



## BC1592 DAVID RUSSELL COLLECTION

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### Collection summary

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<b>Creator:</b>	David Russell
<b>Title:</b>	David Russell Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1964-2014
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#### **Abstract:**

The administrative and personal papers in this collection are a valuable complement to the Human Rights history of South Africa, covering the period from the 1960s to 2000s and up until just before his death David Russell was still involved with humanitarian work.

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### Biography and institutional history

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David Patrick Roland Fitzjames Hamilton Russell son of Hamilton Russell and Kathleen "Molly" (nee Gibson). David Russell (1938-2014) an Anglican Priest was totally opposed to apartheid. He briefly joined the National Committee for Liberation which was later known as the African Resistance Movement. David Russell studied at the Diocesan College, B.A. Cape Town, Honours in Modern History at Oxford.

He ministered among the Xhosa people and learnt the Xhosa language. He went to Ciskei, as curate at St. Matthew's Mission, Keiskamma in the Grahamstown Diocese. In 1970 he moved to the Parish of St. John and St. Chad, Zwelitsha which was his ministry at Dimbaza "Resettlement" Township outside Kingwilliamstown.

David exposed their plight to the public and campaigned for improvement in their living conditions. 'David's method was to experience and study a situation in depth, learn to know the people involved, and then write courteous, factual letters to officials and the responsible Cabinet Minister, asking for an interview, proposing remedies and action. In May 1971 David undertook a hunger protest in St. George's Cathedral, C.T. He decided that he would live on R5 a month, the amount paid to age old African pensioners.

In August 1973, the Christian Institute (C.I) presented a 'Memorandum on the Pass Laws, Influx Control and Migrant Labour' based on Francis Wilson's research, to the Deputy Minister for Bantu Affairs.

David Russell together with Dot Clemminshaw, his personal secretary, became involved in the campaign in saving the Crossroads squatter camp from destruction and removal by the government. Crossroads squatter camp was established in 1975 and it fell under the jurisdiction of the Cape Divisional Council.

David Russell and Sister Benigna's (Dorothea Madden) were married on the 26 October 1980, in St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Buchan Road, Newlands. David Russell retired in 2003 and died in 2014 at the age of 76.

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### **Scope and contents**

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The personal and professional papers of Bishop David Patrick Roland Fitzjames Hamilton Russell include ministerial sermons, newspaper articles and papers related to the history of South Africa. The papers in this collection provide a valuable history of the political situation in South Africa from the 1960s up until David Russell's death in 2014. The collection mentions quite a few prominent people in the political arena of South Africa and other countries.

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### **Restrictions**

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No restrictions apply.

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### **Acquisition and appraisal**

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The material in this collection was donated by Dorothea Russell, the late Bishop David Russell's wife in 2015. Appraisal has been performed in accordance with UCT Libraries Special Collections appraisal policies.

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### **Subject headings**

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Russell, David Patrick Hamilton  
Tutu, Desmond  
Wilson, Francis  
Clemminshaw, Dot

