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The GEPF Monitor Group has noted with gratitude the strong viewpoint of the South African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC) about the plunder of the Government Employees Pension Fund and the actions by the Minister of Finance in this regard.

It is hoped that the churches will follow the example of the Catholic Church.

Church leaders must understand that if the pension fund is exhausted as part of the state capture going on, they will be the first to be approached by the members of their respective churches.

There are at present more than 400,000 pensioners and about 1,3 million other members of the fund. Will the churches be able to accommodate these pensioners if they become destitute?

Churches in the past were far too silent about this serious threat to their members and should really now speak out.

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Die Moniteringsgroep het met dank kennis geneem van die S A Katolieke Biskoppe Konferensie (SACBC) se sterk standpunt oor die plundering van die Staatsdienspensioenfonds en die optrede van die Minister van Finansies in die verband. Daar word vertrou dat ander kerke hul voorbeeld sal volg.

Kerkeleiers moet besef dat as die pensioenfonds uitgeput is as gevolg van die heersende staatskaping, hulle eerste genader sal word om hulp te verleen aan lidmate van hul kerke wat lede van die Staatsdienspensioenfonds is.

Daar is tans 400,000 van hulle en nog 1,3 miljoen wat lid is van die pensioenfonds. Sal die kerke in staat wees om hulle te akkommodeer as hulle armlastig word?

Kerke was tot dusver heeltewel te stil oor hierdie bedreiging wat hul lidmate in die gesig staar. Dit is miskien nodig dat hul nou hul stem laat hoor.