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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR PROF NICO KOOPMAN

The first meeting of the BNC Management Board in March of each year focuses on the annual report, including the financial report, of the previous year. The second meeting in November deals with the planning and budget for the following year.

It is my pleasure to report that the BNC has once again had a busy year with many activities and events, of fruitful research and community interaction initiatives relating to faith and the public life. The annual report gives a good overview of these activities in 2013. I would however like to highlight some aspects.

The BNC consistently functions with colleagues who are full-time employees of the Faculty of Theology or elsewhere, and who invest of their time in the BNC programme. This includes the research activities of the BNC, as well as management, administrative and financial activities. Since its founding in 2002 the BNC has worked with part-time personnel. Two postdoctoral fellows, Drs Murray Coetzee and Gys Loubser, are also involved with the BNC.

The part-time position for administrative support has not been filled yet. This will be done once the Faculty Committee makes a final decision regarding the strengthening of operational staff of the faculty.

We are grateful that Dr Dion Forster was appointed as senior lecturer in public theology and ethics from 1 January 2014. Dr Forster will contribute to BNC research activities by participating in existing programmes and founding his own programme within the BNC.

BNC funding consists mostly of grants for specific research projects. Kerk in Actie of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands has been financing the BNC programme Congregations and Public Life for more than a decade, in partnership with the URCSA Western Cape. Two potential sources of funding will be investigated in the coming year, namely the SU's Flagship Project, and private funding from an interested Northern Cape businessman.

The BNC has established a sound reputation with at least four German institutions: the *Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche*, the *Reformierte Bund*, the *EED* and the *EMW*. With greater personnel capacity new projects with these partners could be developed, particularly within the framework of theology and economic globalisation.

The BNC has the capacity to develop and expand. The interest in and recognition of public theology is growing both locally and internationally. The BNC has good standing both locally and internationally – in academic and church spheres, and also in some areas of wider society. Within the faculty there is wider ownership of the BNC by all disciplines, which also offer programmes within the framework of the BNC.

The question must be asked whether we should strive for a situation in which there are more full-time personnel at the BNC to develop this potential, or whether we should free some full-time faculty staff for an interim period for this purpose.

The cooperation with the Christian Council of Sweden and numerous non-government organisations in mostly southern countries ended after eight years. The focus of this project was on arms trade. The agreement was that the goals, which were to strengthen churches' responses to arms trade processes, had been attained.

The longstanding globalization programme with the German academies at Bad Boll and Arnoldshain has been dormant for three years as a result of financial challenges and personnel retrenchments at the academies.

Despite various appeals that the BNC should play an interventional role and develop an own public voice alongside those of churches and individuals regarding numerous public matters, the BNC has chosen to play an informing, illuminating, consulting, inspiring, stimulating, facilitating and mediating role. We believe this approach has made it possible for the BNC to reach and hopefully influence different audiences. Besides which, it is not the task of a research centre of a university to play an interventional role in society.

Our thanks to all involved in the BNC for your selfless work, above and beyond your normal tasks: the chairperson and management board members, the various researchers and programme chairs, Ms Helette van der Westhuizen, Liena Hoffman, and Marieke Brand. And of course to our partners and donors, particularly Kerk in Actie.

In verbondenheid.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nico Koopman'.

Nico Koopman

BEYERS NAUDÉ CENTRE FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY CELEBRATES A DECADE

The Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology was privileged to host the celebration of the life and work of Beyers Naudé on 10 May 2013, the anniversary of his birth 98 years ago. At the same time, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Centre. The event was attended by two of the Naudé children, Johann and Liesel, as well as friends and colleagues of the Beyers Naudé Centre.



A celebratory programme with invited speakers took place at the Attie van Wijk Auditorium, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch:

Beyers Naudé and the Hammanskraal Resolution - Douglas Bax

Beyers Naudé, confronting the system - Horst Kleinschmidt

Beyers Naudé, spiritual witness - Moses Ntlha

Beyers Naudé, relationship with the Black Sash - Di Oliver

Beyers Naudé, my pa - Johann Naudé

Beyers Naudé, for the future - Anlené Taljaard

Beyers Naudé, archiving the past - Murray Coetzee



The latest publication in the Beyers Naudé Centre Series on Public Theology, *Vreesloos Gehoorsaam*, was also launched during this event. A dinner at Wilgenhof mens' residence, *alma mater* of Oom Bey, with the rector Prof Russel Botman as speaker, concluded the festivities.



