

# BEYERS NAUDÉ CENTRE FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

### PROF NICO KOOPMAN

This was once again a year in which the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology (BNC) flourished as centre. With a very limited staff complement the BNC made progress in fulfilling its vision to be a centre of research and community interaction in the field of Public Theology.

With regard to various burning public challenges the BNC again facilitated, advanced, advised, informed and mediated theological discussions in the publics of the local and international academy, churches and broader society. This annual report affirms that the centre worked in various genres and modes, and that the aim to stage discussion opportunities and to disseminate research-based insights through a high volume of high quality publications was largely achieved.

The BNC has indeed become a well-established university research centre of the Faculty of Theology that practices research-informed and research-informing community interaction.

It is also remarkable that this is the first year that business people, and specifically local business people, contributed financially to the work of the BNC. The DIRO Mining Company of the Northern Cape, owned by former premier of the Northern Cape Dr Manne Dipico and Mr Anthony Rooiland, contributed R1 million to the BNC last year. Despite big decreases in the iron ore price and difficult days for mines, they decided to make a R1 million contribution for 2015 as well. Dr Dipico and Mr Rooiland will attend the BNC celebrations on 5 May in Stellenbosch, and indications are that they will also attend the church service in Alexandra on 10 May 2015, Oom Bey's birthday. We are very thankful for this development. Their contribution will strengthen the work of the centre immensely. It also comes at the right time, a time when overseas funding is waning.

Within the next few weeks a fulltime administrative officer will be appointed for the BNC, with funds from the Faculty and BNC. This appointment will advance the work of the BNC. The newly appointed accountant of the BNC, Ms Escois Benjamin, is responsible for the financial matters of the centres. She has already impacted positively on the financial management of the BNC.

One of the burning challenges for the BNC is to impact more directly on various decision-makers and opinion formers regarding burning public issues. Perhaps this could be discussed at the coming BNC Board meeting. One or two day sessions in which experts participate and offer short documents for public dissemination, and for the attention of policymakers on themes like the causes of and responses to burning public challenges, might become a genre that the BNC has not explored until now.

Gratitude is expressed to all who contribute to the work of the BNC: Board members, especially the chairperson, Prof Dirkie Smit, researchers, partners, donors, academic, administrative and service staff members of the Faculty who assist the BNC, the faculty manager, the accountant and especially Ms Helette van der Westhuizen, who is responsible for, amongst others, liaising and institutional partnerships.

In verbondenheid.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nico Koopman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nico Koopman

## **IN MEMORIAM: PROF HAYMAN RUSSEL BOTMAN FOUNDER AND CHIEF ADVISOR OF THE BEYERS NAUDÉ CENTRE**



The past year was indeed a very sad year for the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology. The founder and chief advisor of the BNC, Prof Russel Botman, suddenly died on 28 June 2014.

At one of his last appearances at the BNC, namely at the celebration of the birthday of Oom Bey at Wilgenhof Residence, Stellenbosch University, he clearly expressed his appreciation for the work of the BNC. He in a very explicit way offered inspiration to the BNC.

After his death we are committed like never before to continue with the important theological work that this centre is doing in academy, church and society – in local and international contexts.

The decision in discussion with his wife, Dr Beryl Botman, to accommodate his official documentation and memorabilia in the archives of the BNC, serves as reminder of this quest to honour

Russel Botman and Beyers Naudé.

Besides the publications that the University are planning to commemorate colleague Russel, the BNC is also in the process of planning a *Festschrift* for him. Colleagues Len Hansen, Robert Vosloo and Nico Koopman will serve as editors of this publication.

The BNC will also, together with the Faculty and the curatoria of the DRC and URC, organize an annual Russel Botman Memorial Lecture.

We miss Russel Botman. We honour him. We shall re-member him.



## PARTNERSHIPS

### KERK IN ACTIE, THE NETHERLANDS

#### SKLAS CONFERENCE: CONGREGATIONS AND PUBLIC LIFE SOCIAL SOLIDARITY AFTER 20 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY

It is now more than a decade that the Commission for Support Ministry for Doctrine and Current Affairs (SMDCA) of the Uniting Reformed Church's Cape Regional Synod, and the Beyers Naudé Centre present conferences that reflect upon the broader theme of Congregations and Public life.

