



## **AL3125 - The Challenge of Reconciliation: A Response of Church and Lay Persons to the TRC**

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Abstract: In 1997 a group of churches in the Johannesburg-Pretoria region came together to discuss how to respond to the challenge of the institution of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). After the publication of the Final Report of the TRC in 1998 the focus of the group turned towards the challenge of reconciliation as it arose from the findings and recommendations of the TRC. In 2000 a group of 60 church persons representing 40 churches formulated and endorsed the document "The Challenge of Reconciliation".

### **Introduction**

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### **Related Materials**

The collection can also be accessed online at <http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/>

A guide to archival resources relating to South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission can also be found at: [http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/trc\\_directory.pdf](http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/trc_directory.pdf)

The following collections resulted from the TRC Archival Audit:

- AL3021: Sooka, Yasmin
- AL3059: Dealing with the Past (Conference of Protestant Academy of Bad Boll, Germany)
- AL3060: The State vs. P.W. Botha and Appeal
- AL3061: Auditor General Reports on the Accounts of the TRC.
- AL3062: Office of the Public Protector, Synopsis of Cases regarding Complaints involving the TRC
- AL3063: Documents relating to the TRC Special Hearings on Health
- AL3066: Materials Relating To TRC Faith Hearings
- AL3068: Harris, Verne
- AL3100: Submission to the TRC concerning Relevance of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the Commissions



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### Mandate

AL3101: Jamiatul Ulama Transvaal, TRC Submission

AL3102: Amnesty International TRC Materials

AL3103: Institute for Healing Memories (IHOM) TRC Materials

AL3110: Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR)

AL3115: Argall, Jane

AL3116: Cherry, Janet

AL3118: Marcus, Gilbert

AL3119: Sheila Meintjies and Beth Goldblatt

AL3120: Ross, Fiona

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AL3126: Confession and Reconciliation: A Challenge to Churches in South Africa

AL3128: Terreblanche, Christelle

AL3129: Zapiro TRC Collection

AL3130: African National Congress (ANC) TRC Materials

AL3131: Cosatu Submission to the TRC

AL3132: Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) Submission to the TRC

AL3134: Iphepha Ndaba Newsletters from the Western Cape

AL3135: Fester, Gertrude

AL3136: Villa-Vicencio, Charles

AL3137: Behr, Mark

AL3141: Human Rights Watch Materials

AL3142: NGO Working Committee on Reparations Materials

AL3143: IDASA Sound Recordings Relating to the TRC

### **Notes**

Materials collected from TRC Archival Audit.

### The TRC Archival Audit

Between 2003 and 2006, SAHA and Historical Papers, University of Witwatersrand embarked on a project to locate, retrieve and make available records relating to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC). The project entailed conducting an archival audit of all existing TRC records in order to identify and locate documentation in danger of being lost.

In the process of conducting the archival audit, SAHA and HP located many collections from individuals and organizations that participated in the TRC process, including this collection. Selections from these materials as well as TRC related material found in the freedom of Information Collection and other pre-existing SAHA and HP collections, were digitized and can be accessed online at <http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/>

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### **Inventory**

A: "The Challenge of Reconciliation"

A1: The document "The Challenge of Reconciliation" was formulated and endorsed by a group of 60 church persons representing 40 churches.

A2: Accompanying press release