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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



This year will mark the 17th year since the establishment of the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology in November 2002. Dr Beyers Naudé and his wife Ilse gave permission to establish the Centre in his name. The work of the Centre continues to honour the legacy, work and witness of Beyers Naudé and the commitments that he espoused in his life and ministry. Towards the end of his life Oom Bey (as he was affectionately known) identified four important issues that he wished to focus on. They are, expanding ecumenical cooperation, working for economic rights for all, exposing corruption, and working for unity and reconciliation where there is historical or ongoing strife among persons or communities. These focus areas remain as important today as they were in 2004 when he passed away.

We are pleased to report that the work of the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology has grown, deepened, and become more established in these primary areas, and ventured into new areas of public and theological concern. In 2018 we had a far wider range of ecumenical partnerships and formal, and informal, cooperation with a wide range of Christian traditions and persons from other faith traditions. In particular, our project on the shifting perceptions of Zionism, and our work on radical economic transformation and land, brought together a wide variety of religious and theological perspectives, and a rich diversity of voices and approaches. The Gender Unit continues to touch on issues that are central our core focus (namely, human dignity and human rights, justice, faith and social identity, and responsible citizenship). A number of important events were hosted under the auspices of the Gender Unit that brought together academics, expert practitioners, activists, community workers, religious leaders, and members of communities. The Unit for Religion and Law continues to do groundbreaking work across the continent. In particular, they focused on issues of statelessness and issues of religious freedom in changing legislative and political environments in Africa. A highlight, however, was the approval of a Unit for Reconciliation and Justice within the Beyers Naudé Centre. The work of the project on reconciliation has grown in importance, and scope, over the last decade. It now encompasses a variety of research and

social impact initiatives that seek to serve both our understanding, and our engagements, around issues of Reconciliation and justice in South Africa, Africa, and beyond. As a result we established a Unit for Reconciliation and Justice to better serve this necessary and important work. The Bonhoeffer Unit hosted numerous events and engaged in ongoing research of public theological significance. We are looking forward to hosting the International Bonhoeffer Society meetings at Stellenbosch University in 2020.

We are grateful for a number of ongoing projects and partnerships within the Centre. We are particularly excited to see how our focus on training individuals, Churches and other communities in Contextual Bible Reading will develop. This is a project that is funded by Kerk in Actie, and headed by our co-worker, Rev Rineke van Ginkel who was trained by the Ujamaa Centre at the University of Kwazulu Natal. We had a number of significant research outputs in 2018, which included books, academic articles, presentations in the media and the hosting of conferences and symposia. There are a number more in process that will be published in 2019 and beyond. Our publications, together with our growing archival collection, serves as a rich resource for African and international researchers in the field of public theology to undertake research from our context.

We remain grateful for the ongoing support and collaboration with partners, funders, the Faculty of Theology, various academic researchers, Churches and expert practitioners. The report that follows will offer a few highlights and insights into our work in 2018.

Dion Forster

Stellenbosch (March 2019)

PARTNERSHIPS

KERK IN ACTIE, THE NETHERLANDS

The Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology has a longstanding partnership with the Protestant Churches of the Netherlands. In particular, we are grateful for the support of Kerk in Actie who have funded various projects and a staff member (Rev Rineke van Ginkel) in 2018.

SYNODICAL COMMISSION FOR DOCTRINE AND CURRENT AFFAIRS OF THE UNITING REFORMED CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (SKLAS)

The SKLAS 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 12 February; on 26 February the Southern Cape conference was held at Carmel Guest Farm outside George and the Eastern Cape conference was at The Willows resort in Port Elizabeth on 7 May.

In 2018, the focus was on the theme of *Alternative economic models*.



Speakers included Rev René August, Anglican priest and reconciliation trainer with The Warehouse; Rev Rineke van Ginkel, Program Officer & Researcher, Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology; Prof Piet Naudé, Professor in Ethics and Director of the University of Stellenbosch

Business School and Rev Malcolm Damon, Founder member of the Economic Justice Network. In PE, Prof Piet Naude was replaced by Dr Pieter Grove, Moderator: URCSA Cape Synod.

