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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

### PROF NICO KOOPMAN



The Beyers Naudé Centre's vision and mission as a centre within an academic setting is determined by many of the challenges resulting from South Africa's apartheid past, and the Centre engages with new justice quests resulting from the transition to a more democratic society amidst the fact that society is still haunted by the past.

The highlight of 2016 was the hosting of the Global Network for Public Theology's fourth triennial consultation with the theme *Democracy and social justice in glocal contexts* in Stellenbosch, South Africa from Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 October 2016. Many well-known international speakers took part, amongst others Lord Rowan Williams, Prof William Storrar and South Africa's own Prof Barney Pitso.

Other activities of the Centre included discussion opportunities such as the annual SKLAS Conferences (Synodical Commission for Doctrine and Current Affairs of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa) which focus upon the broader theme of Congregations and Public Life. The theme for 2016 was *Remembering Belhar and the Constitution – Building trust in a corrupt world*.

The BNC hosted two well-attended Courageous Conversations events, to continue the aim of facilitating spaces and opportunities with students for theological engagement around current issues of public concern. In 2016, the themes of racism and "Purple face" were addressed.

The BNC is indeed continuing to be a Centre that serves the vision of Stellenbosch University to make a transformative and renewing social impact through our research-informed and research-informing activities. We express appreciation to all our partners and alliances in local and global contexts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Prof Dirkie Smit for the years of dedicated service to the BNC as Chair of the Management Committee. He stepped down at the end of 2016. We hope that Prof Smit will be involved as distinguished international advisor of the BNC. From January 2017 Dr Dion Forster steps into my shoes as Director of the BNC while I take up the position of Chair of the Management Committee. I thank colleagues Dion and Marita who lead the BNC brilliantly while I could only make minimal inputs.

In verbondenheid.

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

Nico Koopman

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **KERK IN ACTIE, THE NETHERLANDS**

The SKLAS (Synodical Commission for Doctrine and Current Affairs of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa) conferences again made a major impact on local churches in the Western, Southern and Eastern Cape Synods. The Western Cape conference took place at the Goedgedacht Guest Farm outside Malmesbury on 24 February; on 4 March the Southern Cape conference was held at Lofdal URC in George and the Southern Cape conference was at The Willows resort in Port Elizabeth on 18 April. In 2016, the focus was on the theme of *Remembering Belhar and the Constitution – Building trust in a corrupt world*.

Dr Lionel Louw, pastor at Community of Faith, formerly office head of Premier E Rasool and retired Head of Department UCT Department Social Development, presented *Corruption: The destroyer of trust*. Dr Louw discussed evils like corruption, nepotism and amnesia regarding these documents and challenged the delegates to face corruption inside their own congregations.

Rev DP Carelse, actuary URCSA Cape Synod and pastor, URCSA De Doorns as well as final year PhD Law student at UCT with a focus on Constitutional law and society went on to focus in more detail on *The promise of the Constitution*.

Mr Gerhard Klaasen, formerly a member of the URCSA National Youth Council, MBA and involved in the chemical industry gave context to *The promise of Belhar* and challenged delegates with regards to their own progress to embody that vision.

The conferences not only focused on 20 years of the Constitution and 30 years since the Belhar Confession was adopted but also reflected on 40 years since the Soweto youth massacre. In the fourth session the panel (consisting of a local pastor, woman leader and youth leader) dealt with questions such as:

- How do we remind our youth to trust these documents?
- How can we restore their trust especially since protest among students highlighted disappointment; anger and desperation in the light of the unfulfillment of these promises, commitment and vision?

These reflections once again informed and transformed, illuminated and inspired, and filled all the delegates with hope and delight for their calling as Christians and churches in the world.

At Malmesbury 48 delegates, including four women attended; at George 25 delegates took part in the conference of whom four were women and at PE 45 delegates joined, including six women. Regarding the denominations represented, there were mostly clergy from the URC, but a growing number of Volkskerk, DRC and Anglican attendees join the conference every year.

The BNC is truly grateful to Kerk in Aktie for the generous support of this important work and look forward to growing the work and its influence in the years ahead.