Within this broader framework we dealt with the theme of social solidarity in church and society after 20 years of democracy in South Africa. The conference examined the contributions of congregations to the building of public policies and public practices of social solidarity, as manifested in the building and strengthening of social cohesion, social compassion and social capital in local, regional and global contexts.

After consultation with sponsors and participants, the organising committee decided to shorten the programme to a one day conference, and to host three regional SKLAS conferences: one in the Western Cape, one in the Southern Cape, and one in the Eastern Cape.

This enabled a total of 130 pastors, lay leaders from the circle of church councils and representatives from the women's body/youth body/*mannebond* to attend the conference. The conference was also attended by members of the DRC STLAS (Sinodale Taakspan vir Leer- en Aktuele Sake), and ministers of other faith communities like the Rhenish Church in Southern Africa, the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and The Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa.

The programme was structured as follows:



The well-known church leader, Dr Lionel Louw, offered an overview of the challenges and opportunities for congregations after 20 years of democracy. The title of his contribution was: *After 20 years. Challenges and opportunities to churches?*

Prof Nico Koopman discussed the challenges of social solidarity and social cohesion after 20 years with specific reference to the challenge of persisting racism. The title of his contribution was: *Building social solidarity and social cohesion? Making racism and other prejudices history.*

In his presentation Dr Llewellyn McMaster made specific reference to *URCSA taking the initiative with social*

*solidarity and social cohesion in churches and society.*

Dr Xolile Simon shared the challenges relating to building social cohesion in the context of congregations with both Xhosa-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking members. The title of his contribution was: *Building social solidarity and social cohesion in local congregations? Some narratives and proposals.*

We are grateful for the ongoing support and financial assistance of Kerk in Actie in the Netherlands, who enabled us to host these conferences.

Delegates made the following comments:

- *“The discussions covered a wide variety of issues which are central to social, economic and political issues of the day. It was refreshing to experience the boldness with which these issues were discussed, and sustainable and practical suggestions were made.”*
- *“If the church can take the lead in addressing the current affairs in public life, many more people will identify with the church, because it doesn’t have a party-political agenda.”*
- *“We intend to form structures in our congregation that can identify some of the problems and try to resolve them with the help of activists in other spheres of life. We will empower our congregants through workshops.”*
- *“The conference added value to the discourse on the public role of churches.”*

## **SKLAS CONFERENCE: EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT**

Participants were asked to complete a questionnaire at the end of the conference, in order to determine the impact of the past conferences on their ministry and congregation. Some of the responses were:

1. **What is the meaning of this conference and previous conferences on congregations and public life for your own ministry?**
  - The SKLAS- conferences were building blocks in my personal ministry. My prayer is that indeed UNITY will be possible with the DR family. God bless us!
  - These conferences help to boost my self-esteem to continue with my own ministry with confidence. It also reminded me that the church is public, therefore the prophetic authority that it has, must be firm in public life.
  - I use the topics during my preaching and in my Bible study preparations, especially when I talk about the public voice of the church.
  - They have enriched me spiritually and mentally; I really feel empowered for my ministerial tasks.
  - This was like an eye opener to me. It is different to other conferences where people are just preaching without touching the social and real issues. The topics were so powerful because they addressed the butter and bread issues.
2. **What is the meaning of this conference and previous conferences on congregations and public life for your congregation?**
  - I think that social solidarity is something that our congregation will have to learn a lot more about. I think individual cultures are standing in the way of the Kingdom of God.
  - Congregations in general and especially our congregation in Midros, have a rich history of involvement in public life (the struggle for liberation parse). Somehow, somewhere, there has been a shift away from Liberation theology as it is. Congregations should be conscientised and mobilized to get involved. This is our/my challenge.
  - These conferences equip me to improve the congregation moreover on the aspect of development, dignity and mostly spreading the love from the rich to the poor members.
3. **Can you share what you intend doing with the insights that were shared at the conference?**
  - I will look into Saturday school and how we can incorporate it in different communities in SA. I would like to gain more experience about how multi-cultural congregations went through their processes to become one body of Christ.
  - I will focus on education and the importance thereof in the congregation. Starting with an adoption programme.

