

25 MAY 1940

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Senator Honorable J. C. Chemsurans
P.O. Box 94, Johannesburg 30 May 1940

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The Holy Apostolic Church -
Jerusalem in Zion.

Please the Honourable of the Above
Church who is the Rev. S. M. Tshabalala who
is also the Vice-Chairman humbly and respectfully
that his Church be recognised by the Government.
and hope that through the advocacy of Your Hon
that his petition will be received by the
Government. he have got many converts who
support the said recognition.

Awaiting Your further instructions

Yours faithfully
S. M. Tshabalala
c/o Chas. M. Kuma

P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG,
June 17th, 1940.

Reverend S. M. Tshabelala,
c/o Mr. Chas. Makamole,
P.O. Box 27,
VREDE,
O.F.S.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of May 20th regarding the recognition of the Holy Apostolic Church in Zion. It is necessary for you to fill in the application form for which you should ask the local Native Commissioner.

I may say that the members of the Natives Representative Council have asked me to obtain an interview for them with the Minister of Native Affairs to discuss, among other matters, the system of recognising African churches. I am trying to arrange the interview.

It is a great pity that there are so many Churches and that none of them comply with the Government regulations. I do not think I will succeed with yours.

Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/MNE

25 MAY 1940

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Senator the Hon. J. S. Rheinallt Jones.
P.O. Box 94, Johannesburg.

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The African Zulu Apostolic Tshak Church

Ch.

The founder of the Above Church who is the Rev. J. N. Nkabinde desires honour and respect that his church be recognised by the Government and a hope that through the advocacy of you Hon that his petition will be received by the Government. Rev. Nkabinde once wrote to you, Honours about this matter but did ^{not} get any reply; he now hope very much that his church like other will be accepted. He have got many converts who support the said recognition. Awaiting your best & instructions!

Your faith full
J. N. Nkabinde
90 Chas. Makamole

P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG,
June 17th, 1940.

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P.O. Box 27,
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O.F.S.

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Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/MNE

12th February, 1940.

Councillor T.M. Mapikela, M.R.C.,
Ulundi Kaya,
1437 Community Avenue,
BLOEMFONTEIN,
O.F.S.

Dear Councillor,

I thank you for your kind letter of the 5th and for your very kind remarks and good wishes.

*written
to
Khan
Counselor*

I have received the petition from the Bantu Methodist Church. The question of the recognition of this denomination has been brought to the notice of the Christian Council of South Africa and I understand that that body is considering what action it will take in the matter. I will myself approach the Native Affairs Department on the matter.

I had hoped to invite the four M.R.Cs to meet me this week-end, but I was informed by Councillor Thema that it would be inconvenient. I hope we can meet when I return next time. I leave for Cape Town on the 12th.

It will not be possible for me to begin the tour of the O.F.S. before Parliament closes at the end of April or early in May. I will let you know as soon as I can suggest dates.

With very kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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6th December, 1938.

Mr. V. N. Bereng,
P.O. Box 111,
Vrede,
O. F. S.

Dear Sir,

My husband, Senator Rheinallt Jones,
left for England the week after he was in Vrede.

I have sent to Vrede for the official
figures of so called "redundant" Natives. These figures,
along with your letter with the definite examples, will,
of course, be laid before the Senator when he returns.

If the Advisory Board is able to make
any satisfactory arrangements with the Municipality
about the cases you mention, I shall be glad if you will
let us know, so that the Senator has all the information
before him.

With greetings,

Yours faithfully,

HONORARY ORGANISER
WOMEN'S SECTION

EBJ/JR.

P.O.Box 111 , Vrede O.F.S.

10/11/1938

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Mr. J.D. Rheinallt J O N E S M.P.,

P.O.Box 97 , Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

You will please remember that when you were addressing a gathering here in Vrede, Rev. Father Mones asked you the question as to whether or not it is the object of the new law:-

1. to expell from the locations people who have Europeans for whom they are working, because they have no stands.
2. to prohibit people to enter the locations unless they buy their own stands although they have got work.

In reply to this you said it was out of the law to do so and that there had been two or three towns which used the new law to this effect and you stopped it.

Here in Vrede we experience exactly the same thing as outlined above. The following are the persons prohibited to stay in the Location because they do not buy stands and are forced to have their families hanging about.

Mr. Alfred Ndaba working under Mr. Bosman.

Mr. Moloi working under the Magistrate.

There are some who have been expelled because they are only lodgers without being stand-holder, like Mr. Tonlako Shawe and others.

There is also a woman by the name of Selina Tsotetsi. She is working under Dr. Bentley and she is staying in her father's hause with her old mother and is supporting the poor old lady. She is paying her permit as she should, but to our disappointment she is given notice to leave the location at the end of this very month.