Delegates at Goedgedacht Farm, Malmesbury

The panel discussion in George (Lofdal URC Church)



Eastern Cape SKLAS at The Willows, Port Elizabeth

## **VISIT FROM KERK IN ACTIE'S SIETSKÉ RENTING TO THE BNS OFFICE**

Ms Renting visited Stellenbosch during the last week of March 2016. During this time, she met with many of the BNC's partners and in particular some of the SKLAS Taakspan. One of the main aims of the KiA/BNC partnership, the SKLAS conferences, were discussed as well as ways of making the conferences more interactive.

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

In 2016 the South by South project between Faculdades EST and the Beyers Naudé Centre at Stellenbosch University was strengthened as colleagues from South Africa visited Brazil, and colleagues from Brazil visited South Africa. During a visit to the BNC in October 2016 Prof Rudolf von Sinner, Director of the Ethics Institute, handed over a handmade Easter candle to Dr Dion Forster, Acting Director of the BNC. In September the BNC presented an artwork by Prof emeritus Daniël Louw to the Institute of Ethics in Brazil. Such exchanges of gifts are signs of friendship, partnership and *koinonia* between brothers and sisters in Christ. The artwork from the BNC, with the name of "*Derelictio: Christ the cursed and wounded healer*" was brought to Brazil and handed over in a worship service during the III International Congress of Faculdades EST in September by Dr Donald Katts and put in place in the Institute. Made with broken glass, it shows how Christ assumed our human vulnerability and suffered for our sake. In the rising sun behind the cross we can see the light of the resurrection. This light is also visible in the Easter candle that was brought in return to the Beyers Naudé Centre in October, following the IV Meeting of the Global Network of Public Theology held at STIAS in Stellenbosch.

As part of the ongoing partnership between the BNC and Faculdades EST a symposium was held at which papers were presented by participants from South Africa and Brazil. The purpose of the presentation of these papers was to facilitate research collaboration on notions of Public Theologies from the different contexts - instead of just presenting perspectives from South Africa and Brazil, the participants are encouraged to collaborate and engage in discussions about how they deal with particular issues in their respective theological traditions and social contexts. The partnership continues for the remainder of 2017 and is being co-ordinated in partnership between Prof Rudolf von Sinner and Dr Dion Forster. Prof von Sinner will visit Stellenbosch University again in the second half of 2017. The result of this research collaboration will be the publication of a book on approaches to Public Theologies in Brazil and South Africa.



**ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (EFSA) TOGETHER WITH STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY (SOCIAL IMPACT OFFICE)**

The second well-attended Beyers Naudé Centre Northern Cape conference took place on 11 November 2016 at the URCSA congregation Florianville. The theme was *Called to be a public church in crisis times* and the speakers included Judge Ronnie Hendricks, Rev Anlene Taljaard and the BNC's own Dr Dion Forster.



**CHURCH OF SWEDEN WITH STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY (RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND POST GRADUATE OFFICE)**

At Stellenbosch University, the MTh Gender and Health since 2013 has each year seen ten diverse and very interesting Master's students from all over the country as well as beyond its borders come together in order to grapple with the complex intersection of Gender, Health and Theology.

The success of the MTh Gender and Health has led the personnel to explore new opportunities for teaching and research on the intersection of Gender, Health and Theology that already exhibited a definite social impact in faith communities as well as in society. Asked by the Vice-Rector of Research, Prof Eugene Cloete, to start a Gender Unit at the Faculty of Theology, the Director Juliana Claassens together with the Research and Program Coordinator Charlene van der Walt were responsible for establishing the MTh in Gender and Health. They hope to find new avenues for effecting change in perceptions in terms of gender, race, poverty and sexual orientation by means of education and research. Through the work of this Gender Unit, and in partnership with partners near and far, Prof Claassens and Dr Van der Walt hope to contribute to the formation of a world where racism, sexism, homophobia and the dehumanizing reality of poverty is no more by amongst others:

- Raising funds for PhD scholarships in order to give doctoral students the opportunity to continue their research on Gender, Health and Theology and so helping to cultivate thought leaders who can go back to their respective communities in order to serve as agents of change.
- Creating a community of scholars who through their research contribute to the establishment of a centre of excellence that contextually explains the intersection of Gender, Health and the various sub-disciplines of Theology. Courtesy of Prof Eugene Cloete, the Gender Unit was able to appoint its first postdoctoral fellow, the very talented and experienced Dr Funlola Olojede, who originally comes from Nigeria.
- Building networks on campus, with FBO's, NGO's and faith communities, and with scholars nationally as well as internationally in order to stimulate discourse on various aspects of the intersection of Gender, Health and Theology with the goal of cultivating an ethos that affirms the dignity of all people and resist all forms of discrimination.

