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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OFFICE,  
MUNISIPALE RAADSKANTORE,

HANKEY 7th. June 1941.

The Secretary,  
The S. A. Institute of Race Relations,  
P. O. Box 97.,  
JOHANNESBURG.

13 JUN 1941

Dear Sir,

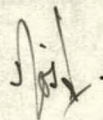
Recently representations have been made to my Council for lots of ground in the Native Location to erect a Church for the "Church of God, Saints of Christ".

As the said religious body is unknown to me I will be glad to know whether you can assist me in regard to its authenticity.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

M. H. HEYNS.

per 

Town Clerk.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OFFICE,  
MUNISIPALE RAADSKANTORE,

HANKEY 30th. July 19 41.

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Senator J. D. Rheinallt Jones,  
P. O. Box 97.,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,


re: RECOGNITION OF NATIVE CHURCHES-  
"CHURCH OF GOD, SAINTS OF CHRIST"

I am directed by Council to thank you for the  
advices hereunder contained in your letter of the tenth  
instant.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

M. H. HEYNS.

per   
Town Clerk.

Mr Jones  
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Separation of Churches  
Recognition of Churches

3rd January 1941.

The Reverend J.D. Brown,  
African Ethiopian Church,  
No. 3072 Orlando Township,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I have your three letters of November 25th and 27th. I have not been able to acknowledge them before because of frequent absences from Johannesburg. I shall be back in Johannesburg on or about January 6th and I suggest that you telephone to my office after that date to arrange for an interview when I can discuss with you your Church's application for Government recognition. I shall be leaving for Capetown to attend Parliament on or about January 15th.

Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/AW.

30 NOV 1940

NO 3072, Orlando Township,  
Johannesburg.

27<sup>th</sup> November, 1940.

The Hon Senator J. R. Heinallet Jones,  
P. O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Greetings,

Dear Sir,

Further to my correspondence of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst which was submitted to you. I have the honour to inform you that, on the 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1937, I submitted an application to the Secretary for Native Affairs, Pretoria, for official recognition of the African Ethiopian Church.

The Secretary for Native Affairs supplied me with the Government recognition forms, which were duly filled in all necessary questions required by the Department - were answered, and forwarded to the Secretary for Native Affairs, Pretoria.

I also made another application on Government official forms for the purpose in 1938, and replied to the Questionnaire on these forms, but as said above, the Department refused my application.

I may say here, Sir, that I have done everything possible to advance the status of my Church, I have established churches in the four Provinces of the Union, I represent, 12,000 full Communicants except the adherents. From the report of the Native Churches' Commission (U.G. 39 of 1925) read as follows: (I) Age: As a rule no Church should be recognised until it has had a separate and continuous existence for ten years with a Constitution, schools, buildings, and other signs of growth. (II) Size: During the course of its existence the movement should have spread so that before recognition can be given there should be at least six congregations with its regular meeting place.

The African Ethiopian Church exist for the last 29 years, and has congregations from the four Provinces of the Union, which held its Annual meetings every year and submit the Annual report to the Department of Native Affairs, Pretoria, I submit these details for your information and I appeal to you as Protector of Natives I anticipate your kind assistance in this matter.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. D. Brown,  
President,  
African Ethiopian Church.

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P.S. I would be very pleased if  
you should approach the  
Minister of Native Affairs, personally,  
to grant us the official recognition  
Prayed for.

27 NOV 1940

(address)

no 3072, Orlando Township  
Johannesburg.  
25<sup>th</sup> November, 1940.

The Hon Senator J. R. Heineke Jones,  
A. O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Greetings,

Dear Sir,

With due respect I beg to  
communicate to you again to express  
my admiration for your magnificent  
efforts on behalf of the African Ethiopian  
Church, in assisting our Church, to be  
granted the privileges of obtaining permits  
for sacramental purposes.

I look to you with perfect  
confidence, your labour is profoundly  
appreciated by the African Ethiopian Church,  
as I have stated in my previous letter  
that I wish to make an appointment with  
you, and place before you our grievances  
verbally.

I think it would be advisable  
to make an appointment with you, after  
our Annual Conference which will  
take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1941,



at Bureau so that I may place also our  
Annual Report before you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

Brown

President

P.S. I shall be very pleased

if you should furnish me with your  
office address.