- We shall take the challenge of education back to our community and work on that. It is very important for the youth to be educated.
- I will try to create a group with my congregation where we can discuss and engage with these issues.

**4. Can you also share what specific initiatives did flow from past congregations and public life conferences that you attended?**

- More outreach attempts to other congregations.
- I am so grateful that there are conferences like these, because they show you how to deal with sensitive issues.

## **VISIT TO CONGREGATION**

On Sunday 18 May 2014, just before the Director of the BNC with Profs Dirkie Smit and Julie Claassens participated in a conference of the Protestant Theological University in Amsterdam (from Monday 19 May), he visited one of the congregations that contribute financially to Kerk in Actie and to the Congregations and Public Life programme of the BNC, namely the congregation of Zandpoort. He preached and address the congregation about the work of the BNC after the service could.

## **SOUTH-SOUTH COLLABORATION: FACULDADES ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE TEOLOGIA, BRAZIL**

Prof Nico Koopman, Prof Xolile Simon, Dr Dion Forster and Rev Pieter Grove visited Brazil from 6 to 16 September to participate in a conference on *Religion, Media and Culture*. The conference drew approximately 300 participants internationally. Prof Koopman was one of the keynote speakers at this event. Prof Simon, Rev Grove and Dr Forster delivered papers in parallel sessions. Translation was done from English to Portuguese and vice versa.

This conference served as an occasion to further develop the South to South partnership that exists between various Brazilian academic institutions and South African institutions. A formal meeting was held with the partners that included representatives from Stellenbosch University, the University of Cape Town, the University of South Africa with apologies from the University of KwaZulu Natal. At least three Brazilian institutions were represented in the meeting. The on-going work of this partnership on Public Theology was reported and plans were set in place for future collaboration and exchanges. The conference also served as the location for the launch of a book on Public Theology to which both South African and Brazilian scholars contributed: Buttelli, FGK, Le Bruyns, C and Von Sinner, R (eds), *Teologia Publica no Brasil e na Africa do Sul. Cidadania, Interculturalidade e HIV/AIDS*. Sao Leopoldo: Sinodal, p 75-91. The English version of chapters is to be published in a special edition of the peer reviewed (accredited) Journal of Theology of South Africa (JTSA) in 2015.

## **CIRCLE OF CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN THEOLOGIANs**

### **CONFERENCE: GENDER AND HUMAN FLOURISHING**

The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians hosted their annual conference on the theme, ***Gender and Human Flourishing*** on 8 May 2014. This event was followed by the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Circle on 9 May 2014 on the theme ***Sankofa – 'looking back – looking forward'*** where Prof Julie Claassens presented the keynote address.



## **MOLUKS THEOLOGISCH BERAAD, THE NETHERLANDS**

A conference with the Moluks Theologisch Beraad could not materialise in 2014. This year's conference will take place in Houten, Utrecht on 21 to 23 October 2015. Profs Smit and Koopman will participate in this conference where a publication celebrating more than a decade of collaboration will be launched: *The Calling of the Church: Liber Amicorum for the Moluccan Theological Council*. Editors: Lützen P. Miedema and Simon Ririhena.

## **GLOBAL NETWORK FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY**

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. The BNC will be the host for the next triennial event in 2016. Planning for the conference will start in 2015.

## **OTHER CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA IN WHICH THE BNC TOOK PART**

### **DAY SEMINAR: INTRODUCING JAMES ALISON - 'Jesus, the Forgiving Victim'**



James Alison, an English Catholic theologian considered one of the most lucid and exciting theologians writing in English today, introduced the central theme to his work of *Jesus the Forgiving Victim* as it relates to the insight into desire associated with philosopher René Girard (*The Scapegoat*), in a day seminar presented on 19 February by the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology in collaboration with the Centre for Christian Spirituality.

Two panels of respondents contextualised this from a South African experience, firstly relating it to the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and to the reconciliatory spirit of people like Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu and, secondly, to Christian lesbian/gay/bisexual and transgender (LGBT) experience today.