Attendance figures:

Western Cape: 34

Southern Cape: 25

Eastern Cape: 54

CONTEXTUAL BIBLE READING TRAINING (CBR)



From 6 to 7 September a CBR 'Training of Trainers' session was hosted at the Beyers Naudé Centre, in collaboration with the Ujamaa Centre at the University of Pietermaritzburg. Sithembiso Zwane, trainer of the Ujamaa Centre, facilitated the training. There were 16 participants - academics, students, and church leaders (URCSA). The aim of this training was to create a wider support base for our developing CBR programme and to equip a 'core group' of enthusiastic people with the

skills to develop and facilitate CBR themselves. The training was focused on the methodology, construction and facilitation of CBR. The participants learned about the 'see – judge – act' methodology, did social analysis and a biblestudy around the topic of 'gender, culture and religion', constructed and presented biblestudies themselves, and practiced facilitation skills.

The participants will now have the opportunity to facilitate biblestudies in their own small groups. Moreover, Rineke van Ginkel, BNC Programme Officer and researcher can call upon them to assist in developing the programme, organising workshops for congregations / communities, developing resources, etc.

NORTHERN CAPE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

Prof Nico Koopman, Vice-Rector for Social Impact, Transformation and Personnel, Stellenbosch University and former director of the BNC joined the team for the Kimberley Northern Cape conference on 9 November. He picked the topic *Justice as criterion for economic models*. He shared the following:

1996 Constitution of Republic of South Africa:

Only where there is justice, is there dignity

Only where there is justice, is there healing

Only where there is justice, is there freedom

Only where there is justice, is there equality and equity



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.

SOUTH-SOUTH COLLABORATION

Theologians from Faculdades Est (Sao Leopoldo, Brazil) and Stellenbosch University (South Africa) met at the Beyers Naudé Centre to present a first round of papers for a collaborative research project that will result in the publication of a book. The coordinators of this project are Prof Rudolf von Sinner (Faculdades Est) and Prof Dion Forster (Stellenbosch University). This project is ongoing with some funding from the Brazilian government's research foundation and Stellenbosch University's International office.

As part of the ongoing partnership between the BNC and Faculdades EST (Sao Leopoldo, Brazil) 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. Prof von Sinner visited Stellenbosch University again in 2018. The result of this research collaboration will be the publication of a book on approaches to Public Theologies in Brazil and South Africa.

UNITS

BONHOEFFER UNIT

The Bonhoeffer Unit (headed by Prof Robert Vosloo) commenced planning of the XIII International Bonhoeffer Congress in Stellenbosch (19-23 January 2020) in 2018. The planning committee held several meetings. The theme of the conference is: *How the coming generation is to go on living? Bonhoeffer and the response to our crisis and hope*. Plenary speakers who already confirmed their participation include Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Wolfgang Huber, Terry Lovat, Nadia Marais, Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, Teddy Sakupapa and Reggie Williams. The congress will be hosted in partnership with the Department of Religion and Theology at the University of the Western Cape. A call for papers, information about the plenary speakers, a registration form, and suggestions for accommodation within walking distance from the main congress venue have been made available on the congress website. A good response to the Call for Papers (75 proposals) was received. A Graduate Student Workshop at Volmoed Retreat Centre is scheduled for the weekend preceding the congress.

