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Your Grace

The Conscientious Objector Support Group (COSG) greatly appreciates the donation from the Archdiocese which enabled us to hold our annual national conference, held from September 12th to 14th.

For your interest, enclosed is a copy of the conference minutes and the COSG constitution

Thank you for you general support for the work of COSG and ECC.

In peace

Richard Steele

September 4, 1986

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Your Grace

Would you please assist us in covering the costs of a national Conscientious Objector Support Group (COSG) conference to be held between September 12th and 14th. The agenda is attached to give you an idea of the content.

This will not be a large conference, but we do want it to be representative of the whole country. In order to achieve this, we need to fly people here who could not make it otherwise because of work commitments which preclude long travelling times.

We would be grateful if the Diocese could sponsor the conference to the extent of two return airtickets Port Elizabeth - Durban (R628.00) and two return tickets Cape Town - Durban (R920.00). The total cost would be R1540.00.

We have no local budget at all, so we don't have a bank account. However, ECC have agreed to us using their account for funds related to this conference. Thus, if our application for funding from you is successful, would you please make out the cheque to "End Conscription Campaign". Alternatively, you could deposit the money directly into the ECC account. Account number 51162687 - STANDARD BANK, Galt St.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

In peace

Richard Steele, for Durban COSG

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The President
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Dear Bishop Napier

The ECC over the past year has witnessed tremendous growth, even though we have had to operate under extremely difficult circumstances. Many of our members have been detained, our meetings banned and the Emergency Regulations continue to place heavy restrictions on our work.

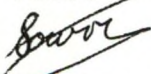
However, one of the major restraints to organisation has been a severe shortage of funds for the campaign expenses. In our budget for 1987 drawn up this time last year, I was fairly conservative in judging our expected expenditure. This was because there was so much unclarity about our future. By June this year it was clear we had grossly underestimated our expenditure. We therefore sent you a copy of an interim application for the final six months of this year. I hope you have been able to respond to that.

With this letter I have also sent you a budget for our work for 1988. As you can see our expected expenditure is far higher than last year, but this is because of our shortcomings in compiling the 1987 application. I have included the following in this application:

1. Application
2. Report of activities in the past year
3. Financial Statements from our Auditor for 1986
4. Financial Statement for January to June 1987.
5. Evidence submitted to the Geldenhuys Committee: 1985

Some of this documentation you might already have seen. I hope that you will be able to help us in fulfilling these budgetary requirements. If we are to continue with our present successes, we will definitely need your support in this regard.

Yours in Solidarity and Peace



Stephen Lowry, National Treasurer



End Conscription Campaign



THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

3rd November, 1987

The General Secretary
South African Catholic Bishops' Conference
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Dear father Mkatshwa,

Re: End Conscription Campaign

The South African Council of Churches has on many occasions rejected the South African political system which entrenches the control of the country, its resources and its economy and of political decision making by a white minority, as a fundamentally unjust system. It has openly expressed its view that this system cannot be reformed, but that it has to be demolished.

Against this background the SACC has continuously raised the question whether Christians by virtue of their conscience are not bound to reject and resist military conscription and military service in South Africa, as it is used to defend and uphold a fundamentally unjust system and to repress all resistance against it.

Against this background the SACC feels bound to endorse the objectives of the End Conscription Campaign. We have tried to strengthen and support the people involved in this campaign morally and otherwise. On our part we have also been strengthened in our efforts to resist evil in our society and country and to contribute towards a new South Africa, by the great courage and devotion of the people involved in the End Conscription Campaign. We therefore recommend the End Conscription Campaign for any support it requires to carry on its work.
With fraternal greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Wolfram Kistner
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Because of the part played by the South African Defence Force in the illegal occupation of Namibia, in the suppression of non violent protest and liberation activity on the part of the Black population and in raids into neighbouring countries, service in the South African armed forces has become a moral nightmare for many young men who are obliged by law to serve as conscripts under pain of severe penalties including six years imprisonment.

It is for this reason that the End the Conscription Campaign deserves encouragement. The Catholic Bishops of South Africa approve of its aims and methods and wholeheartedly support the activity by which it endeavours to bring about the abrogation of the law on military conscription.

In the light of these considerations I enthusiastically recommend the application of the End Conscription Campaign to funding organisations and express my appreciation for whatever financial help they are able to provide.

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The End Conscription Campaign has approached the South African Bishops Conference for money.

The SACBC supports this application as the work done by the ECC is of vital importance in South Africa today. It is supported by all the mainline churches.

The SACBC, in 1985, joined its voice to those who had already asked for an end to conscription. This was in line with the Bishops' 1977 statement supporting the right of individuals to Conscientiously Object.

The ECC has played an important role in highlighting the issue of conscription and the role played by the security forces in maintaining apartheid.

With thanks and best wishes

Fr Smangaliso Mkhathshwa
General Secretary of the SACBC

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Enclosed is our budget for 1988. It includes the following:

1. A covering letter addressed to the SACBC for obvious reasons.
2. The application itself.
3. Auditted set of accounts for 1986.
4. A financial statement for the first half of 1987.
5. A copy of the Goldenhuys evidence which is probably the most detailed description of the ECC we have ever put together.

The application is put together in such a way that both old and new will be able to understand it. It is very large. We will have to exploit all possibilities particularly new ones. In this regard a few of us feel that it might be useful for someone to come to help in getting it. It would be very low profile aimed purely at finding the stuff. The feeling is that i would be the best for such a holiday, although i am restricted to travel in late November, December up to about 10 January. Would this be alright, and could something be arranged. My feeling is that we should exploit everything including the nordic crowd.

If it would be difficult for Nov/Dec perhaps Laurie could do some work, but he is not sure when, ie how late he is going or whether or not he is ~~xxx~~ at all.

Please let me know if you think it is a problem through Adele. I will make the necessary arrangements in the meantime and let you know as soon as i know when i will be leaving. I will give you these details to you, in the form of 8 numbers eg. 30110101 will mean that i arrive there on 30 Nov and leave on 1 Jan. Is this arrangement alright.

Otherwise i hope you are well. Hope to see you soon.

Much love

Steve

PS excuse the rush...i'm trying to get the postperson

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