

Inventory of the Allan Boesak Collection

Audio Records (AB 001-02)

1986 – 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.

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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 this collection (52 tapes)

This collection of audio tapes was transferred to TSA Archives in 2001 by Mrs Elna Boesak and consists of a vast amount of sermons, lectures and speeches by Dr Allan Boesak. Other notable political figures' speeches include Charles Villa Vicencio, Franklin Sonn and Tokyo Sexwale.

The tapes were transferred to the Archives without a transfer list. This made the arrangement and description of the records very difficult. Some of the tapes contained only a rudimentary description and date. The tapes were not stored under optimal conditions. Dust and heat has affected the sound quality of the recordings. These audio records have been migrated to CD-ROM, with the cooperation of the SABC to ensure their preservation.

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NAME OF OFFICE	Allan Boesak Collection	SOURCE CODE	AB 001-02
PERIOD COVERED BY RECORDS	DATE FROM : 1986 DATE TO : 1994	TYPE	Audio

File Ref	Vol	Name/ Description	Date from	Date to	Item nr	Box
	1 ¹	Detainee's day. Technikon AB 8806 ²	11/03/1988		001-02-01	15-15-1
	4	Christmas awareness service. AB 8738	17/12/1987		001-02-02	
	6	The struggle against forgetfulness. National Education Crisis Committee. Service Hanover Park Civic. AB 8736	n.d.		001-02-03	
	7	Die kerk as wanaangepaste gemeenskap. NG Kerk Bellville Suid. AB 8801	17/01/1988		001-02-04	
	8	Erediens. (Ps 115:16). NG Kerk Bellville Suid	24/05/1987		001-02-05	
	9	Prayer Service for Justice and Liberation in South Africa. St George's Cathedral, Cape Town. Archbishop Steven Naidoo	13/03/1988		001-02-06	
	10	Prof Charles Villa Vicencio: A biblical perspective	n.d.		001-02-07	
	11	Press meeting with Dr Allan Boesak	n.d.		001-02-08	
Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington D.C.	12	Prophetic faithfulness. AB 8901	10/01/1989		001-02-09	
	14	Nagmaalsdiens. NG Kerk Bellville Suid: Die vurige gebed.	19/07/1987		001-02-10	
	15	Die Ruben Opsie.	19/06/1988		001-02-11	
	17	Mass meeting at University of the Western Cape	n.d.		001-02-12	
	19	Speech of Dr Allan Boesak at a conference in the United States	n.d.		001-02-13	
	19b	(continued)	n.d.		001-02-14	
	21	Peace Service	09/02/1988		001-02-15	
	22b	Teologiese dag. Dr Allan Boesak.	n.d.		001-02-16	
	23	Meeting at University of the Western Cape. Dr Allan Boesak	n.d.		001-02-17	
	24b	University of Cape Town speech. Dr Allan Boesak	26/02/1988		001-02-18	
	25	Service of worship. The Riverside Church	30/10/1988		001-02-19	
	28	Service of worship in the United States	n.d.		001-02-20	
	29	Thanksgiving service: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. (Ps 27)	05/11/1986		001-02-21	
	30	Genesis reeks. Die Skepping. NG Kerk Belville Suid	22/03/1987		001-02-22	
	32	Presidential address. Mr Franklin Sonn	20/06/1988		001-02-23	
	34	Dr Allan Boesak at the University of the Western Cape: Standing for the truth	09/10/1988		001-02-24	
	35	Erediens: Maria moeder van gelowiges. NG Kerk Belville Suid	n.d.		001-02-25	

¹ These volume numbers were allocated in pencil on yellow strips of paper before transfer

² These reference numbers were allocated to some cassettes before transfer

File Ref	Vol	Name/ Description	Date from	Date to	Item nr	Box
	36	V.S.F. Stellenbosch. Dr Allan Boesak	14/04/1987		001-02-26	
	39	A.C.S meeting with Dr Allan Boesak	n.d.		001-02-27	
	40	Palm Sunday Service: The joy of the crowds and the tears of Jesus. Dutch Reformed Church Belville South	n.d.		001-02-28	
	42	Teacher's conference. Guest speaker: Franklin Sonn	20/01/1988		001-02-29	
	43	Doopdiens: 'n Oproep tot radikale bekering. Dr Allan Boesak	10/10/1988		001-02-30	
	44	Prayer Service. Dr Allan Boesak	06/03/1988		001-02-31	
	46	Peace Documentary in Xhosa	n.d.		001-02-32	
	50	Christmas service: Christmas is believing in spite of seeing	17/12/1988		001-02-33	
	53	Prayer service. Dr Allan Boesak. Bellville South	27/11/1988		001-02-34	
	54	Biddiens: Profetiese werksaamheid. Dr Allan Boesak	20/10/1988		001-02-35	
Allen Temple Baptist Church		God's new order. Dr Allan Boesak.	28/04/1991		001-02-36	
Do.	1	7 Last words of Jesus. Seven women minister speakers	09/04/1993		001-02-37	
Do.	2	7 Last word of Jesus. Seven women minister speakers	09/04/1993		001-02-37	
Do. (x 2)	1	Doubting Thomas. Dr Allan Boesak	18/04/1993		001-02-38	
Do. (x 2)	2	Doubting Thomas. Dr Allan Boesak	18/04/1993		001-02-38	
		Dr Allan Boesak's copy. South Africa	14/03/1992		001-02-39	
		YPO Faculty briefing	1987		001-02-40	
Riverside Church		Sermon on staying on as a stranger. Dr Allan Boesak	21/10/1990		001-02-41	
Presbyterian Church. Atlanta, USA		General Assembly worship service. Dr Allan Boesak	02/06/1984		001-02-42	
St. Ciprians Church Retreat		Walking in the footsteps of Jesus (Lk 13: 31-35)	19/02/1989		001-02-43	
Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington D.C.		The deceptive question. Rev Allan Boesak	14/08/1988		001-02-44	
		Rev Allan Boesak on WLIB-AM	15/06/?		001-02-45	
		Paassondag: Maria, een woord as skeppingswoord.	26/03/1989		001-02-46	
Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington D.C.		Rev Allan A. Boesak	24/06/1990		001-02-47	
Do.		Rev Allen Boesak	05/06/1994		001-02-48	
IKON		Kerkdienst i.s.m. NCRV vanuit Guguletu. Allan Boesak	26/12/1993		001-02-49	
		Allan Boesak. Stockholm	06/1993		001-02-50	
		Rev Allan Boesak at Riverlea Southern Suburbs Election Launch	25/09/1993		001-02-51	
		Forced removals. Retreat Civic. Tokyo Sexwale, Allan Boesak	16/11/1993		001-02-52	
		5 unidentified tapes				

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