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FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN

P.O. Box 2706,
CAPE TOWN.
31st July 1956.

The Secretary,

Dear Friend,

Your organisation is invited to send two delegates to attend our National Conference to be held on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th August, 1956, at the Trades Hall, Kerk Street, Johannesburg.

The Agenda for the Conference is attached.

The Federation of South African Women was formed in April, 1954, as a result of the growing need for a woman's organisation that would unite all sections regardless of colour differences, in similar aims.

Briefly, the aims of the Federation are:-

- . To bring together women irrespective of race, colour or nationality;
- . To help strengthen and bring together and build in joint activity the various women's sections in the liberatory movement, and other women's organisations;
- . To participate in the struggles of the oppressed peoples for the removal of class and race discrimination, and for full and equal citizen's rights for all;
- . To express the needs and aspirations of the housewives, wage-earners, peasants and professional women of South Africa;
- . To bring about the emancipation of women from the special disabilities suffered by them under different laws, customs and conventions, and to strive for a genuine South Africa democracy based on complete equality of rights and friendship between men and women, and between the various sections of the population;
- . To strive for the protection, education and happiness of our children, and to work so that they may never know hunger and the horrors of war.

Since its inception, our Federation has helped to organise and lead women in campaigns for these aims, and has done a great deal to bring women forward in the struggle for a better life for all.

We appeal to your organisation to send delegates and resolutions to this important Conference. All credentials for delegates are to reach the Federation of South African Women not later than Friday 10th August - they must, therefore, be posted a few days before this date. They should be posted to the Secretary, P.O. Box 10876, JOHANNESBURG.

Please let us know as early as possible how many delegates you are sending, their names, whether or not they wish us to arrange accommodation for them, and when they will be arriving in Johannesburg, so that we can make arrangements to meet them.

Looking forward to receiving your full cooperation,

Yours sincerely,

G. Smith

G. Smith,
Acting National Secretary,
Federation of S.A. Women.

NOTE FOR DELEGATES: -

Accommodation will be provided for delegates free of charge, as guests of the Tvl. Region Federation of S.A. Women and the Tvl. African National Congress Women's League. Delegates will only have to pay for cost of transport. On arrival, delegates (if not met) should proceed to Congress Offices at 37 West Street (Cnr. Market St.) Ferreirastown, Johannesburg.

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Enclosed please find a copy of the notice and agenda for our National Conference, to be held on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th August, 1956, at the Trades Hall, Kerk Street, Johannesburg.

Our aims and scope are set out in the attached circular.

We sincerely hope that this Conference will be an occasion marking the growth of a democratic women's movement, and the important part it is playing and will play in the struggle against oppression and discrimination.

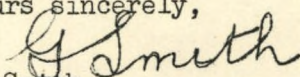
We are very anxious to obtain the cooperation of leading South African personalities who have themselves been closely identified with the struggle against oppression and race and sex discrimination.

We therefore cordially invite you to attend our Conference and take part in strengthening the women's demands for the right to vote, to be elected to all state bodies, the right to full opportunities for employment with equal pay, for the protection of our mothers and children and that there shall be peace and freedom for our children.

Please discuss the enclosed circular in any organisation of which you are a member, and try to get your organisation to send delegates to the Conference.

If you are unable to attend the Conference, we shall be glad to have a message from you.

Yours sincerely,



G. Smith,
Acting Secretary, Federation of S.A.
Women.

Communicate with the Secretary, Box 2706, Cape Town; or the Secretary, Tvl. Region, Box 10876, Johannesburg.

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