I have seen the Advisory Board regarding this matter and they said they will work it out.

The writer is the teacher who was interpreting for
as you were in Vrede this last time.

Will you please try your best and settle the matter.
We hope to get help from you.

Yours faithfully,

V.W. Bereng

T. M. MAPIKELA, M.R.C.,
HEADMAN.



Uwundi Kaya,

1437, Community Av.,

Bloemfontein,

5th February 1940

Senator Hon J. O. Hemmatt Jones.
Senate House.
Cape Town

Dear Senator

In first place I must thank you for
the war circular sent to me & my people.

I hope you are all keeping well.
and we appreciate your action in supporting
Government on General Hertzog Peace Motion.

Find the enclosed petition of the Basutoland
Methodist Church. Copies of which I handed
to Senator Hon Heaton Nickolls while
our Council was sitting in Pretoria. He
promised to let me the decision of the
Commission. re The Application.

You as our representative you will kindly
see that these people are favourable
considered. I am keeping well. When do
you think to take your tour through Free State
& Transvaal? wish you the best & your colleagues.

I have the honour to be

Sir
your obedient servant.

T. M. Mapikele

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14th March, 1940.

Rev. D.P. Mocumi,
Minister,
Bantu Methodist Church,
2030 Gabashane Street,
Batho Location,
BLOEMFONTEIN,
O.F.S.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith copy of a letter I have received from the Manager, Municipal Native Administration Department, Bloemfontein. I advise you to renew your application in a years time.

Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/MM
Enclosure: Copy of letter

14th March, 1940.

The Manager,
Native Administration Department,
P.O. Box 288,
BLOEMFONTEIN,
O.F.S.

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I thank you for your letter of the 11th instant. I appreciate your difficulties in regard to these various sects but it is of course contrary to all our principles to interfere with the liberty of conscience and to lay down which Church shall be recognised and which not. I am writing to my correspondent advising him to wait a while and to re-new his application in a years time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

JDRJ/MM

The Municipality



Die Munisipaliteit

OF-VAN

**Bloemfontein, O.F.S.
O.V.S.**

J. R. COOPER { Manager.
Bestuurder.
P.O. Box—P.K. Bus 288.

NATIVE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT.
NATURELLE ADMINISTRASIE DEPARTEMENT.

Telephones—Telefon:—

Manager (Personal) } 419.
Bestuurder (Persoonlik) }

In reply please quote No. 38/16/39

In antwoord geliewe te refereer na No.

M/AS. Bloemfontein, O.F.S.
O.V.S.

Enquiries: Labour and Registration Offices } 295
Navrae: Arbeid en Registrasie Kantore }

11th March, 1940.

Senator J.D. Rheinallt Jones,
Glandwr,
Fourth Avenue,
FLORIDA.
Transvaal.

Dear Mr. Rheinallt Jones,

re: APPLICATION FOR CHURCH SITE.
BANTU METHODIST CHURCH.

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I have to state that some little time ago the Committee decided that in view of the large number of sites already issued for Church purposes, the granting of these sites was to be held in abeyance for some time.

Incidentally I might mention that applications by the Bantu Methodist Church have been considered and declined by the Committee on four separate occasions.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

7th March, 1940.

The Manager,
Municipal Native Administration,
BLOEMFONTEIN,
O.F.S.

Dear Mr. Cooper,

APPLICATION BANTU METHODIST
CHURCH FOR CHURCH SITE

This Church has applied for my help for its efforts to obtain a Church site in the Batho Location. I shall be grateful if you will tell me on what grounds the Church's application has been refused. Apparently services are actually being held regularly in a hired hall, and, although I deplore the multiplicity of sects and especially this recent secession from the Methodist Church, it seems to me that the existence of this Church as a distinct and organised body cannot be ignored. You may, however, have cogent reasons for the refusal, and it would help me to know them before I reply to the Church.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

JDRJ/MM

BANTU METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTH AFRICA.

BLOEMFONTEIN CIRCUIT.

The Pastorage:

PRESIDENT: T.M. RAMUSHU,
HEAD OFFICE: 9, Gibson Street,
Sophia Town,
JOHANNESBURG.

2030, Gabashane Street,
Batho Location,
Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

28th February, 1940.

The Hon. Senator J.D. Rheinallt Jones, M.A.,
The Senate,
HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT,
C A P E T O W N.

Hon. Sir,

re:- CHURCH SITE.