The official launch of the Gender Unit will be in March 2017.

### **CIRCLE OF CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN THEOLOGIANS**

The chapters of Stellenbosch University and the University of the Western Cape of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians held a conference on 5 and 6 May 2016 on the theme of *Gender and Resistance* at the Faculty of Theology. The speakers included Julie Claassens, Amanda Gouws, Miranda Pillay, Nadia Marais, Nobuntu Penxa-Matholeni; Elizabeth Pulane Motswapong, Charlene van der Walt, Funlola Olojede, Clementine Nishimwe and Sunelle Stander.

### **GLOBAL NETWORK FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY (GNPT)**

The Beyers Naudé Centre hosted the fourth triennial GNPT consultation on *Democracy and social justice in glocal contexts* which in Stellenbosch, South Africa from Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 October 2016.

Two highlights from the conference stand out: Lord Rowan Williams spoke on *Ethics, empathy and imagination* on 24 October.







On 25 Oct, the participants split into four groups and visited the *Legacy project* in Kayamandi, *Pniël Museum*, *The Ark city of refuge* in Faure and *Die Vlakte* in Stellenbosch (SU Archive exhibition as well as the Lückhoff School, see photo (left)).

The 2016 gathering of theologians, representative of both institutions and contexts from across the globe, consulted on African soil to

discern and engage anew on the theme: *Democracy and social justice in glocal contexts*. This consultation embodied much of the diversity inherent to the project of Public Theology through not only interpreting the challenges of the current time, but also by critically exploring the public contents, meaning and rationality of the Christian faith. This was done by responding to our guiding question, as set out by the organising committee, of whether democracies succeed in delivering the promise of the democratic vision, namely a life of dignity and justice, freedom and peace for all.

We acknowledge the complex South African context and climate within which this consultation has taken place, and that we have listened to both prophetic and pastoral expressions responding to the student voices of protest as one of the most pressing public matters, nationally. We see these responses as a demonstration of the continued need to articulate how and to whom public theology matters. We do not divorce this from many other voices lamenting the instability and unsustainability of institutions that seek to serve democracy, globally, neither from the impact of global developments on local life. The public rationality of these voices are recognised to include embodied emotions, which we are compelled to affirm, albeit with provisional and inclusive support. We see the kenotic emptying of power as key to the task that the body of Christ has to embrace an identity of service and sacrifice in order to really see the 'other'. We therefore also draw on the gifts presented within the theological traditions in our global network to guide our ongoing conceptualization of the common good. In doing this we see the marks left by the dominant beliefs and pedagogy that went before us; evidence that strengthens our ability to do better, just as those who come after us will need to do better. We see these tasks of public theology taking root not only in formal academic spaces such as the one we have inhabited, and recognise the contributions in the various spaces of church and society.

We interpret our ongoing conversation as one that has imagination at its core – the ability to dream, to hope, and to envision God's justice. We therefore continue to question the issues of inequality that manifest in representations of, including but not limited to, race and gender in our consultation, as its own embodiment of public theology and inclusion of the other. We judge such an act of methodology

as a reflection of the epistemological assumptions present in our discourse. We also invite deeper reflection on these representations, particularly in global economic challenges and lament that strategies of economic reparation have been given little creative attention in our reflections. The global ecological context demands that our discipleship, citizenship and bioship take up the task of responsible public theological engagement. We also call for our public engagements to be sensitive to the quality and nature of our publicness.

We believe that an ethical language born in hope, embedded in the faith of a continually resurrecting creation, will guide us; a language that speaks from, and to, a growing sphere of contexts. We hope for future consultations to take seriously the task of liberating the voices that have been underrepresented or excluded from our public enactment of theology, including also interfaith engagements. We also have heard the hope for public theology to remain self-critical and aware of ideologies and assumptions that inform our reflections. Our belief that 'we are not there yet' does not discourage us from seeking long-term solutions to the challenges facing a public theology, but resolve to deepen democracy through public theology that affirms the unreachable dignity at the heart of all human beings. We confess that our incompleteness is embodied in our continued conversation as a global community working for public theology.

