

In order to understand the situation in our Church to-day, we have to know and understand the history of our church (and also of the U.K.E.S.A & N.G.S.K before their unification)

1. Church in bondage In a certain sense our church has always been one who was in a prison - never free. We were in bondage:

1. Because of the ideology of apartheid
2. Because of the paternalistic missionary attitude of the white U.K.E.S.A to the "poor" N.G.K.A.
3. Because of the psych. dependence which this created
4. Because of our financial dependence upon the N.G.K.A.:
  - churches & church halls
  - stipends of ministers (50%)
  - theol. training of our ministers

Many ministers & members feel that the N.G.K.A. was their church



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2. Steps towards loosening the bonds:

2. Belhar Confession as one of the major steps: expression of bibl. faith
1. ~~Opposite~~ Stand against apartheid by ministers

3. Steps towards Freedom:

1. Greater finan. independence
  - increase own income
  - congreg. projects
  - diff. forms of thatmakers ministry
  - education of congregations to increase their own income
2. Acceptance of fin. assistance by N.G.K.A. & other churches
3. Synodal Support Fund



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