

3. PURPOSES & GOALS:

3.1 To create the appropriate climate and the mechanisms for negotiations, and thereafter through a series of meetings, to arrive at a stage leading to the development of a new constitutional dispensation in which liberty, justice, opportunity, and equality will be conferred on all without regard to race, colour, gender, religion or origin.

3.2 To engage all political parties in a serious and sustained search for educational, political, social, civil and economic justice for all. To this end systems compatible with the aforementioned goals will need to be agreed upon.

3.3 To gather significant consensus from among the participants with the proviso that the tests to the fairness of a proposal being: "Can we live with this?" or "How deleterious will this be for peace, harmony, participation, freedom and prosperity in the new dispensation?"

3.4 To develop key questions for testing in a referendum or alternatively for submitting agreed upon principles for confirmation through a plebiscite.

3.5 To do all things ancillary to the meeting of the Constituent Assembly at the appropriate stage.

DECLARATION OF INTENT

4. COMMITMENT

Whereas the establishment of the Convention for Democracy in South Africa is a rare, unique and god-given opportunity for a harmonious and peaceful resolution of long-standing political differences, acrimony, and even of enmity, and whereas the need for violent conflict and revolution is hereby made superfluous, therefore it behoves all people and all leaders committed to justice and freedom, through peace and negotiations, to seize fast upon this opportunity of a negotiated political settlement with prayer on their lips, good faith and commitment in their hearts, and statesmanship in their bearing and outlook; and thereupon to strive resolutely, purposefully and sincerely towards the ultimate goal of establishing a full and flourishing democratic South Africa that can rightfully and proudly take its place in the community of democratic and just nations. So noble is this goal, so real the prospect of achieving it, so terrible the violence that is now wounding this country, that a commitment from all parties, never to imperil the course on which this country is now set, must be made to be honoured with utter good faith.

SOLIDARITY.