*Produced by the Listening Committee:*

*Louis van der Riet, David Field, Felipe Gustavo Koch Buttelli, Alease Brown*

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

### **CONSCRIPTION SYMPOSIUM: 18 AND 19 JANUARY**

A Post-Graduate Researchers' Symposium on Conscription into the South African Defence Force hosted by the Beyers Naudé Centre took place on 18 and 19 January 2016 at the Faculty. The convenors were Prof Christo Thesnaar, Dr Theresa Edlmann and Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd and 17 delegates took part. The papers are available on the Beyers Naudé website ([www.sun.ac.za/bnc](http://www.sun.ac.za/bnc) and click on **projects**)

### **CELEBRATING ALLAN BOESAK'S 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

The BNC celebrated Prof Allan Boesak's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with a lunchtime conversation on 14 March 2016, facilitated by Prof Robert Vosloo. Before the event, attendees received the introduction and first chapter of Prof Boesak's latest book, *Kairos, Crisis, and Global Apartheid: The Challenge to Prophetic Resistance*. Palgrave Macmillan.

The reference to "Kairos" in the title of the book reminds of the 1985 Kairos Document, which responded theologically to the crisis, experienced in apartheid South Africa. The book argues that thirty years later Christians and faith communities are facing a more global sort of apartheid, and apartheid that is – as the book states – "caused and characterized by growing social and economic

inequalities, environmental devastation, and degradation of human dignity on a global scale." The book makes a powerful claim for the embodiment of a theology of prophetic resistance.

At the event, Prof Robert Vosloo put some questions about the book to Prof Boesak, to which he responded in his typical clear, challenging and inspiring manner. He elaborated on terms such as "kairos consciousness" and "global apartheid," and also pointed to the influence of Calvin, Bonhoeffer, Beyers Naudé, liberation theology and black theology on the ideas put forward in the book. One of the questions addressed the challenges posed by the conversations on decolonization and the various #mustFall movements. The discussion also turned to the situation in the United States and the candidacy of Donald Trump. Boesak responded by emphasizing the need for the church to stand with God for justice.

The event was well attended and those present enjoyed the discussion that served as a challenge to embody the gospel in line with the legacy of people like Beyers Naudé. The event concluded with student leaders from the faculty congratulating Prof Boesak on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.



### **ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF BEYERS NAUDÉ'S BIRTHDAY**

The annual Beyers Naudé birthday lecture took place on 10 May at Wilgenhof residence, where Oom Bey was Primarius while a student at Stellenbosch University. Jaco Botha, doctoral theology student involved at the Legacy Community Development in Kayamandi spoke on Naudé's relevance for today. The title of his talk was "The Thug life of an Afrikaner dominee".

The Beyers Naudé Archive houses many good protest artworks especially in the Pro Veritate collection and the Belydende Kring (literally: "Confessing Circle") which offered theological commentary on relevant social matters. Botha included some of these artworks in his powerpoint presentation to point out that many of the causes Beyers Naudé pursued are still relevant in the South Africa of today where they keep society divided.

Among the topics discussed were reconciliation, migrant labour, economic injustice and racial segregation - issues that are still prominent in society today, especially in Stellenbosch. The aim of the talk was for the audience to think critically about the society they live in and help maintain. Beyers Naudé's message was firstly that there should be an awareness of the prevailing injustice. Secondly that each person initially as an individual then as a community should together take responsibility for a future non-racial, more equal and free democracy where everyone's dignity is acknowledged, not only constitutionally but also by the people and institutions in the country.



From left to right (back): Dr Sipho Mahokoto, (EFSA), Dr Le Roux van der Westhuizen (Chair: Wilgenhof Board); Jaco Botha (Speaker); Prof Robert Vosloo (BNC); Nelson Manabile (Chair: Theological Student Committee). Front: Ruhan Fourie (Masters student); Christoff Odendaal (Primarius, Wilgenhof), Dr Dion Forster (BNC)

## WINTER SCHOOL

The Winter School was a great success in 2016 and again brought together church pastors, students and academics from schools of religion. The BNC is grateful to share in the hosting of this event with Ekklesia, Communitas and the Faculty of Theology.



This year the Winter School took place from 31 May to 2 June 2016. The theme for 2016 was *A Home for us all – the future of Christianity and our youth in Africa*. The keynote speakers were Rev Esmé Bowers, Ms Lovelyn Nwadeyi and Prof Brian O'Connell.

