

TOPIC PAPER 1 – 2010 - Resolutions

Dear Members,

Greetings for 2010! Did you or your family make some New Year Resolutions? What is more, are you keeping them? This reminds me of the Resolutions put forward at our 2009 Convention held in Adelaide last May and sent to the Members of Parliament.

Resolutions concerning ALCOHOL –

- That Alcohol taxation be levied according to the percentage of alcohol content.
- That all alcohol advertising and sponsorships of sports, be phased out as soon as possible.
- That the legal age for alcohol consumption be raised to 21.
- That strong opposition be made to limit liquor outlets from increasing their opening hours.
- That stricter controls be implemented regarding the issue of new liquor licenses.
- That the BAC for all drivers be zero.
- That labelling on alcohol beverages include warning messages such as ‘alcohol may cause birth defects’ and ‘don’t drink and drive’.

Resolutions concerning ILLICIT DRUGS –

- That the Health Minister be commended for the new National Campaign targeting illicit drugs.
- That there be no legalisation or decriminalisation of any illicit drug.
- That the roadside testing of vehicle drivers for illicit drugs become mandatory.

Resolutions concerning GAMBLING –

- That the advertising of gambling in all forms be banned.
- That no ‘credit’ be allowed for gambling.
- That more rehabilitation programs be provided for addicted gamblers.
- That ATM machines be removed from all gambling premises.

A Scripture Reading that could be used for your meetings is James 5:16b – 18

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

Will you resolve to pray for your Local, State and Federal Members of Parliament and for each other as we seek to promote “a drug-free lifestyle and Christian values in our homes and communities”.

Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,

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