CHRISTIAAN FREDERICK BEYERS NAUDÉ (1915 – 2004)

For Beyers Naudé the tension between his initial security in his heritage as an Afrikaner patriot and his loyalty to the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC), and his fearless obedience to God became almost unbearable. As he gradually became aware of a broader South African context, he crossed many personal and societal frontiers in his rejection of the injustices of apartheid.

Naudé was a dedicated minister of the gospel and was known for his skilful and accurate social analyses. This was evident during his early ministry in various DRC congregations where church members experienced the trauma of poverty and/or oppression. Naudé had a unique ability to identify with the existential pain and spiritual needs of his congregants. Naudé however realised that within the broader South African context, the morals of the gospel, namely justice, reconciliation, benevolence and unity, were not the exclusive possession or right of a racial minority. This challenged his integrity as a minister of the gospel.

The fearless obedience displayed by Naudé, was evident in his refusal to retract his support of the resolutions of the Cottesloe church conference. However, Naudé's steadfastness came at a price – the loss of esteem and respect of and security within his own community, and ultimately being ostracised from it. Because Naudé “was more obedient to God than humans” he was confronted with a choice between his continued ministry in the DRC and his conviction that the latter should embrace the morals of the gospel, namely justice, reconciliation, benevolence and unity.

Naudé accepted the position as editor of the theological publication *Pro Veritate* and later directorship of the Christian Institute. Initially Naudé was convinced that these positions would enable him to open the eyes of his fellow-Afrikaners who were apparently blind to the contradictions between apartheid and morals of the gospel.

Under the impression of Naudé's integrity, English-speaking and black churches of South Africa welcomed Naudé into their fold and this led to his increased involvement and leadership within ecumenical circles.

In fearless obedience Naudé crossed a further frontier when he made a choice for a theology in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised. Eventually his stand led to Naudé being placed under house arrest for seven years. However, Naudé was not discouraged; he used the seven years as productively as possible and continued on his chosen path after his house arrest was lifted.

As a result of his fearless obedience, Naudé was the recipient of various national and international accolades – including honorary doctorates. Finally, during the General Synod of the DRC in 1994, Naudé was vindicated and honoured for his fearless obedience as a prophet against the heresy of apartheid. Today Beyers Naudé is also honoured as one of the great sons of Africa.

BEYERS NAUDÉ CENTRE FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY

The Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology was officially launched on 21 November 2002. This Centre is the brainchild of Prof Russel Botman, the current rector and vice-chancellor of Stellenbosch University. Botman, together with former SU rector, Prof Chris Brink, and former dean of the Faculty of Theology, Prof Daniël Louw, visited the late Dr Beyers Naudé in Johannesburg to ask for his permission to name the Centre after him. For a few months, until he took up the position of vice-rector of the SU, Botman served as the first director of the Beyers Naudé Centre. In August 2002 he was succeeded by the current director, Prof Nico Koopman.

PARTNERSHIPS

KERK IN ACTIE, THE NETHERLANDS

SMDCA (SKLAS) CONFERENCE:

LIVING FAITHFULLY IN DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA – Lessons from the Heidelberg Catechism

For more than a decade the SMDCA (SKLAS: Sinodale Kommissie vir Leer en Aktuele Sake) of the Cape Synod of URCSA, and the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology have organised conferences with a broad focus entitled Congregations and Public life. The bodies jointly strive to investigate the potential of congregational practices for the renewal of churches and broader society.

This year the focus was specifically on the potential of the practice of confession for the transformation of public life. Since Reformed Christians all over the world celebrated the 450th birthday of the Heidelberg Catechism in 2013, the discussion focused on what confessing and embodying the Heidelberg Catechism in congregations mean for the transformation of churches and democratic societies like South Africa; the potential of the Heidelberg Catechism to enable congregations to live faithfully as both disciples of Jesus Christ, and citizens in a democracy. The goal was to discern the potential of the Heidelberg Catechism to guide churches to faithfully fulfil our prophetic, priestly and royal-servant calling. Themes like sin and alienation, forgiveness and salvation, the law, prayer, gratitude – all within the context of living faithfully in contemporary societies – were explored. How these themes are dealt with in preaching and teaching, worship and pastoral care, service and witness, were also discussed.

