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THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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My dear George,

This is in reply to your letter of October 15th concerning the Christian Home and Family Life Programme. Of course we are sorry that Dr. and Mrs. David Mace are not available for the programme which was suggested during the All Africa Conference meeting in Ibadan last year.

If I may be allowed to say so I think the new proposal that a person be appointed to travel the African countries, and to work for a Conference at a later date is very sound and may even prove to be a better programme than the one originally suggested.

I have given careful thought to your questions as to whether there is anybody in South Africa who is suitable for consideration in connection with this responsible task which I presume would be on a full time salary basis. We have several Africans qualified in Social Work who have a University degree in Social Science, a course which includes anthropology: some of them have majored in this subject. I think, for example, of Miss Edith Hlatshwayo who you may remember meeting at Ibadan.

I am taking the liberty of writing to tell Prof. Z.K. Matthews of your enquiry, asking him to write you direct if he thinks of any other names. As you are probably aware Prof. Matthews is passing through a difficult time so that he may not find it easy to turn his mind to new subjects, but I am sure he will try to give careful consideration to a question of this importance. I also believe that Prof. Matthews is not very far off retiring age: if he was free I cannot think of a more suitable person for such a task unless you consider that the amount of travel involved demands the appointment of a younger person.

If there is any other way in which I can help you do not hesitate to let me know.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A.W. Blaxall
Secretary/Treasurer.