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PRESS RELEASE

UKZN CELEBRATES THE RICH LEGACY OF THE LATE ARCHBISHOP DENIS HURLEY

“Community Serving Humanity and Beyond”

In recognition of Archbishop Denis Hurley’s immense contribution to justice, peace and reconciliation, the University of KwaZulu-Natal’s (UKZN) Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies Programme, is hosting a 2-day **Colloquium and Workshop** entitled, *“Community serving humanity and beyond – the legacy of Archbishop Denis Hurley OMI.”* The University is delighted to announce that Archbishop Njongo Ndungane will be the event’s opening speaker. He has been equated with Hurley in terms of their shared hallmark of “patient inclusivity” in the pursuit of social justice.

The colloquium to be held at the **Innovation Centre** on the **Howard College** campus on **12 & 13 February 2014** will commemorate the tenth anniversary of Hurley’s passing. It is intended to bring together theoreticians and practitioners from diverse disciplines and areas of engagement. Issues on the programme include: Human Dignity and Community, Serving Humanity and Beyond, and Democracy and the Legacy of Denis Hurley ([see attached programme](#)).

Denis Hurley (9 November 1915 – 13 February 2004) was the Chancellor of the former University of Natal (1993-1998). Catholic Archbishop of Durban and fearless campaigner for justice and peace, he was recognised both at home and abroad for his promotion of human dignity. Under his chairmanship, the slogan, “Community serving humanity” was chosen by the Southern African Catholic Bishops’ Conference to promote their pastoral plan in the pre-democratic, apartheid South Africa of the 1980s - 90s.

Academic and event organiser, Dr Alain Tschudin, says, “Such solidarity, tirelessly promoted by Hurley, is the inspiration steering our commemorative event, which actively seeks to bring academics, practitioners, NGOs and community groups into dialogue to catalyse the meaningful societal engagement that is central to the vision and mission of UKZN.”

“Ten years after the passing of Denis Hurley, who steered both the University and his Archdiocese through the stormy years of transition and change, it seems appropriate to re-visit this slogan. To what extent do we live in community? Are these communities of service? If so, whom do we serve; humanity, sectarian interest or individual self-promotion? Going beyond this, ‘the Arch’, as he was affectionately known, was renowned for his ‘bigger picture’ thinking. How about our service in the realms of justice, peace and good stewardship to other beings and to the broader environment?”

Regarded as “one of our greatest South Africans” by Nobel Peace laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Hurley denounced apartheid as “intrinsicly evil” and spent his life fighting for the restoration of human dignity for all. In this 20th anniversary of our fledgling democracy, the event promises to be a fitting celebration that both commemorates and promotes Hurley’s powerful legacy.

Note: UKZN's Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies Programme is located in the School of Social Sciences, College of Humanities

The media are cordially invited to attend the colloquium,
Kindly see attached [invitation](#) and [provisional programme](#) for more details,

The media are also invited to enjoy refreshments and lunch

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INVITATION:

**The Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies Programme
in the School of Social Sciences, College of Humanities**

cordially invites you to attend

**“Community Serving Humanity and Beyond”
–The legacy of Archbishop Denis Hurley OMI colloquium and Workshop**

Date: 12 and 13 February 2014

Venue: Innovation Centre, Howard College,
Rick Turner Road (previously Francois Road), Gate 9

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME: DENIS HURLEY COLLOQUIUM

DAY 1: Wednesday, 12 February 2014

08H00 – 08H30	REGISTRATION	
08H00 – 08H45	WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Stephen Mutula (Ag Dean Social Sciences) ▪ Mr Lesiba Seshoka (E.D. – Corporate Relations) ▪ Ms Nadia Paul (UKZN Foundation)
08H45 – 09H00	PRAYER	Wilfred Cardinal Napier or Representative: Archdiocese of Durban
SESSION 1 OPENING ADDRESS AND DISCUSSION		
09H00 – 10H30	<p>OPENING ADDRESS</p> <p>In conversation with friends of Denis Hurley :</p> <p>Floor Discussion</p>	<p>Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Marie-Henry Keane ▪ Mr Jacques Briard (CIDSE) ▪ Dr Ela Gandhi ▪ Dr Paddy Kearney (DHC) ▪ Ms Emily Mthethwa
10H30 – 11H00	TEA AND COFFEE BREAK	
SESSION 2 HUMAN DIGNITY AND COMMUNITY		
11H00 – 13H00	<p>Roundtable Discussion:</p> <p>Human Rights, Justice and Peace, Law, Philosophy, Theology</p>	<p>Panel comprising Academics, Practitioners, FBOs, CSOs, NGOs;</p> <p>Chair: Dr Bheki Mngomezulu (IPA Cluster Leader)</p>
13H00 – 14H00	LUNCH	
SESSION 3 SERVING HUMANITY AND BEYOND		
14H00 – 16H00	<p>Roundtable Discussion :</p> <p>Community Development, Education, Food Security, HIV/AIDS, Media, Politics, Psycho-Social Care, Public Policy</p>	<p>Panel comprising Academics, Practitioners, FBOs, CSOs, NGOs</p> <p>Chair: Dr Suzanne Francis (IPA)</p>

DAY 2: Thursday, 13 February 2014

SESSION 4 IN THE ARCH'S WORDS – FROM MEMORIES TO LEGACY		
08H30 – 10H00	Presentation of an interview with Hurley and Panel Discussion:	Academics and Practitioners with Special guest Monsignor Paul Nadal Chair: Ms Juba Khuzwayo (SINANI/UKZN)
10H00 – 10H30 TEA and COFFEE BREAK		
SESSION 5 Divide into Language Working Groups		
10H00 – 12H30	Francophone working group: isiZulu working group: Anglophone working group:	Rapporteur: Dr Will Maroyi (UKZN) Rapporteur: Ms Sibusisiwe Nkosi (UKZN) Rapporteur: Ms Dorcas Ettang (UKZN)
12H30 – 13H30 LUNCH		
SESSION 6 Democracy and the Legacy of Denis Hurley		
13H30 – 15H00	Plenary Session: Feedback from Rapporteurs, Discussion and Closing Facilitator: Dr Alain Tschudin (CTPS)	

The opening address and roundtables will be in English, but to facilitate as broad participation as possible, we shall host language working-groups in isiZulu, English and French, to unpack Hurley's legacy in this 20th year of our fledgling democracy.