The organising committee decided to host two regional SMDCA conferences this year: one in the Western Cape, and one in the Eastern Cape. The objective was to reach more pastors and lay leaders from the circle of church councils, women's ministries and youth ministries in this way.

Delegates were challenged to take responsibility for organizing smaller conferences in their respective presbyteries, thereby stimulating further discussion of the theme.

BERACHAH RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, MALMESBURY

After hosting two well-attended conferences in 2011 and 2012, the Support Ministry for Doctrine and Current Affairs (SMDCA) in collaboration with the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology, presented the annual Congregations and Public Life Conference in Malmesbury in the Western Cape on 20 and 21 of February 2013. Forty ministers from the western part of the URCSA's Cape Synod attended the two-day event. Included were three members of the Dutch Reformed Church Western and Southern Cape Synod's equivalent of the URCSA's SMDCA.



The speakers who presented at the morning session of the first day were Prof Louise du Toit of the Department of Philosophy at Stellenbosch University, who spoke on *Gender and Justice in South Africa* and Dr Chris Jones, of the Office for Moral Theology at Stellenbosch University, who spoke on *Sexuality in South Africa – Focus on Homosexuality*.

In the afternoon Prof Dirkie Smit, professor in Systematic Theology at the Faculty of Theology, addressed the conference on *The Heidelberg Catechism and Public Life? – Calvinism on Law and Prayer* followed by Prof Nico Koopman, Dean of the Faculty

of Theology and Director of the Beyers Naudé Centre, on: *Public Theology and the Public Role of Churches in South Africa Today? - Some Insights from the Confession of the Threefold Office of Christ.*

In the evening Rev Denvor Wagenaar of URCSA De Doorns and three of his congregants were afforded the opportunity to address the conference on *Justice on Farms* in the wake of the November 2012 farm labourers' unrest in the Western Cape, during which De Doorns was a main focus point.

On the second day Prof Karin Sporre of Umeå University, Sweden spoke on the theme *Epistemology from a Broken Body: Vulnerability, Sexuality and Education* and Prof Johan Cilliers, professor in Homiletics and Liturgy at the Faculty of Theology, on *Preaching and the Heidelberg Catechism.*

Various members of the SKLAS/SMCDA chaired the sessions and conducted the opening of the conference, devotions and concluding remarks.

The participants of the conference commended the organisers on a relevant theme and topics which underline the need for theological discussion in this format. They gave the assurance that the content of this conference will ultimately be contextualized in local congregations.

The conference in the Western Cape was indeed successful and the organising committee is convinced that even larger numbers of ministers in the synodical area will attend this conference in future.

Feedback:

Delegate 1:

"Attending this year's conference put the relevance of the Heidelberg Catechism in a different light. Not only did the presentation on preaching and the Catechism make me realize the variety of accents that it supplies us with, but the other contributions – for instance, on gender and justice, the three-fold office of Christ, vulnerability, sexuality and education – challenge us to face the role of the Church with regard to public witness and public participation on the issues of the day. To my mind it emphasizes that the Heidelberg Confession is still a living document.

"The information we were given on the situation on farms gave us valuable insight into what we don't read in our daily newspapers. Suddenly it dawned on me that most of the farm workers are actually members of our church, and that helped me to become much more sympathetic to their cause. Our congregation will definitely become involved in their plight, because it is still true that if one member of the body suffers, the whole body does. But there is also a need for the different so-called role players in agriculture to come together and talk through issues so that the whole farming industry (in the Western Cape at least) will be put on a level where much more compassion will be shown for the circumstances in which our people live on a daily basis where it is lacking. Our calling can never be limited to the issues in our own congregations; our personal faith in and commitment to Christ has a definitive public consequence. I leave the conference better prepared to give guidance to my local congregation on this huge challenge."

Delegate 2:

"Too many of us experience a false contentment with what we achieve in our local faith communities, but what we are actually doing is - we only make sure that the machinery runs well. We are experts at maintenance, while we to a large extent turn a blind eye to broader community challenges. We rarely make an effort to operate as the missionary entity that every congregation and church is. This conference put me in a space where experts in their own fields made us aware of the need to make our world more humane, and the most interesting thing is that the Heidelberg Catechism as a confession of the Reformed Churches helped me to reflect on this challenge theologically."

