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**NATIONAL CATHOLIC FEDERATION  
OF STUDENTS·S·A·**

22 April 1985

Dear friends

I write this letter to call on you for support and solidarity in our actions against oppression and injustice in our country. We call on all National Federations and movements to take action with us against the militarisation of our country.

NCFS has endorsed the declaration to end compulsory conscription in our country. This declaration is the basis of support for the End Conscription Campaign. A campaign that has been launched in our country to put an end to the war being waged against the people of this country and against the people of Namibia. Last week I visited the war-torn area of Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape. It was in this area that the state massacred 43 people in one incident on 21 March this year. Since then many more people have been killed by police action in the area. While at the Catholic Church (which is being used as a relief centre), the body of a young man was brought to the centre. He had been shot dead, one hour earlier, by the army in the streets of Langa, where the earlier killings had taken place. This action showed that the army will be used in a clearly directly repressive way. Young white men are conscripted into this situation.

This indicates that the civil war in our country is reaching new proportions. White men are being asked through compulsory conscription to fight on the side of the Apartheid war machine, the SADF. It is because of this developing conflict that we make this appeal to our sister movements around the world. Part of the campaign to end conscription will be a massive festival to be held from the 28th to the 30th of June. We are hoping that Cardinal Arns of San Paula and Monsignor Bruce Kent of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), will be present at our festival. This we hope will give the campaign a massive boost.

The campaign against conscription is an important contribution to ending the civil war in our country. Only in this way will Peace and Justice reign.

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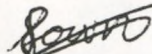


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I hope that your movement or Federation will be able to support our call by taking up some of the actions suggested below.

I hope your action for the Kingdom is blessed with success.

Yours in the solidarity and Peace of Christ



Stephen Lowry

President

Suggestions for action in solidarity with the ECC of South Africa

1. Prayer meetings, vigils or Masses to be held on the weekend of 28 - 30 June.
2. Letters of support to be sent to us at our address. Such messages will be read out at the festival or at other such anti-conscription rallies.
3. Letters to the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, supporting the call to end conscription as the only way of resolving the conflict in our country. It must be stressed in such letters that Apartheid must also be dismantled as a pre-requisite for Peace.

Letters can be sent to: General Magnus Malan

Minister of Defence

Union Buildings

Pretoria

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Please could you send copies of all such letters to both us and the IMCS office in Paris.

4. Action at South African embassies in the countries where such embassies exist. Such action could be co-ordinated with other such groups interested in taking up the issue.
5. Informing your own membership of our struggles for freedom in our country.
6. Informing newspapers in your country of our plight and getting them to cover our struggles for justice and peace.
7. Getting other Church groups to take up the issue.
8. Obviously these suggestions are not exhaustive, and you would know the best way of taking up the issue in your own situation.

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Message to ECC Peace Festival, 28.6.85

The Church of the Province of Southern Africa sends you greetings and good wishes for your Peace Festival.

In April this year the Anglican Bishops asked the Government to seek the path of negotiation and work towards an open, democratic society, rather than the way of violence and destruction presently being followed.

We share your commitment to justice and peace.

Harry Wiggall

Ernest W. Walt

NGK London



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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6th July 1985

Rev Tilman Schmieder,  
AEJ General Secretary

Dear Rev Schmieder

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your telex of the 1st July 1985 sent from Stuttgart and to express my sincere regret that owing to the refusal of the S A Government granting a visa it was not possible for a representative of the Protestant Youth Federation to attend the National Conference of the SACC. Owing to the fact that the telex was received after the closure of the conference, I shall convey its contents to our next meeting of the Executive meeting in August but in the meantime I would wish you most sincerely for the message of solidarity and support which you conveyed in the telex and to express the hope that a representative from the Protestant Youth Federation may be able to visit South Africa and especially the SACC in the foreseeable future.

I note that you have also conveyed your support for the Peace Festival of the 'End Conscription Campaign' and I shall transmit this message to the secretary of this Campaign.

May God bless your ministry and your witness to justice and peace in which you join with us and with many Christians in our country.

Yours sincerely,

*C F B Naude*

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General Secretary



STATEMENT FROM SHEENA DUNCAN, PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK SASH ON ECC REPRESSION

The Black Sash is part of the campaign calling for an end to conscription in South Africa. The people who are involved in this work believe that the conflict in South Africa is a political one and that in such a situation where citizens of the same country are opposed to one another; that individual freedom of conscience must be allowed and conscription must be ended.

The people who have been detained are known as peace-makers. Two of them are total pacifists. If the South African government is now resorting to using the security laws and detaining those whose concern is to work for justice and peace, the present critical situation in our country can only worsen.

9 September 1985



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PRESS RELEASE - CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS SUPPORT GROUP (CAPE TOWN)

The Cape Town Conscientious Objectors Support Group wishes to express its support for the End Conscription Committee and Dr Ivan Toms in this three week period of fasting and prayer.

We support the right of young white men to object to conscription, which forces them to take sides in the apartheid conflict, through military action against the legitimate protest and struggle of the majority for a just society.

