

Ecclesiology and Ethics: The State of Ecumenical Theology in Africa

Conference to be hosted by the Department of Religion and Theology and the Desmond Tutu Centre for Spirituality and Society at the University of the Western Cape, 3-5 June 2015

Conference Programme

Wednesday 3 June 2015

9:00-10:30	Registration	
10:30-12:30	Chairperson: Prof Christo Lombard	
10:30-11:15	Archbishop Thabo Makgoba (Chancellor, UWC)	Opening and Welcome Announcement on the Desmond Tutu Chair of Ecumenical Theology and Social Transformation in Africa and the Desmond Tutu Centre for Spirituality and Society
11:15-12:30	Prof Ernst Conradie with Ms Rochelle Davids, Ms Lerato Kobe, Mr Mbekheni Nkosi, Rev Teddy Sakupapa and Mr Demaine Solomons (UWC)	The UWC project on ecclesiology and ethics: <i>Respicere et prospicere</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:45	Chairperson: Prof Christo Lombard	
	Rev Dr Andre Karamaga (General secretary, All Africa Conference of Churches)	Bridging denominational divides in Africa
	Rev Teddy Sakupapa (United Church of Zambia University College)	A response to Andre Karamaga
	Prof Tinyiko Maluleke (U Pretoria) (to be read by Prof Vuyani Vellem)	The contribution of Desmond Tutu to (African) ecclesiology, ethics and ecumenism
	Prof Hans Engdahl (UWC)	A response to Tinyiko Maluleke
15:45-16:15	Tea	
16:15-17:30	Chairperson: Mr Demaine Solomons	
	Dr Genevieve James (Unisa)	Why the poor will always be with us: A critique of Pentecostal Ethics on Poverty and Upward Mobility
	Dr Robert Agyarko (Christian Service University College, Kumasi)	A response to Genevieve James

Thursday 4 June 2015

9:00-10:15	Chairperson: Prof Hans Engdahl	
	Prof Nico Koopman (SU)	Towards an ecumenicity of inclusivity on a continent of exclusion and alienation
	Prof Christo Lombard (UWC)	A response to Nico Koopman
10:15-10:45	Tea	
10:45-13:00	Chairperson: Ms Lerato Kobe	
	Prof Musa Dube (University of Botswana)	Let there be light! Birthing ecumenical theology in the HIV&AIDS apocalyptic stage
	To be confirmed	A response to Musa Dube

	Dr Ezra Chitando (Ecumenical HIV Initiative in Africa, World Council of Churches)	One faith against one virus: Ecumenism in Africa and the response to HIV
	Rev Canon Desmond Lambrechts (Anglican Diocese of False Bay)	A response to Ezra Chitando
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:15	Chairperson: Rev Teddy Sakupapa	
	Prof Jerry Pillay (University of Pretoria)	Ecumenism in Africa: Theological, contextual and institutional challenges
	DrSiphoMahokoto (Ecumenical Foundation of Southern Africa)	A response to Jerry Pillay
15:15-15:45	Tea	
15:45-17:00	Chairperson: DrManitzaKotze	
	Prof SarojiniNadar (UKZN) with Saras Reddy (UKZN)	Social justice or God's justice? Exploring African feminist theology within two African higher education contexts
	MsNadia Marais (Stellenbosch University)	A response to SarojiniNadar
17:30 for 18:00	Conference Dinner	

Friday 5 June 2015

9:00-10:15	Chairperson:Dr John Klaasen	
	Prof NelusNiemandt (University of Pretoria)	Relational ecumenism: How ecumenism changed the mind and heart of the Dutch Reformed Church
	Prof Mary Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel (Stellenbosch University)	A response to NelusNiemandt
10:15-10:45	Tea	
10:45-13:00	Chairperson: Prof Ernst Conradie	
	Prof VuyaniVellem (U Pretoria)	Black theology and Black ecclesiology
	DrXolaniSakuba (UKZN)	A response to VuyaniVellem
	Prof Isabel Phiri (WCC Associate General Secretary)	From staying to moving together: Pilgrimage of justice and peace in Africa
	Rev Edwin Arrison (Kairos Southern Africa)	A response to Isabel Phiri
13:00-13:45	Lunch	
13:45-14:45	Closing paneldiscussion chaired by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba (Anglican Church)	Panelists: Archbishop Antje Jackelén (Church of Sweden), Dr Roger Williamson (UNU-WIDER et al),Rev Prof Mary Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel (SU)
14:45-15:00	Closure	