

**UJAMAA CENTRE
PROGRAMMES**

Introduction

- ❑ The Ujamaa Centre uses See-Judge-Act methodology
- ❑ Committed to Contextual Biblical appropriation
- ❑ Ideological and theological in our approach to socio-economic and political challenges in our context

Historical Background

- ❑ The Institute for the Study of the Bible (ISB) was formed in 1989 by Prof Gunther Wittenberg based on his experience of the Centro de Estudos Biblicos (CEBI)
- Wittenberg placed his scholarship at the service of the poor and oppressed, the 'epistemological privilege of the poor'
- This concept inspired the work of Prof GO West on Contextual Bible Study (CBS) and reading the Bible with ordinary readers of the poor and the oppressed communities

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- The Institute for the Study of the Bible merged with Worker Ministry Project under the leadership of Mzwandile Roddy Nunes in 1998
- The ISB-Worker Ministry became Ujamaa Centre for Community Development and Research in 2004
- Ujamaa Centre has been doing Contextual Bible Study (CBS) for 25 years

Achievements

- ◉ Proven track record of building and developing leaders for socio-economic and ecumenical service
- ◉ Creating awareness among the poor and marginalized communities about socio-economic and political injustices
- ◉ Developing biblical and theological resources for socio-economic and political justice
- ◉ Building biblical and theological capacity among ecumenical organizations
- ◉ Contributing to academic teaching and research through Community Engagement
- ◉ Contributing to African Renewal through our Africa Research Associates (ARA)

Mission and Vision

Mission:

To create an enabling environment for
Social Transformation

Vision:

To train leaders from poor and marginalized
communities using biblical and theological
resources to achieve social transformation

Goals of the Programmes

- ❑ To provide leadership capacity among communities on religion and governance
- To provide leadership capacity among communities on gender, HIV, Sexuality and Disability
- To provide leadership capacity among communities on the economy and work
- To provide leadership capacity among communities on climate change and ecology
- To provide leadership capacity among communities on social movements and change

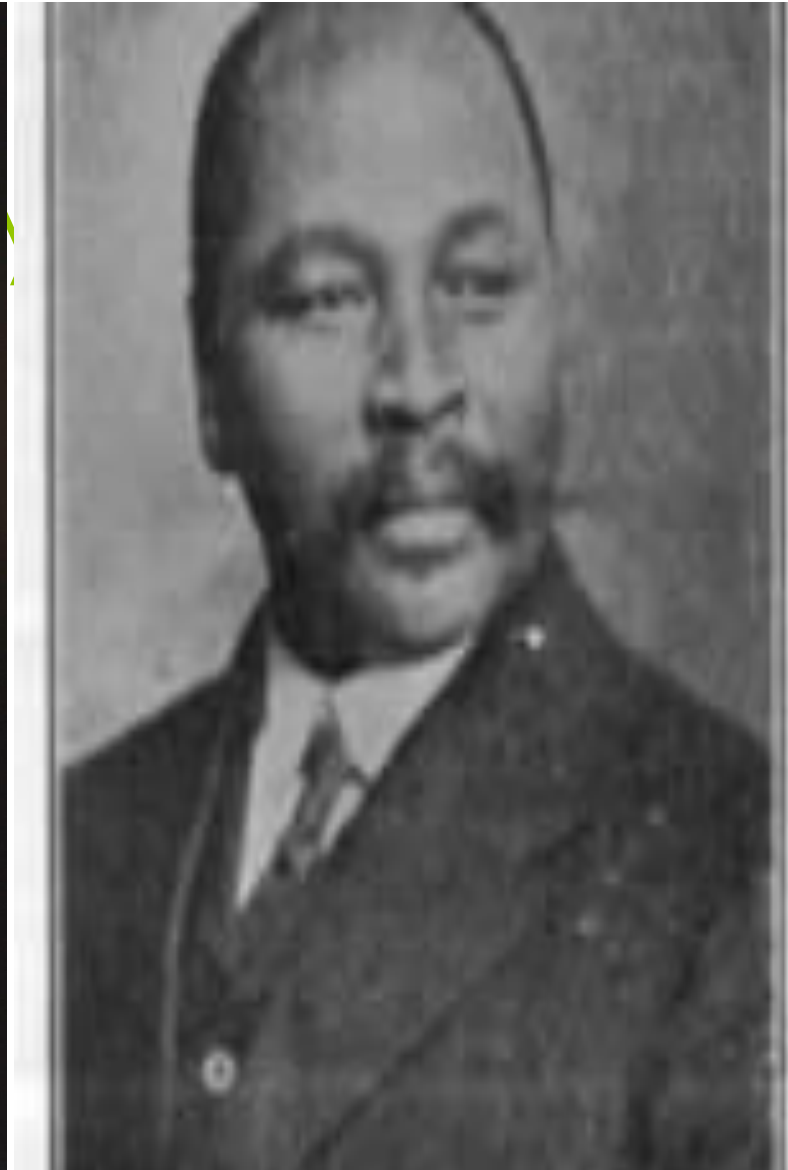
Objectives of the Programmes

- To provide training to 5 communities on religion and governance
- To provide training to 5 communities on HIV, Gender, Sexuality and Disability
- To provide training to 5 communities on the economy and work
- To provide training to 5 communities on climate change and ecology
- To provide training to 5 communities on social movements and change

Ideological and Theological: Programmes

Public theology:

- ❑ Critically engages with public life and the political dynamics (ideological)
- ❑ Reflect critically from a religious perspective on public life, governance and democratic processes (theological)



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Bread theology:

- ❑ Critically engages with the socio-economic context through analysis and reflection, praxis (ideological)
- ❑ Reflect critically from a religious perspective on issues of social justice (theological)

Bread Theology



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Body theology:

- ❑ Critically engages with the area of HIV, sexuality, gender, disability and masculinity (ideological)
- ❑ Reflect critically from a religious perspective on issues of sexuality and the Bible (theological)

Body Theology



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Earth theology"

- ❑ Critically engages with the African understanding (culture) of climate change and the environment (ideological)
- ❑ Reflect critically from a religious perspective on climate change, land and the environment (theological)

Earth Theology



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People's theology:

- ❑ Critically engages with the dominant traditions and practices within social movements (ideological)
- ❑ Reflect critically from a religious perspective on 'theologies from below' (theological)

Religious and Social Movements in SA



Conclusion

- ❑ Ujamaa is an organization committed to socio-economic and political justice

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