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DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Johannes Petrus van der Spuy, Minister National Education, hereby declare the building known as the Dutch Reformed Mother Church in Oudtshoorn to be a national monument.

*Description*

The Mother Church, situate on certain land, being Erf 4137, portion of Erf 1643, Oudtshoorn, situate in the Municipality and Division of Oudtshoorn, measuring fifty-eight thousand one hundred and eighty-five (58 185) square feet, held under Certificate of Registered Title 13060/1967, dated 16 June 1967.

*Historical and architectural interest*

The foundation stone of this church was laid on 15 January 1861, but because of financial and other problems it could only be consecrated on 7 June 1879. George Wallace was responsible for the building plans, although the well-known Carl Hager had to complete the building. The church was built of the local sandstone in the neo-Gothic style and also has an impressive interior.

J. P. VAN DER SPUY, Minister of National Education