

The members of the social cohesion committee

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PAULUS ZULU

ZULU is the director of the Maurice Webb Race Relations Unit at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and sits on the board of the Human Sciences Research Council.

Since 1994 he has been a member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, an academic body in the Vatican appointed by the Pope. Zulu was also chairperson of the board of McCord Hospital, a former chairperson of the SABC and a former pro vice-chancellor at UKZN.

Zulu received a Living Legend Award (Academic) in 2011 from the eThekweni Municipality. His latest book is called *A Nation in Crisis: An Appeal for Morality*.



Paulus Zulu.
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Cheryl Potgieter.
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VASU GOUNDEN

Gounden is the founder and executive director of the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (Accord).

In 1992 Gounden was an adviser to the South African National Peace Secretariat. In 1994 he managed relations among the political parties during the election in KwaZulu-Natal for the Independent Electoral Commission. In 1999 he was an IEC mediator for KwaZulu-Natal.

Gounden has been involved in mediation work throughout Africa.



Vasu Gounden.
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Paddy Kearney.
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CHERYL POTGIETER

Potgieter is deputy vice-chancellor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and head of the College of Humanities. She is also a full professor in psychology and a rated scientist.

Her previous posts include dean of research at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and founding director and head of the Gender and Development Studies at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC).

Potgieter has published in both local and international journals on race, gender, sexuality,

and broad areas related to transformation.

PADDY KEARNEY

Kearney is a well-known figure via his involvement, mainly with faith-based organisations and non-governmental organisations, in working towards the creation of a non-violent society.

In 1976 Kearney was appointed secretary and co-organiser of Diakonia and subsequently director in 1980.

In 1994 he was appointed as director of the

new Diakonia Council of Churches when Diakonia amalgamated with the Durban and District Council of Churches. He retired from Diakonia in 2004. Kearney is a consultant to the KwaZulu-Natal Christian Council and also serves as a trustee for the Gandhi Development Trust and as a board member for the International Centre of Non-violence).

His biography of Archbishop Denis Hurley, *Guardian of the Light*, won the 2010 Andrew Murray Desmond Tutu Prize for the best Christian/theological book in English.