

SACC media release after meeting with President Ramaphosa on 8 August 2019



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A delegation of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) - led by its President, Bishop Ziphohile Siwa and the General Secretary, Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana - today held a meeting with President Cyril Ramaphosa, and his delegation, to engage on issues of concern about the country, and to share its own commitment and contribution to the realisation of the promise of the Post-Apartheid South Africa.



Whilst commending the President for the hope that his administration represents, the SACC also raised issues of grave concern including the high level of unemployment, especially amongst the youth; the rising levels of poverty and inequality; the scourge of substance abuse; and the need for all of us to act in ways that restore hope to the nation.

The SACC brought to the President's attention the outcomes of its 18 month-long National Convention of South Africa initiative - a vehicle for public engagement and the mobilising of technical expertise to craft practical solutions to Reimagine, Reorganise, Rebuild the South Africa we pray for - which culminated in the launch of a Civil Society Manifesto in March 2019.

The SACC welcomes the President's openness in engaging on these critical matters. Both the SACC and the Presidency committed themselves to work together in a collaborative manner, for the benefit of our country, especially the poorest of our people.

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About SACC

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) is an ecumenical association of affiliated Christian Churches, and blocks of churches such as The Evangelical Alliance and the Council of African Independent Churches, with a mandate to lead common Christian action that works for moral witness in South Africa. SACC does not exist for the propagation and the advancement of its doctrinal position, but is the place where our diverse interpretations of our faith come together in action for social justice. It therefore seeks to achieve a visible, just socio-economic and ecological impact, enabled through engaged churches-in-community for a reconciled South Africa and our sub-continent.