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KwaZulu Natal Church Leaders' Group (KZNCLG) statement on corruption in the state

“So you shall purge the evil from the midst of you!” Deut.24:7

The members of the KwaZulu Natal Church Leaders Group (KZNCLG) condemn the scandal of government officials blatantly stealing funds meant for relief and assistance to all who are adversely affected by the extremely restrictive measures imposed by the 26th March Lockdown. We declare our utter disgust at the lawlessness and total lack of moral conscience displayed by many of those who were entrusted with bringing that life-saving relief to the poor and the marginalized.

We stand with others who have called on all members of the public to repudiate with absolute contempt these actions by those in leadership who have quite literally stolen the food out of the mouths of starving children, women and men.

In particular we call on voters at both Ward and Constituency level to raise their voice against this misuse of the power invested by them, in Ward Councillors and Members of Parliament to serve the welfare and interests of the communities that they represent.

At the level of government – both provincial and national - we demand the publication of the names and responsibilities of all those entrusted to administer the moneys made available for among other things

- Relief – food vouchers,
- Safety measures like PPE,
- Provision of field hospitals, clinics and other public places of care,
- Assistance to small businesses and informal traders,
- Needy households.

We demand further that all control agencies be engaged to recover the stolen funds; that all persons responsible are duly brought to trial and are punished for their crimes against the poor.

While we endorse the SACC statement when it calls for the public to be made thoroughly aware of the disastrous state of affairs, we are conscious that this cannot be done fully unless all relevant information is made public. We therefore call on the Premier to make public who has been implicated, in what way and the amounts of money at issue.

Meanwhile we commit ourselves to praying for the conversion and repentance of those who are responsible for deepening the dire poverty in which so many in our communities find themselves and have turned in faith and trust to the public officials for the assistance they so desperately need!

May God bless Africa and our Province KZN.

Singed by 

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