### **SYMPOSIUM: THE CHALLENGES OF RECONCILIATION IN A POST TRC SOUTH AFRICA**

The symposium on Reconciliation was co-hosted by the Beyers Naudé Centre and the Institute for the Healing of Memories. The main aim of the symposium was to create a space for trans-disciplinary dialogue on the process of reconciliation in a post TRC South Africa, and to contribute to re-establishing reconciliation on the agenda of government civil society and the religious community.

Participants included a number of local and international experts specializing in the field of reconciliation. The informal setting of the symposium allowed for two full days of deliberations and interactive open sessions. Dr Fanie du Toit from the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation opened the symposium with an overview of the current state of reconciliation in South Africa, followed by a presentation by Dr Deon Snyman from the Restitution Foundation, on a case study on reconciliation in the town of Worcester in the Western Cape. Afterwards, in reflecting on the challenges of reconciliation, issues and themes were identified for further discussion.

On the second day Fr Michael Lapsley, Director of the Institute for the Healing of Memories, Cape Town, gave an overview of some of the important perspectives shared on the first day of the symposium. Participants from international backgrounds were invited to reflect upon their experience of



reconciliation and healing in contexts other than South Africa, with a view for South African participants to learn from these. These included talks from Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd, reflecting on reconciliation in Northern Ireland; and Profs Ralf Wustenberg & Martin Leiner, speaking about reconciliation in a post-unification Germany.

One of the outcomes of the symposium was that the BNC hosted a re-enactment of the TRC faith hearings of 1996 on 7 and 8 October 2014.

## CONFERENCE: LAW AND RELIGION IN AFRICA

A conference on "*Law and Religion in Africa - The Quest for the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies*", was jointly hosted by the Faculties of Law and Theology (Unit for the Study of Law and Religion within the Beyers Naudé Centre) on 26-28 May 2014 at the Protea Hotel in Technopark, Stellenbosch.

The conference offered academics from many countries, religious leaders of different faiths, members from different religions, as well as judges and lawyers, the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of and interaction between law and religion and the challenges that this poses to us.

Among the topics discussed at the conference were philosophical views on law and religion; theology and law; African traditional religion; religion, state and society; religious intolerance and persecution; and marriage, women, children and education in law and religion.

Emeritus Justice Albie Sachs and Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng delivered the keynote addresses and enjoyed wide spread coverage in the social media. Other speakers at the conference included Justice Annel Silungwe, Chief Justice Emeritus of Zambia; Prof Kofi Quashigah, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ghana; Prof Tom Bennett of the University of Cape Town; Prof Mary-Anne Platjies van Huffel of the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University; and Prof Johan van der Vyver of Emory School of Law in Atlanta, Georgia.

## WINTER SCHOOL



The annual Winter School, organised by the Faculty in conjunction with the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology, Ekklesia and Communitas, has become a regular event on the calendar of church pastors, students and academics from schools of religion. This year the Winter School took place from Tuesday 10 June to Thursday 12 June 2014 on the theme *Christ the hope for Africa - the next 20 years*.

The keynote speakers were Dr Mvume Dandala, President of Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary in Pietermaritzburg; Ms Marlene le Roux, Director of Audience Development and Education at Artscape Theatre Centre; and Dr Dion Forster, Lecturer in Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology at the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University.

## **WORKSHOP: CITIZEN MOBILISATION IN AFRICA: A ROLE FOR CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS?**

This workshop was organised in collaboration with Tracy Kuperus, a professor of Political Science teaching in the International Development Studies programme at Calvin College, USA, and Amy Patterson, a professor of Politics at Sewanee: The University of the South (Tennessee).

A group of 20 scholars from eight different countries attended the week long discussions from 3 to 8 August on the theme of *Citizen mobilisation in Africa*. Two field trips were also part of the programme: a visit to the Social Justice Coalition and to the offices of the Treatment Action Campaign. A booklet featuring summaries of the presentations delivered and lessons learned during the workshop was issued to every participant.

