Premier Kiviet urges churches to defend freedom
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Speaking during the sod turning of the Assemblies of God Movement Border Convention Centre in King William’s Town on Sunday 22 May 2011 Premier Kiviet said, “The church played a pivotal role during the struggle for liberation and it should take responsibility in the social wellbeing of communities.” The Premier carried on to say that “the church should lead the fight for better communities and enhance moral regeneration.”

Overwhelmed by exhilaration Prince Zolile Ncamashe of Amararabe from eMngqesha Great Place sang praises in appreciation of the rebuilding of the church convention centre, much to the delight of the congregation. Ncamashe said, “Churches were given the blessings of the traditional leadership in the area under the then King Ngqika.” King Ngqika granted land to missionaries to build churches and schools in the area. That marked the beginning of a very healthy relationship between traditional leaders and churches.

The Assemblies of God Border Convention Centre is a multi million rand project that is likely to register itself as one of the major milestones of the church history especially in the Buffalo city area. The new Border Convention Centre is a reconstruction of the original church building (which was famously known as Ginyazonke) that was build in 1957 in Gompo. The church was forcefully moved from the area by the then government through Group Areas Act. The church was burnt down in 1985.