We join with Ivan in remembering those who have been killed and wounded in the townships, and those in detention. As we remember those who have suffered, we commit ourselves to taking forward the demands of the End Conscription Committee - 'We call for an end to conscription, we call for a just peace in our land'.

Dr Anton Eberhard COSG National Executive Member, Cape Town.

20 September 1985



THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR PEACE  
CLAREMONT.

OCTOBER 5, 1985

THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR PEACE EXPRESSES  
ITS TOTAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE ACTION OF  
DR IVAN TOMS IN HIS FAST AS A PROTEST  
AGAINST THE BRUTAL ACTIVITIES OF THE  
POLICE AND THE S.A.D.F. IN THE TOWNSHIPS.  
WE FEEL POSITIVE THAT HIS ACTION  
HAS GONE A LONG WAY TOWARDS  
FOCUSSING THE ATTENTION OF SOUTH  
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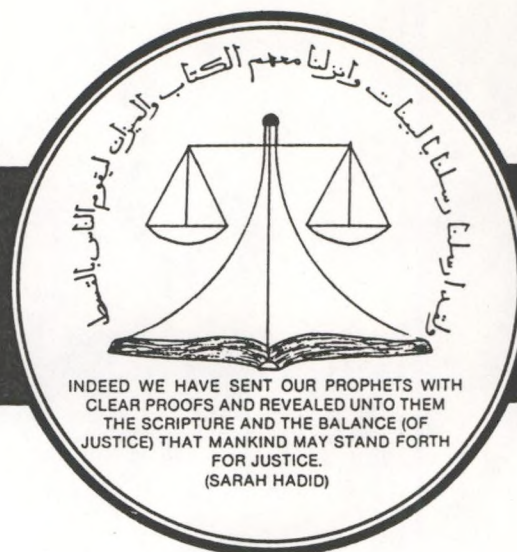
Sue Williamson  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH,  
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# THE CALL OF ISLAM

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7th October, 1985.

The Chairperson  
End Conscription Peace Rally  
City Hall  
CAPE TOWN

The Call of Islam expresses its support for the objectives of this rally tonight. The End Conscription Campaign - we are glad to note - has become an integral part of the cries for justice from every corner of our country.

We-like you- believe that there shall be peace in our land; there shall be peace in the stomachs of children who are hungry today; there shall be peace in the heart of that mother whose husband is now forced to be away from her for more than eleven months a year. There shall be peace based on justice and the right of the people to govern and there shall be peace with the friendly people in our neighbouring countries.

Justice must precede Reconcilliation and Peace.

MAULANA FARIED ESACK  
NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR



METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DISTRICT, CCD.

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOR E.C.C. PEACE RALLY 7-10-85.

Apartheid is a heresy. Whatever maintains the structures of that heresy is equally deplorable. The army in South Africa is only a defence force because it *defends a heresy*.

Conscription in S.A. serves the perpetuation of apartheid. It compels our young people to defend the indefensible. For the victims of the call-up it leads either to blind immorality or a serious crisis of conscience. The alternatives to conscription are totally inadequate.

Hand in hand the police and army daily violate the lives and property of the oppressed people of our country; they disrupt and destroy the lives of the people of Namibia; they invade the territories of other sovereign states; they commit subversive acts the full extent of which history will reveal.

While the troops are in the townships, engaged in their sinister actions, all rumours of reform and change cannot be believed.

The actions of these forces breed insecurity and deepen the painful divisions in our community. In the name of law and order they become the fount of lawlessness and chaos.

Under such conditions a just peace cannot be realised.

We, therefore, support the call to end conscription

We deplore the use of troops in the townships.

We call for their immediate withdrawal.

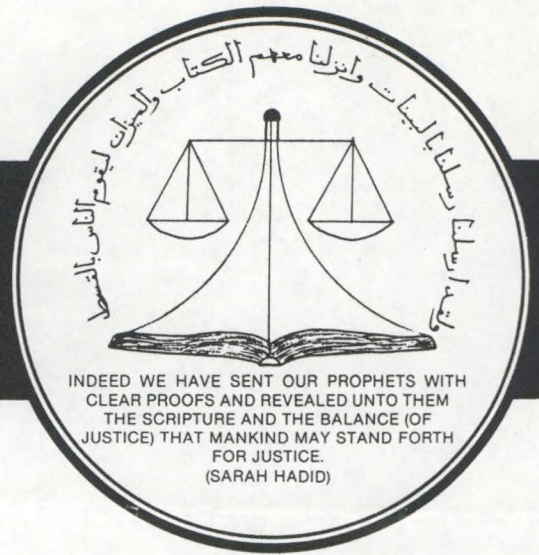
We pray for a just peace in solidarity with Dr. Ivan Toms and those who fasted with him.



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"THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE SHALL NOT BE UNDER THE SHADE OF ALLAH'S MERCY ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT: THE OPPRESSOR: THE ONE WHO ASSISTS HIM: AND THE ONE WHO REMAINS SILENT IN THE FACE OF OPPRESSION."

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