With reference to yours J.D.R.J./N.D. of the 12th instant re:above subject I have the honour to thank you very much for so kindly accepting our request. As you have seen in mine of the 18th ultimo, the matter has been before the Manager several times and the reply has been: "THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED NOT TO ACCEDE TO OUR REQUEST". We have tried to get the Manager to state his reasons but has refused to do so.

In respect to your last paragraph of your letter I would like you to point out to the local Municipality that a Church can only be when it owns property, and I believe that it is only then when it can be recognised.

In other Provinces and Municipalities as well as in other towns in the Free State Church sites have been issued to our Church. It is only in Bloemfontein where we meet with disappointments. We have every reason to believe and hope that your influence will enlighten the Bloemfontein Municipality so that in the near future the site would be granted.

We of the Bantu Methodist Church of South Africa cannot understand the attitude of the local Municipality towards us,

/because

The Hon. J.D.R. Jones,

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because when the Church was started here and the Congregation increased, so as not afford holding the services in private houses the members engaged ~~the~~ Community Hall for four months paying a rental fee of 10/6 per Sunday, and afterwards the services were held in the Bantu Social Institute for 12 months. I submit that this forms a link to our humble application and request for a Church site if the Local Municipality has not unavoidably overlooked this salient fact. In the meantime we are, under very great inconveniences, holding our Sunday and weekly services in one of the local I.O.T.T. halls named Emmanuel Hall and for which we are taxed a monthly fee of £1.0.0.

We trust that the contents of ~~this letter will~~ this my humble letter will be sufficient reinforcement for you.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I have the honour to be, Hon. Sir,

Your obedient servant,

... *Dan P. Mochum...* ...
RESIDENT MINISTER.

P.S. AN APOLOGY.

Sir, I ask you to kindly accept my humble apology for the unavoidable delay to reply yours earlier than this.

D.P.M.

February 12th, 1940.

Rev. D.P. Moomai,
Minister,
Bantu Methodist Church,
2030 Gabashane Street,
Batho Location,
BLOEMFONTEIN,
O.F.S.

Dear Sir,

CHURCH SITE

I have just received your letter of
18th January - through Councillor Mapikela. I am
approaching the Native Affairs Department on the matter.
I expect the Municipality will only give a site when your
Church is recognised by the Native Affairs Department.

Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/ND.

BANTU METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTH AFRICA.



2030, Gabashane Street,
Batho Location,
Bloemfontein.
18th January, 1940.

Senator the Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones,
House of Assembly,
CAPETOWN.

Hon. Sir,

APPLICATION FOR A CHURCH SITE:

I have the honour to state that I am the resident Minister of the Bantu Methodist Church of South Africa in Bloemfontein since 1st January, 1939. I have a congregation locally, comprising bonafide residents and ratepayers totalling 230 up to date. We hold divine services in a hired I.O.T.T. Hall.

It was decided last year to apply for a site for the erection of a Church, parsonage and later a school Hall and my applications to the Manager:Native Administration Department-for the said site are d/d 9th June, '39, 4th July '39 and Aug. 16th '39 respectively whilst the last one was sent from a Convention of Prayer Women who met here during the 1st week of October, 1939. The reply to these has been in the negative, without assigning any reasons. These applications were introduced by means of a deputation each time led by Councillor Mapikela, who did all he could to draw the attention of the Manager of the N.A.D. to the effect, but after all efforts and constitutional means the reply verbally to the Councillor is that the site can only be given after the church is through with registration.

I now most respectfully beg leave to appeal to you, as our Senator to shoulder the matter and put it to a success. I hope this matter will not be a surprise to you, as Councillor Mapikela has at the last Representative Council Session introduced the matter. We would like you to present the matter to higher authorities and also enquire from Senator Nicholls, the Chairman of the Native Affairs Commission as the matter was also placed before him by Councillor

/Mapikela

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It is our intention as soon as the Site is granted to start immediately with the building operations, and we intend to erect a substantial structure worthy of Bloemfontein reputation.

We have started subscriptions for the scheme so much that our cash ~~total~~ totals for same amounts to £70 odd; and we are continuing in the like manner against the time of the kind act of the Town Council to grant the site.

I have the honour to be, Sir

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

..O.M. P. MOCUMSI..
RESIDENT MINISTER OF THE CHURCH.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

An Association of Churches and Missionary Societies of South Africa
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Rev. J. M. du Toit.

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Pretoria 9307.

Telegrams and Cables :
"Sending Pretoria."

From : The Secretary,
152, Nicolson Street,
Brooklyn, Pretoria, Tvl.

24th February, 1940.