27 NOV 1940

No 3072, Orlando Township,  
Johannesburg,  
25/11/1940.

The Hon Senator J. H. Kinnell Jones,  
P. O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Greetings,

Sir,

For your information I herewith  
enclose the Questions of the Form of Application  
by Native Churches or Religious Bodies for  
Sites or Other Privileges depending upon  
Government Recognition.

1. Name of Church on behalf of which application is made.
2. Name, address, and designation of person authorized to make application.
3. Date of Establishment of Church.
4. If established by secession, give name of parent Church.
5. Reasons for secession and difference, if any in doctrine from that of parent Church.
6. How does the Church exercise control over its Ministers & Congregations?
7. Give names, addresses, and strengths of existing congregations of your Church, the nature of your Church buildings and the names educational qualifications of ministers in charge

8. Give names, addresses, and strengths of your schools if any.
9. State the extent of financial resources of the Church, how obtained, how and by whom expended.
10. Give scales of salaries actually paid to ministers.
11. Give names of other religious bodies already in existence in locality in which a church site is sought.

All these questions were carefully filled in and submitted to the Secretary for Native Affairs, you will note no 7 the Secretary for Native Affairs refused to register our Church and yet the Department require that the Native Churches should have Church buildings and yet when we apply to the local authorities for church sites they decline to grant us sites they says our Church is not recognised by the the Secretary for Native Affairs. we have submit applications several times at ~~Stou~~ Benoni and also at Bloemfontein, East London, they refused to Grant us Church sites they says our Church is not recognised by the Secretary for Native Affairs

I have the honour to be,  
Sir, your obedient servant

L. Brown  
President

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20 JAN 1941

No 3024, Orlando Township,  
P. O. Orlando,  
Johannesburg.  
18th January, 1941.

The Hon Senator J. K. Heinalt Jones,  
P. O. Box 97  
Johannesburg.



Greetings,

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform  
you that the Forms of Application by Native  
Churches, for recognition you gave me,  
for completion and submit same to you.

They are nearly finish, I shall  
submit them to you within couple days.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

I. D. Brown,  
President,

African Ethiopian Church.

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January 31st 1941

The Reverend Dan P. Mocumi,  
2030 Gabashane Street,  
Batho Location,  
BLOEMFONTEIN, O.F.S.

Dear Sir,

APPLICATION FOR A CHURCH SITE.

I have your letter of Jan. 15th. You will remember that I told you that the granting of a Church site depended upon the recognition of the Bantu Methodist Church by the Minister of Native Affairs. I have done all I can to help your President to prepare a new application for recognition, and I am now waiting to hear that the application has been completed. I do not think the Municipality will grant you a site until the Church is recognised by the Minister of Native Affairs.

Yours truly,

JDRJ/SS

THE BANTU METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTH AFRICA.

PRESIDENT: Rev. J.B. Mvambo,  
9, Gibson Street,  
Sophiatown,  
JOHANNESBURG.

2030, Gabashane Street,  
Batho Location,  
Bloemfontein,  
15th January, 1941.

Hon. Senator J.D. Rheinallt Jones, M.A.,  
Glandwr,  
4th Avenue,  
Florida,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Hon. Sir,

re:- APPLICATION FOR A CHURCH SITE.

I beg herewith to respectfully submit my humble reminder on the above subject. As you are aware, the matter was referred to you last year, and that you advised that I should renew the application in a year's time, and whereas on the 16th November, 1940 in an interview the matter was placed before you by me after which your reply was: "Seeing that the matter has been handed to the Advisory Board members that it would be advisable if they, the members of the Advisory Board, would <sup>/in</sup> ~~in~~ turn refer the matter to you in order to take it up in collaboration with them before the Urban local Authority, and whereas during your visit last month in connection with the National Council of African women, Mr. Lobere, the Chairman of the Central Board Committee of the Advisory Board, Bloemfontein handed a letter to you in support of his verbal request which he made on the 16th November, 1940. Could you kindly let us know if you have taken the matter up and that you are doing what you can ~~the~~ through the proper channels. The case is just as it was put before you-the matter of the site is an urgent necessity-so you would be healing an open sore if you could again communicate with the authorities concerned on the matter to advise and convince them how imperative it is for us to have a site.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Hon. Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
*David Mocomi*  
.....  
RESIDENT MINISTER.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN NATURELLESAKE.  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS,

POSBUS } 384,  
P.O. BOX }

PRETORIA,

No.30/214.

