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Dear Member,

We have begun the New Year under great pressure in the office. Ingrid Kekane our typist-interpreter is on maternity leave and we are short staffed and inundated with work. I enclose therefore the work form and a stamped addressed envelope addressed to Prue Crosoeur. Please return this form as soon as possible. We would be particularly grateful at the moment for a few typists who would be able to cut stencils of the Conference papers at home for us. We would naturally supply the stencils and deliver and fetch. There are several reports and fact papers to be typed and our staff simply can't be asked to do more than they are doing. Please telephone Jill Wentzel at 45/75 25 or me at 41/8188 if you'll do this typing. I know that you will be shocked to hear that Sheena Duncan and Elizabeth Rowe have stayed as late as 5.45 p.m to cope with the work.

We also need someone to convene a few cake sales say three this year. We'll give you all the help we can.

Please remember the Transvaal Regional Conference on February 14th at 9.30 a.m at 8 Cowie Road, Forest Town.

We are going to discuss major issues and the Transvaal Region's reaction to issues brought forward by other Regions. So far Natal Coastal has sent up four resolutions dealing with 1. Restriction of the Voice of dissent and protest in South Africa, 2. Family Life and this encompasses Squatters and hostels. 3 Trade Unionism, 4. Detention without trial and the attitude of those in charge.

Other major issues are "The New Constitution in South Africa", and this will affect us all - Black Education, Economics and a new Charter for Women. Cape Town has suggested that we amend the original Charter drawn up by the Sash several years ago. A small sub-committee in the Transvaal has suggested a simplified charter which we detail below

1. EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO FULL ADULT LEGAL STATUS ON THE ATTAINMENT OF HER MAJORITY OR IN MARRIAGE.
2. EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND DOMICILE.
3. EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO OWN OR TO RENT PROPERTY IN HER OWN NAME.
4. EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO ~~SEEK~~ EMPLOYMENT ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN ; TO BE PAID THE RATE FOR THE JOB. TO FAIR STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS OF WORK. *to organize.*
5. EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE WITH HER HUSBAND WHERE HE LIVES AND WORKS
6. EVERY WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT SHE WILL BEAR CHILDREN
7. EVERY WOMAN WHO IS A MOTHER HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE WITH, PROTECT AND CARE FOR HER CHILDREN.

Transvaal will also be submitting papers on Workmen's Compensation, Squatters and Winterveldt, Police and Political Trials, Leasehold Rights and Citizenship

and will contribute to the discussion on the Year of the Child.

We will at this regional conference/

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We will at this Regional Conference elect the delegates to National Conference and we need you.

EVENING BRANCH.

We have several working members who have expressed interest in a regular evening meeting - not just general meetings. One suggestion is that we have a group which holds a watching brief on Black Education and does the necessary research on draft bills and keeps in touch.

Another is that we have working groups and a regular political talk shop.

We are open to suggestions.

Please telephone me at 41/8188 between 5.30 and 7.30 any evening or drop me a note to the office.

We look forward to seeing you all during a hectic but we hope fruitful 1979.

Sincerely,

GITA DYZENHAUS