JT/MJ

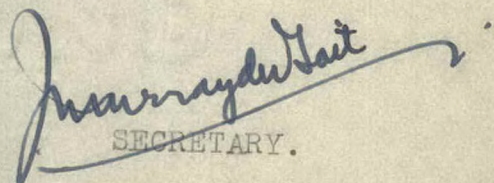
Sen. Hon. J.D.R. Jones,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 12th inst., and further to mine of the 15th inst., regarding recognition of the Bantu Methodist Church I have to draw your attention to the Minutes of our Executive Meeting held on the 20th (Min. Par. 356 (3)) in which my Executive has expressed the wish that it be understood that it has never been approached by this Body for recognition. Any application it might receive would be accorded the usual full and sympathetic consideration.

We obtained a list, correct to date, 20th February, of all Churches which have obtained recognition of the Native Affairs Department. I notice that the Body concerned is not recognised as yet, and I understand that no reason is being entertained for the granting of this recognition.

Sincerely yours,


SECRETARY.

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Dear Sir,

RECOGNITION BANTU METHODIST CHURCH

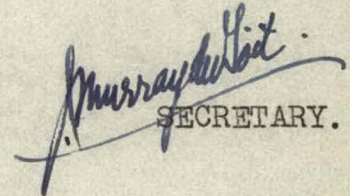
I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. re the BANTU METHODIST CHURCH.

I am not aware of any attempt or intention on the part of the Christian Council of South Africa to help the scismatic Bantu Methodist Church to obtain recognition of the Native Affairs Department.

I shall ask for any available information on this matter at the Executive Meeting next week.

Sincerely yours,

SEN. HON. J.D.R. JONES,
P. O. Box 97,
Johannesburg.


SECRETARY.

copy.

Rev. D. P. Moomani
Bloemfontein



February 12th, 1940.

The Rev. J. Murray du Toit,
Secretary Christian Council, of South Africa,
P.O. Box 1107,
PRETORIA.

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no. answer to any attempt

Dear Mr. du Toit,

on part of those who help church obtain recognition - will ask to intermeddle out with exec meeting I'm dnt

Recognition of Bantu Methodist Church

I have received an appeal on behalf of the Bantu Methodist Church for help in persuading the Bloemfontein Municipality to allot a Church site for this denomination in the Batho Location there. As I have an idea that the Christian Council is considering whether or not to help this "seismatic" Church to obtain recognition of the Native Affairs Department. I shall be glad if you will tell me how far you have gone in the matter.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

D. M. M. M. M.

JDRJ/VEL

12th February, 1940.

The Rev. J. Murray du Toit,
Secretary,
Christian Council of South Africa,
P.O. Box 1107,
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. du Toit,

RECOGNITION OF BANTU METHODIST CHURCH

I have received an appeal on behalf of the Bantu Methodist Church for help in persuading the Bloemfontein Municipality to allot a Church site for this denomination in the Betho Location there. As I have an idea that the Christian Council is considering whether or not to help this "seismatic" Church to obtain recognition of the Native Affairs Department. I shall be glad if you will tell me how far you have gone in the matter.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

JDRJ/MMI

10th July, 1941.

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The Town Clerk,
Municipal Council Office,
HANKEY.

Dear Sir,

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

With further reference to your letter of the 7th June, I am now in a position to say that the Minister of Native Affairs on the 9th October last refused recognition to this church. Unfortunately, I have not been able to obtain any further information about the church.

The fact that the Government refuses recognition does not necessarily suggest that the church is not reputable. Recognition is only given when certain standards in regard to the training of the ministers etc. have been satisfied. Several Native sects, which are themselves quite respectable, are not able to comply with the Government's requirements.

Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/NMC.



UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.—UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

No. 20/214

DEPARTEMENT VAN NATURELLESAKE.
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

4 JUL 1941

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Sir,

Application for Government Recognition:
Church of God and Saints of Christ.

With reference to your letter of the 13th June, 1941, I have the honour to inform you that the abovementioned Church is not recognised by the Government. An application for Government recognition was refused by the Honourable the Minister of Native Affairs in consultation with the Native Affairs Commission on the 9th October, 1940.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Honourable

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

J. S. S. S.
SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS.

July 5th, 1941.

The Secretary for Native Affairs,
Zasm House,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

APPLICATION FOR GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION:
CHURCH OF GOD AND SAINTS OF CHRIST

I have to acknowledge receipt of
your letter dated 4th instant, No. 20/214, and note
that Government recognition was refused to the
above mentioned Church in October of last year.

Yours faithfully,

NMSD.

13th June, 1941.

The Secretary for Native Affairs,
P. O. Box 384,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

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

I shall be glad if you will inform me whether the
above-mentioned Church is officially recognised by your department
or not.

Yours faithfully,

JDRJ/NMC.

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