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PRESS STATEMENT

Rev Peter de Fin, international director of Acts Christian Church, based in Midrand, Johannesburg, issued the following statement:

“We are shocked by the criminal charges against Pastor Dawid Volmer and cannot make any excuses for a minister of the gospel who should have known better.

“These allegations, to which Pastor Volmer has confessed, are a betrayal of the trust that people place in a minister of the church. We offer no excuses for such disgraceful and disgusting behaviour. We will never condone any form of immoral sexual behaviour including sex with a minor, sex slavery, prostitution (including child prostitution) and any other exploitation of human beings.

“As a leader in the Acts Christian church organisation we extend our deepest sympathy to the victim/s of this terrible abuse.

“We ask that the victim/s and loved ones concerned will accept our church’s sincere expression of regret and forgive us for failing you. Be assured that our church here in South Africa and in other countries have been called to pray for you.

“We believe that the law must take its course and we also include Pastor Volmer and his wife and children in our prayers. This event has caused huge emotional trauma to many people and we can only throw ourselves in the loving arms of God, whose mercy we implore for Pastor Volmer and for the enduring love of Jesus to enfold the victims that include his wife and teenage children.

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