## **LAUNCH OF BONHOEFFER UNIT**

The Bonhoeffer Unit within the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology was launched on 2 September 2014. This event took part on the fortnight of the conference in honour of Prof John De Gruchy and several prominent international theologians attended the launch. Short contributions were delivered by Prof de Gruchy on *Bonhoeffer and Beyers Naudé*, Prof Dirkie Smit on *Bonhoeffer and Russel Botman*, and Prof Robert Vosloo on *The Bonhoeffer Unit at Stellenbosch University – the way forward?*

## **CONFERENCE: THEOLOGY ON THE EDGE**



A conference in honour of the well-known South African theologian John de Gruchy, *Theology on the edge*, was held at the Faculty from 3 to 5 September 2014. The conference engaged with prominent themes in the work of John de Gruchy, such as the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theological Aesthetics, Christian Humanism, Theology and Science, and the Church Struggle in South Africa.

Prof Nico Koopman delivered a keynote address on the theme: *Bonhoeffer and the Future of Public Theology in South Africa*.

## **CONSULTATION: RE-ENACTMENT OF THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION'S (TRC) FAITH HEARING – WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON RECONCILIATION IN A POST TRC SOUTH AFRICA**

This conference was presented on 8 and 9 October by the BNC in collaboration with the Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation and chaired by Emeritus Archbishop Desmond Tutu, assisted by members of the TRC.

At the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Faith Communities' Hearing in 1997 the different Christian churches as well as other faith communities in South Africa made representations on their role in the history of our country, as well as on their commitment to the future. In the spirit of 20 years of democracy, the faith communities were invited back to discuss their role in South Africa today.

The aims of the re-enactment hearing were:

- to put the process of reconciliation back on the main agenda of all faith communities in South Africa;
- to make a significant contribution to reconciliation and national unity in the current South African context;
- to contribute to the development of responsible and realistic reconciliation strategies for the faith communities, and offer practical suggestions on how to address the challenges of reconciliation and nation building in our land.

Day 1 and the morning of Day 2 consisted of contributions from those faith community leaders who gave witness before the TRC during the faith hearings in 1997, followed by contributions on reconciliation by the current faith community leaders. A number of churches who were absent at the 1997 event, were also invited to contribute to the programme. The afternoon session of Day 2 consisted of contributions by local and international participants, while the last session of Day 2 focused on proposals for the way forward.

Christian faith communities who took part in the presentations included the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Catholic Church, Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (Dutch Reformed Church), Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika, Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk van Afrika, The Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa, Baptist Union of Southern Africa and TEASA. The Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and Jewish Communities were also represented.

The two day programme was concluded with a discussion by Dr Frank Chikane with closing comments by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.



## **RHENISH CHURCH IN SA**

The Rhenish Church in Elsie's River hosted an International seminar with the United Evangelical Mission, the Rhenish Church, the Uniting Reformed Church (URCSA) and the New World Foundation on 12 November on the theme: ***Inclusive Communities and the Churches – Realities, Challenges and Visions.*** Prof Nico Koopman represented the BNC and took part in the discussions.

## PUBLIC LECTURES

### 26 February: *"The Common Good: A Question of Style"*

**Speaker:** *Prof Dr Will Storrar* is the director of the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, an independent academic institution fostering interdisciplinary theological inquiries on global and ecumenical questions. He was formerly the professor of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology and director of the Centre for Theology and Public Issues at the University of Edinburgh. He initiated the Global Network for Public Theology, linking 25 research centers and programmes in public theology around the world, and chairs the editorial board of the International Journal of Public Theology.

### 18 August: *"Public Theology in Brazil: an Overview"*

In view of current challenges in the Brazilian public sphere like the discussion on the presence of crucifixes in courthouses and the polemical activities of *evangélico* congressmen, the lecture offered an overview of the reflection on a public theology in Brazil. It sought to show the pertinence and potential of such a theology – both with boldness and humility. Underlying is the constant question, what is public theology?

**Speaker:** *Prof Rudolf von Sinner* holds a doctorate in Theology (Ecumenism) from the University of Basel and a Habilitation in Systematic Theology from the University of Berne. He came to Brazil in 2001, working for two years in an ecumenical NGO before assuming the chair of Systematic Theology, Ecumenism and Inter-religious Dialogue at the Lutheran School of Theology (Faculdades EST) at São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Von Sinner is also Professor Extraordinary in the Discipline Group Ecclesiology and Systematic Theology at the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University.