Delegate 3:

"The conference was very good. It was very educational. The church is an educational institution as well, so it was very good that we took the stride to be educated here. What now needs to happen, is that what we heard and discussed here must trickle down to every member of the congregation. The conference gave us

a platform to ask questions and we should make sure that more 'ordinary' members will be able to attend. I found the discussions on the Heidelberg Catechism very good. The Catechism goes deep into one's spirituality. The other confessions work more with your mind, but the Catechism works more on one's heart. It was good to revive the spirit, because it is one's spirit that built the individual and teaches him or her how to behave. The Church should play a part in building this country and attending this conference played its part in equipping me on how to make my congregation aware of the role we can play locally."

(Report by Rev Eugene Beukes, chairperson of SMCD/ SKLAS)

THE WILLOWS, PORT ELIZABETH



History was made when the SMDCA (SKLAS) conference was presented for the first time in the Eastern Cape. A total of 50 ministers from the southern and eastern parts of the URCSA's Cape Synod attended the two-day event on 23 and 24 April. Two members of the Dutch Reformed Church Eastern Cape Synod also attended the conference.

The first session of the conference focused on *Contextual challenges for URCSA*. Rev Lucas Plaatjie, the Moderator of the Cape Regional Synod, Dr Simon Cezula and Ms Nontlupheko Zwedala of URCSA in De Aar, Northern Cape, introduced the topics of 1) Education, 2) Violence and 3) Teenage

Pregnancies respectively. The three speakers placed these three challenges in national, regional, local and church context. It was concluded that the church, especially the local congregations, must not only effectively use her educational tools, the preaching of the Word and Catechism, but also be involved in the community structures addressing communal challenges.

During the second session Prof Louise du Toit focused on *Gender and Justice in SA*, emphasizing that sexual and other forms of violence against women are escalating and a challenge that we as church should take responsibility for.

Dr Chris Jones introduced the third session on the theme *Sexuality in SA – Focus on Homosexuality*, and pleaded for a theology of inclusion in our thinking and doing as far as homosexuality is concerned.

The fourth session was presented by Prof Piet Naudé of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University on the topic of *Law and Prayer* from the perspective of the Heidelberg Catechism, stressing that prayer is the most important part of showing gratitude.

The evening session was delivered by Mr Eldrid Uithaler on *Education in the Eastern Cape*, who spoke about the discord between policy intentions and policy implementation, resulting in a crisis in the education system.

On the second day Prof Nico Koopman spoke on *Public Theology and the Public Role of Churches in South Africa today? Some Insights from the Confession of the Threefold Office of Christ*. He provided direction towards a contemporary understanding of the prophetic, priestly and royal-servant callings of the church. Koopman concluded that churches are moral communities for the formation of disciples and citizens of character and virtue. Public Theology may serve churches well in their calling as moral

communities, if it reminds, informs and inspires churches and the rest of humankind with regard to our original and exciting calling and dignity.

In the last session Dr Mary-Anne Plaatjies Van Huffel, Moderator of URCSA SA, lead us in focusing on *Preaching and the Heidelberg Catechism*.



The conference was closed with the following concluding remarks by Rev Stephen Pedro of SMDC/SKLAS:

The theme that ran like a golden thread through the conference was the importance of the Heidelberg Catechism for every sphere of our public life and that we as a reformed church should make more of this confession, especially in our prayer life, our preaching, our witness and when we engage our partners like the state in challenging contextual challenges like education, violence and sexuality.

We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, let your light shine and make a difference, give flavor, so that our heavenly Father will be glorified.

Feedback:

Rev Derrick Myburgh:

Thank you for bringing this to the Eastern Cape, giving us the chance to get out of survival mode and to engage theologically and academically.

Rev Victor Tshabalala:

We should have more Xhosa ministers to give input as far as the content is concerned.

Rev Bradley Stoffels:

It was fantastic, I am lifted up and I will go make a difference.

(Report by Rev Stephen Pedro, secretary of SMDC/SKLAS)

VISIT TO OFFICES OF KERK IN ACTIE

Mrs Helette van der Westhuizen paid a visit to the offices of Kerk in Actie in Utrecht on 9 September 2013 to report on the progress and administration of the Congregations and Public life project. It was a valuable discussion with Mrs Sietske Renting, learning more about the work of Kerk in Actie. The names of the office bearers now have friendly faces linked to them!