Bonhoeffer Unit colloquium:

From 9 to 11 September 2018 the Bonhoeffer Unit hosted a colloquium on "Engaging Reconciliation: Revisiting Milestones and Facing Contemporary Challenges." The colloquium took place at the Volmoed Retreat Centre near Hermanus. Fifty delegates attended, including academics, post-graduate students and church and civil society leaders. The "Message to the People"-declaration of 1968 (of the Christian Institute and the South African Council of Churches) was an important document in the South African church struggle against apartheid. In the light of the 50th anniversary of this document, the colloquium focused on the themes of reconciliation and justice, with a focus on important milestone documents and its relevance for today. The main

speaker at the colloquium was Barney Pityana (who spoke on the Program to Combat Racism), and there was also important inputs from John de Gruchy (tracing the trajectory from the Message to the Kairos Document), and Nadia Marais (who spoke on the ongoing challenge resulting from the Belhar Confession). Two panel discussions (with Sunday Agang, Tim Hartman, Demaine Solomons, Wilhelm Verwoerd, Siphoh Mahokoto and Selina Palm) provided important insights and opened up good conversations around the theme.

GENDER UNIT

"We want to offer a creative space for interdisciplinary research on an intersectional understanding of gender where we bring together students and scholars, locally, nationally and internationally to help us think differently about gender. Within this Gender Unit, we want very much to adhere to a feminist ethos that can be described as honouring all voices, interrogating power relations and reconstituting community." (Prof Julie Claassens, head of the GU, at the launch in 2017)

Ongoing events include the Thursdays in Black initiative, the popular Gender Unit Movie nights held three times a year as well as the #Pinktax campaign during Women's Month that raised awareness regarding the social justice/human dignity issue of sanitary pads being completely unaffordable for many of those who find themselves in poverty.

Prof Claassens, in her capacity as Head of the Gender Unit, regularly is asked to write for newspapers/ popular publications in terms of gender related concerns. She also speaks regularly on the radio and at the recent Woordfees on a variety of gender related topics

Gender Unit conferences:

Teaching Gender and Health in Africa Conference: Hearing From Our Change Agents, March 22-23, 2018

At the end of 2017, Prof Juliana Claassens together with Prof Elna Mouton, were responsible for writing an application for Prof Musa Dube for an honorary doctorate that was awarded at the March

2018 graduation ceremony of Stellenbosch University. Prof Dube's legacy and contribution to the field of Postcolonial Feminist Interpretation was celebrated at the conference on Teaching Gender



and Health in Africa that also formed part of the Faculty of Theology's farewell to Prof Elna Mouton upon her retirement end of 2017.

The conference on teaching gender and health in Africa was held in conjunction with the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians and colleagues from beyond the borders of South Africa who have already served as great examples of teaching gender in Africa were invited. Together with Prof Musa Dube (University of Botswana), Dr Nontando Hadebe, Coordinator of the Circle in Southern Africa served as the keynote speakers. Other speakers included alumna from Stellenbosch University, Dr Phoebe Chirongo and Dr Brigitte Seyram Amenyedzi.

"Reconceiving Reproductive Health," 30-31 May, 2018

On 30 and 31 May 2018 a consultation titled "Reconceiving Reproductive Health" was hosted in Stellenbosch by the Gender Unit, Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology, under direction of Dr Nina Müller van Velden and Dr Nadia Marais.



As suggested during the closing discussion of the consultation, the possibility of an academic, peer-reviewed publication became a reality. This will take on the form of a special edition of *In Luce Verbi* published by AOSIS, for which full funding has been obtained via North-West University, and will be an ISI publication. The organizers of the consultation, Dr Nadia Marais (SU) and Dr Nina Müller van Velden (SU), as well as Dr Manitza Kotzé (NWU) serve as editors of this publication.

UNIT FOR RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE

The Reconciliation and Justice Unit (URJ), within the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology, was directly motivated by Dr Beyers Naudé's example of responsible citizenship and involvement in society on the basis of Christian theological convictions; his courageous quest for justice and life of dignity for all members of society; his humbleness and docility which foster a culture of dialogue

and deliberation; and his commitment to the cause of the poor, the destitute, the wronged and the marginalised. This Unit, established toward the end of 2018, is at the heart of the life of Dr Beyers Naude and therefore, directly in line with his humility, legacy, vision and ethos that he embodied during his lifetime. The URJ is headed by Prof Christo Thesnaar, Dr Theresa Edlmann and Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd.