19 DEC 1941

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Sir,

The African Ethiopian National Church.

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable the Minister of Native Affairs has, in consultation with the Native Affairs Commission, decided to refuse the application for Government recognition of the abovementioned church.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Senator the Honourable J. D. Rheinallt Jones,  
P. O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Copy for Mrs. V.M.L. Ballinger

837 Matta Street,  
Western Native Township,  
P.O. Melville.  
JOHANNESBURG.  
29. 12. 41.

The Honourable Minister of Native Affairs,  
Union Buildings,  
P.O. P R E T O R I A.

Dear Sir,

Will you please hear my prayer as I had try the Secretary's Office and could not success on my requested so I think as many promises of development of my nation were been made even I did not hear nothing about the churches as they are also pressed by the Regulation made by the Commission called "Extract from the report of the Native Churches' Commission (U.G. 39 of 1925).

Sir my brief request is to meet your worship personal as I feel is my duty to do that as the minister and Leader of my people who are pressed in the law of these world and of the heaven as the Regulation stands sir.

1. Age In rural Locations and Reserves Is those places not for Natives why they are Hinder to erect their Chapel there
2. Size. Six Congregation with its regular meetings Place
3. Where about as they cannot erect at their Place given for their People.
3. Training and qualification of Ministers

Yours faithfully,

Signed ...S.J..Phomedi.....



16th February, 1942.

Rev. Solo J. Phomodi,  
837 Matta Street,  
Western Native Township,  
P.O. Melville,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

Recognition of Native Churches

I have your letter of the 5th. February. Mrs. Ballinger has also sent me your letter.

I am sorry I can do nothing in the matter as I have tried and failed in many other cases. Your Church can only be recognised by complying with the requirements of the Government.

Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/ML.

837 Watla St  
W. N. Township  
P. O. Melville  
Johannesburg

The Honourable  
Mr. J. D. Rheynallt Jones M.P.  
House of Parliament  
P. O. Cape Town

5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1942

Greetings,

In-reference to  
Native Churches of  
South Africa

I regret and I am afraid  
to write to you My Lordship but as I am binding  
by the burden which guiding to me by Almighty  
God as he pointed into the hearts of His people  
the low African Nation of Bantu's. That they  
choosing me as their Minister of Religion and my  
Colleague in Christ. Acts 13: 2; My worship as our  
representative in this Government I appeal  
to you and your assistant as our God chosen  
you to watch our Body and soul to hear our  
requests and I send you the copies of the letters  
which I had tried the Secretary for Native Affairs  
Pretoria and one of the Honourable Minister of Native  
Affairs which no reply beside of the Secretary said  
he is unable to give the address of the Secretary  
of the Commission as they are ceased to exist  
after they had presented their report. If your  
worship can help and advise this is one of our  
difficulty in our spiritual live and despise of  
our faith, to Almighty and His son. In this  
Country as on those size I had also asked the  
Secretary that if not answer. That I shall  
pass to your worship please take heed to read  
the copies of this letters, and the "Extract From  
the report of the Native Churches' Commission"  
(U. G. 39 of 1925).

1. We Cannot Congratulate or Celebrate on our Church Members Marriages.
2. We are Driven away from Towns not to erect Chapels for our Members working their in Town.
3. We are driven away from our rural locations and Reserves.
4. The government did not investigate why these people desert from their mother Churches and had only accept this propagation of the Corrupt and tyrannical system of popery, highly detrimental to the best interests of this Country, the security of the protestant-faith, and the spiritual welfare of the Community at large, particularly of its Children and Youth.  
Joshua 22: 21-29;
5. Or If we Native are excluded from these following promises as follows:- Ps. 22: 27; Isa. 49: 22; Jer. 52: 10; Hos. 2: 23; Mic. 4: 2; Mal. 7: 7;
6. If we was Included why then the Ministers who came in fivily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ-Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage of faith.
7. My worship as I believe that the finger of god had appointed you between the Million of Millions of men of South Africa that you stand for the truth you shall advise me if Jesus did not come for African people some of this Churches are over thirty years in that dark lists  
My God. Blessed You and all who think about our depressed  
Solomon Phomodi yours faithfully Servant

Rev  
Solomon Phomodi

837 Matta Street,  
Western Native Township,  
P.O. Melville,  
19th January, 1942.

The Hon. Secretary for Native Affairs,  
P.O. box 384,  
P R E T O R I A.

