

Leake Hall

20th October, 1939.

The Location Superintendent,
ORLANDO.
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

As you know I did not agree to the letting of the Leake Hall to a church which asked for it a few weeks ago. I received a similar application from Rev. P. T. Leresche of the Swiss Mission last week and as Mrs. E. O. Leake makes a special request to me to allow the use of the Hall to the Swiss Mission I feel that this application should not be refused. On the whole, since the building is used as a creche during the week it would be better not to use it for Sunday services but the plan can be tried for six months in the hope that the Municipality may by that time be able to allot land to the Churches not provided for.

I hope that this will meet with your approval.

Yours faithfully,

PROVINCIAL SUPERINTENDENT

EBJ/JR.

Leake Hall

21st October, 1940.

Rev. S. Ngene,
Order of Ethiopia Church,
Western Native Township,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Ngene,

The Leake Hall, Orlando, is at present used by the Children's Aid Society as a Creche. As long as that is so it is against the rules of the Doctors to have it used as a Church at the week-ends.

It is possible that next year it will be taken over as a Domestic Centre for Wayfarers, but even then it is unlikely that it could be used for Church on Sundays.

I have two other Churches which applied before you for the Sunday use of the Hall so that even if it could be so used I should have to give them first chance so I am afraid I can hold out no hopes to you.

I am sorry for I realise how difficult it must be for you to have no place of worship, but as Mr. Leake gave the hall for the use of the Scouts and Wayfarers and I have to administer it for them.

With greetings and regrets,

Yours faithfully,

PROVINCIAL SUPERINTENDENT

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Mrs Rh. Jones,
Florida.

Dear Mrs Jones,

Up to the present our Mission has not yet been given a stand to build a church and school at Orlando. I applied several ~~times~~ times, but it appears that all church sites have been allocated already. Now we hear that Leake Hall in which services used to be held every Sunday is free as those who gathered there have their own building. Would it be possible for our Mission to get the permission of holding its services in Leake Hall ? I asked the Superintendent, but he told me to write to you. We have now a fully trained Native Minister stationed at Orlando and we, ~~the~~ white missionaries, go also there from time to time.

What are the conditions made to churches in such cases and would your committee charge for the hiring of the Hall ?

Hoping that my application will receive a favourable answer from your committee,

yours sincerely,

P. T. Leresche

Leake
Hall

20th December, 1939

Rev. P. T. Leresche,
Labour Areas,
Central Office,
32, Heigh Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Leresche,

I have written to the Location Superintendent saying that, for six months, at any rate, we are willing, on Mrs. Leake's request, to let the Swiss Mission use the Leake Hall on Sundays.

I do not think we should charge rent unless this becomes absolutely necessary but I beg that you will ask your minister to take especial care that the Hall is kept clean and that the surroundings are not fouled in any way which could endanger the health and comfort of the creche children and workers.

Should any damage be inadvertently caused I am sure that your Mission will make it good.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

PROVINCIAL SUPERINTENDENT

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29th December, 1939.

The Provincial Superintendent,
Girl Wayfarers' Association,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Madam,

re: USE OF LEAKE HALL FOR CHURCH SERVICES.

Your letter dated the 20th instant, addressed to the Superintendent, Orlando, has reached me.

As the building is at present used on six days of the week for creche purposes, I question the desirability of regularly letting the hall for meetings on the seventh day.

Yours faithfully,

ACTING MANAGER.



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