

Inventory of the Allan Boesak Collection

Audio Records (AB 001-01)

1961 – 1994



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Reverend Allan Boesak (1945 -)

Allan Aubrey Boesak was born on 23 February 1945 in Kakamas, Northern Cape, South Africa.

From 1970 to 1976 Rev Boesak studied at the Kampen Theological Institute in Holland, where he completed a doctorate on ethics. Returning to South Africa shortly after the 1976 Soweto uprisings, Boesak increased his political activities through the church. He became known as a liberation theologian, after the publication of his doctoral work, *Farewell to Innocence*, in 1976. He was elected President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in 1982, a position he held until 1991. Dr Boesak was inter alia an anti-apartheid activist, cleric and politician. He was jailed in May 2000 for a period of 36 months for fraud and theft. The case was heard before the Supreme Court of Appeal as well as the Constitutional Court and he was subsequently exonerated, granted an official pardon and reinstated as a cleric in late 2004.

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.

He has written a book, *Running with Horses: Reflections of an Accidental Politician*, about his 30 years as an activist; it was published in 2009.

Reverend Allan Boesak Collection

1. Background

The former Technikon South Africa (TSA) received the donation of personal records of Dr Allan Boesak in 16 boxes on 30 August 2000. Dr Danny Titus (then Dean of Public Safety and Criminal Justice Department at TSA) acted as mediator in the process of obtaining the personal records.

The records in question were housed at the University of the Western Cape (Historical Research Institute & Mayibuye Centre) at that time. Dr Boesak gave permission for his records to be moved to the TSA Archives and Records Centre.

After the initial transfer of records, Dr Titus handed 4 files containing records pertaining to Dr Boesak's court case to the TSA Archives. During 2001 several records, including audio, audio-visual and photographs were added to the Collection.

The collection consists of correspondence, copies of various court cases, newspaper and magazine cuttings, photographs, memorabilia and audio and video cassettes containing speeches and sermons. It is, regrettably, a fragmented collection as some of his records were seized during the apartheid era, while others remain abroad.

TSA, Vista University and the University of South Africa (Unisa) merged in 2004 and the collection was transferred to the Unisa Archives on the Pretoria (Muckleneuk) campus.

Inventories, were created as each new donation was received.

2. Description of the collection (83 tapes)

This collection of audio records was donated by the Rev Boesak in 2001. It contains audio tapes with speeches and sermons delivered by Dr Allan Boesak. Speeches delivered by other notable figures include Dullah Omar, Beyers Naudè, Jesse Jackson and Charles Villa-Vicencio.

The collection also includes reel to reel audio tapes, which could not be described due to hardware obsolescence. These will have to be migrated to alternative media in order to make them accessible. As the tapes were not stored under the correct temperature and humidity, the sound quality has deteriorated.

Allan Boesak Collection – Audio Records (83 tapes)

NAME OF OFFICE	Allan Boesak Collection	SOURCE CODE	AB 001-01
PERIOD COVERED BY RECORDS	DATE FROM : 1961 DATE TO : 1994	TYPE	Audio¹