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### **Inventory**

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#### **A Personal Papers**

A1 Induction as Minister & Farewell 1964-2004 (1 Folder) box 1

#### **B Church Ministry**

B1 Sermons 1978-2014 (3 envelopes) box 1 & 2

B1.1 Sermons various churches 1978-2006

B1.2 Sermons various churches 1997-2009

B1.3 Cathedral Sermons 2005-2014

B2 Fellowship/Ithembi Lam Project 2006- 2007 (2 Folder) box 3

B2.1 Kgosi Thebe

B2.2 Kevin Johansson

B3 Book notes (1 Folder) box 3

B4 Global Anglican Future Conference/Covenant Process 2007-2012 (2 Folder) box 3

B4.1 Gafcon

B4.2 Covenant Process

B5 Synod of Bishops 1997-1998 (1 Folder) box 3

B6 Cape Town Diocese 2006-2010 (1 Folder) box 4

B7 Pastoral Counselling 2008-2009 (1 Folder) box 4

B8 Sermon Prep 2009-2014 (1 Folder) box 4

B9 Church Pamphlets/Newsletters 2008-2011 (1 Folder) box 4

B10 Special Sermons + cassette tape (small) 1996-2011 (1 Folder) box 5

B11 Port Elizabeth Clergy School 1985 (1 Folder) box 5

B12 Church School Sermons 2003 (1 Folder) box 5

B13 Mission/Evangelism 1982 (1 Folder) box 5

B14 Pilgrimage 1972-1973 (1 Folder) box 6

B15 Umbuliso – Newsletter 1989-2003 (1 Folder) box 6

B16 Booklets – Services; Conferences etc. 1985-2004 (1 Folder) box 6

## **C Banning Order**

C1 Letters of support 1977-1980 (1 Folder) box 7

C2 Court notices & Press Cuttings 1977-1982 (1 Folder) box 7

C3 Court Statements 1979-1980 (1 Folder) box 7

C4 Correspondence 1979-1981 (1 Folder) box 8

C5 Court Trials 1979-1980 (1 Folder) box 8

## **D Ministers Fraternal**

D1 Nyanga-Gugulethu Fellowship meeting book 1971 (1 Folder) box 9

D2 Correspondence 1975-1977 (2 Folders) box 9

D2.1 Correspondence – Bantu Affairs Administration 1975-1977

D2.2 Correspondence within the organisation 1976-1977

D3 Press Statements 1977-1980 (1 Folder) box 9

D4 Hostel ministry – Migrant workers 1985-1986 (1 Folder) box 9

D5 Minutes 1977-1981 (1 Folder) box 9

### **E Dimbaza**

E1 Freedom of Buffalo City – award from the Mayor 2004 (1 Folder) box 10

E2 Letters and newspaper clippings regarding the “Fast” 1972 (1 Folder) box 10

E3 Dimbaza Heritage Project 2005-2010 (1 Folder) box 10

E4 Dimbaza History – Manuscript (1 Manuscript) box 10

E5 Articles and 6-month diet plan 1969-1976 (1 Folder) box 11

E6 News clippings, photographs, correspondence 1969-1973 (1 Folder) box 11

### **F Ciskei Crisis**

F1 Correspondence 1990-1993 (1 Folder) box 12

F2 Press Clippings 1991-1993 (1 Folder) box 12

F3 Bisho Massacre Memorial Service 1995 (1 Folder) box 12

### **G Kimberley Case**

G1 Documents and Press Clippings 1973 (1 Folder) box 12

### **H Crossroads**

H1 Booklets, Press Clippings and photographs 1975-1976 (1 Folder) box 12

H2 Crossroads Residents Papers 1975-1978 (1 Folder) box 12

H3 Ndlela Inquest – Press Clippings 1978-1979 (1 book) box 12

H4 Legal documents 1975-1977 (1 Folder) box 12

H5 Correspondence & Press Clippings 1971-1979 (1 Folder) box 12

### **J Nyanga** box 13

J1 KTC Camp Case 1974-1977 (1 Folder) box 13

J2 Riots 1977 (1 Folder) box 13

### **K Modderdam**

K1 Newspaper Clippings and documents 1977 (1 Folder) box 13

### **L Cillie Commission**

L1 Press Clippings & Documents 1976-1980 (1 Folder) box 13

### **M State vs David Russell** box 14

M1 Appeal – Transcript (Court Case) 1980  
M2 Legal Documents 1977

### **N Pension Crisis box 14**

N1 Correspondence with Government Officials & Clippings 1997-1998

### **P Vigils 1974-1975 box 15**

P1 Book of Vigils 1974-1975

P1.1 Book I	1974
P1.2 Book II	1975
P1.3 Book III	1975
P1.4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	1975
P2 Press Cuttings	1974-1975
P3 Roneod Information and Letters	1975
P4 Vigil Letters	1974-1975
P5 Vigil of prayer and fasting for detainees	1974-1975

### **Q Migrant Workers 1975-1986 box 16**

Q1 Hostel Ministry 1985-1986

Q2 Newspaper Clippings 1975-1976

Q2.1 Book I

Q2.2 Book II

### **R Farmworkers box 17**

R1 Fast for farmworkers

R1.1 Newspaper Clippings & Photographs

R1.2 Correspondence

R2 Letters to F.W. De Klerk 1991

R3 Farmworkers Rights 1991

### **S Human Rights of South Africa box 18**

S1 Correspondence with heads of state & others 1977-1997

### **T Human Sexuality box 19**

T1 Training Module 2007 box 19

T2 Notes & Correspondence 1997-1998 box 19

T3 Windsor Report 2004 box 19

T4 Inclusive and Affirming Ministries 1998-2002 box 20

T5 Synod of Bishops Statement 2003

T6 Book Notes

T7 Archbishop's Dialogue 2010 box 21

T8 Building Bridges Group

T8.1 Notes & Discussions 2005-2006

T8.2 Cape Dioceses 2005-2007

T9 Methodology in Christian Ethics 1997-2000

T10 True Union 2003 box 22

T11 Civil Unions 2003-2006

T12 Networking 2003-2009

### **U Steve Biko box 23**

U1 Steve Biko Foundation 1997-2013

U2 Press Reports 2001-2002

U3 Biko Symposium 1990

U4 Biko Bowcott Trust 1999-2004

**V EEC (Ethiopian Episcopal Church) box 24**

V1 Correspondence 2000-2001

V2 Literature Works

V2.1 Just war theory by David Russell

V2.2 Personal Memoir by Dot Cleminshaw

**W Articles and Lectures box 25**

W1 Free Mandela March 1985

W2 Racism in South Africa – Correspondence 2000-2001

W3 Press Clippings 2010-2014

W4 Kolbe Lecture Series 1985

W5 U.C.T. Summer School 1986

**X Dorothea Russell box 25**

X1 Submission and OBE Review Team 2000

X2 Correspondence – Kader Asmal 2000

X3 Literacy – Mzamo Story 1992