparent after his appointment takes effect.”

**CDP stem nie met ACDP saam oor Mogoeng**

“Ons verskil van die ACDP se standpunt dat regter Mogoeng Mogoeng die mees geskikte persoon vir die pos van hoofregter is,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Hoewel ons oortuig is dat die land nou ‘n meer konserwatiewe hoofregter nodig het – verkieslik ‘n Christen – om die regspraak in die land te lei, kan dit nie ten koste van die regspraak self geskied nie, en kan ook nie as Christelike vernis aangewend word nie – soos om te verklaar dat hy oortuig is hy is God se keuse op ‘n manier wat sterk aan pres. Jacob Zuma se gebruik herinner, wat deur die meeste kerke skerp gekritiseer is.

“Ons is oortuig dat eerw. Meshoe ‘n geneigdheid het om iemand te maklik te oordeel op daardie persoon se uitsprake oor Christelikheid – soos sy steun aan oud-president Laurent Gbagbo van die Ivoorkus na Gbagbo die verkiesing verloor het, en sy vroeëre verkiesingsbelofte dat hy die destydse president van Zambië, sou navolg en ook SA tot heilige land sou verklaar. Chaluba is intussen as korrup gediskrediteer.

“Ons glo dat die grondwet te lank eensydig liberaal uitgelê is – terwyl die grondwet hom ook tot ‘n veel meer Christelik-vriendelike vertolking leen., onder meer oor kwessies soos aborsie. Hoewel die CDP omsigtig oor die doodstrafkwessie is, dien dit tog s voorbeeld waar sommige Amerikaanse deelstate dieselfde grondwetlike bepaling so uitlê dat die doodstraf tog moontlik is en toegepas word.

“Baie van Suid-Afrika se probleme kan na gebrekkige moraliteit herlei word, wat die noodwendige gevolg van ‘n liberale gemeenskap is. Maar Mogoeng is klaarblyklik nie die regte persoon nie en ons glo dat dit ook gou na sy aanstelling sal blyk.”