

RACIAL JUSTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND DENVER

DR. ALLAN BOESAK

SUNDAY - APRIL 3

9 am Adult Education

10:30 am Worship Service

7 pm Lecture and Q&A Panel



What does racial justice look like in Denver today? Join Dr. Allan Boesak for a conversation on how lessons from South Africa can be applied today.

On Sunday, April 3, Dr. Boesak will teach adult education at 9 am, preach during the 10:30 am worship service, and lead a conversation at 7 pm on the lessons he learned in South Africa that can be applied to Denver's struggle for increased racial justice and reconciliation. The 7 pm conversation will include a dialogue among Dr. Boesak and two local civil rights leaders: **Brother Jeff Fard**, Editor of Five Points News, and **Rev. James Fother**, Senior Pastor of United Church of Montbello. As racial justice is an issue for the community at large, we encourage you to invite your friends to engage this conversation with us on April 3rd.

Boesak studied at the University of Western Cape and earned his doctorate in theology from the Protestant Theological University in Kampen, the Netherlands. His early activism and service led to international recognition as an influential leader in the fight against apartheid. During the 1980s he worked alongside Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela to lead efforts against apartheid and promote reconciliation.

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Dr. Allan Boesak is a world renowned faith leader, author and activist who has worked alongside leaders such as Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela to end apartheid in South Africa, and continues to speak on issues concerning post-apartheid justice and reconciliation efforts. In Denver and with the rest of the nation, race relations have become increasingly tense, and there is a desperate need for meaningful conversation and reconciliation. By looking to South Africa's apartheid past through the lens of one of the leaders of apartheid's eventual end, Central hopes to further the discussion that will lead to action that will result in reconciliation.

Central Presbyterian Church is committed to addressing the social issues of our time and within our community and therefore presents an evening with, Dr Allan Boesak, on April 3 at 7 p.m., to discuss lessons learned in racial justice during South Africa's apartheid era. Dr. Boesak will show how those lessons can be applied to race relations in Denver now and his speech will be followed by a discussion panel composed of Denver civil rights activists, Brother Jeff Fard, Editor of Five Points News, and Rev. Dr. James Foucher, Senior Pastor of United Church of Montbello.

Earlier that day, Central Presbyterian Church will also host a morning conversation hour at 9 a.m. on April 3, followed by a 10:30 a.m. service with Dr. Boesak preaching. People of all faiths, beliefs, races, creeds, sexual and gender orientations and backgrounds are invited and are welcome to attend.

Dr. Boesak, gained international acclaim for his doctoral dissertation, "Farewell to Innocence" in 1978. Since that time, Boesak has been a vocal opponent of the oppressive regime of Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe and discrimination of same-sex couples utilizing the anti-apartheid, 1986 Belhar Confession which condemns all forms of discrimination within the church. In June 2013, Christian Theological Seminary and Butler University named him the Desmond Tutu Chair of Peace, Global Justice and Reconciliation Studies.

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