File Ref	Vol	Name/ Description	Date from	Date to	Item nr	Box
		After detention ²	22/09/1985		001-01-01	15-14-11
		"Free detainee" service (Dr CFB Naudè)	6/10/1985		001-01-02	
		Christening service "Kinders van die Lig" (Efes 5:8)	6/10/1985		001-01-03	
		Christening service (Rut 2: 3 – 11)	3/11/1985		001-01-04	
		Service (Luk 1:28)	1/12/1985		001-01-05	
		Confirmation Service (Joh 6:67 – 69)	13/10/1985		001-01-06	
		Service (Matt 21)	20/10/1985		001-01-07	
		Service " Die Woord van God is nie gebonde nie" 92Tim 2:8-9)	27/10/1985		001-01-08	
		Service "Waaksame Herders"	n.d.		001-01-09	
		Service (Matt 20)	17/11/1985		001-01-10	
		USA Congress Men service (Walter Faultroy)	n.d.		001-01-11	
		UDF Meeting Durban "If this is treason, I'm guilty"	27/02/1985		001-01-12	
		A non-violent response amidst oppression	n.d.		001-01-13	
FPJ		Die Opdrag van die Goeie Herder Joh 21: 15 – 17 (x2 kopieë)	09/04/89		001-01-14	
Do.		Die volkstelling II Sam 24:24	20/07/1986		001-01-15	
Do.		Die Pinksterreëks AB8720. Die pynlike vraag	01/06/87		001-01-16	
Do.		Pinksterreëks AB 8721. Die liefdevolle vraag	03/06/1987		001-01-17	
Do.		Pinksterreëks AB 8718. Die strikvraag.	28/05/1987		001-01-18	
Do.		Rispa-verhaal van stryd en bevryding II Sam 21:14 AB 86006	15/06/1986		001-01-19	
Do.		Openbaringsreëks: 4. Die vrou en die draak. Openb12	03/11/1985		001-01-20	
Do.		Metropolitan Baptist church – Washington D.C.: Prophetic Faithfulness Num 22: 6,28,32	10/01/1989		001-01-21	
Do.		Prayer service for Justice & Liberation in SA – advocate Dullah Omar	13/03/1988		001-01-22	
		Sermon at St Georges Cathedral (Archbishop ? & advocate Dullah Omar)	13/03/1988		001-01-23	
	3 ³	Freedom Songs	n.d.		001-01-24	
	5	Inaugural Service: The conflict between Jesus, Pharisees, Scribes, High Priest Mt 12: 1 – 8 AB 8907. Dorothee Boesak, Kasselsvlei, Bellville South	n.d.		001-01-25	

¹ The collection contains 5 x 10 inch and 2 x 8 inch reel to reel audio cassettes. Unfortunately due to hardware obsolescence the content of these tapes are undisclosed. The quality of some of the sound recordings has deteriorated because it was not stored according to optimum conditions. These will be migrated to CD R to facilitate retrieval and preservation SEE BOX 15-15-2

² Sound quality very poor

³ These volume numbers were allocated in pencil on small yellow papers prior to transfer to the Archives

File Ref	Vol	Name/ Description	Date from	Date to	Item nr	Box
	16	Oujaarsdiens. "God regeer dag en nag". Ng Kerk Bellville Suid. AB 8739	n.d.		001-01-26	
	18	Memorial Service. Bellville South Dutch Reformed Church	n.d.		001-01-27	
	13	Christmas Service. Dutch Reformed Church Bellville South. "My oë het U heil gesien	n.d.		001-01-28	
	20	Peace Service. Dutch Reformed Church Bellville South	n.d.		001-01-29	
	22	Teologiese dag	09/02/1988		001-01-30	
	24a	UCT speech – Dr Allan Boesak	24/02/1988		001-01-31	
		Cairos – Dr A Boesak	n.d.		001-01-32	
	27	Peace Service – Dr A. Boesak	10/07/1988		001-01-33	
	31	Dr Allan Boesak. Barmhartigheidsondag	20/11/1988		001-01-34	
	33	Key Campaign: The Struggle against forgetfulness – Dr Allan Boesak	08/11/1987		001-01-35	
	37	Hervormingsdiens. Ng Kerk Bellville Suid. Die vryheid van genade – Dr A. Boesak	n.d.		001-01-36	
	38	Peace Services with Dr Allan Boesak. Boesak and guest speakers	n.d.		001-01-37	
	41	Dr A. Boesak. Prayer Service. Dutch Reformed Church Bellville South. "There is only one"	06/11/1988		001-01-38	
	41b	Prayer Service. Dutch Reformed Church Bellville South. "There is only one"	06/11/1988			
	45	Prayer Service for Nelson Mandela	23/08/1988		001-01-39	
	47	Biddiens. Dr Allan Boesak. "Luister tog my volk, want jy dwaal"	19/09/1986		001-01-40-	
	48	Erediens deur Dr Allan Boesak. "As mense sleg is, wat dan?"	26/07/1987		001-01-41	
	49	Paas Sondag. Dr Allan Boesak	17/04/1987		001-01-42	
	51	26 th Annual Progressive National Baptist Convention. Dr Allan Boesak. "The offensive Jesus"	14/08/1988		001-01-43	
	52	Meeting with Dr Allan Boesak and Teachers Union	29/08/1987		001-01-44	
	56	26 th Annual Progressive National Baptists Convention. "The deceptive question"	11/08/1988		001-01-45	
IKON	I	Een wereld zonder tegenspraak? Rinse Reeling Brouwer/ Dick Boer	1991		001-01-46	
Do.	III	Een wereld zonder tegenspraak? Theo Salemink/ Annelies van Heijst	1991		001-01-47	
Do.	V	Een wereld zonder tegenspraak? Berma Klein Goldewijk/ Gerrit Neven	1991		001-01-48	
Do.	VIII	Een wereld zonder tegenspraak? Arend van Leeuwen	1991		001-01-49	
Metropolitan Baptist Church		The search for authentic security	24/01/1994		001-01-50	
Do.		National summit of historic black churches presents Dr Allan Boesak	01/10/1989		001-01-51	
		Minnesota meeting: Dr Allan Boesak "South Africa: dreams and reality after Apartheid"	22/04/1993		001-01-52	
Full Gospel AME Zion Church		Dr Ivan van Sertima – African Presence-early Europe	n.d.		001-01-53	
		ANC Lenteguur Rally. SAMWU, SADTU Boesak. Carl Niehaus	18/07/1993		001-01-54	

