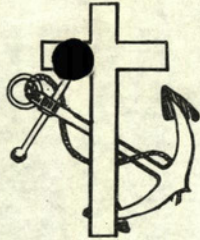


The Methodist Church of Southern Africa



Simon's Town Society  
(Services Since 1828)

Minister/Naval Chaplain  
REV Ralph R Thornley (Padré)

cc 7e  
11/2/2/118  
CHURCH CENTRE  
P.O. BOX 1  
Simon's Town 7995  
Rep of South Africa  
Phone: Office (021)787-3019  
Home: (021) 786-1814

4 June 1993

The Chairman  
Negotiating Council  
World Trade Centre  
Kempton Park  
1620

Dear Sir

I am but one of many South Africans concerned about the future of this land and greatly saddened by the disagreements and in fighting that constantly seems to plague the negotiation process.

It seems that these negotiations are not the first to wallow in "heavy seas". I came across an item in a book entitled "Mysteries of the Bible" published by Readers Digest. James Daniel in his work "The Psalms-Hymnbook of Humanity" writes :

"In 1787 the Constitutional Convention meeting at Philadelphia was near failure because the 13 former colonies could not agree on a form of effective national government. When the deadlock appeared too great for human power to break, 81-year-old Benjamin Franklin rose to his feet. All his life, he said, he had been convinced that the Psalms were right in saying, "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it." He moved that the delegates begin the next day's meeting with a prayer offered by a Philadelphia clergyman. The motion carried. So dramatic was the improvement in legislative temperaments and efficiency that Congress still observes Franklin's precedent."

I send this item to you, Sir, at a very crucial time in our history and hope that in some small way it might make a positive contribution to all that is happening.

We are praying constantly both in my Naval duties and as a clergyman.

Yours in His Service

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ralph R. Thornley'. The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized hand and is positioned above the printed name.

RALPH R. THORNLEY  
CHAPLAIN SA NAVY



The Chairman  
Negotiating Council  
World Trade Centre  
Kempton Park  
1620





Republic of South Africa

IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 14 DAYS  
PLEASE RETURN TO:

DIRECTOR CHAPLAINS' SERVICE (NAVY)  
P.O. BOX 1  
SIMON'S TOWN 7995