Workshop presented by the Unit for Reconciliation and Justice:

The purpose of this workshop held at the Sustainability Institute, near Stellenbosch, on 14 and 15 November was to gather partners and friends of the Beyers Naudé Centre (BNC) for a process of consultation and consensus seeking. The intention was to draw on what came out of the workshop to identify the way forward for the newly established Reconciliation and Justice Unit (RJU) within the BNC.

Twenty people attended, with Christo Thesnaar, Theresa Edlmann, Wilhelm Verwoerd and Marita Snyman attending as representatives of the BNC RJU.



The two-day workshop was designed in a very open and flexible way, in order to create space for the lived experiences and the wisdom of those who had travelled to attend. Most of the programme comprised workshop participants talking about their lives, their work and their perspectives on reconciliation and justice work in South Africa at present.



The workshop highlighted the sacredness, complexity, unresolvedness and urgency of continuing to address reconciliation and justice in the South African context.

UNIT FOR RELIGION AND LAW

The Religion and Law Unit of the Beyers Naudé Centre (headed by Prof Mary-Anne Platjies van Huffel and Prof Pieter Coertzen) was officially established in 2010. The Religion and Law Unit is an inter religious and interdisciplinary research and teaching unit of the University of Stellenbosch.

Through the various activities associated with the Religion and Unit, the aim is to

- Help foster a community of researchers in Religion and Law nationally as well as globally, especially on the continent of Africa
- To identify, examine and evaluate matters on the field of interaction between religion and law, and to make the results available to academic and religious communities, as well as on relevant legal and Government institutions either, by day conferences, workshops, national and international conferences and publications.
- Initiate and participate in courageous conversations on various aspects of an intersectional understanding of Law and Religion.

Unit for Religion and Law conference:

THE ROLE OF FAITH BASED ORGANISATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION FOR THE PROTECTION OF STATELESS PERSONS AND THE PREVENTION OF STATELESSNESS

This conference was hosted from 29 to 30 August by the Unit of Law and Religion of the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology and the Faculty of Theology in collaboration with the Regional Office for Southern Africa of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (RLF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Regional Representation for Southern Africa.



PROJECTS

Archive – Dr Murray Coetzee and Dr Retief Muller

Christianity and the shifting of perceptions on Zionism – Dr Marthie Momberg

Contextual Bible Reading – Rev Rineke van Ginkel

Faith and Science – Prof Dion Forster

Human Dignity and Human Rights – Prof Julie Claassens

Justice, Peace and the Integrity of creation – Prof Nico Koopman

Moral Leadership – Dr Chris Jones

Publications – Prof Len Hansen

Reconciliation – Prof Christo Thesnaar and Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd

Responsible Citizenship – Prof Dion Forster

RESEARCHERS OF THE CENTRE

Prof Pieter Coertzen

Prof Nadine Bowers du Toit

Prof Julie Claassens

Dr Theresa Edlmann

Prof Dion Forster

Prof Len Hansen

Dr Chris Jones

Prof Nico Koopman

Dr Sipho Mahokoto

Dr Marthie Momberg

Prof Mary-Anne Platjies-Van Huffel

Prof Xolile Simon

Prof Dirkie Smit

Prof Christo Thesnaar

Dr Leslie van Rooi

Prof Prof Robert Vosloo

Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd

EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS IN 2018

OTHER CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND PUBLIC LECTURES IN WHICH THE BNC TOOK PART

TEASA COLLOQUIUM (WITH EKKLESIA)

The Leadership of TEASA approached Ekklesia to assist in organizing a colloquium of theologians from evangelical persuasion to discuss the role of evangelical theology in SA. This took place from 23 – 24 January. Though TEASA's infrastructure is weak, (like most of the ecumenical bodies in SA!) they are a group constantly growing in numbers and in influence and it is believed that they indeed have an important theological role to play

GERMAN VISITORS FROM HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY

On 12 March the BNC hosted a colloquium with two visiting German scholars. Professor Torsten Meireis (pictured on the right), professor in Systematic Theology (Ethics and Hermeneutics) at Humboldt University and director of the Berlin Institute for Public Theology spoke on the topic *Avatar. Cultural Sustainability and Religion*.





