

ABSTRACT

This thesis investigates the role of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA), Cape Synod in the mitigation of gang violence in the Western Cape. The CeaseFire Model of the City of Chicago in the United States of America was examined as a possible model but was found inadequate to address the gang violence in Bishop Lavis community and to offer guidance to a small local Reformed Church to meaningfully address this issue.

This research has through the lens of a local congregation, guided by multiple voices – Stakeholders- and focused on the question of recidivism opted for a whole of society approach to intervention methods and models.