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TO ALL CLERGY, MINISTERS, PASTORS, AND LEADERS OF ALL
RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

My Dear Brethren,

Under the auspices of the Transvaal Peace Council of which I have been a serving member since its inception five years ago, we are calling a Special Meeting of the Clergy and Ministers of all the different religious communities to be held on Wednesday October 27th 1954 at 10:00 am, in the Board Room of Kholvad House, at 27 Market Street, Johannesburg.

The meeting has been called to deal with the most urgent questions of Peace and War, the causes of war and the conditions of peace, and to hear reports on the great movements of the peoples for peace.

It is hoped that as a result of this meeting we shall explain to our people the issues involved, and how we can mobilise the religious forces of this land for the cause of world peace.

It is further hoped that on a particular day, a Sunday, to be arranged by the meeting, we shall bring these matters to the notice of our people.

Those who know the extent of the peace movement in the world are impressed by its gathering momentum and influence upon governments.

In the cessation of hostilities in Korea, Indo-China and in national and international situations the will of the people is being felt.

Generally the words of Joliet Curie are relevant here.

"The efforts of all who are working for peace have won new and great successes. The rejection of the European Defence Community by the French National Assembly the result of three years of tireless and growing activity on the part of the French People, has removed the greatest obstacle to negotiation in Europe. The Geneva Conference has proved that the method of negotiation and mutual concessions enables the most difficult and daunting problems to be solved. For years, governments, international and national bodies and eminent persons and movements in the fields of politics, social questions and religion have been proposing solutions for the most pressing international issues....."

World public opinion has become aware of its own power. Any government or coalition which wishes to use the pretext of defence to impose peace by force of arms and thus ensure its domination, knows that it must reckon with world public opinion. The tasks that lie before us are great if we want the banning of weapons of mass destruction and to turn governments onto the road of disarmament.

More anon, and trusting that you will be present at the time and on the date above.

Yours Fraternally

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