He was followed by Professor Rolf Schieder (on the left), professor in Practical Theology at Humboldt University whose topic was *The Role of Religion in the New Right Movement in Germany*.

EXPLORING CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES FOR CHURCHES AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE CONTEXT OF POST-COLONIAL SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND GERMAN PARTNERSHIPS

From 14 to 17 March a conference jointly organised by the Evangelische Kirche Deutschlands; the South African Council of Churches; the Desmond Tutu Centre for Spirituality and Society at UWC; the Study Process on the Role of German-Southern African Church Relations; the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology at Stellenbosch University and the Ecumenical Foundation of Southern Africa Institute took place at the University of the Western Cape. The BNC will be involved with the publication of the proceedings.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF BEYERS NAUDÉ'S BIRTHDAY

The annual celebration of Beyers Naudé's birthday was again held at Wilgenhof men's residence. This year Prof John de Gruchy was invited to speak at the lunchtime celebration. Guests included



Prof Nico Koopman, Prof Stan du Plessis, Prof Sunday Agang, Prof Reggie Nel and other Beyers Naudé friends and staff.

WINTER SCHOOL

The BNC partnered with the Faculty of Theology, Ekklesia and Communitas once again in 2018 for a very successful Winter School, which took place from 5-7 June. The theme this year was JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY: REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL. The following keynote speakers read papers: 5 June, *On Justice*: Eleanor du Plooy; 6 June, *On Reconciliation*: Wilhelm Verwoerd and on 7 June, *On Unity*: Reggie Nel. This event was attended by 221 church and community leaders.

CORRUPTION: WEALTH, POWER, RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY

From 11 to 13 July a collaboration with the Panafrican Strategic and Policy Research group, Nigeria, Network for African Congregational Theology (NETACT) and the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology was held, with Dr Chris Jones as coordinator. Keynote speakers included Dr Danny Titus (Executive Director, Culture at ATKV, South Africa) who spoke on *Corruption in the face of Human Rights*; Prof Solosh Pillay and Prof Evangelos Mantzaris (School for Public Leadership and Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research, Stellenbosch University) on *Citizens' Role in Curbing Corruption in South Africa: Lessons for Africa*; Dr Pali Lehohla (Former Statistician General of South Africa) on *Evidence the cure for despair and platform for development* and Bishop Zac Niringiye (Retired Assistant Bishop, Kampala Diocese, Church of Uganda and Senior Fellow, Institute of Religion and Faith and Culture in Public Life) on *Combating Corruption in Africa: the ethical responsibility of faith-based institutions*.



ZIONISM, PROPHETIC THEOLOGY AND THE CHALLENGE TO SOUTH AFRICAN CHRISTIANS

From 12 to 13 September this seminar was hosted by the Beyers Naudé Centre. Mark Braverman and Marthie Momberg presented material on the historical, theological, hermeneutic, and ecclesial issues related to Zionism and the issue of Palestinian human rights. Topics included the current reality of oppression; the founding of the Zionist movement and the State of Israel; the hermeneutics of land in scripture; the history and varieties of Christian Zionism; the question of anti-Zionism as anti-Semitism; Jewish-Christian relations, lessons learnt from the South African church struggle and the implications for prophetic theology today. A total of 20 different people attended for one or both days. Although they came with varying degrees of knowledge of the socio-political and historical situation and of the theological and hermeneutical issues, the feedback indicated that all felt that they benefitted from the information and the interaction.



ANNUAL RUSSEL BOTMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

On 18 October the prestigious annual lecture was held at the newly-named Adam Small Theatre. This was the fourth lecture in the current series of five topics that were close to the late Russel Botman's heart. In 2018 the focus was on his love and appreciation of the arts and Dr Marlene le Roux, Chief Executive Officer of the Artscape theatre, delivered the keynote lecture, "From Brutalism to Hope". The Stellenbosch Libertas Choir performed at the event and the recipients of the Russel Botman Bursary Fund were introduced.