### 27 October: *"John Wesley as a Public Theologian: A Critical Dialogue with a view to Contemporary Praxis"*

While John Wesley is primarily known for his work as an evangelist and founder of Methodism, towards the end of his life he addressed a number of political issues, taking on the role of what we would today call a public theologian. He wrote on economic policy, the American War of Independence, constitutional struggles in Britain and the slave trade. His pamphlet *Thoughts upon Slavery* provides a fascinating example of public theology, which, while deeply rooted in Wesley's theology, uses the language and ideas that seek to address a more pluralistic audience.

**Speaker:** *Dr David N. Field* is a South African presently living in Basel, Switzerland, where he is the academic coordinator of the Methodist e-Academy, an online education project that provides supplementary education for people preparing for ordained ministry in Methodist Churches in Europe and further education courses for pastors and lay leaders. His main research interest lies in Methodist theology and ethics, and he is presently working on a long term project seeking to develop a contemporary Methodist political/public theology and a theological ethic rooted in the Methodist tradition. In addition he has research interests in eco-theology, the theology and ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and various theologies of liberation, particularly those that have emerged in Southern Africa.

# 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 been archived and made available for research purposes:

### 1.1 ILSE NAUDÉ COLLECTION

Sermons and speeches delivered by Beyers Naudé from the 1930's to the 1990's (approx 1 400).

### 1.2 *PRO-VERITATE* COLLECTION

A complete collection of *Pro-Veritate* is housed in the Archive.

### 1.3 CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE (CI) COLLECTION

This is a comprehensive collection of documents concerning the CI and related matters.

### 1.4 COLLECTION OF FILES (TWO) HELD BY THE SECURITY POLICE ON BEYERS NAUDÉ AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

### 1.5 ETIENNE DE VILLIERS COLLECTION

General information as well as publications of the World Council of Churches (international and national).

## 2. NEW COLLECTIONS TO BE ARCHIVED

Being attended to at present:

### 2.1 RUSSEL BOTMAN COLLECTION

### 2.2 BERNARD LATEGAN COLLECTION

### 2.3 BEN MARAIS COLLECTION

## 3. THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

3.1 Interviews have been conducted with forty (40) national and international individuals who knew BN, were involved in the CI and were part of the church struggle against apartheid;

3.2 These interviews have been transcribed and prepared for publication;

3.3 This publication is in the process of being printed and will be launched at the Centenary Celebration of Beyers Naudé.

## 4. PLANNING OF CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: BEYERS NAUDÉ

4.1 Celebration and book launch on 5 May 2015 at the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University;

4.2 Worship service and book launch on 10 May 2015 at URCSA Alexandra;

4.3 Conference and book launch on 11 May 2015 at UNISA.

## 5. DIGITISATION PROJECT

Various meetings were held with personnel of the Digitisation and Digital Services, Stellenbosch University Library and Information Service, in order to plan this project. This programme will be undertaken by the BNC Archive and a scanner will be purchased. The SU Library and Information Service will provide training for individuals tasked with the responsibility of (a) digitisation and (b) uploading. The planning for the project will be completed during the first semester of 2015 and should be implemented during the second semester.

## 6. BNC ARCHIVE DATABASE

A database of the collection 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 BNC archive.

## 7. POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS AND NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

Students as well as national and international researchers and interested individuals visit the Archive on a regular basis; they all receive the required guidance and information.

## 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 Gehoorzaam. 'n Keur uit Beyers Naudé se preke van 1939-1997*. (Coetzee, M, Hansen, LD & Vosloo, RR (reds.) Sun Press, 2013).
8. *A Theological Odyssey: My Life in Writing*. John De Gruchy (BNC Series on Public Theology).

### 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).
3. Special Collection: South Africa 20 years after apartheid. Editors Len Hansen & Nico Koopman. *International Journal for Public Theology* 9(4) 2014.
4. *The Calling of the Church: Liber Amicorum for the Moluccan Theological Council*. Editors: Lützen P. Miedema and Simon Ririhena.

### 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*
5. 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).
6. *Religions and the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies*. *NGTT* 2012(53). Supplementum 2. Joseph Antyo, Godwin Akper, Martien Brinkman, Eddy van der Borgh, 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.
7. 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

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