The SACC, as an Instrument of Witness, Service, and Justice.

(Ephesians 2:11-22)

Expression of gratitude and joy at the service in reconstituting the Pta C of Churches. Most appropriately that it should start with a worship service thereby reflecting the central focus of the life and witness of the SACC - our commitment to Christ and his Church. No better passage to reflect that stand and message than Ephesians 2:11-22 to portray the aims and objectives, the role and witness of the SACC in its Reg. Council. Because of the many misunderstandings which have, in many cases, deliberately been created in false propaganda as the SACC is needed to make two initial remarks to put the record straight:

1. The SACC is no church on its own, it is no super-church or ecumen. empire - it neither does it wish to be such a body. The SACC is and wishes to be nothing more but also nothing less than an extension of the life, witness, service of its member churches. The policy making body of the SACC is its National Conference meeting once a year from whom the staff's Reg. Council get their assignments (whil the Exec. meeting quarterly on both of the Nat. Conf.)

2. The SACC is firmly based on one common confession of the Christian faith - the Lord of God is the belief in One God the Father, J.C. the Son, the Holy Spirit. It has no doctrinal basis of its own - if it would have that, it would no longer be a C of C but just another church denomination. The SACC has to face take
seriously the sin, the tragedy & the dilemma of a divided
great community in S.A. & therefore it also reflects
that tragedy. (No other country in the world where
so many Christians are so deeply divided in so many
denominations & denominations as S.A.)

The SACC seeks to discover present a strong moral
basis for all its work & witness. Role of Bible
study & worship in Nat. Conv. Vac. Meetings & Staff)

The Goals & Objectives of the SACC

1. Unity” (Eph. 2:11-22) Both spiritual

of organizational unity sought to be achieved

via —

- Church Unity Commission
- Catholic Church (Other Church Entities)
- Non-member Churches: the 3 white S.A.C.'s
  the Baptist Church, the Pentecostal Churches
  the African Indep. Churches. Open information
  to all: if you subscribe to the constitution,
  if you subscribe to the policy
decision of the Nat. Conv., then —
  otherwise come & observe, we have nothing
to hide, nothing to impose! With once
  more here to-night to extend this invitation to the N.G.I.: Our hand of
  Clos fellowship is stretched out to you; take it!
2. **Mission**. The SACC takes seriously its task of mission and evangelism as entrusted to us by the N.E. does not undertake wide campaigns of preaching but it provides the SACC churches with the tools, stimulus for thought & action.

   - Vacancy
   - New concept of mission and evangelism

3. **Service & Development**.

   Based on Christ's own example, mandate & demands:

   - Hunger & Relief
   - Refugees (± 100,000)
   - Aids programmes via I.C.A.

   - Dependants Conference: ± 800 families of old: provides each receiving average of R90 per

   - Legal Aid to Victims of Apartheid:无偿

   - Biblical & legal justifications

   - Emergencies: E.g. Cross Roads - (R5000)

   - Inforced removals

   - Home & Family Life

   - Youth Desk
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4. Prophetic Witness: issues of justice vs. injustice, conflict vs. peace, violence vs. non-violence when the credibility of the church vs. the Christian faith is at stake.

few examples:

4.1 - Student struggle for justice (incl. J.Y.V.)

4.2 - Worker struggle for justice (incl. trade union development)

4.3 - People struggle for justice (UDSF, Azapo, civic organizations, women's orgs)

4.4 - Conflicting perceptions of white vs. black on solving the growing conflict in our country.

Division of Justice + Society

Closure: The crucial role of a regional council:

1. To promote X-t. unity
2. To ascertain reliable facts about these issues
3. To assess, determine the attitudes, feelings of the members of Church parishes
4. To advise the staff, exec. & exec. on
decisions, action to resolve crises, conflict
5. To advocate awareness of need & purpose
6. To keep in touch