INTERNATIONAL KARL BARTH CONFERENCE



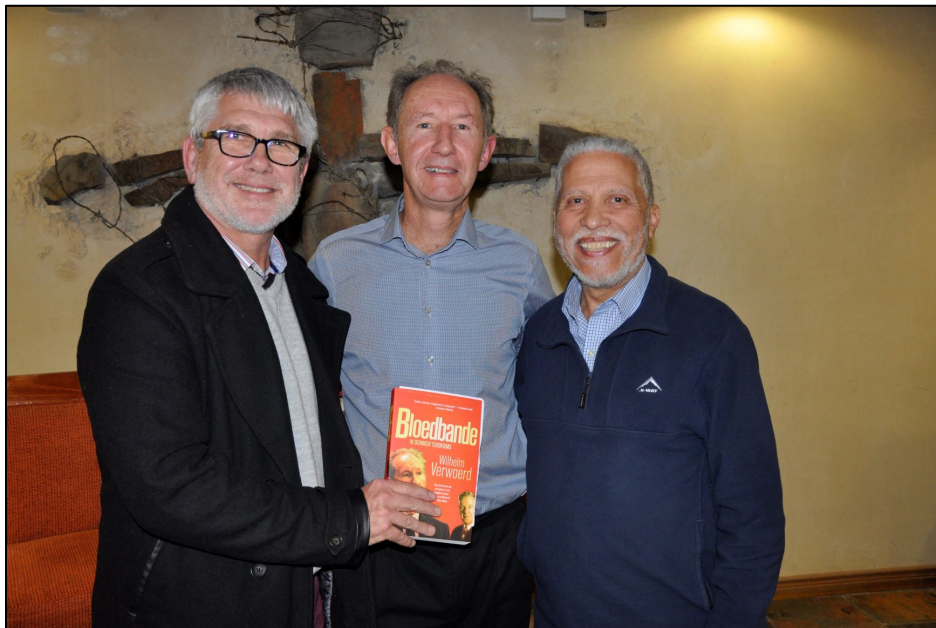
From 21 to 25 October a conference with the topic: *Embracing things past and things to come* was hosted by the Beyers Naudé Centre together with the Faculty of Theology. Keynote speakers included John de Gruchy, Margit Ernst-Habib, Rothney Tshaka, Bruce McCormack, Katya Tolstaya, Thomas Qu, Willie Jennings, Andrea White and Setri Nyomi. The conference also included a visit to the Drakenstein Correctional Centre and a wine tasting plus dinner at Nederburg Wines.

Book launches

Mosaiëk van Maria, Miriam van Nasaret Ingeweef in God se verhaal by Lisel Joubert (below right) was launched on 30 May. Julie Claassens led a question and answer session with the author.



Bloedbande by Wilhelm Verwoerd (below middle) was launched on 1 August. Christo Thesnaar and Lionel Louw spoke at the launch.



BEYERS NAUDÉ ARCHIVE

Launch of the John de Gruchy Collection: 23 October



Launch of the Jaap Durand Collection: 21 November



PUBLICATIONS

BEYERS NAUDÉ CENTRE SERIES ON PUBLIC THEOLOGY

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2. Vol. II *Oom Bey for the Future. Engaging the Witness of Beyers Naudé*. (Hansen, LD & Vosloo, RR (eds.), Sun Press, 2006).
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8. Vol. VIII *Pathways in Theology, Ecumenical, African and Reformed*. Piet Naudé (Van der Westhuizen, H (ed.) Sun Press, 2015).
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10. Vol. X *Hermeneutics and Social Transformation. A selection of the essays of Bernard Lategan* (Smit, DJ & Hansen, LD (eds.), Sun Press, 2015).
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5. Claassens, LJ, "Towards a Feminist Public Theology: On Wounds, Scars and Healing in Jeremiah and Beyond," IJPT 2019.
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