

Out of the Wilderness -

into a Liberated Land.

Church Conference

W.G.K.A. N.E.S.K.

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Exodus 12 vs. 11 - 14

Text: Ex. 12 vs. 14: You shall keep this day as a day of remembrance, and make it a pilgrim-feast, a festival of the Lord.

The General Synod of the W.G.K.A. which was held over the past 7 days was a historic occasion in more than one respect:

1. The right of women to be ordained as ministers & elders.
2. The retravelling of the decision of condemnation against the BK as passed in B West.
3. The acceptance of the Belcher Confession.
4. The removal of all legal obstacles by the W.G.K.A. against unification.

But above all it was historic because of 3 reasons:

- 1) The process of theol. & polit. liberation within the W.G.K.A. which started in 1987 has now been finalised - a catharsis has taken place.
- 2) The process of individual psychol. liberation from a false submission under white missionary leadership <sup>which</sup> has been completed.
- 3) The witness to Christian unity it is important to S.A.

Very strong parallels between the events of the past 7 days and the historic event of the liberation of the people of Israel out of Egypt:

1. An enslaved, imprisoned people - enslaved and imprisoned by an inhuman & oppressive policy called apartheid.

2. A painful process of liberation with all the suffering attached to it: how much how many millions have suffered?

3. God taking the lead to prepare the way & to prepare the people for their liberation he is calling his people to 3 acts:

1. Calling them to an act of faith:

Prepare yourselves to leave the land of bondage. Egypt: You shall have your feet fastened  
~~no concrete assurances, no visible promise -~~  
feet: Feet fastened, sandals on your feet  
staff in hand, eat in urgent haste  
They have not given any firm assurances:

Jordan - desert - drought - etc.

→ Unification is a risk, risk of faith

to an open society, away from division & disunity. E.g. RCZ - "Unicorn"

- will not be an easy road -

2. Calling them to an act of love: Israel

- love of God, love of ~~people~~ ~~people~~

Love Love to God

Love to one another

3. Calling them to an act of commitment

- Commitment to new life, new Israel future

no love without justice, without reconciliation, without some form of restitution  
eg. Land Acts

Commitment:

N.B. For us as Christians the road towards a liberated country <sup>you</sup> through a liberated country  
This is what God is calling the NQRA

and the NQSK: These 2 churches have been called to an act of faith, of love, of commitment: NQSK: this is the general test the NQK will have to

faith: The road ahead is well known to us, the road ahead from apartheid to an open society, away from division & disunity into unity.

- Will not be an easy road -

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Love: Love to God

Love to one another

Love to Nq. Churches not inside

→ Nature of that love

→ Our moral respons<sup>n</sup> to NqK

No love without justice, without  
reconciliation, without some form of restitution  
e.g. Land Acts

Commitment:

N.B.

~~The way~~ For us as Christians the road towards  
a liberated Country <sup>goes</sup> ~~is~~ through a  
liberated church. This is the crucial

test to which the NqICA has been subjected:

This is the crucial test which is still  
awaiting the Nq.S.K.; this is the

crucial test the NqK will have to  
go through - For the Christians there  
is no other way.

→ Passover = Bread & Wine

Kairos  
(agony)

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