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The Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religion,
Prof Jerry Pillay, cordially invites you to a public lecture with

Dr Allan Boesak

On the topic of **Let Us Not be Afraid to Say It - The
Ongoing Quest for a Prophetic Church
in a Convulsive Time.**

Date	24 August 2018
Time	10:00 to 11:30
Venue	Centenary Hall, Theology Building
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Parking	Open

Allan Aubrey Boesak, born 23 February 1946, is a cleric, politician and anti-apartheid activist. Boesak became active in the separate Coloured branch of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk and began to work as a pastor in Paarl. He became known then as a liberation theologian, starting with the publication of his doctoral work (Farewell to Innocence, 1976). For the next decade or so, he continued to write well-received books and collections of essays, sermons, and so on. Boesak was elected as president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in 1982, a position he held until 1991. He rose to prominence during the 1980s as 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. In 1991, Boesak was elected chairman of the Western Cape region of the ANC. In 2004, Boesak came out in favour of same-sex marriage in South Africa, a year before the country's Constitutional Court ruled that the denial of marriage to gay people was discriminatory and violated the country's constitution. In 2008, Boesak publicly challenged the South African leadership to remember why the country had set out to join all races and create a non-racial South Africa. In December of that year, he left the ANC to join the Congress of the People Party. He also called for a revaluation of affirmative action, describing the way it was used in the Western Cape as totally inexcusable. In June 2013, Christian Theological Seminary and Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana appointed Boesak as the Desmond Tutu Professor for Peace, Global Justice, and Reconciliation Studies, a new four-year position held jointly with both institutions.