

10 – 14 APRIL 2024

UNITING REFORMED CHURCH IN  
SOUTHERN AFRICA (URCSA)  
ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP  
CONFERENCE  
AT THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL  
IN DURBAN, KWA-ZULU NATAL,  
SOUTH AFRICA



FRAGILITY OF THE SOCIAL ORDER  
AND STABILITY OF THE  
CHRISTIAN FAITH  
TODAY

## FULL PROGRAMME



Lippische Landeskirche



Christian Reformed Church



Wednesday 10 April 2024

Ecumenical Partner Day: One-on-one meetings with Partners and URCSA Executive members (GSE)

Day One (1)

Thursday 11 April 2024

Time	Speaker	Topic
	Introduction: Rev Lysander Prins	
09:00-09:30	Rev E Vinqi (Assessor URCSA General synod)	Opening; Bible Study
<b>Chair Session 1</b>	<b>Rev Matshaya Frieda Pole</b>	<b>Scribe Southern synod, URCSA</b>
09:30-10:15	Rev Prof Christina Landman (URCSA)	URCSA in a fragile world: Strengths and Weaknesses
10:15-10:45	Ms Frauke Bürgess (VEM)	Response
10:45-11:15		Discussion
11:15-11:45		<b>Tea</b>
<b>Chair Session 2</b>	<b>Rev Prof Boitumelo Senokoane</b>	<b>Moderator Southern Synod, URCSA</b>
11:45-12:30	Rev Dietmar Arends (Lippische Landeskirche)	The Church in Europe and the wars in Ukraine/Russia and Gaza/Israel
12:30-13:00	Rev Prof Klippies Kritzinger (URCSA)	Response
13:00-13:30		Discussion

13:30-14:30

Lunch

<b>Chair Session 3</b>	<b>Rev Hendry Tromp</b>	<b>(Moderator Cape Synod, URCSA)</b>
14:30-15:15	Dr Belder Wieden (EKR)	The Church and Right-wing Movements in Europe
15:15-15:45	Rev Prof Rothney Tshaka (URCSA)	Response
15:45-16:15		Discussion
16:15-16:45		<b>Tea</b>
<b>Chair Session 4</b>	<b>Rev Soraya Mostert</b>	<b>(Moderator Namibia Synod, URCSA)</b>
16:45-17:30	Rev Prof Reginald Nel (URCSA)	URCSA: Theological Education in an ecumenical world
17:30-18:00	Rev Dr Ernest Kadiva (UEM)	Response
18:00-18:30		Discussion
<b>18:30</b>	<b>Rev MG Betha</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>

**DAY TWO (2)**  
**FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Chair Session 5</b>	<b>Rev Arjan Knop</b>	<b>(UCP Belgium)</b>
09:00-09:30	Rev Serame Majola	Opening and Bible Study
09:30-10:15	Rev Dr Eugene Fortein (URCSA)	The ecumenical contribution of the Confession of Belhar
10:15-10:45	Rev Stefanie Rieke-Kochsiek (Lippische Kirche)	Response
10:45-11:15		Discussion
11:15-11:45		<b>Tea</b>
<b>Chair Session 6</b>	<b>Dr Mike Heaney</b>	<b>(DRC Margate)</b>
11:45-12:30	Rev Prof Leepo Modise (URCSA)	Belhar, the poor and the voiceless
12:30-13:00	Rev Hanss Brüggemann (Reformed Federation)	Response
13:00-13:30		Discussion

**13:30-14:30 Lunch**

<b>Chair Session 7</b>	<b>Dr Francois Neethling</b>	<b>(Assessor KwaZulu-Natal DRC)</b>
14:30-15:15	Dr Jan Lubbe (Moderator DRC)	DRC and URCSA: Church Unity a possibility?
15:15-15:45	Rev Dr Elias Monhla (URCSA)	Response
15:45-16:15		Discussion
16:15-16:45		<b>Tea</b>
<b>Chair Session 8</b>	<b>Rev Antje du Plessis</b>	<b>Lippische Kirche</b>
16:45-17:15	Rev Prof Thias Kgatla (URCSA)	The future of Belhar, Unity and Ecumenical relationships
17:15-18:15	Panel Discussion with Ecumenical Partners - Church Unity: Locally and internationally	
<b>18:15</b>	<b>Rev Nkosinathi Mbata, Moderator of KZN (URCSA)</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>

**DAY THREE (3)**  
**SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024**

Recreational Day for ecumenical partners, guests, and GSE members

DAY FOUR (4)  
SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Church Service at **Coastlands Durban Hotel**  
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## Notes