File Ref	Vol	Name/ Description	Date from	Date to	Item nr	Box
Presbyterian Church USA		Dr Allan Boesak, Central Methodist	1983		001-01-55	
Do.		General Assembly Worship Service. Dr Allan Boesak	31/05/1984		001-01-56	
Metropolitan Baptist Church		Rev Jesse Jackson "A Journey to statehood"	23/07/1990		001-01-57	
Macedonia Tape Ministry		Dr Allan Boesak (Tape II)	12/01/1985		001-01-58	
		Dr Nicholas Wolterstorf. "Six days in South Africa	04/11/1985		001-01-59	
		Union Medal	1990		001-01-60	
		"Future prospects for Peace and Justice in South Africa" Boesak & Villa-Vicencio	n.d.		001-01-61	
AVW Audio Visual Inc		Luncheon speaker : rev Allan Boesak, Dallas, Texas	14/08/1986	17/08/1986	001-01-62	
IKON		De Andere wereld. Allan Boesak	22/11/1992		001-01-63	
Monitoring South Africa		John and Dan Interview: Dullah Omar	10/03/1997		001-01-64	
NCRV		Samenvatting van een informatieweek over Zuid-Afrika op NCRV-radio en NCRV-televisie	26/12/1993	31/12/1993	001-01-65	
NCRV		Interview met Prof Dr J. Verkuyl uitzending van 11 januari 1993 Hier en Nu Radio	11/01/1993		001-01-66	
		Hier en Nu : Interview	31/05/1993		001-01-67	
IKON		Kerkdienst Guguletu ongemonteerd	19/12/1993		001-01-68	
Do.		Kerkdienst i.s.m NCRV vanuit Guguletu – Allan Boesak	26/12/1993		001-01-69	
		Service of witness to the resurrection in memory of Paul Louis Lehmann	02/03/1994		001-01-70	
		Tape No Two. NGSK. Bellville South. Rev Jesse Jackson, dr Allan Boesak	11/02/1990		001-01-71	
		Gesprek met Kommissie	n.d.		001-01-72	
		Interview with Prof Carl Boshoff on mixed marriages now and then	June 1985		001-01-73	
Mount Zion Baptist Church		Reverend Doctor Allan Boesak	01/13/1991		001-01-74	
		South Africa Tape	n.d.		001-01-75	
		Dr Allan Boesak – Sound Track from Video Tape	16/05/1983		001-01-76	
IKON Radio		De Andere wereld: gesprek met Allan Boesak	15/04/90		001-01-77	
		ANC and Religion	n.d.		001-01-78	
	1&2	ANC Rally. C.T. Civic Centre. S Manle, M Vervoerd, Nelson Mandela	13/09/1993		001-01-79	
		Allan Boesak, Iman Solomon SADTU speaker Wittebome Civic. Education crisis rally.	28/06/1993		001-01-80	
		Allan Boesak Tape 2	n.d.		001-01-81	
		Ere diens deur Dr Allan Boesak. Kant A Musiek.	13/11/1988		001-01-82	
Metropolitan Baptist Church. Washington D.C.		Rev. Allen Bosack [Boesak] South Africa	5/06/1994		001-01-83	

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