

# Churches and radical change

THE CHURCH is the body of Christ and it is the responsibility of the church to act in the spiritual, social and political interests of the community.

The Church should acknowledge that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to be understood, not only in an ecclesiastical sense, but also in the social, political and cultural sense.

The task of the Church is to work for God's reconciliation everywhere.

The Church has a responsibility to reject government policies which deny people their human rights and it must speak out against injustice and preach the Christian message of peace, freedom and reconciliation.

It should reject racial discrimination and racism and put forth renew-

ed efforts to live according to Biblical norms. It should press the government to promote fundamental human rights, freedom and peace among the people.

The Church is responsible for the welfare of its people. It cannot remain uninvolved because the people under the government are also members of the church.

The Church has to realise that the situation in this country is contrary to the will of God. It has to struggle for radical change in our society - for genuine independence for Namibia.

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