



**SPEECH BY CLLR NOMPUMELELO NTSHANGASE AT THE RELIGIOUS
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- Programme Director
- KZN Church Leaders Council
- Pastors that are present ,
- Student leadership,
- Elders and deacons,
- Sanibonani nonke,

It is an honour and a great privilege to welcome you all this morning, I am indeed humbled to be in the presence of all the religious leaders who are here with us this morning.

The KZN Church Leaders Council has asked us to join heads to discuss the role played by our religious leaders and how we can implement activities through prayer and mass engagements.

Programme director,

As the municipality we condemn against the abuse and more so the killing of our women and children. And we pledge to work hand in hand with the KZN Church Leaders Council in its quest to mobilise the role

played by the churches in our communities. Indeed it is within our communities that these social ills take place, where our daughters, sisters and wives are robbed of their lives and so little is being done!

Osopolitiki basukumile, uhhulumeni siwubonile, amadodakazi ethu aMashile sawabona kepha manje isikhathi sokuthi kubonakale amasonto ethu. Sibambisene sonke singawenza umehluko.

It is no secret that an abusive person does not know love, and therefore does not know God. In the book of 1 Peter 3:7, "Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. "

Namhlanje sizothi, akuphele ukuhlukunyezwa kwabantwana nomama ezweni. Akukho umuntu onelungelo lokushaya nokulimaza umntwana nomangabe umuntu athandana naye. Abantu abahlukumeza abasefazane kumele baboshwe bavalelwe kulahlwe isikhiyi.

Real men do not abuse women. Real men respect women and children because they also respect themselves. Real men love and protect their women and children. They don't use violence. We are here to say it is time for the real men to stand-up. Isikhathi sezishimane nondlavini siphelile!

People who are abusing children and women are reversing the gains we have made in this country. They are taking us back to an era where we were only objects.

No South African woman will disagree, that we have made great progresses in addressing the inequalities within our society especially between women and men since 1994. Prior to our first democratic elections, black women were oppressed for their gender, race and class.

The social composition of the South African society basically classified women as second class citizens.

Worst still the black women had to also endure the injustices of racial discrimination that was perpetrated by the Apartheid system. Although South Africa has made great advances over the last 20 years, we need to accelerate gender transformation in our society.

In closing,

The Municipality recently led a march against violence towards women and children with church leaders, political groups, the community, just to name a few. Where our Mayor, Cllr Zandile Gumede took to the stand and condemned against these animalistic acts.

And we as the Municipality will continue to work hand in hand with the community and law enforcement to finally put an end to this.

Together with the religious soceity, we must make it our responsibility to try and protect our women and children.

I thank you.