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THE STATE OF THE CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

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ABSTRACT

South Africa has been confronted with several challenges since 1994; national reconciliation, structural injustices related to racism, class, and gender. These structural challenges manifest into issues of racial discrimination, femicide, xenophobia, corruption, poverty, and unemployment. The Covid -19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated these mentioned challenges. Of course, since 1994, politicians, activists, and other stakeholders have tried to address some of these challenges. Protest for service delivery in the townships, Marikana mineworkers in 2012, the coming of Julius Malema and the formation of organisations like Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in 2012. Student movements which include #RhodesMustFall, #FeesMustFall, #EndOutsourcing. However, there have been questions regarding the role of the church in the new democratic South Africa. Where is the voice of the church when majority of South Africans are subjected to poverty and unemployment? Where is the voice of the church in the violence against women and children? Where is the voice of the church in the corruption of leaders that should be uplifting the people? Where is the voice of the church in the midst of police brutality? Where is the voice of the church in the looting of shops?