Sir,  
Greetings

Re: NATIVE CHURCHES COMMISSION.

I still request to see the Board of the Commission appointed by the Department of Native Affairs to control our Spiritual Body as Sir. That the occasion which especially called for vigilant and active exertions, constituted a full and perfect justification of the proceedings in question. The attempt to allow the introduction of the European Churches version of the Scriptures into the normal church, which it was proposed to establish and support by a faith of Nation will, could not but appear imminently calculated to afford facilities and means for the countenance and propagation of the corrupt and tyrannical system of Popery, highly detrimental to the best interests of this country, the security of the Protestant faith and the Spiritual welfare of the Community at large, particularly of its children and youth. Besides as several parts of the proposed measure had a directly religious bearing and tendency, deeply affecting our body, in common with all other Protestant Churches, of Natives it was imperative on our regularly constituted authorities, to pursue such a course as might most promptly and effectually call forth the united efforts of ~~religionists~~ ~~the~~ ~~associated~~ ~~African~~ ~~Ministers~~ the African connexion to defeat a project ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~African~~ ~~so~~ ~~fraught~~ ~~with~~ ~~danger~~. The African Ministers of religion most those associated in this view takes this opportunity of recording its sorrow and alarm at the methods employed by different Parties of European Churches to revive and extend the influence of Popery in the South Africa, as well as in our rural locations and reserves: and considers itself called upon, by fidelity to God and His truth, as also to its own well known principles, to pledge itself to the employment of all the Christian and legitimate means in its Power to arrest the progress of this evil and to support the general Protestantism of the country, as well as our own faith and institutions in particular. Sir after fourteen days if no answer accept I must send the copies of these letter to other members of the Native representatives which are in the both house of the parliament of the Union of South Africa at Cape Town and to the Supreme Paramount Chief of Natives so he can know our life in faith on this country

Yours poor Servant,

Signed : Rev. S.J. Phomodi.

837 Matta Street,  
Western Native Township,  
P.O. Melville.  
12th August, 1941.

The Hon. Secretary For Native Affairs,  
P.O. Box 384,  
P R E T O R I A.

Re: CHURCH COMMISSION.

I very thanking you r reply and the above, extract  
from the report of the Native Churches' Commission (U.G. -  
39 of 1925).

Sir be patient to your servant request will you please  
apply me with the address of your Secretary of the Churches  
Commission for Natives as under the same ~~instructions~~ which  
regulations there are some instructions which I want to be  
clear to them as follows:-

1. School, Buildings
2. In the rural locations no church or Chapel be erected  
within three miles of an existing recognised body.
3. At least six congregations with its regular meeting place.
4. Or some ~~e~~ equivalent educational test and who has had  
in addition two or three years of special training  
for the work of a minister.
5. For sites in rural Locations.

Dear Sir you shall believe that the true is that most of  
Separate Native Churches are under the Ministers who was  
trained by their mother Church but that you cannot found  
that general fitness for religious work amongst their people  
and others not educated but fitness to the religious work  
amongst his people by the gifts of God.

Signed : Rev. S.J. Phomodi.

837 Matta Street,  
Western Native Township,  
P.O. Melville.  
24th September, 1941.

The Hon. Secretary For Native Affairs,  
P.O. Box 384,  
PRETORIA.  
TRANSVAAL.

Greetings

I am glad to find this moment of acknowledging you that yours of the 16th September, 1941 is in my hands and I thanking you my Lordship but on the letter which I sent to you of the 12th August 1941 I had asked the address of the Secretary for the Native Churches Commission of 1925 the Body who rule upon our Native's faith in connection with the Religious of Jesus Christ the rule by and others makes me to wish their explanation thoroughly as I Pray my Almighty God that something must be done for my Nation and my Children as the promise was ask thy shall be given

Yours faithfully,

Signed: Rev. S.J. Phomodi.

13 FEB 1942

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,  
CAPE TOWN.

11th February, 1942.

Senator J. Rheinallt Jones,  
P.O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Senator Jones,

Mrs. Ballinger has asked me to send you  
the enclosed correspondence from one of your constituents.  
She has informed the man that she was passing it all on to you.

Yours sincerely,

*Sam Watson.*

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