VISIT TO CONGREGATION

Prof Nico Koopman visited the Vierhovenkerk in Delft on 10 November 2013 on invitation by Kerk in Actie. Although this congregation formally supports BADISA, they appreciated the visit since the BNC and BADISA work in the same areas, in the same church and with the same challenges.

SOUTH-SOUTH COLLABORATION: ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE TEOLOGIA, BRAZIL

Since 2009 research collaboration has developed between the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University and the Teologiada Faculdades Escola Superior de Teologia (EST), Brazil. In the light of similarities and challenges between the two countries, focus areas for theological reflections were identified: *Democracy, Citizenship and Inter-culturality*. Since 2009 several seminars have been held to reflect on these themes.

CONFERENCE: PUBLIC THEOLOGY – CITIZENSHIP, INTER-CULTURALITY AND HIV/AIDS

The conference took place at UKZN from 17 to 22 March 2013 on the theme of *Public Theology – Citizenship, Inter-Culturality and HIV/AIDS* where the final papers on the theme were presented. Colleagues from UNISA, UKZN, UWC, UP and UFS participated. This collaboration will be concluded with a publication of the papers which were presented during the duration of the project.

CIRCLE OF CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN THEOLOGIANs

CONFERENCE: GENDER AND EDUCATION

The University of the Western Cape chapter of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians presented a conference on the theme *Women and Leadership: Reflection on Gender, Religion and Education* on Friday 16 August 2013 at the UWC Library Auditorium. Profs Julie Claassens, Ian Nell and Dr Elize Morkel presented papers on behalf of the Stellenbosch chapter.

MOLUKS THEOLOGISCH BERAAD, THE NETHERLANDS

Profs Dirkie Smit, Ian Nell and Nico Koopman participated in the annual conference with the Moluks Theologisch Beraad in Houten on 13 to 15 November. Prof Nell read a paper at this conference where the focus was upon theological leadership. The book publication that celebrates the decade of collaboration will be published later this year.

GLOBAL NETWORK FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY

The meeting of the Global Network for Public Theology (GNPT) is a triennial event and took place from 2 to 6 September 2013 at the Riverside Innovation Centre at the University of Chester in Chester UK. The theme was: *The Word and the World: Public Theology in an age of global media*. The relationship between the media and global public theology was discussed. In particular, the conference explored the extent to which media, information and communication technologies have become a new, largely autonomous, 'public' sphere with global reach and an increasingly influential role to play in mediating religious and spiritual concerns and representing religion to a wider public.

Prof Nico Koopman was elected as the chairperson of the Global Network for Public Theology from 1 July 2014 for a period of three years, and the BNC will be the host for the next meeting in 2016.

OTHER CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA IN WHICH THE BNC TOOK PART

WINTER SCHOOL: 4 – 6 June 2013

The second Winter School for church pastors, academics, students and the general public with the theme: *For a time like this – hearing the gospel, the hope for our times* took place from 4 to 6 June 2013 at the Faculty of Theology in Stellenbosch. In these words from Esther 4 there is a deep awareness that God can be present in the most difficult and troublesome times of our individual and common lives. With the Winter School the organisers wanted to convey the message of hope and faith in a God who can surprise with his saving presence in the most unexpected places and times.

The three keynote speakers were Dr Rhoda Kadalie, Prof Nico Koopman and Prof Piet Naudé. It was attended by 200 people.

DAY CONFERENCE: RHENISH CHURCH IN SA

The BNC collaborated with the Rhenish Church in Elsie River to host a day conference on 26 September 2013 on the theme: *Die publieke roeping van die Kerk*. Rev Tommy Solomons from the Elsie River congregation initiated the event and several pastors from surrounding churches attended the conference. Profs Robert Vosloo and Nico Koopman delivered papers and took part in the discussion.

NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, PARTNERSHIP WITH PTHU:

The annual North-South consultation took place on 28 and 29 October 2013 in Stellenbosch on the theme: *Crossing Borders, Conflicting Loyalties*.

