



Ujamaa Centre



Date: 5 March 2015

Venue: Room 107 (NAB), UKZN PMB

Time: 1-3pm

Theme: Theology and Social Justice

Ujamaa Centre will host:

Professor Ronald J Sider

Professor Sider was born on the 17 September 1939, he is a Canadian- born American Theologian and a social activist. He is often identified by others with the Christian left even if he personally disclaims any political inclination.

He is the founder of the Evangelicals for Social Action, a think-tank which seeks to develop biblical solutions to social and economic problems. He is the founding board member of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment. He is a distinguished Professor of Theology, Holistic Ministry and Public Policy at Palmer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sider attended the University of Waterloo, in Ontario, and received a BA in European History. While at Waterloo, he came into contact with apologetic work of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and set his sights on a career in academia. Upon graduating in the late 1960s with a Master of Divinity and Ph.D. at Yale University, he taught modern European History in secular Universities campuses. Professor Sider has published extensively with over 30 books and over 100 articles in both religious and secular magazines on a variety of topics including the importance of caring for creation as part of biblical discipleship. In 1977, Sider's *Rich Christian in an Age of Hunger* was published. It was hailed by the Christian Today as one of the one hundred most influential books in Religion in the 20th Century, and it went on to sell over 400,000 copies in many languages.

Professor Sider is a child of a Canadian Brethren in Christ pastor. He attends Oxford Circle Mennonite Church, is a father of three and lives in Lansdale, Pennsylvania with his wife Arbutus.

Refreshments will be served after the Lecture

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