



iNgxoxo 2012

A communicative Process
involving Brainstorming and Exchange of Perceptions
over Priorities and Strategies
in Prophetic Witness Today

Monday and Tuesday, 10 - 11 September 2012
[Sessions I and II]

School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics
Ujamaa Centre - University of KwaZulu-Natal
Staff Club, Meeting Room
Golf Road, Scottsville
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0. Preliminaries:

A readjustment of the schedule had to be agreed upon in view of the events following the violent incident at Marikana on 16 August 2012.

1. Participants:

1.1 present:

Solomuzi Mabuza; Georg Meyer; Siphso Sokhela; Graham Philpott;
Mércio Langa; Stiaan van der Merwe; Thulani Ndlanzi;
Simanga Kumalo (briefly); Ben Khumalo-Seegelken;
Ubbo Khumalo-Seegelken.

1.2 apologies:

Bishop Rubin Phillip; Jenni Samdaan; Thembela Njenga.

2. Proceedings:

2.1 After the preliminary remarks and the appreciation by the convenors of the positive response to register for an experimental venture of this nature at extremely short notice and after a brief exercise 'to break the ice' named "Names and Claims" (or simply "Propaganda"), the

participants engaged in a session of each saying who they were and of telling and hearing more about themselves and one another (early childhood, youth, challenges, contradictions, ‘the struggle’, conflicts, disappointments, successes, pleasures, aspirations ... today).

2.2 ‘My book, my poster, my newspaper-cutting(s)’:

Books, DVDs, newspaper-cuttings and hints were each briefly referred to and made generally accessible.

2.3 (Contextual) Theology Today: ‘The Scripture - the Headlines - History’:

The communicative process [iNgxoxo] involving ‘brainstorming’, *ukuphefumula* [simply ‘breathing’ = *airing* one’s opinion] and *ukuxoxa* (deliberating, conversing or merely chatting) geared at voicing out one’s opinion and exchanging perceptions in genuine openness over ‘priorities and strategies in prophetic witness today’, [this part of our iNgxoxo] was put under the sub-heading ‘*The Scripture - the Headlines - History*’ which encompassed ‘a Concept associated with Jesus of Nazareth, namely *kairós*’, ‘a Term associated with the Liberation Struggle, namely *prophetic theology*’ and ‘a Name associated Today, namely *Marikana*’.

Conversion and diversion of perceptions, questions and queries arose and were taken notice of: ‘Love your enemy’ [Mathew 5:44]. *Enemy?* | ‘Prophecy/prophetic Theology’ - what, when? Occurs most probably spontaneously and can be realised retrospectively, however, most unlikely purely intentionally or strictly programmatically by way of setting out to then ‘act prophetically’. | ‘*Kairós*’, - the ‘Letter to the ANC’ as well?

2.4 Observations, Queries and Challenges:

2.4.1 Genuine openness, ‘frank talk’ in mutual respect, in-depth discussion and exchange flourish readily presumably due the atmosphere that the participants had created from the very onset - free of restraints of any kind. The fact that each participant ventured personally and autonomously - free from mandatory institutional loyalties or ideological declarations beyond mutually recognized confessional affiliations, contributed remarkably to promoting the willingness to continue cooperating in seeking for similar opportunities and venues of *ukubhobokelana* [breaking through and reaching out to one another] and *ukuxhumana* [taking contact and staying in touch].

2.4.2 Kairos Today: Marikana?

Could the **16th of August 2012** be a moment in historical perspective comparable to the peak of turbulences in the Struggle against the apartheid-regime marked by the declaration of the state of emergency by that regime in 1985 which posed a repeated challenge to the oppressed and provoked the discussions culminating in the ‘Kairos-Document’

of 1985 - an attempt to understand and to interpret 'the Concept of *kairós* as associated with Jesus of Nazareth `weeping over Jerusalem [Luke 19:41-44; [Kairos: ó kairós \(Lk 19,41-44\)](#)]'?

2.5 Dates and Tasks:

2.5.1 INgxoxo 2013 is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, 4 - 5 March 2013 in Gauteng.

2.5.2 Task-Team iNgxoxo 2013: Ben, Solomuzi and Stiaan.

2.6 Closing Prayer

Ben Khumalo-Seegelken and Solomuzi Mabuza
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Pietermaritzburg, 11 September 2012.



Sitting: Thulani Ndlanzi; Ben Khumalo-Seegelken; Solomuzi Mabuza.
Standing: Georg Meyer; Siphso Sokhela; Ubbo Khumalo-Seegelken; Stiaan van der Merwe; Simanga Kumalo; Graham Philpott.