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The URCSA Cape Synod Ministers, Church Councils, Congregations
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THE RESPONSE OF THE SYNODICAL COMMISSION OF URCSA CAPE SYNOD TO THE CURRENT WAVE OF VIOLENT ATTACKS COUNTRYWIDE

The Cape Synod Synodical Commission of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA Cape Synod SC) gathered at Gourikwa Reserve between Mosselbay and Stillbay from 16 July till 18 July 2019. The URCSA Cape Synod SC acknowledges the socio-historical factors and the complex nature of violence.

Therefore, the URCSA Cape Synod SC strongly denounces the current wave of violent attacks country wide, especially the escalating violence on the Cape flats.

We also strongly reject this violent phenomenon turning people (including our church members) into prisoners in their own homes and communities. The URCSA Cape Synod SC acknowledges and appreciates all efforts and interventions to address the situation.

We call on all our congregations and members to pray for all victims of violence and stakeholders involved in seeking solutions. We call on our congregations to be actively involved in finding solutions and become actively involved in preventing violent behaviour and changing the culture of violence.

We refer this critical issue to URCSA Cape Synod Congregational Ministry and Service and Witness Ministry to develop a framework addressing the culture of violence, with feedback to the Moderamen.

Kind Regards

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