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**CDP reacts to possible new DA led opposition**

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) reacted to calls for closer opposition cooperation and even the possibility of the formation of a new party, which will include all possible opposition to the ANC.

“The fact that DA MP, Dianne Kohler Barnard stated that she will not “over her dead body” speak Afrikaans is but one concern causing the CDP to be cautious that some non negotiable principles may be lost under a DA led opposition,” says CDP leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“Over the years we have stated that we do not agree with DA liberal policies, or lack of policies, on issues such as abortion, gambling and same sex marriages. In fact, when the DA’s predecessor, the Democratic Party amalgamated with the Federal Alliance, the FA’s religious desk was abolished on the insistence of the DP.

“We see little prospect for a newly formed party if most members do not agree, or are in principle opposed to crucial elements of policy, with the sole binding interest to stop the ANC. We believe that other forms of opposition cooperation, where members can still support and express principles, will better serve this purpose.”

**CDP reageer oor moontlike nuwe DA-geleide opposisie**

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het gereageer op oproepe tot nuwe opposisiesamewerking en selfs die vorming van ‘n nuwe party, wat alle moontlike opposisie tot die ANC sal insluit.

“Die feit dat die DA-LP, Dianne Kohler Barnard gesê het sy sal “oor haar dooie liggaam nie Afrikaans praat nie” is maar een kommer oor hoekom die CDP baie lugtig is dat sommige ononderhandelbare beginsels onder ‘n DA-geleide opposisie verlore kan gaan,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Oor die jare het ons aangedui dat ons nie met die DA se liberale beleid of gebrek aan beleid oor kwessies soos aborsies, dobbel en huwelike van dieselfde geslag saamstem nie. In teendeel, toe die DA se voorganger, die DP met die Federale Alliansie saamgesmelt het, is die godsdienlessenaar van die FA op aandrang van die DP ontbind.

“Ons sien min vooruitsigte vir ‘n nuutgevormde party as sy lede nie oor beleid saamstem nie, of op beginselgronde gekant is teen sleutelsake van die beleid nie, met die enigste gemene deler om die ANC te stuit. Ons glo dat die vorming van ‘n ander tipe opposisiesamewerking, waar elkeen steeds sy eie beleid kan uitleef en in pas met sy beginsels kan wees, sal meer geskik vir hierdie doel wees.”