



## ***Foundation Nation 2017 Convocation***

*Theme :*  
*'Releasing the sound from the Tip of Southern Africa'*

*The Truth is now out ...*

***Summary of Convocation Presentations***  
***Dr Ruben Richards***

## *The Truth is now out...*

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Ruben started by thanking God for visiting us!

Encouraging all to process what has happened over the duration of the Convocation. Some of these impulses will be new to many people. It is important now to process it and take that which is relevant to you as you grow in understanding of how God works in your life and in people's lives around you.

### **Summary of speakers' presentations**

*Ruben Richards presented a paper entitled 'Going back to the Centre' at the Opening Event of the Convocation. He stressed the importance of moving from the margins back into the centre, but not with the same mentality. There is a need for the FN to come into the centre as a fully empowered person. Someone that has processed and continues to process their identity, their heritage, their sense of who they are at this point in time, at this point in history - in this place.....*

### **The Table of Feasting laid out before us!**

This place is more significant than one would care to imagine. He referred to the significance of the Convocation Venue - the Castle of Good Hope situated at the foot of the piece of rock, called Table Mountain known as South Africa's and Africa's mythical table that has hosted generations and nations.

He shared his experience as a sailor. On sailing the seas, the most important land mark for him was the sight of seeing Table Mountain, indicating that he was home! Table Mountain is a welcoming image; it is a table of feasting. For the duration of the Convocation, delegates have feasted from the Castle located at the foot of Table Mountain and encouraged all to take it to heart.

### **Summary of Presentations**

**Allen Faubion** – *Shared new information on the Shofar and its significance.*

**Patrick Kuwana** – *Came in a confessional state and shared his story and the importance of forgiveness and repentance iro the unrighteousness and injustices wrt the Foundation Nation.*

**Shanette Martin** – *Shared in an affirmational way, about reclaiming the culture and revaluing that which we have been taught to demonise.*

**Edgar Phillips** – *Shared new revelation on the antiquity of Scriptures and the ancient nation that needs to be restored.*

**Maditshaba Moloko** – *Shared on Restorative Economics and how it impacts on the Foundation Nation.*

**Ron Martin** – *Shared on the origins and spirituality of the Foundation Nation. The importance to organize ourselves as one in moving forward; and our spiritual connection to the land.*

### **The Truth is now out.....**

We have been so marginalized that we don't feel a sense of ownership of that which we have received. He invited and encouraged delegates that they move to the centre, not because of entitlement but because of the God-ordained calling on them. It was no coincidence that God has ordained them to be First Nation people of this place; the no 1 tourist destination in the world! The FN has been so marginalized - so it's important that they move back to the centre.

South Africa has the potential to be the wealthiest country in the entire world. The spiritual indictment that stands against this land is that there is enough wealth and riches in this country; so that poverty is a 'swear' word in this country. No one should be poor - not in this country; other countries may be, but not in this country! It has one of the largest deposits of mineral resources. Yet as a people the FN do not even feel that it is theirs.

Encouraging all to rethink who they are – and that is probably the *new truth flowing from this Convocation*. It is easy to glibly talk about it, but quite another thing to put into practice. Think about yourself and the space that God has allowed you to inhabit.

If you want to be a good steward, then *own the resources* and don't deny it. In business term it's called '*sweat the asset*'; work it because God has given it for that purpose.

### **Cape Town no 1 destination – A place of history**

Cape Town is the no 1 tourist destination. St Helena used to be the no 1 destination in previous centuries. This changed, when in 1647 and 1648, Mr Proot (Dutch) who was stranded in Cape Town, and looked after by the locals for over a year, made a case to the VOC and recommended that the better place to stop was Cape Town. Since then Cape Town became the stop-over place for sea-faring sailors from across the waters.

He referred to a chapter in his new book on the '*strategies, values, risks and the goals of the people of the Cape*'. As one writer calls it 'we had strategic shepherds here, because we needed live animals to feed the passing sailors'.

Back then already the world understood the value of Cape Town. One of the books describes Cape Town as the 'Garden of Eden'. A paradise inhabited by the FN. Those who came to the Cape said that God made a mistake to give this gem to 'these godless savages' to live in it. Therefore we must remove those savages and we must rule that Garden of Eden'.

You sitting with a resource God that has given you. He once again encouraged all to reclaim the resources that God gave us humbly and proudly (not arrogantly) and to take our position back in the centre. With a personal commitment based on this new truth, say to God 'as of today I will be a responsible and gracious steward of that which You have given me (be it knowledge, a physical asset, goldmine, platinum mine, etc.)'

He thanked the Convocation host for a well run and focused convocation (bit hectic its content, but valuable). Encouraging more of these kinds of safe spaces where people can share ideas without been condemned; to be challenged and to absorb and then grow as a result.

*Transcription Ends*