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The post-1994 reconciliation agenda in South Africa has revealed its shortcomings and its relationship to recurring protests and social unrest. Against this background, this study investigates how the Charismatic Church can contribute to reconciliation independently of the state, while still addressing the structural causes behind the failure of reconciliation efforts. Special attention is given to the role Charismatic Church leaders and ordinary practitioners activities can play in facilitating the goals of the 1994 reconciliation agenda. Data for this study will be generated and collected in Rondebosch (Cape Town) and Rosebank (Johannesburg). These locations were selected in order to engage participants from diverse social groups and backgrounds. Charismatic churches located in suburban contexts are known to attract people from different social classes and communities, thus providing the potential to capture perspectives from both informal settlements and suburban participants.