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A Call for Responsible Leadership on Bill 10

THE Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) has noted with concern that the media is awash with disparaging and divisive statements emanating from various quarters of society on the proposed constitutional amendment, popularly known as Bill 10.

JCTR would like to call upon political, civic and religious leaders to exercise responsible leadership on this very important matter in the life of our nation.

It is important that the citizenry makes informed decisions on the matter and they can only do so if leaders are providing sober and proper counsel on the issue.

JCTR is cognizant of the mixed emotions surrounding Bill 10 but we urge politicians, civic and religious leaders to desist from planting seeds of division on an issue of national importance.

The ultimate power in any democracy lies in the people and these same people should not be at risk of being misled by those in authority who are continuously throwing tantrums over Bill 10 instead of soberly giving counsel to the people.

JCTR also urges members of the public to take time to read and appreciate the contents of Bill 10 and form their own independent opinion other than allowing themselves to be misguided by the politicians that tend to be biased.

JCTR calls on Zambians from all walks of life to take keen interest in the constitutional amendment process to ensure this process is guided by the desire to put the common good of our nation ahead of individual and partisan interests.

