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TO THE UPCSА FAMILY

UPCSА MESSAGE ON CORRUPTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. (2 Peter 2:19 ESV)

The Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa expresses its utter disgust at the escalating rate of corruption in South Africa. While we were still following the developments of the Zondo Commission on State Capture, we are now appalled by the reports of corruption related to the COVID-19 funds.

We declare that corruption is a sin and a violation of human rights. It is to steal from the state and from the poor. Corruption is an affront to human dignity and disparages life, human and non-human. We implore all in the UPCSА to stay away from corruption and to report any form of corruption to the relevant authorities. There should be programmes to raise awareness about the socioeconomic and spiritual effects of corruption. The poor, especially the women and children, always suffer the worst from any form of corruption. As we open church buildings for public worship, let us factor this in our liturgies and put up posters that condemn corruption with contempt. Let us share messages to warn people about the scourge of corruption.



Picture: Tiyo Soga House Staff (UPCSА Central Office) wearing orange masks

Let us support the initiatives and campaigns against corruption and call for the arrest and prosecution of all those who committed corruption. The wearing of orange masks on Fridays is a campaign to ensure that all those who are found guilty should be granted the opportunity to wear orange overalls in prison. Tiyo Soga House staff have joined the campaign. Please join as well and make it known to all that **CORRUPTION IS NOT OUR HERITAGE**.

Yours in Christ.

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GENERAL SECRETARY