### **SECOND ANNUAL RUSSEL BOTMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Prof Crain Soudien (Human Sciences Research Council) spoke on: *'Are we still of any use?' Situating Russel Botman's thinking on poverty, empowerment and education in our contemporary times*. This was followed by a response by Prof Yusef Waghid (Faculty of Education, SU) and a vote of thanks by Mr. Randall van den Heever, Russel Botman bursar.



### **BONHOEFFER CONFERENCE: 8-11 August**

For three years now, the Bonhoeffer Consultation has brought together scholars, pastors, and students for a close reading and discussion of a portion of Bonhoeffer's writings. This year's Consultation focused on Bonhoeffer's dissertation, *Sanctorum Communio*, which he completed at age 21. In it, Bonhoeffer offers a description of the church as a social entity in which separate persons are brought into community by encountering difference in one another.

Participants spent each morning reading through *Sanctorum Communio* and discussing its implications for theology, sociology, politics, personhood, and a fresh vision for the church's role in a diverse and reconciling South Africa.

The discussions were supplemented by public lectures, including an address by the renowned theologian and Bonhoeffer scholar, Prof. John de Gruchy, on Bonhoeffer's prophetic example for a global Kairos theology.

## LAUNCH OF THE RUSSEL BOTMAN COLLECTION ON 10 AUGUST

The spouse of the late Russel Botman, Beryl, was kind enough to donate the documents from their Stellenbosch home to the Archive of the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology. This donation was fitting due to the fact that the late Russel Botman was the founder and first director of the BNC.

The BNC archivist, Dr Murray Coetzee, then proceeded with the archiving of the collection with the assistance of Dr Johan Botha, who had known and worked closely with Russel Botman. The Russel Botman Collection opens a window to his life and work, starting with his years of study; his ministry in various congregations of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and later in the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa; the role he played as academic where he reached one of the highest honours when he was appointed Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Stellenbosch.

This collection reveals the late Russel Botman's devotion to the church as well as his theological knowledge which gave birth to his vision and leadership in church, university and society. The collection is available for research purposes.

## OTHER EVENTS

### COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

On 11 February Faith Pienaar, Project Manager at the Transformation Office and Prof Christo Thesnaar of the Faculty of Theology addressed the topic: *Racism - How do we deal with it?* An open conversation between church and society. The Chapel burst at its seams and a lively discussion took place.





Following the “purple face” incident at Heemstede residence, The BNC organized another Courageous Conversations on 17 March, this time with the topic: *Facing Blackface - How do we deal with it? An open conversation between church and society led by Mr Helgard Pretorius (Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology) and Dr Ntozakhe Cezula (Old Testament).*

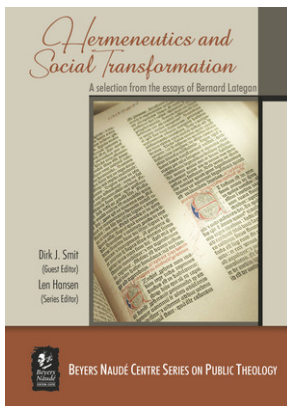
## BOOK LAUNCHES

**19 February 2016**

*Hermeneutics and Social Transformation*

Bernard Lategan

Volume X of the Beyers Naudé Series was launched on 19 February in the Chapel. Prof Dirkie Smit introduced the book.

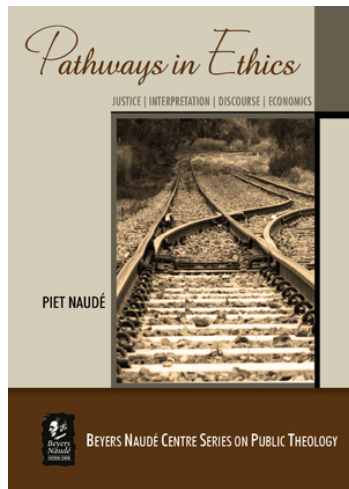


**25 October 2016**

*Pathways in Ethics*

Piet Naudé

This publication, Vol IX of the Beyers Naudé Centre Series on Public Theology was launched during the GNPT Consultation. Prof Naudé dedicated the volume to Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, whose son, Jonas (who spoke at the Consultation), accepted a copy on his behalf.