Participants from PThU: Renée van Riesen, Frits de Lange, Gé Speelman, Heleen Zorgdrager, Jan Hoek, Marcel Barnard, Ciska Stark, Gert van Klinken

Participants from SU: Robert Vosloo, Retief Müller, Xolile Simon, Julie Claassens, Nadia Marais, Henry Mbaya, Christo Thesnaar, Ian Nell

Other: Vincent Brümmer

PUBLIC LECTURES

Pous Benedict XVI

17 April 2013: *Die erfenis van Pous Benedict XVI – Oor die spanning tussen 'bevestigende ortodoksie' en 'tekens van die tye'*

Speaker: Prof Jan Jans, Tilburg University, Netherlands

Wraak en Vergifnis

24 May 2013: *Vengeance and Forgiveness*

Speaker: Prof Joe Liechty, Goshen College, Indiana, USA

Rowan Williams

19 September 2013: *Rowan Williams and Public Theology*

Speaker: Prof Stephen Martin, King's University, Alberta, Canada

BOOK LAUNCHES

10 MAY 2013

VREESLOOS GEHOORSAAM. 'n Keur uit Beyers Naudé se preke 1939 – 1997

Redakteurs: Murray Coetzee, Len Hansen en Robert Vosloo
SUN PRESS



31 OCTOBER 2013

OPSTELLE OOR GEREFORMEERDWEES VANDAG. Versamelde opstelle IV

Dirk J Smit; Redakteur: Len Hansen
SUN PRESS

REMEMBERING THEOLOGIANS DOING THEOLOGY. Collected Essays V

Dirk J Smit; Editor: Robert Vosloo
SUN PRESS

VISITORS

8 to 15 September 2013: Dr Ben Khumalo-Seegelken, Germany

BEYERS NAUDÉ ARCHIVE

Summary of progress with the archiving and interpretation of documents with regard to Beyers Naudé, the Christian Institute and other dissidents.

1. ARCHIVING

The following collections have being completed and are available for research in the BNC Archive:

1.1 The Ilse Naudé Collection. Sermons and speeches delivered by Beyers Naudé from the 1930's to the 1990's (approximately 1 400). This collection was completed in 2011.

1.2 The Pro-Veritate Collection. Complete collection of all the publications from 1963 to 1977. This collection was completed in 2011.

1.3 The Christian Institute Collection. This collection comprises a comprehensive collection depicting most of the history of the CI. This collection was completed during 2012.

1.4 Collection consisting of Security Police files with regard to the banning order of Beyers Naudé as well as an investigation into the South African Council of Churches. This collection was completed in 2013.

1.5 Etienne de Villiers Collection:

- Volume 1 (A) and (B): World Council of Churches (WCC) 1960's – 1980's.
- Volume 2 (A) and (B): WCC 1970's and 1980's.
- Volume 3 (A) and (B): PhD: Department of Theology, University of Birmingham 1980; Vol 1 and Vol 2 by Roger Williamson: 'Alternative Strategies: Reaction in the two Germanys to the WCC Programme to Combat Racism'.

- Volume 4: WCC's Information on the Programme to Combat Racism 1979 - 1981:
 1. Reports and background papers on Land Rights and Racial Oppression;
 2. Churches responding to Racism in the 1980's and various other articles.
- Volume 5: Secretary of the WCC and Director of Studies, Robert Bilheimer: Two articles written by him during 1962: 1) A message in South Africa; 2) The Church and Race in South Africa.
- Volume 6 (A) and (B): American Churches (1956 – 1985).
- Volume 7 (A) and (B): Official Documents of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod as well as the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.
- Volume 8: Working for freedom: Black trade unions in South Africa through the 1970's: Articles by: Trevor Huddleston; Ken Luckhardt and Brenda Wall.
- Volume 9 (A) and (B): 'Nederduits Hervormde Kerk van Nederland' 1962 – 1983.
- Volume 10 (A) and (B): 'Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland' 1969 – 1984.
- Volume 11 (A) and (B): 'Nederlandse Raad van Kerke' 1970 – 1983:
 - Various memorandums and articles about politics and racism and the churches in South Africa;
 - Article on the 'Programme to Combat Racism' 1970's;
 - Kairos Working Group: Schlebusch Commission in South Africa; Opposition to the Christian Institute;
 - Various publications on Apartheid by members of the Kairos Working Group in the Netherlands.
- Volume 12: German Evangelical Churches 1975 – 1985.
- Volume 13 (A) and (B): Germany:
 - Various articles about international political issues, especially the Western German debate on South Africa's political alternatives, 1970 and further;
 - Extensive articles by Hans-Wolfgang Hebler and others.
- Volume 14 (A) and (B): British Council of Churches 1965 - 1985
 - The future of South Africa: A study by British Christians 1964
 - Violence in South Africa: A Christian Assessment 1970
 - Report on WCC 'Programme to Combat Racism'
 - Reports from European Countries and South Africa.
- Volume 15 (A) and (B): Various articles and papers on Politics, Racism and the Church in South Africa from 1950-1985.
- Volume 16 (A) and (B): Various articles and papers on Race Relations in South Africa from 1982 - 1984.
- Volume 17 (A) and (B):
 - Dutch Reformed Church
 - Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa: Statements, reports and articles on various Apartheid Legislation, Racism, Church Unity etc. 1939 - 1985.
- Volume 18 (A) and (B): South Africa 1970 - 1985. Articles on Racism and Apartheid in South Africa by various individuals, churches and organizations.

