

Intro: Expression of thanks - Alexandra -
sped preachers - audience -

Theme:

- Living in time & situation of crisis.

Our need:

1. Stronger unity:

1.1 - Forms of unity which exist - Thank God:

- Belgic. Union, Abreosa (Ref family)
- SACC (~~Protestant~~ non-Cath. family)
- Voluntary organisations & groups

1.2 - Urgently needed = stronger spirit of unity; stronger organs., visible unity

1.3 - Must come from the grass roots -
local ~~or~~ congregations & parishes & groups

1.4 - No threat to rich diversity of
diff. forms of worship, church govt,

1.5 - Basis & goal clear

1.6 - No exclusion of people of other
faiths ^{in fact} on basis of common concern

2. Greater clarity: - Confusion & division
on many levels

1. Nature of the church

2. Witness of Christians: what does it mean
to confess Christ in S.A. to-day?

- Within the Christian community
- In relationship of church & state
- With regard to social, econ., educ
& polit. issues: justice, assistance to
evil, solidarity with the oppressed, the
poor, the unemployed, the suffering

3. Relationship to churches continues
to support apartheid in principle or
practice (Bishopstades, confessions w/ shops)
e.g. Nqk & Nqka

3. Deeper commitment

1. Verbal pronouncements meaningless
2. Positive proof of involvement
3. Movement \neq Confessing church

Why more persons:

1. More widespread & sustained
2. Number of scholars & students involved
much higher
3. Moral & emotional support of parents
& community - Tumulak
- Selsawang & Vaal
4. Coincides with economic recession esp. affecting
Blacks: - retrenchment
- dismissal
- unemployment
- inflation & higher costs of living
5. Subst. increase in status
6. ~~Pub~~ Subst. growth in pol. awareness am.
Black students -
- discussing & discerning the root
causes of discrim. educ. system

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