## **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 THE ILSE NAUDÉ COLLECTION**

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



## 1.2 THE *PRO-VERITATE* COLLECTION

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

## 1.3 THE 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 THE ETIENNE DE VILLIERS COLLECTION

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

## 1.6 THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The above mentioned project has been completed with the publication of "*Cultivating Seeds of Hope. Conversations on the Life and works of Beyers Naudé*".

This publication was launched during May 2015 in commemoration of the hundred year celebrations of Beyers Naudé.

## 1.7 BERNARD LATEGAN COLLECTION

## 1.8 RUSSEL BOTMAN COLLECTION

## 2. NEW COLLECTIONS TO BE ARCHIVED

Being attended to at present:

### 2.1 BEN MARAIS COLLECTION

### 2.2 DAVID BOTHA COLLECTION

### 2.3 JOHN DE GRUCHY COLLECTION

## 3 DIGITISATION PROJECT

- The scanning of the Ilse Naudé Collection was completed at the end of 2016.
- Correspondence between Beyers Naudé and Horst Kleinschmidt during the years of house arrest is currently being scanned.

## 4 BNC ARCHIVE DATABASE

A database of collections and publications has been developed. At present this database is being updated as archiving progresses and more documents and books are incorporated in the BNC archive. This will be an on-going project.

## 5 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AS WELL AS RESEARCHERS

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. Vol. IV *Globalisation. The politics of empire, justice and the life of faith*. (AA Boesak & LD Hansen (eds.), Sun Press, 2009).
5. 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).
6. Vol. VI *Vreesloos Gehoorzaam. 'n Keur uit Beyers Naudé se preke van 1939-1997*. (Coetzee, M, Hansen, LD & Vosloo, RR (eds.) Sun Press, 2013).
7. Vol VII *A Theological Odyssey: My Life in Writing*. John De Gruchy (BNC Series on Public Theology).
8. Vol. VIII *Pathways in Theology, Ecumenical, African and Reformed*. Piet Naudé (Van der Westhuizen, H (ed.) Sun Press, 2015).
9. Vol. IX *Pathways in Ethics: Justice, Interpretation, Discourse, Economics*. Piet Naudé (Sun Press, 2016).
10. Vol. X *Hermeneutics and Social Transformation*. Bernard Lategan (Sun Press, 2015).

## **DIRKIE SMIT COLLECTION**

1. Vol. I Essays in Public Theology. Smit, DJ (Conradie, EM (ed.), Sun Press, 2007).
2. Vol. II Geloof en Openbare Lewe. Versamelde Opstelle. Smit, DJ (Koopman, NN (ed.), Sun Press, 2008).
3. Vol III Essays on Being Reformed. Smit, DJ (Vosloo, RR (ed.), Sun Press, 2009).
4. Vol IV Opstelle oor Gereformeerde-wees Vandag. Smit, DJ (Hansen, LD (ed.), Sun Press, 2013).
5. Vol V Remembering Theologians – Doing Theology. Smit, DJ (Vosloo, RR (ed.), Sun Press, 2013).

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

1. "The Barmen/Belhar Consultation, University of Stellenbosch, 18-19 October 2004." Supplent *NGTT* 47 (1 & 2), 2006 (compiled and edited – LD Hansen).
2. Collection of articles in honor 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.
5. Cultivating seeds of hope, Conversations on the life of Beyers Naudé. (Coetzee, M, Muller, M & Hansen, LD (eds.) Sun Press, 2015).

## **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*
6. *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.

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 proceedings under editorship of Robert Vosloo and Mary-Anne Platjies van Huffel. Sun Press, 2013.
8. In collaboration with the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, Stellenbosch University: *Opstelle oor Gereformeerdwees vandag. Versamelde Opstelle IV*. DJ Smit. Sun Press, 2013.
9. *Prophet of the South: Essays in honour of Allan Aubrey Boesak*. Editors: Prince Dibeela, Puleng Lenka-Bula & Vuyani Vellem. Sun Press, 2014.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

1. *Gestalten van die Kerk. Dirk J. Smit Versamelde Opstelle. Vol. 6*. Guest editor: Prof Nico Koopman.
2. *South African faith communities and reconciliation in a post-TRC context*. Editors: Prof Christo Thesnaar and Dr Len Hansen.
3. *Reconciliation, Forgiveness and Violence*. Editors: Dr Dion Forster, Prof Christo Thesnaar and Prof Marius Nel.

## **STAFF**

### **STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CENTRE**

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