



## ANNEXURE (A)

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Dear Rev. Dr. Ds. Ps. \_\_\_\_\_

### **REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH PROJECT FOR A PHD DEGREE**

( Degree in Doctor of Philosophy)

The title of the dissertation:

**CREATING A STRATEGIC JUSTICE MINISTRY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH THAT WILL ENABLE THE CHURCH TO CARE FOR ORPHANS IN BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA.**

The research to be undertaken is in two parts:

- 1) Qualitative review of past and present work covered in this field
- 2) Empirical research done with a questionnaire to gauge the coverage of pastoral care given to orphans from local congregations in Benoni.

Rev. John W. Pocock kindly requests your participation in the latter part of this research, namely to complete the 12 question questionnaire, so an accurate assessment can be assimilated as to find the coverage of local church participation in social justice, in this regard – orphans.

You are assured that the material obtained will be kept in strict confidence. Should you request it, your identity and that of your congregation will remain anonymous.

Church participation is voluntary, and should you request to withdraw the information, the researcher will do so.

Yours truly,

Rev. John W.Pocock.

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**ANNEXURE (B)**

**ORPHAN CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

QUESTIONNAIRE :

1) Name of Senior Minister ( Optional )

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2) Denomination and church affiliation ( Optional)

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3) What is your understanding of Social Justice?

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4) Is your church involved in the Pastoral care of orphans outside of your church?

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5) Are there orphans in your church?

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6) How are they cared for ( Education, accommodation, medical)

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7) HIV/AIDS is the major cause of the orphan crisis on the East Rand. Is your church involved in a preventative program with your members. Is there a ministry that cares for infected and affected people from your church?

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8) Is your church involved in any HIV / AIDS ministry on the East Rand?

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9) Do you think that the Department of Social Welfare is doing enough to resolve the orphan crisis on the East Rand?

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10) What is the single greatest constraint in your opinion that hinders churches from doing more in issues of social action and social compassion.

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11) If government proposed a program of financial support and benefit to churches that are willing to care and look after orphans, would your church be interested

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12) A renowned church leader made the statement, “ The local church is the greatest enterprise on earth!” Can the church unite and become an effective voice and agent of change in South Africa?

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## ANNEXURE (C)

### METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION

- 1) Demographic study of the city of Benoni was undertaken to ensure that a comprehensive survey be accomplished. Within the Benoni area, most race and cultural groups are represented and for the purpose of this research it is important to interview all denominations which are representative of the South African Christian society.
- 2) Church selection is vital to the success of this research. A cross section from Mainline churches to Charismatic churches will be the principle factor of the questionnaire. The questions are the same for all churches to allow for accurate qualitative procedure.
- 3) Neutrality was important throughout the whole process. Issues of prejudice are important to keep away from this process, especially when dealing with cross cultural communications. Random selection was important to ensure a comprehensive coverage of all visionary leaders. Church size *was* not a factor in the selection process.



4. A letter of introduction accompanied each application requesting participation in the research, the nature of the undertaking and duration when the questionnaire would be required. Confidentiality and applicants identification would be honoured at the applicants request.



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