

To: The Religious Organisation/Leader

Date: 29 January 2019

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE RELIGIOUS SUMMIT

The Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission) is one of the chapter 9 institutions established by the Constitution to strengthen constitutional democracy in the Republic of South Africa. In terms of the CRL Rights Commission Act no.19 of 2002, the Commission is charged to, amongst others, to make recommendation to the appropriate organ of state regarding legislation that impact, or may impact on the rights of cultural, religious and linguistic communities.

In 2015 the CRL Rights Commission started an investigative study on the commercialization of religion and abuse of the people's belief system. As part of this process, a number of religious leaders and organizations throughout the nine provinces appeared before the Commission to give their presentations. On various occasions the Commission further organized a number of engagements with religious organizations in order to explain the purpose, objectives, process and expected outcomes of this investigative study.

Furthermore, the CRL Rights Commission convened a panel of experts including theologians, psychiatrists, sociologists, psychologists, social workers, etc, to discuss and critique the state of the nation's psyche and how it affects the religious sector.

The final report with findings and recommendations on the commercialization of religion and the abuse of the people's beliefs systems, particularly the proposal

around the peer review mechanism has been discussed in various platforms including parliament, religious structures and the general public.

The CRL Rights Commission appreciated the request by the religious community who requested to be afforded an opportunity as well as support to champion the process of bringing order in this sector.

It is against this background that you or your representative is invited to attend the Religious Summit scheduled as follows:

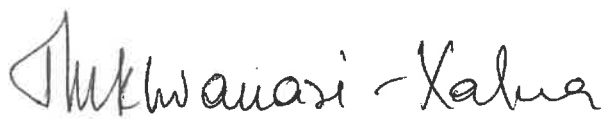
VENUE : **Rhema Bible Church**
Hans Schoeman Street
Bromhof, Randburg

DATE : **13th February 2019**

TIME : **09:00**

Please confirm attendance to the following address: gietk@rhema.co.za or mpiyakhem@crlcommission.org.za

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Thoko Mkhwanazi-Xaluva
Chairperson: CRL Rights Commission



Pastor Ray McCauley
Religious Summit Convener