1.6 The Press Clippings collection: A substantial number of press clippings have been collected, filed and made available for research purposes.

1.7 Envisaged future collections:

- At present we are collecting documents in connection with the negotiations for church unification of the DRC-family of churches.

- Various role-players who were active in the CI and knew Beyers Naudé personally, such as Horst Kleinschmidt and John de Gruchy, have promised to donate documents to the Beyers Naudé Archive.

2. INTERVIEW PROJECT

2.1 Introduction: From correspondence and meetings with various members of the CI, it is apparent that a substantial amount of information about Beyers Naudé and the CI could not be documented due to a security risk. In order to gain this oral information, a series of interviews were conducted during 2012 and 2013.

2.2 Planning: For this project comprehensive planning was necessary, such as:

- Research in connection with the process and implementation of conducting an interview;
- Identifying people to be interviewed;
- Legal requirements as stipulated by the Legal Department of Stellenbosch University;
- A summary of the life and works of Beyers Naudé as well as a list of potential questions were prepared and forwarded to the interviewees.

2.3 Practical arrangements: A trip to Gauteng was made where various interviews were conducted.

2.4 To date interviews have been conducted with the following people:

Mason, Cedric; Nolan, Albert; Lubbe, Gerrie; Meyer, Roelf; Meiring, Piet; Botha, Nico; Kritzinger, Klippies; Wolfaardt, Johan; Saayman, Willie; Chikane, Frank; Ntlha, Moses; Molisiwa, Senamo; Buthlezi, Manas; Mokgoebo, Zack; Van der Merwe, Stiaan; Potgieter, Kobus; Naudé, Hermann; Naudé, Johann; Naudé, Francois; Bax, Douglas; Du Toit, Andre; Durand, Jaap; Oliver, Di; Anthonissen, Carel; Smit, Dirkie; Koopman, Nico; Kleinschmidt, Horst; Naudé, Liesel; Villa-Vecencia, Charles; Botman, Russel; Pityana, Barney; Tutu, Desmond; De Gruchy, John.

2.5 Continuation of project: Arrangements have been made for further interviews to be conducted in SA as well as in the Netherlands during 2014.

2.6 Transcribing of interviews for publication and research purposes:

- We are in the process of transcribing all the above interviews;
- All the interviews are also available on CD Discs.

3. INTERPRETING

3.1 Books published: Two books about Beyers Naudé and the CI have been published and form part of the Beyers Naudé archive. A third book based on the sermons delivered by Beyers Naudé was published during 2013, entitled "*Vreesloos Gehoorsaam – 'n Keur uit Beyers Naudé se preke 1939-1997*". It forms part of the 'Beyers Naudé Centre Series on Public Theology'.

3.2 Articles for publication in the NGTT:

- An article with the title "Eertydse Nederduits Gereformeerde teologiese denkstrome ten grondslag van Beyers Naudé se kritiek op apartheid" was published during 2013;
- Further articles are in the planning stage and should be published during 2014.

3.3 Beyers Naudé Archive database: A database which includes the abovementioned documents and publications has been developed. At present this database consists of 120 pages and will be updated as archiving progresses and more documents and books are incorporated in the Beyers Naudé Archive.

