

TAKING SIDES



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THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE **—its AIM, BASIS, MEMBERSHIP and** **FUNCTIONS**

AIM

The aim of the Christian Institute is
to witness to Jesus as Saviour and Lord
to seek the coming of His Kingdom on earth
to serve the Church in its vocation as the Body of Christ

BASIS

The Christian Institute is based upon
the self-revealing activity of God in history — creating, suffering, judging,
redeeming, witnessed to in Scripture, acknowledged and celebrated in the
fellowship of the Church Universal and experienced through sharing in His
mission in the world — to reconcile all persons and things to Himself in Christ
(Col 1:17)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any person who wholeheartedly supports the aims of
the Institute and is prepared to help carry out its functions on the basis set out in the
Constitution

FUNCTIONS

The primary function of the Christian Institute as a particular instrument of the
Body of Christ, is to support and promote whatever activities and relationships
might strengthen the Christian role in the struggle for liberation in Southern Africa.

In particular

to develop working groups, however small, of people who are trying to anticipate
what a 'new South Africa' conformed to the will of God would be like, to
understand more clearly what this means, and who are therefore seeking to express
through their own life-styles, relationships and situations, the ethical demands of
the Gospel.

to help such groups to become working models of Christian community — that is
to grow in

- penitence and healing
- joy and thanksgiving, confession and commitment
- sharing and simplicity of life
- solidarity with the poor, the suffering and the oppressed
- care of the earth and concern for the common good
- active listening to the Word and Spirit
- love of all others as much as of themselves

to help such groups to relate to one another for encouragement, mutual assistance
and, where appropriate, joint action.

to develop and maintain functional structures of communication and relationship
within the membership, and between the Institute and the wider community.

to develop, maintain and contribute to a continuing public debate in which the
biblical witness to God's demand for social righteousness is brought to bear on the
policies and actions of the authorities.

to undergird this public debate with such action for social change as is deemed
relevant and necessary.

to appoint and maintain such national and regional committees, officers and staff
as are required.

to raise and administer the necessary funds and other resources for the Institute's
work.

extract from revised
Constitution 1976.

To be sent to nearest Regional Office

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME

(Prof. Dr. Rev. Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms.)

POSTAL
ADDRESS

HOUSE
ADDRESS

TEL. No. (if any):

DATE

Please enrol me/us as a member/members of the Christian Institute
I/We enclose the amount of R

for this year's subscription.

(NOTE: The *minimum* membership fee has always been R1 per annum. Those who can afford it are requested to send an additional donation towards the work of the Institute, and *Pro-Veritate* which is sent free to all members.)