



The Ujamaa Centre and the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics  
present the following



## VISITING THEOLOGIANs:

### Allan Aubrey Boesak



Allan Aubrey Boesak was born in Kakamas (1946), Northern Cape. He is a South African Dutch Reformed Church cleric, a political and anti-apartheid activist. Along with Beyers Naude and Winnie Mandela, Boesak won the 1985 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award. He became known then as a liberation theologian, starting with the publication of his doctoral work (*Farewell to Innocence*, 1976). Boesak was elected as president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches from 1982 until 1991. During the 1980s he was an outspoken critic and opponent of the National Party's policies and played a major anti-apartheid activist role as a patron of the United Democratic Front (UDF) from 1983 to 1991. It will never be forgotten that it was Boesak who dared to declare Apartheid is a heresy and proposed the expulsion of the White DRC from the WARC and WCC.

In 2008, while serving as the Moderator of the Cape Synod of the URCSA, he took a strong stance against the church's discriminatory position on LGBTI, by invoking the 1986 Belhar Declaration, lambasting all forms of discrimination. He said that the church should welcome gays and lesbians and begin to perform gay marriage ceremonies and appoint gay clergy. Boesak also voiced his views on the Zimbabwe crisis, calling on citizens of the stricken country to rise up in opposition to President Robert Mugabe and his authoritarian ruling party. In June 2013, Christian Theological Seminary and Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana appointed Boesak as The Desmond Tutu Chair for Peace, Global Justice, and Reconciliation Studies, a new four-year position held jointly with both institutions.

### Jeremiah Alvesta Wright



Jeremiah Alvesta Wright, Jr., (born 1941) is Pastor Emeritus of Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC), in Chicago. In early 2008, Wright retired after 36 years as the Senior Pastor and no longer has daily responsibilities at the church. Following retirement, Wright's beliefs and preaching were scrutinized when segments of his sermons were publicized in connection with the presidential campaign of Barack Obama. Obama addressed the issues raised by the Wright controversy in his speech entitled "A More Perfect Union."

Wright has received a Rockefeller Fellowship and seven honorary doctorate degrees, including from Colgate University, Lincoln University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Valparaiso University, United Theological Seminary, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Starr King School for the Ministry. Wright was named one of *Ebony* magazine's top 15 preachers. He was also awarded the first Carver Medal by Simpson College in January 2008, to recognize Wright as "an outstanding individual whose life exemplifies the commitment and vision of the service of George Washington Carver"

#### Theological Café's:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015  
Venue: 107 NAB Time: 13h00 – 14h00

#### Public lecture:

Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Venue: Collin Webb Hall Time: 18.00

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