3.4 Website: In order to facilitate research for local as well as international students, a concept website has been prepared and presented for inclusion in the BNC website.

3.5 Post-doctoral students and researchers:

- Various students and researchers have been introduced to the archive and its documentation;
- Guidance was given to Louis van der Riet who completed a Master's degree with the title: *Advocate of Hope? A historical theological reading of his public addresses* (the speeches of Beyers Naudé formed the basis of this thesis).
- Guidance was given to Barbara Burnell, a student of the University of the Free State, who completed a doctoral dissertation during 2013, a copy of which is available for research purposes at the archive;
- Groups of students as well as other individuals (local and international) visit the Beyers Naudé Centre Archive from time to time. During these visits they are introduced to the collections and publications in the Beyers Naudé Centre Archive.

4. ACADEMICAL ATTIRE:

The Naudé family has donated the various academical attires worn by Beyers Naudé on acceptance of honorary doctorates which were awarded to him at various institutions. The various attires have to be identified and linked to the mentioned institutions. At present these are housed in the DRC Archives.

(Report by Dr Murray Coetzee)

PUBLICATIONS

BEYERS NAUDÉ CENTRE SERIES ON PUBLIC THEOLOGY

1. Vol. I *The Legacy of Beyers Naudé*. (LD Hansen (ed.), Sun Press, 2005).
2. Vol. II *Oom Bey for the Future. Engaging the Witness of Beyers Naudé*. (LD Hansen & RR Vosloo (eds.), Sun Press, 2006).
3. Vol. III *Christian in Public. Aims, Methodologies and Issues in Public Theology*. (LD Hansen (ed.), Sun Press, 2007).
4. Special edition: *Geloof en Openbare Lewe. Versamelde Opstelle II*. DJ Smit (NN Koopman (red.), Sun Press, 2008).
5. Vol. IV *Globalisation. The politics of empire, justice and the life of faith*. (AA Boesak & LD Hansen (eds.), Sun Press, 2009).
6. Vol. V. *Globalisation II. Global crisis, global challenge, global faith. An ongoing response to the Accra Confession*. (AA Boesak & LD Hansen (eds.) Sun Press, 2010).
7. Vol. VI in the Beyers Naudé Centre Series: *Vreesloos Gehoorsaam. 'n Keur uit Beyers Naudé se preke van 1939-1997*. (Coetzee, M, Hansen, LD & Vosloo, RR (reds) Sun Press, 2013).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. "The Barmen/Belhar Consultation, University of Stellenbosch, 18-19 October 2004." Supplement *NGTT* 47 (1 & 2), 2006 (compiled and edited – LD Hansen).
2. Collection of articles in honour of Prof. DJ Smit's 55th birthday. Supplement *NGTT* 48 (1 & 2), June 2007 (compiled and edited – LD Hansen).

JOINT PUBLISHING PROJECTS

1. "Human dignity – article of faith or empty formula?" Volume 7, *Scriptura* 2007. In collaboration with the Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Kampen, the Netherlands. F de Lange, NN Koopman, LD Hansen (eds.)

2. *The Humanisation of Globalisation – South African and German Perspectives*. (CC Le Bruyns and G Ulshöfer (eds.), Haag und Herchen, 2008). Papers from the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology and the German Academies of Bad Boll and Arnoldshain's joint project on *The Humanization of Globalization*
3. In collaboration with the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, Stellenbosch University: *Essays on Being Reformed. Collected Essays III*. DJ Smit (RR Vosloo (ed.), Sun Press, 2009).
4. *Religions and the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies*. NGTT 2012(53). Supplementum 2. Joseph Antyo, Godwin Akper, Martien Brinkman, Eddy van der Borght, Jan Nieder-Heitmann (eds.) A collection of papers from the joint project on *Religion and the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies* with IRTI (Free University Amsterdam), Mkar University (Nigeria), and Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology.
5. Joint publishing project with the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology: *Reformed Churches and the Struggle for Justice in South Africa: Remembering 1960-1990*. Conference proceedings under editorship of Robert Vosloo and Mary-Anne Plaatjies van Huffel. Sun Press, 2013.
6. In collaboration with the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, Stellenbosch University: *Opstelle oor Gereformeerdwees vandag. Versamelde Opstelle IV*. DJ Smit. Sun Press, 2013.

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