



Riaan de Villiers

Minister of Religion

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EDUCATION

Matriculated
Monument Park High School

Bachelor of Theology
University of Stellenbosch
2000 - 2005

MDiv (Church Ministry and Leadership)
University of Stellenbosch
2012
Thesis title: "Beyers Naude se Heidelbergse Kategismus preke"

Post Graduate Diploma in Theology
University of Stellenbosch
2013

COMMUNITY

- NG Kerk Presbytery of Cape Town Chair 2017 - 2023
- Public Witness NG Kerk Chair 2023 - current
- South African Children's Home Board Chair
- South African Children's Home Trust
- Cape Town Interfaith Initiative
- District 6 Reconciliation committee
- Societas Trust for ECD
- School Governing Body - BN Primary

PROFILE SUMMARY

I am a Theologian and Minister of Religion in the NG Kerk in South Africa. I believe in serving the church and community by seeking restoration, justice and peace. I seek to work together with diverse groups in joining and creating networks that have a shared vision for an equal, just and free society. Partnerships in which skills and resources are placed in service of the common good of the community. Cultivating safe spaces for dialogue to learn from our history of oppression and suppression, and to forge out a new shared path together. A path on which our shared humanity is affirmed and diversity is celebrated and encouraged on our journey and growth towards a healthy and just South Africa and global community. I am married to Goulda, a teacher, and have two daughters in Primary School.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Minister of Religion 2014 - current

Groote Kerk - NG Kerk Kaapstad

Minister of congregation. Preaching. Community service and leadership. Pastoral support of congregants. Establishing and working together in ecumenical church and faith networks and alliances. OPHELP. Early Childhood Development. Justice and Reconciliation initiatives. Peace building. Interfaith-Dialogue; Conflict resolution, Support groups

Youth and Children's Worker

2009 - 2013

Groote Kerk - NG Kerk Kaapstad

Youth Development. Sunday School. Youth and Children's Groups. South African Children's Home. High Schools and Primary Schools. Community and Youth Partnerships

Youth and Children's Worker

2006 - 2009

Church of the Good Shepherd - United Kingdom

Youth Development. Sunday School. Youth and Children's Groups. South African Children's Home. High Schools and Primary Schools. Community and Youth Partnerships. International Partnerships

Organisations, partnerships and collectives that we have worked with:

Institute for the Healing of Memories, Restitution Foundation, The Human Rights Commission, Turquoise Harmony Institute, SU Faculty of Theology, St Mary's Cathedral, Claremont Main Road Mosque, St George's Cathedral, Desmond and Leah Tutu Foundation, Central Methodist Mission, Ysterplaat Community Church, Trauma debriefing Klawer Primary school, Sonderend Primary School, Al Azhar Masjied, Moravian Hill District Six, Defend our Democracy, Reconciliation Learning community, Palestinian Theological Working group, Convivencia, SACC, MJC, SU Krotoa building renaming working group, Dialoog vir Aksie and more.

References:

Rev Marietjie Steyn

Dr Rashied Omar

Father Michael Lapsley

Prof Robert Vosloo

Prof Sylvia Vollenhoven

Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd

Prof Nico Koopman

Dr Llewellyn MacMaster